

## HR 4194

### Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014

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**Chamber:** House

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2014
Rep. Woodall, Rob [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Mar 11, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jul 31, 2014
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Apr 28, 2014

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2109	Related bill	Mar 11, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on September 16, 2014. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Government Reports Elimination Act of 2014 - Provides for the elimination or modification of reporting and notification requirements of specified federal agencies and departments.

**Title I: Department of Agriculture** - Eliminates:

- peanut base acres data collection and publication under the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008;
- the report on export credit guarantees to emerging markets;
- the evaluation of the rural development, business and industry guaranteed loan program financing of locally or regionally produced food products;
- quarterly reports on export assistance provided by the Commodity Credit Corporation and the Secretary of Agriculture;
- annual progress reports in achieving benchmarks established in the regional investment strategy of the Rural Collaborative Investment Program; and
- the annual report on the foreign market development cooperator program.

**Title II: Department of Commerce** - Eliminates: (1) the annual report on efforts and progress of colleges, universities, institutions, associations, and alliances to be designated as Sea Grant Colleges or Institutes; (2) the annual report on Enterprise Integration Standardization and Implementation activities under the Enterprise Integration Act of 2001; (3) the biennial report on efforts to ensure equal access to the Sea Grant Fellowship Program; (4) the annual reports on activities of the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) and on the Technology Innovation Program Advisory Board; and (5) the annual report on activities of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Commission and related entities.

**Title III: Corporation for National and Community Service** - Eliminates: (1) the reporting requirements of federal agencies and departments to the Corporation for National and Community Service, and (2) the impact study and report on service-learning activities.

**Title IV: Department of Defense (DOD)** - Eliminates: (1) the requirement for submission with the annual DOD budget of a display that covers all programs and activities of the Air Sovereignty Alert Mission of the Air Force, and (2) the annual report on the reliability of DOD financial statements.

**Title V: Department of Education** - Eliminates the report of the Secretary of Education justifying the award of school facility emergency and modernization grants.

**Title VI Department of Energy (DOE)** - Eliminates reports on: (1) the science and engineering education pilot program, (2) the development of strategic unconventional fuels, and (3) energy efficiency standards for industrial equipment.

**Title VII: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to eliminate the comprehensive report on Great Lakes management.

**Title VIII: Executive Office of the President** - Eliminates the notification requirement and the report on waivers of sanctions by the President against North Korea.

**Title IX: Government Accountability Office (GAO)** - (Sec. 901) Eliminates reports on: (1) expenditures of local

educational agencies under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and (2) the use of funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 by states and local governments.

Amends the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to eliminate the mandatory audit of all funds provided by such Act.

Amends the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 to eliminate the audits and reports on the state small business credit initiative and the small business lending fund program.

Amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to eliminate the audit and report on assistance to the Housing Assistance Council.

(Sec. 902) Amends the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to make the Secretary of Health and Human Resources (HHS) (currently, the Secretary and the Comptroller General) responsible for surveying the public with respect to health and health care.

Requires the Comptroller General to publish on the GAO website (currently, deliver to Congress) lists of GAO reports.

Amends the Congressional Award Act to provide for an independent public accountant (currently, the Comptroller General) to conduct the annual audit of the financial records of the Congressional Award Board. Requires the Comptroller General to review, and report on, each annual audit.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to terminate at the end of 2014 the review by the Comptroller General of the threshold amount for injury-related liabilities under Medicare.

**Title X: Department of Homeland Security (DHS)** - Eliminates: (1) reporting requirements under the Tariff Act of 1930 relating to the prohibition on importation of products made with dog or cat fur, (2) the biennial Port of Entry Infrastructure Assessment Study, (3) the biennial National Land Border Security Plan, (4) reporting requirements with respect to fees for customs services, and (5) the status report on the modernization of the National Distress and Response System.

**Title XI: Department of the Interior** - Eliminates reporting requirements of the program on oil and gas royalties in-kind.

**Title XII: Department of Labor** - Eliminates the continuing study by the Secretary of Labor on the impact of the Andean trade preference on U.S. labor.

**Title XIII: Office of the Director of National Intelligence (DNI)** - Eliminates the report on the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

**Title XIV: Department of State** - Eliminates the annual State Department report on nuclear proliferation in South Asia and efforts to achieve a regional agreement on nuclear non-proliferation.

**Title XV: Department of Transportation (DOT)** - (Sec. 1601) Eliminates: (1) the reporting requirements of the Air Traffic Services Committee, (2) the annual summaries of airport financial reports, (3) the annual report on pipeline safety information grants to communities, (4) the annual report on the pilot program for innovative financing of air traffic control equipment and the reports on justifications for air defense identification zones under the Vision 100 -- Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act, and (5) the annual report on the application of new standards or technologies to reduce aircraft noise levels under the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century.

(Sec. 1502) Eliminates the requirement for an annual evaluation and audit of the programs and expenditures of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), allowing such evaluation and audit to be conducted as determined

necessary by the Comptroller General.

**Title XVI: Department of the Treasury** - Eliminates: (1) the annual report on the North American Development Bank, (2) the annual report on loans considered by the Boards of Executive Directors of international financial institutions engaged in activities to promote the cause of human rights, (3) the report on new International Monetary Fund (IMF) borrowing arrangements regarding rates and maturities, and (4) the requirement for notification to Congress of any significant modifications in the auction process for issuing Treasury obligations.

**Title XVII: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** - Eliminates the annual report on procurement of health care items by VA medical facilities.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 26, 2014:** Signed by President.
- **Nov 26, 2014:** Became Public Law No: 113-188.
- **Nov 17, 2014:** Presented to President.
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Mr. Issa moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H7907-7910)
- **Nov 12, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the Senate amendment to H.R. 4194.
- **Nov 12, 2014:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7915-7916)
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 382 - 0 (Roll no. 516). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H7907-7909)
- **Nov 12, 2014:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 382 - 0 (Roll no. 516). (text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR H7907-7909)
- **Nov 12, 2014:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2014:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S5644-5647)
- **Sep 16, 2014:** The committee substitute as amended agreed to by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S5644-5646)
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 16, 2014:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jul 31, 2014:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Reported by Senator Carper with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 113-232.
- **Jul 31, 2014:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 505.
- **Jun 25, 2014:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 29, 2014:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Apr 28, 2014:** Reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 113-419.
- **Apr 28, 2014:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 309.
- **Apr 28, 2014:** Mr. Issa moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Apr 28, 2014:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3209-3212)
- **Apr 28, 2014:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4194.
- **Apr 28, 2014:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3209-3212)
- **Apr 28, 2014:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H3209-3212)
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 12, 2014:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 11, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 11, 2014:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.