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# S. 2769

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Congressional Report-  
5       ing Burden Reduction Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-**  
7       **CURITY REPORTS.**

8       (a) CONSOLIDATION OF REPORTS ON ANTIDUMPING  
9       AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.—Section 691(a) of the

1 North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation  
2 Act (19 U.S.C. 1671l) is amended—

3 (1) by striking the subsection heading and in-  
4 serting the following: “REPORT ON ANTIDUMPING  
5 AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY COLLECTIONS AND  
6 OTHER RELATED MATTERS”;

7 (2) by striking “The” and inserting the fol-  
8 lowing: “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 30  
9 each year, the”;

10 (3) in paragraph (1), as designated by para-  
11 graph (2) of this section—

12 (A) by striking “before the 60th day of  
13 each fiscal year after fiscal year 1994”; and

14 (B) by striking “preceding fiscal year” and  
15 inserting “most recently completed fiscal year”;  
16 and

17 (4) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(2) ADDITIONAL MATTERS.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Commissioner  
20 prepares a report described in subparagraph  
21 (B) for a fiscal year, the Commissioner shall  
22 submit any such report with the report required  
23 under paragraph (1) for that year.

24 “(B) REPORTS DESCRIBED.—The reports  
25 described in this subparagraph are the following

1 reports specified in Senate Report 114–264  
 2 (2017), accompanying S. 3001, 114th Con-  
 3 gress:

4 “(i) AD/CVD Actions and Compliance  
 5 Initiatives.

6 “(ii) AD/CVD Liquidation Instruc-  
 7 tions.

8 “(iii) AD/CVD Collection of Out-  
 9 standing Claims.

10 “(iv) AD/CVD Collection New Shipper  
 11 Single Entry Bonds.”.

12 (b) DISASTER RELIEF FUND REPORTING REQUIRE-  
 13 MENTS.—Paragraph (2) under the heading “DISASTER  
 14 RELIEF FUND (INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)” under  
 15 the heading “FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
 16 AGENCY” in title I of the Department of Homeland Secu-  
 17 rity Appropriations Act, 2015 (Public Law 114–4; 129  
 18 Stat. 55) is amended, in the matter preceding subpara-  
 19 graph (A), by striking “fifth day of each month” and in-  
 20 serting “fifth business day of each month”.

21 (c) DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY COLLEC-  
 22 TION OF CONFERENCE FEES REPORT.—Section 554 of  
 23 the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations  
 24 Act, 2010 (6 U.S.C. 469a) is amended by striking “: *Pro-*

1 *vided further*” and all that follows through “prior fiscal  
2 year”.

3 (d) FEDERAL PROTECTION SERVICES FEES CERTIFI-  
4 CATION.—Title III of division F of the joint explanatory  
5 statement of the committee of conference accompanying  
6 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law  
7 115–31) is amended, under the heading “FEDERAL PRO-  
8 TECTION SERVICE” under the heading “NATIONAL PRO-  
9 TECTION AND PROGRAMS DIRECTORATE”, by striking  
10 “The Secretary and the Director of OMB shall certify in  
11 writing to the Committees, not later than 60 days after  
12 the date of enactment of this Act, that FPS operations  
13 will be fully funded in fiscal year 2017 through the collec-  
14 tion of security fees. Should sufficient revenue not be col-  
15 lected to fully fund operations, an expenditure plan is re-  
16 quired describing how security risks will be adequately ad-  
17 dressed.”.

18 (e) UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT QUAR-  
19 TERLY STAFFING REQUIREMENT.—Title I of division F  
20 of the joint explanatory statement of the committee of con-  
21 ference accompanying the Department of Homeland Secu-  
22 rity Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115–31) is  
23 amended, under the heading “OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FI-  
24 NANCIAL OFFICER” under the heading “OFFICE OF THE  
25 SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT” under the

1 heading “DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT, OPER-  
 2 ATIONS, INTELLIGENCE, AND OVERSIGHT”, by  
 3 striking the following: “The Department shall continue  
 4 submitting obligation plans to the Committees on a quar-  
 5 terly basis, with the first plan due with-in 45 days of en-  
 6 actment of this Act. These plans shall be consistent with  
 7 direction provided in the explanatory statement accom-  
 8 panying Public Law 114–113, which required comparisons  
 9 of planned and actual obligations, by PPA, of all salaries  
 10 and benefits funding.”.

11 (f) TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
 12 REPORT ON UNCLAIMED MONEY AT AIRPORTS.—Section  
 13 515(b) of the Department of Homeland Security Appro-  
 14 priations Act, 2005 (Public Law 108–334; 49 U.S.C.  
 15 44945 note) is repealed.

16 (g) GENEALOGY FEE.—Section 286(t) of the Immi-  
 17 gration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1356(t)) is amend-  
 18 ed—

19 (1) by striking paragraph (2); and

20 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
 21 graph (2).

22 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRA-**  
 23 **TION REPORTS.**

24 (a) REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST OF TRAVEL.—Sec-  
 25 tion 5707(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by striking paragraph (1);

2 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-  
3 graph (1); and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(2)(A) As part of each report submitted under  
6 paragraph (1)(C), the Administrator shall conduct  
7 an investigation of the cost of travel and the oper-  
8 ation of privately owned airplanes and privately  
9 owned motorcycles by employees while engaged on  
10 official business.

11 “(B) In conducting each investigation required  
12 under subparagraph (A), the Administrator shall re-  
13 view and analyze, among other factors—

14 “(i) depreciation of original vehicle cost;

15 “(ii) gasoline and oil (excluding taxes);

16 “(iii) maintenance, accessories, parts, and  
17 tires;

18 “(iv) insurance; and

19 “(v) State and Federal taxes.”.

20 (b) USE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY IN PUBLIC  
21 BUILDINGS.—Section 3177(a)(4) of title 40, United  
22 States Code, is amended, in the matter preceding subpara-  
23 graph (A), by striking “The Administrator” and inserting  
24 “If the Administrator establishes the program under sub-  
25 section (a)(1), the Administrator”.

1 **SEC. 4. ELIMINATION OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND**  
 2 **RECORDS ADMINISTRATION REPORTS.**

3 (a) OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERV-  
 4 ICES ANNUAL REPORT.—Section 552(h)(4) of title 5,  
 5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
 8 striking “Not less frequently” and all that fol-  
 9 lows through “President” and inserting “The  
 10 Director of the Office of Government Informa-  
 11 tion Services shall make available for public in-  
 12 spection in an electronic format and update not  
 13 less frequently than annually”; and

14 (B) in clause (i), by striking “a report on”;

15 (2) by striking subparagraph (B);

16 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
 17 paragraph (B); and

18 (4) in subparagraph (B), as so redesignated—

19 (A) by striking “before” and inserting “,  
 20 before making the information described in sub-  
 21 paragraph (A) available for public inspection  
 22 or”; and

23 (B) by inserting “publications or” before  
 24 “submissions”.

25 (b) NHPRC AND TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 21 of title 44,  
2       United States Code, is amended by repealing section  
3       2106.

4           (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
5       MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 21 of title  
6       44, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
7       item relating to section 2106.

8       (c) QUARTERLY REPORT ON FEDERAL RECORDS  
9       CENTERS REVOLVING FUND.—The matter under the  
10      heading “RECORDS CENTER REVOLVING FUND” under the  
11      heading “NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINIS-  
12      TRATION” under title IV of the Treasury and General Gov-  
13      ernment Appropriations Act, 2000 (44 U.S.C. 2901 note)  
14      is amended by striking subsection (e).

15   **SEC. 5. ELIMINATION OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND**  
16                           **BUDGET REPORTS.**

17       (a) E-GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2002 IMPLEMENTATION  
18      REPORT.—

19           (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title 44,  
20       United States Code, is amended by striking section  
21       3606.

22           (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
23       MENTS.—

24           (A) GEOSPATIAL DATA ACT OF 2018.—Sec-  
25       tion 759(b) of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018



1           (43 U.S.C. 2808(b)) is amended by striking  
2           paragraph (5).

3           (B) TITLE 44.—

4                   (i) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 36 of title  
5           44, United States Code, is amended—

6                           (I) in section 3602(f), by striking  
7                           paragraph (17); and

8                           (II) in section 3604(f)(1), by  
9                           striking “, through the report estab-  
10                          lished under section 3606”.

11                   (ii) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table  
12                   of sections for chapter 36 of title 44,  
13                   United States Code, is amended by strik-  
14                   ing the item relating to section 3606.

15           (b) REPORT ON FLOOD RISK DETERMINATION AND  
16           GEOSPATIAL DATA.—Section 100220 of the Biggert-  
17           Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (42 U.S.C.  
18           4101c) is amended—

19                   (1) by striking subsection (a); and

20                   (2) by striking “(b) DUTIES OF THE ADMINIS-  
21                   TRATOR.—”.

22           (c) ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY AGENCY RE-  
23           PORTING.—Chapter 11 of title 31, United States Code,  
24           is amended—

1 (1) in section 1105(a), by striking paragraph  
2 (39); and

3 (2) in section 1125—

4 (A) in subsection (a)—

5 (i) by striking “Annually” and insert-  
6 ing “On a biennial basis”; and

7 (ii) in paragraph (4), by inserting “,  
8 who shall submit to Congress that total  
9 count and list” before the period at the  
10 end; and

11 (B) in subsection (c)—

12 (i) by striking “In addition to includ-  
13 ing the list of plans and reports deter-  
14 mined to be outdated or duplicative by  
15 each agency in the budget of the United  
16 States Government, as provided by section  
17 1105(a)(37), 1 the” and inserting “The”;

18 (ii) inserting “with the submission  
19 under subsection (a)(4)” after “concur-  
20 rently”; and

21 (iii) by striking “such plans and re-  
22 ports” and inserting “plans and reports  
23 determined to be outdated or duplicative  
24 by each agency”.

1 **SEC. 6. REDUCING FREQUENCY OF USDS REPORTS.**

2       Notwithstanding Senate Report 114–280 and House  
3 Report 114–624, beginning on the date of enactment of  
4 this Act, the Office of Management and Budget shall—

5           (1) provide annual, and not quarterly, reports  
6 to the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate  
7 and the House of Representatives on the savings of  
8 the program; and

9           (2) report to the Committees on Appropriations  
10 of the Senate and the House of Representatives on  
11 an annual, and not quarterly, basis on the status of  
12 the 10 highest priority information technology in-  
13 vestment projects.

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