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S.L.C.

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To stop secret spending.

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AMENDMENT N^o 3996

By Coburn - McCaskill

To: Amdt. No. 3775

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

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
4 “Stop Secret Spending Act”.

5 (b) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In the Senate, legisla-
6 tion that has been subject to a hotline notification may
7 not pass by unanimous consent unless the hotline notifica-
8 tion has been posted on the public website of the Senate
9 for at least 3 calendar days as provided in subsection (c).

10 (c) POSTING ON SENATE WEBPAGE.—At the same
11 time as a hotline notification occurs with respect to any

1 legislation, the Majority Leader shall post in a prominent
2 place on the public webpage of the Senate a notice that
3 the legislation has been hotlined and the legislation's num-
4 ber, title, link to full text, and sponsor and the estimated
5 cost to implement and the number of new programs cre-
6 ated by the legislation.

7 (d) LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Senate
9 shall establish for both the Senate Calendar of Busi-
10 ness and the Senate Executive Calendar a separate
11 section entitled “Notice of Intent To Pass by Unani-
12 mous Consent”.

13 (2) CONTENT.—The section required by para-
14 graph (1) shall—

15 (A) include any legislation posted as re-
16 quired by subsection (c) and the date the hot-
17 line notification occurred; and

18 (B) be updated as appropriate.

19 (3) REMOVAL.—Items included on the calendar
20 under this subsection shall be removed from the cal-
21 endar once passed by the Senate.

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

23 (1) if a quorum of the Senate is present at the
24 time the unanimous consent is propounded to pass
25 the bill;

1 (2) to any legislation relating to an imminent or
2 ongoing emergency, as jointly agreed to by the Ma-
3 jority and Minority Leaders; and

4 (3) to nominations.

5 (f) SUSPENSION.—The Presiding Officer shall not en-
6 ertain any request to suspend this section by unanimous
7 consent.

8 (g) HOTLINE NOTIFICATION DEFINED.—In this sec-
9 tion, the term “hotline notification” means when the Ma-
10 jority Leader in consultation with the Minority Leader,
11 provides notice of intent to pass legislation by unanimous
12 consent by contacting each Senate office with a message
13 on a special alert line (commonly referred to as the hot-
14 line) that provides information on what bill or bills the
15 Majority Leader is seeking to pass through unanimous
16 consent.