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Purpose: To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs in the Senate.

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1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 SEC. _____. PREVENTING THE CREATION OF DUPLICATIVE AND OVERLAPPING FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

3 (a) REPORTED LEGISLATION.—Paragraph 11 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (c), by striking “and (b)” and inserting “(b), and (c)”;

5 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (e) and subparagraph (d); and

6 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (b) the following:

7 “(c) The report accompanying each bill or joint resolution of a public character reported by any committee (in-
cluding the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on the Budget) shall contain—

“(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution creates any new Federal program, office, or initiative that would duplicate or overlap any existing Federal program, office, or initiative with similar mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Federal program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives; and

“(2) an explanation provided by the committee as to why the creation of each new program, office, or initiative is necessary if a similar program or programs, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives already exist.”.

(b) CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.—Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

“6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to proceed to any bill or joint resolution unless the committee of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on the committee website an overlapping and duplicative programs analysis and explanation for the bill or joint resolution as described in subparagraph (b) prior to proceeding.
“(b) The analysis and explanation required by this
subparagraph shall contain—

“(1) an analysis by the Congressional Research
Service to determine if the bill or joint resolution
creates any new Federal program, office, or initia-
tive that would duplicate or overlap any existing
Federal program, office, or initiative with similar
mission, purpose, goals, or activities along with a
listing of all of the overlapping or duplicative Fed-
eral program or programs, office or offices, or initia-
tive or initiatives; and

“(2) an explanation provided by the committee
as to why the creation of each new program, office,
or initiative is necessary if a similar program or pro-
grams, office or offices, or initiative or initiatives al-
ready exist.

“(c) This paragraph may be waived by joint agree-
ment of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of
the Senate upon their certification that such waiver is nec-
essary as a result of—

“(1) a significant disruption to Senate facilities
or to the availability of the Internet; or

“(2) an emergency as determined by the lead-
ers.”.