

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3121

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\$100,000,000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2011

Mr. BARROW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reclaiming Oversight
5 of Executive Branch Spending Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN OBLIGA-**
7 **TIONS EXCEEDING \$100,000,000.**

8 (a) APPROVAL REQUIREMENT.—No Federal depart-
9 ment or agency may enter into a contract with, award a

1 grant to, or guarantee a loan for, a private entity in excess
2 of \$100,000,000 for a fiscal year, unless the department
3 or agency submits to the Congress a request for approval
4 of such contract, grant, or guarantee, and such approval
5 is subsequently granted by enactment of a joint resolution.

6 (b) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—A joint resolution
7 of approval under subsection (a) shall be considered in the
8 House of Representatives and the Senate not later than
9 30 days after the date of submission of a request under
10 such subsection, under expedited procedures.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
12 on the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
13 ment of this Act.

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