AMENDMENT NO. _______  Calendar No. _______

Purpose: To stop secret spending.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3996

By Coburn — McCaskill

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN to the amendment (No. 3775) proposed by Mr. WYDEN for himself, and Mrs. McCaskill

Viz:

1 At the end of the amendment, insert the following:

2 SEC. ______. STOP SECRET SPENDING ACT.

3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Stop Secret Spending Act”.

4 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In the Senate, legisla-

5 tion that has been subject to a hotline notification may

6 not pass by unanimous consent unless the hotline notifica-

7 tion has been posted on the public website of the Senate

8 for at least 3 calendar days as provided in subsection (c).

9 (c) POSTING ON SENATE WEBPAGE.—At the same
time as a hotline notification occurs with respect to any
legislation, the Majority Leader shall post in a prominent place on the public webpage of the Senate a notice that the legislation has been hotlined and the legislation's number, title, link to full text, and sponsor and the estimated cost to implement and the number of new programs created by the legislation.

(d) LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Senate shall establish for both the Senate Calendar of Business and the Senate Executive Calendar a separate section entitled “Notice of Intent To Pass by Unanimous Consent”.

(2) CONTENT.—The section required by paragraph (1) shall—

(A) include any legislation posted as required by subsection (c) and the date the hot-line notification occurred; and

(B) be updated as appropriate.

(3) REMOVAL.—Items included on the calendar under this subsection shall be removed from the calendar once passed by the Senate.

(e) EXCEPTIONS.—This section shall not apply—

(1) if a quorum of the Senate is present at the time the unanimous consent is propounded to pass the bill;
(2) to any legislation relating to an imminent or ongoing emergency, as jointly agreed to by the Majority and Minority Leaders; and

(3) to nominations.

(f) SUSPENSION.—The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any request to suspend this section by unanimous consent.

(g) HOTLINE NOTIFICATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “hotline notification” means when the Majority Leader in consultation with the Minority Leader, provides notice of intent to pass legislation by unanimous consent by contacting each Senate office with a message on a special alert line (commonly referred to as the hotline) that provides information on what bill or bills the Majority Leader is seeking to pass through unanimous consent.