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

IN THE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** **0767** **ESS.**

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1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . PREVENTING THE CREATION OF DUPLICATIVE**
3 **AND OVERLAPPING FEDERAL PROGRAMS.**

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

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

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (c) and sub-
9 paragraph (d); and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (b) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(e) The report accompanying each bill or joint reso-
13 lution of a public character reported by any committee (in-

1 cluding the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
2 mittee on the Budget) shall contain—

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

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

17 (b) CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.—Rule XVII
18 of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by insert-
19 ing at the end thereof the following:

20 “6. (a) It shall not be in order in the Senate to pro-
21 ceed to any bill or joint resolution unless the committee
22 of jurisdiction has prepared and posted on the committee
23 website an overlapping and duplicative programs analysis
24 and explanation for the bill or joint resolution as described
25 in subparagraph (b) prior to proceeding.

1 “(b) The analysis and explanation required by this
2 subparagraph shall contain—

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

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

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

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

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