

RELIEF OF RICHARD W.
SCHAFFERT

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1023, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1023) for relief of Richard W. Schaffert.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 4362

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, Senator DURBIN has an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Minnesota (Mr. GRAMS), for Mr. DURBIN, proposes an amendment numbered 4362.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To provide for the relief of Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 3. PRIVATE RELIEF PROVISION.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the renunciation of United States citizenship by Valdas Adamkus on February 25, 1998, in order to become the President of the Republic of Lithuania shall not—

(1) be treated under any Federal law as having as one of its purposes the avoidance of any Federal tax,

(2) result in the denial of any benefit under title II or XVIII of the Social Security Act, or under title 5, United States Code, or

(3) result in any restriction on the right of Valdas Adamkus to travel or be admitted to the United States.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4362) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 1023), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

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GEORGE ATLEE GOODLING POST
OFFICE BUILDING

—
J.T. WEEKER SERVICE CENTER

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Post Office naming bills, H.R. 5210 and H.R. 5016, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. FITZGERALD). The clerk will report the bills.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5210) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 200 South George Street in York, Pennsylvania, as the "George Atlee Goodling Post Office Building";

A bill (H.R. 5016) to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 514 Express Center Road in Chicago, Illinois, as the "J.T. Weeker Service Center."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bills.

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bills be read the third time and passed, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to these bills be printed in the RECORD, with the above all occurring en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bills (H.R. 5210 and H.R. 5016) were read the third time and passed.

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INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT
AMENDMENTS OF 2000

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Calendar No. 919, S. 870.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 870) to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to increase the efficiency and accountability of Offices of Inspector General within Federal departments, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, with an amendment; as follows:

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic.]

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Inspector General Act Amendments of 2000".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CASH BONUS OR AWARDS.

Section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) An Inspector General (as defined under section 8G(a)(6) or 11(3)) may not receive any cash award or cash bonus, including any cash award under chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code."

SEC. 3. EXTERNAL REVIEWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by inserting at the end the following:

"(e)(1)(A) Not less than every 3 years an external review shall be conducted of each Office defined under sections 11(4) and 8G(a)(5).

"(B) The Inspector General of each Office defined under sections 11(4) and 8G(5) shall arrange with the General Accounting Office or an appropriate private entity for the conduct of the review.

"(C) If an Inspector General contracts with a private entity for a review under this subsection, the private entity shall be contracted in accordance with section 303 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253).

"(2) At a minimum, an external review under this subsection shall evaluate whether the Office of Inspector General properly manages and controls—

"(A) contracts awarded by the Office of Inspector General, including a determination of whether—

"(i) procedures used to procure contracts are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

"(ii) costs incurred are reasonable and allowable under the terms of each contract;

"(B) appropriated funds, including a determination of whether training and travel funds are expended in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

"(C) personnel actions, including a determination of whether hiring and promotion practices used and performance awards issued are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

"(3) Not later than 30 calendar days after the completion of an external review, a report of the results shall be submitted to the head of the establishment and simultaneously to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of Congress."

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The section heading for section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read as follows:

"DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; REPORT OF CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL; EXTERNAL REVIEWS".

SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting "Each Inspector General shall, not later than October 31 of each year, prepare annual reports summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the Office during the immediately preceding 12-month period ending September 30.";

(2) by striking paragraphs (1) through (12) and inserting the following:

"(1) a summary of the program areas within the establishment identified by the Inspector General as high risk because of vulnerabilities to waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement;

"(2) a description of the most significant audits, investigations (administrative, civil, and criminal), and evaluations and inspections completed during the reporting period;

"(3) a summary of each report made to the head of the establishment under section 6(b)(2) during the reporting period;

"(4) a table showing—

"(A)(i) the total number of final audit reports issued by the Office of Inspector General; and

"(ii) the financial benefits associated with the reports segregated by category, such as budget reductions, costs avoided, questioned costs, and revenue enhancements; and

"(B) corrective actions taken and program improvements made during the reporting period in response to either an Office of Inspector General audit finding or recommendation (excluding any recommendation included under subparagraph (A) with respect to such corrective actions);

"(5) a table showing—

"(A) the judicial and administrative actions associated with investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General;

"(B) the number of—

"(i) cases referred for criminal prosecution, civil remedies, or administrative actions;

"(ii) cases presented but declined for prosecution, segregated by criminal and civil;

"(iii) cases accepted for prosecution (both Federal and State), segregated by criminal and civil;

"(iv) defendants indicted;

"(v) defendants convicted;

"(vi) defendants acquitted or charges dismissed after indictment;

"(vii) defendants sentenced to terms of imprisonment;

"(viii) defendants sentenced to terms of probation; and

"(ix) suspensions, disbarments, exclusions, sanctions, or some other similar administrative action; and

"(C) the total amount of fines, restitutions, and recoveries;

“(6) a description of the organization and management structure of the Office of Inspector General, including—

“(A) an organization chart showing the major components of the Office;

“(B) a statistical table showing the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions segregated by component and by headquarters and field office; and

“(C) the amount of funding received in prior and current fiscal years;

“(7) a table showing—

“(A) the number of contracts, and associated dollar value, awarded on a noncompetitive basis by the Office of Inspector General; and

“(B) with respect to any individual contract valued over \$100,000, awarded on a noncompetitive basis—

“(i) the name of the contractor;

“(ii) statement of work;

“(iii) the time period of the contract; and

“(iv) the dollar amount of the contract;

“(8)(A) a summary of each audit report issued in previous reporting periods for which no management decision has been made by the end of the reporting period (including the date and title of each such report);

“(B) an explanation of the reasons such management decision has not been made; and

“(C) a statement concerning the desired timetable for achieving a management decision on each such report;”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (9);

(4) in paragraph (9) (as redesignated by paragraph (3) of this subsection)—

(A) by striking “section 05(b)” and inserting “section 804(b)”;

(B) by striking the period and inserting a semicolon and “and”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(10) any other information that the Inspector General determines appropriate to include in the annual report.”.

(b) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (4), in addition to any annual report required to be furnished and transmitted under subsection (b), an Inspector General shall prepare and submit a report described under paragraph (2) to—

“(A) the applicable congressional committee, if the chairman or ranking member of a congressional committee with appropriate jurisdiction submits a written request to such Inspector General; or

“(B) to the Comptroller General of the United States if the Comptroller General submits a written request to such Inspector General.

“(2) A report referred to under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) contain the information required for an annual report under subsection (a); and

“(B) summarize the activities of the Office during the 6-month period ending on March 31 of the calendar year following the date on which the request is made.

“(3) A report under this subsection shall be submitted on April 30 of the calendar year following the date on which the request is made.

“(4) An Inspector General shall not be required to submit a report under this subsection if the written request for such report is submitted to the Inspector General after November 30 of the calendar year preceding the date on which the report is otherwise required to be submitted to a congressional committee or the Comptroller General.”.

(c) SUBMISSION OF OTHER REPORTS.—Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall be construed to limit an Inspector General from submitting any report containing in whole or

part information required in an annual or semi-annual report furnished and transmitted under section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to Congress more frequently than on an annual or semiannual basis.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “semiannual” and inserting “annual”.

(2) Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking “Semiannual” and inserting “Annual”; and

(ii) by striking “April 30 and”; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking “semiannual” and inserting “annual”; and

(ii) in the second sentence by striking “semiannual” and inserting “annual”.

(3) Section 8(f) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “semiannual” and inserting “annual”.

(4) Section 8A(c) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking “semiannual” and inserting “annual”.

SEC. 5. INSPECTORS GENERAL AT LEVEL III OF EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE.

(a) LEVEL IV POSITIONS.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking each item relating to the following positions:

(1) Inspector General, Department of Education.

(2) Inspector General, Department of Energy.

(3) Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

(4) Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

(5) Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(6) Inspector General, Department of Labor.

(7) Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

(8) Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

(9) Inspector General, Department of Defense.

(10) Inspector General, United States Information Agency.

(11) Inspector General, Department of State.

(12) Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

(13) Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

(14) Inspector General, Department of Justice.

(15) Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

(16) Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

(17) Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

(18) Inspector General, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(19) Inspector General, General Services Administration.

(20) Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(21) Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(22) Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

(23) Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board.

(24) Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

(25) Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(26) Inspector General, Resolution Trust Corporation.

(27) Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

(28) Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

(29) Inspector General, United States Postal Service.

(b) LEVEL III POSITIONS.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“Inspector General, Department of Education.
“Inspector General, Department of Energy.

“Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

“Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

“Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

“Inspector General, Department of Labor.

“Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

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“Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

“Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

“Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

“Inspector General, United States Postal Service.”.

(c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall have the effect of reducing the rate of pay of any individual serving as an Inspector General on the effective date of this section.

SEC. 6. STUDY AND REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General shall—

(1) develop criteria for determining whether the consolidation of Federal Inspector General offices would be cost-efficient and in the public interest; and

(2) conduct a study of Federal Inspector General offices using the criteria developed under paragraph (1) to determine whether any such offices should be consolidated.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress containing recommendations for any legislative action, based on the study conducted under paragraph (2).

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 4363

Mr. GRAMS. Also, Mr. President, Senator COLLINS has an amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Minnesota [Mr. GRAMS], for Ms. COLLINS, proposes an amendment numbered 4363.

Mr. GRAMS. I ask unanimous consent reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 23, line 18, strike "inserting" and insert "adding".

On page 23, lines 21 and 22, strike "defined under sections 11(4) and 8G(a)(5)" and insert "(as defined under section 8G(a)(5) or 11(4))".

On page 23, lines 23 and 24, strike "defined under sections 11(4) and 8G(a)(5)" and insert "(as defined under section 8G(a)(5) or 11(4))".

On page 24, lines 9 and 10, strike "of Inspector General".

On page 24, lines 11 and 12, strike "of Inspector General".

On page 25, line 16, strike "annual reports" and insert "an annual report".

On page 32, strike lines 8 through 10.

On page 34, insert between lines 18 and 19 the following:

(30) Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority.

On page 36, line 16, strike the quotation marks and second period.

On page 36, insert between lines 16 and 17 the following:

"Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority."

On page 36, line 23, insert "of the United States" after "Comptroller General".

On page 37, line 12, strike "paragraph (2)" and insert "subsection (a)".

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the amendment be agreed to, the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, be agreed to, the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements referring to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 4363) was agreed to.

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was agreed to.

The bill (S. 870), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 870

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Inspector General Act Amendments of 2000".

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF CASH BONUS OR AWARDS.

Section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e) An Inspector General (as defined under section 8G(a)(6) or 11(3)) may not receive any cash award or cash bonus, including any cash award under chapter 45 of title 5, United States Code."

SEC. 3. EXTERNAL REVIEWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(e)(1)(A) Not less than every 3 years an external review shall be conducted of each Office (as defined under section 8G(a)(5) or 11(4)).

"(B) The Inspector General of each Office (as defined under section 8G(a)(5) or 11(4)) shall arrange with the General Accounting Office or an appropriate private entity for the conduct of the review.

"(C) If an Inspector General contracts with a private entity for a review under this subsection, the private entity shall be con-

tracted in accordance with section 303 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 253).

"(2) At a minimum, an external review under this subsection shall evaluate whether the Office properly manages and controls—

"(A) contracts awarded by the Office, including a determination of whether—

"(i) procedures used to procure contracts are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

"(ii) costs incurred are reasonable and allowable under the terms of each contract;

"(B) appropriated funds, including a determination of whether training and travel funds are expended in accordance with applicable laws and regulations; and

"(C) personnel actions, including a determination of whether hiring and promotion practices used and performance awards issued are in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

"(3) Not later than 30 calendar days after the completion of an external review, a report of the results shall be submitted to the head of the establishment and simultaneously to the appropriate committees or subcommittees of Congress."

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The section heading for section 4 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended to read as follows:

"DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; REPORT OF CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS TO ATTORNEY GENERAL; EXTERNAL REVIEWS".

SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting "Each Inspector General shall, not later than October 31 of each year, prepare an annual report summarizing the activities and accomplishments of the Office during the immediately preceding 12-month period ending September 30.";

(2) by striking paragraphs (1) through (12) and inserting the following:

"(1) a summary of the program areas within the establishment identified by the Inspector General as high risk because of vulnerabilities to waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement;

"(2) a description of the most significant audits, investigations (administrative, civil, and criminal), and evaluations and inspections completed during the reporting period;

"(3) a summary of each report made to the head of the establishment under section 6(b)(2) during the reporting period;

"(4) a table showing—

"(A)(i) the total number of final audit reports issued by the Office of Inspector General; and

"(ii) the financial benefits associated with the reports segregated by category, such as budget reductions, costs avoided, questioned costs, and revenue enhancements; and

"(B) corrective actions taken and program improvements made during the reporting period in response to either an Office of Inspector General audit finding or recommendation (excluding any recommendation included under subparagraph (A) with respect to such corrective actions);

"(5) a table showing—

"(A) the judicial and administrative actions associated with investigations conducted by the Office of Inspector General;

"(B) the number of—

"(i) cases referred for criminal prosecution, civil remedies, or administrative actions;

"(ii) cases presented but declined for prosecution, segregated by criminal and civil;

"(iii) cases accepted for prosecution (both Federal and State), segregated by criminal and civil;

"(iv) defendants indicted;

"(v) defendants convicted;

"(vi) defendants acquitted or charges dismissed after indictment;

"(vii) defendants sentenced to terms of imprisonment;

"(viii) defendants sentenced to terms of probation; and

"(ix) suspensions, disbarments, exclusions, sanctions, or some other similar administrative action; and

"(C) the total amount of fines, restitution, and recoveries;

"(6) a description of the organization and management structure of the Office of Inspector General, including—

"(A) an organization chart showing the major components of the Office;

"(B) a statistical table showing the number of authorized full-time equivalent positions segregated by component and by headquarters and field office; and

"(C) the amount of funding received in prior and current fiscal years;

"(7) a table showing—

"(A) the number of contracts, and associated dollar value, awarded on a noncompetitive basis by the Office of Inspector General; and

"(B) with respect to any individual contract valued over \$100,000, awarded on a noncompetitive basis—

"(i) the name of the contractor;

"(ii) statement of work;

"(iii) the time period of the contract; and

"(iv) the dollar amount of the contract;

"(8)(A) a summary of each audit report issued in previous reporting periods for which no management decision has been made by the end of the reporting period (including the date and title of each such report);

"(B) an explanation of the reasons such management decision has not been made; and

"(C) a statement concerning the desired timetable for achieving a management decision on each such report;";

(3) by redesignating paragraph (13) as paragraph (9);

(4) in paragraph (9) (as redesignated by paragraph (3) of this subsection)—

(A) by striking "section 05(b)" and inserting "section 804(b)"; and

(B) by striking the period and inserting a semicolon and "and"; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(10) any other information that the Inspector General determines appropriate to include in the annual report."

(b) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (f) as subsection (g); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

"(f)(1) Subject to paragraph (4), in addition to any annual report required to be furnished and transmitted under subsection (b), an Inspector General shall prepare and submit a report described under paragraph (2) to—

"(A) the applicable congressional committee, if the chairman or ranking member of a congressional committee with appropriate jurisdiction submits a written request to such Inspector General; or

"(B) to the Comptroller General of the United States if the Comptroller General submits a written request to such Inspector General.

"(2) A report referred to under paragraph (1) shall—

"(A) contain the information required for an annual report under subsection (a); and

"(B) summarize the activities of the Office during the 6-month period ending on March

31 of the calendar year following the date on which the request is made.

"(3) A report under this subsection shall be submitted on April 30 of the calendar year following the date on which the request is made.

"(4) An Inspector General shall not be required to submit a report under this subsection if the written request for such report is submitted to the Inspector General after November 30 of the calendar year preceding the date on which the report is otherwise required to be submitted to a congressional committee or the Comptroller General."

(c) SUBMISSION OF OTHER REPORTS.—Nothing in the amendments made by this section shall be construed to limit an Inspector General from submitting any report containing in whole or part information required in an annual or semiannual report furnished and transmitted under section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to Congress more frequently than on an annual or semiannual basis.

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4(a)(2) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual".

(2) Section 5 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking "Semiannual" and inserting "Annual"; and

(ii) by striking "April 30 and"; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) in the first sentence by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual"; and

(ii) in the second sentence by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual".

(3) Section 8(f) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amended by striking "semiannual" and inserting "annual".

SEC. 5. INSPECTORS GENERAL AT LEVEL III OF EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE.

(a) LEVEL IV POSITIONS.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking each item relating to the following positions:

(1) Inspector General, Department of Education.

(2) Inspector General, Department of Energy.

(3) Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

(4) Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

(5) Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(6) Inspector General, Department of Labor.

(7) Inspector General, Department of Transportation.

(8) Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

(9) Inspector General, Department of Defense.

(10) Inspector General, United States Information Agency.

(11) Inspector General, Department of State.

(12) Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

(13) Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

(14) Inspector General, Department of Justice.

(15) Inspector General, Department of the Treasury.

(16) Inspector General, Agency for International Development.

(17) Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency.

(18) Inspector General, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

(19) Inspector General, General Services Administration.

(20) Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

(21) Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

(22) Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management.

(23) Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board.

(24) Inspector General, Small Business Administration.

(25) Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(26) Inspector General, Resolution Trust Corporation.

(27) Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency.

(28) Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

(29) Inspector General, United States Postal Service.

(30) Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority.

(b) LEVEL III POSITIONS.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Inspector General, Department of Education.

"Inspector General, Department of Energy.

"Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services.

"Inspector General, Department of Agriculture.

"Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Inspector General, Department of Labor.

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"Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority."

(c) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Nothing in this section shall have the effect of reducing the rate of pay of any individual serving as an Inspector General on the effective date of this section.

SEC. 6. STUDY AND REPORT ON CONSOLIDATION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) develop criteria for determining whether the consolidation of Federal Inspector General offices would be cost-efficient and in the public interest; and

(2) conduct a study of Federal Inspector General offices using the criteria developed under paragraph (1) to determine whether any such offices should be consolidated.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress containing recommendations for any legislative action, based on the study conducted under subsection (a).

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2000

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it recess until the hour of 12 noon on Friday, December 15. I further ask consent that on Friday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 1 o'clock, with Senators speaking for up to 10 minutes each, with the time equally divided in the usual form.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. GRAMS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at noon tomorrow. Following approximately an hour of morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the final appropriations bill if it has been received from the House. A vote is expected on the bill shortly after the morning hour, with the sine die adjournment to occur shortly after that.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GRAMS. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in recess under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator BYRD of West Virginia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I thank the Chair.

PROPER SENATE PROCEDURE

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I compliment the Chair on the expert handling of the disposition of the various and sundry requests that have been made by the very distinguished Senator. I want to compliment, also, the Parliamentarian. It was a joy to hear the Chair intervene at the right place and to say the right things for the RECORD. I saw that he was being guided by the Parliamentarian. So much of the time, I think we do our work in a rather shoddy fashion here. I am glad