



112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. _____

To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

~~(FOR HIMSELF, AND MR. UDALL OF COLORADO)~~

Mr. COBURN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

To prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping
Federal programs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the "Preventing Du-
4 plicative and Overlapping Government Programs Resolu-
5 tion".

6 **SEC. 2. REPORTED LEGISLATION.**

7 Paragraph 11 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
8 of the Senate is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (c), by striking "and (b)"
10 and inserting "(b), and (c)";

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

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

5 “(e) The report accompanying each bill or joint reso-
6 lution of a public character reported by any committee (in-
7 cluding the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
8 mittee on the Budget) shall contain—

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

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

23 **SEC. 3. CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.**

24 Rule XVII of the Standing Rules of the Senate is
25 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

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

7 “(b) The analysis and explanation required by this
8 subparagraph shall contain—

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

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

23 “(c) This paragraph may be waived by joint agree-
24 ment of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of

1 the Senate upon their certification that such waiver is nec-
2 essary as a result of—

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

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