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# H. R. 2250

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OWENS (for himself, Mr. RENACCI, and Mrs. BUSTOS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spending Reduction  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR AGENCY REPORTS ON REDUC-**  
2 **ING DUPLICATION, ACHIEVING SAVINGS, AND**  
3 **ENHANCING REVENUE.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 90 days  
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of  
6 each executive agency shall submit to the President and  
7 Congress a report on the implementation of recommenda-  
8 tions made by the following reports of the Government Ac-  
9 countability Office:

10 (1) The March 2011 Government Account-  
11 ability Office report to Congress titled “Opportuni-  
12 ties to Reduce Potential Duplication in Government  
13 Programs, Save Tax Dollars, and Enhance Rev-  
14 enue” (GAO–11–318SP).

15 (2) The February 2012 Government Account-  
16 ability Office report to Congress titled “Opportuni-  
17 ties to Reduce Duplication, Overlap and Fragmenta-  
18 tion, Achieve Savings, and Enhance Revenue”  
19 (GAO–12–342SP).

20 (3) The April 2013 Government Accountability  
21 Office report to Congress titled “Actions Needed to  
22 Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication  
23 and Achieve Other Financial Benefits” (GAO–13–  
24 279SP).

25 (b) MATTERS COVERED IN REPORTS.—Each report  
26 required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

1           (1) A discussion by the head of the executive  
2           agency of matters on which the agency agrees, dis-  
3           agrees, or partially agrees with the Government Ac-  
4           countability Office, and recommendations by the  
5           head of the agency for actions that should be taken  
6           in the agency as a result of the reports described in  
7           subsection (a).

8           (2) An opinion by the Comptroller General of  
9           the United States on whether each such rec-  
10          ommendation by the head of the executive agency  
11          under paragraph (1) is consistent with the intent of  
12          the Government Accountability Office reports de-  
13          scribed in subsection (a).

14          (3) A proposal for legislative changes, if any,  
15          necessary to implement the recommendations by the  
16          head of the executive agency under paragraph (1).

17          (4) A statement of the annual impact on costs  
18          to the Federal Government, including cost savings,  
19          expected to occur as a result of the implementation  
20          of such recommendations.

21          (5) Such other information as the head of the  
22          executive agency determines appropriate.

23 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION.**

24          (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 150 days  
25          after the date of the enactment of this Act, the head of

1 each executive agency shall begin to implement the rec-  
2 ommendations submitted in the report by the head of that  
3 agency under section 2, in order to eliminate, consolidate,  
4 streamline, or better coordinate Government programs  
5 and agencies with duplicative, overlapping, or fragmented  
6 missions identified in the Government Accountability Of-  
7 fice reports described in section 2(a).

8 (b) CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL.—

9 (1) The head of an executive agency may not  
10 carry out any recommendations contained in the re-  
11 port submitted to Congress under section 2 by the  
12 head of the agency if a joint resolution is enacted,  
13 in accordance with the provisions of section 4, dis-  
14 approving such recommendations before the earlier  
15 of—

16 (A) the end of the 45-day period beginning  
17 on the date on which the head of the executive  
18 agency submits such report; or

19 (B) the adjournment of Congress sine die  
20 for the session during which such report is sub-  
21 mitted.

22 (2) For purposes of paragraph (1) of this sub-  
23 section and subsections (a) and (b) of section 4, the  
24 days on which either House of Congress is not in  
25 session because of an adjournment of more than

1 three days to a day certain shall be excluded in the  
2 computation of a period.

3 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE**  
4 **AGENCY REPORT.**

5 (a) **TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION.**—For purposes of  
6 section 3(b), the term “joint resolution” means only a  
7 joint resolution which is introduced within the 10-day pe-  
8 riod beginning on the date on which the head of an execu-  
9 tive agency submits the report relating to that executive  
10 agency to Congress under section 2, and—

11 (1) which does not have a preamble;

12 (2) the matter after the resolving clause of  
13 which is as follows: “That Congress disapproves the  
14 recommendations as submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ on  
15 \_\_\_\_\_”, the first blank space being filled in  
16 with the title of the head of the executive agency  
17 submitting the report, and the second blank space  
18 being filled in with the appropriate date; and

19 (3) the title of which is as follows: “Joint reso-  
20 lution disapproving the recommendations of the  
21 \_\_\_\_\_.”, the blank space being filled in with  
22 the title of the head of the executive agency submit-  
23 ting the report.

24 (b) **REFERRAL.**—A resolution described in subsection  
25 (a) that is introduced in the House of Representatives

1 shall be referred to the committee with jurisdiction over  
2 the executive agency concerned. A resolution described in  
3 subsection (a) introduced in the Senate shall be referred  
4 to the committee with jurisdiction over the executive agen-  
5 cy concerned.

6 (c) DISCHARGE.—If the committee to which a resolu-  
7 tion described in subsection (a) is referred has not re-  
8 ported such a resolution (or an identical resolution) by the  
9 end of the 20-day period beginning on the date on which  
10 the head of the executive agency concerned submits the  
11 report to the Congress under section 2, such committee  
12 shall be, at the end of such period, discharged from fur-  
13 ther consideration of such resolution, and such resolution  
14 shall be placed on the appropriate calendar of the House  
15 involved.

16 (d) CONSIDERATION.—(1) On or after the third day  
17 after the date on which the committee to which such a  
18 resolution is referred has reported, or has been discharged  
19 (under subsection (c)) from further consideration of, such  
20 a resolution, it is in order (even though a previous motion  
21 to the same effect has been disagreed to) for any Member  
22 of the respective House to move to proceed to the consider-  
23 ation of the resolution. A Member may make the motion  
24 only on the day after the calendar day on which the Mem-  
25 ber announces to the House concerned the Member's in-

1   tention to make the motion, except that, in the case of  
2   the House of Representatives, the motion may be made  
3   without such prior announcement if the motion is made  
4   by direction of the committee to which the resolution was  
5   referred. All points of order against the resolution (and  
6   against consideration of the resolution) are waived. The  
7   motion is highly privileged in the House of Representatives  
8   and is privileged in the Senate and is not debatable. The  
9   motion is not subject to amendment, or to a motion to  
10  postpone, or to a motion to proceed to the consideration  
11  of other business. A motion to reconsider the vote by  
12  which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not  
13  be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration  
14  of the resolution is agreed to, the respective House shall  
15  immediately proceed to consideration of the joint resolu-  
16  tion without intervening motion, order, or other business,  
17  and the resolution shall remain the unfinished business of  
18  the respective House until disposed of.

19       (2) Debate on the resolution, and on all debatable  
20  motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be lim-  
21  ited to not more than 2 hours, which shall be divided  
22  equally between those favoring and those opposing the res-  
23  olution. An amendment to the resolution is not in order.  
24  A motion further to limit debate is in order and not debat-  
25  able. A motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the

1 consideration of other business, or a motion to recommit  
2 the resolution is not in order. A motion to reconsider the  
3 vote by which the resolution is agreed to or disagreed to  
4 is not in order.

5 (3) Immediately following the conclusion of the de-  
6 bate on a resolution described in subsection (a) and a sin-  
7 gle quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if re-  
8 quested in accordance with the rules of the appropriate  
9 House, the vote on final passage of the resolution shall  
10 occur.

11 (4) Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating  
12 to the application of the rules of the Senate or the House  
13 of Representatives, as the case may be, to the procedure  
14 relating to a resolution described in subsection (a) shall  
15 be decided without debate.

16 (e) CONSIDERATION BY OTHER HOUSE.—(1) If, be-  
17 fore the passage by one House of a resolution of that  
18 House described in subsection (a), that House receives  
19 from the other House a resolution described in subsection  
20 (a), then the following procedures shall apply:

21 (A) The resolution of the other House shall not  
22 be referred to a committee and may not be consid-  
23 ered in the House receiving it except in the case of  
24 final passage as provided in subparagraph (B)(ii).



1           (B) With respect to a resolution described in  
2           subsection (a) of the House receiving the resolu-  
3           tion—

4                   (i) the procedure in that House shall be  
5                   the same as if no resolution had been received  
6                   from the other House; but

7                   (ii) the vote on final passage shall be on  
8                   the resolution of the other House.

9           (2) Upon disposition of the resolution received from  
10          the other House, it shall no longer be in order to consider  
11          the resolution that originated in the receiving House.

12          (f) RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.—This sec-  
13          tion is enacted by Congress—

14                   (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
15                   the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-  
16                   tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules  
17                   of each House, respectively, but applicable only with  
18                   respect to the procedure to be followed in that  
19                   House in the case of a resolution described in sub-  
20                   section (a), and it supersedes other rules only to the  
21                   extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

22                   (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
23                   right of either House to change the rules (so far as  
24                   relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,

1 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in  
2 the case of any other rule of that House.

3 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

4 In this Act, the term “executive agency” has the  
5 meaning provided in section 133 of title 41, United States  
6 Code.

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