and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3823. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3824. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3825. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3826. Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOND, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra.

SA 3827. Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra.

SA 3828. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3829. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3830. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. REID (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3831. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3832. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3833. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3834. Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. LEMIEUX) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3835. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3836. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3837. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3838. Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. GREGG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3839. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORKER, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3840. Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3841. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3842. Mr. NELSON, of Florida (for himself and Mr. BROWN, of Massachusetts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3843. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3844. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3845. Mr. KAUFMAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3846. Mrs. MCCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3847. Mr. DODD (for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3111, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays.

SA 3848. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3849. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3850. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3851. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3852. Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3853. Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. KAUFMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3854. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3855. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3856. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3857. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3858. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3859. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3815. Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1533, line 5, strike ''Section'' and insert the following:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board of Governors shall disclose to Congress and to the public, with respect to any

emergency financial assistance provided during the 5-year period preceding the date of enactment of this Act under the authority of the Board of Governors in the third undesignated paragraph of section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343)—

''(1) the name of each financial company that received such assistance;

''(2) the value or amount and description of the emergency assistance provided, including loans to investment banks from the Federal Reserve discount lending program or special purpose entities;

''(3) the date on which the financial assistance was provided;

''(4) the terms and conditions for the emergency assistance; and

''(5) a full description of any collateral required by the Board of Governors and secured from the recipients of such emergency assistance.

''(b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Section''.

SA 3816. Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GREGG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. THUNE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title VII and insert the following:

TITLE VII—OVER-THE-COUNTER DERIVATIVES MARKET

SEC. 701. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the ''Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010''.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this title are—

(1) to improve regulators' access to information by establishing well-regulated repositories for the reporting of all swaps;

(2) to repeal the statutory provisions that prohibit regulators from overseeing the over-the-counter swaps markets;

(3) to increase the number of derivatives transactions that are centrally cleared;

(4) to ensure that corporate end users can continue to hedge their unique business risks through customized derivatives;

(5) to prevent concentration of inadequately hedged risks in individual firms or central clearinghouses; and

(6) to provide investors and other swap market participants with information about transactions and positions in order to help them mark existing swap positions to market, make informed decisions before executing future transactions, and assess the quality of transactions they have executed.

Subtitle A—Regulatory Authority

SEC. 711. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle, the terms ''prudential regulator'', ''swap'', ''swap participant'', ''swap data repository'', ''associated person of a swap participant'', ''eligible contract participant'', ''non-security-based swap execution facility'', ''broad-based security index'', ''non-security-based swap'', ''non-security-based swap data repository'', ''security-based swap'', and ''security-based swap data repository'' have the meanings given the terms in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).

SEC. 712. REVIEW OF REGULATORY AUTHORITY.

(a) CONSULTATION.—

(1) RULES; ORDERS.—In developing and promulgating rules or orders pursuant to this subsection—

(A) the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall consider the views of—

(i) the Securities and Exchange Commission; and

(ii) the prudential regulators; and

(B) the Securities and Exchange Commission shall consider the views of—

(i) the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and

(ii) the prudential regulators.

(2) TREATMENT OF SIMILAR PRODUCTS AND ENTITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In adopting rules and orders under this subsection, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission shall treat functionally or economically similar products or entities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) in a similar manner.

(B) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subtitle requires the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or the Securities and Exchange Commission to adopt joint rules or orders that treat functionally or economically similar products or entities described in paragraphs (1) and (2) in an identical manner.

(b) GLOBAL RULEMAKING TIMEFRAME.—Unless otherwise provided in a particular provision of this title, or an amendment made by this title, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or the Securities and Exchange Commission, or both, shall promulgate rules and regulations required of each Commission under this title or an amendment made by this title not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

SEC. 713. DETERMINATION OF STATUS OF NEW PRODUCTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission are unable to determine whether any new product is a security, future, option on a future, security-based swap, or non-security-based swap, either agency may petition the Financial Stability Oversight Council (referred to in this Act as the ''Council'') for a binding determination of the status of the new product as a security, future, option on a future, security-based swap, or non-security-based swap.

(b) DEADLINE FOR DETERMINATION.—The Council shall issue its determination within 60 days after the date of receipt of a petition described in subsection (a).

SEC. 714. STUDY ON ENFORCEMENT CONSISTENCY.

(a) STUDY.—The Council shall conduct a study to compare the nature and amount of penalties and other sanctions imposed for violations of this title and any regulations adopted thereunder.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the enactment of this Act, the Council shall submit a report to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that sets forth—

(1) the findings of the study required under subsection (a); and

(2) recommendations for statutory changes to enhance the consistency with which this Act and the regulations adopted thereunder are enforced.

SEC. 715. JURISDICTION.

(a) The provisions of this title shall not apply to activities outside the United States, unless those activities—

(1) have a direct and significant connection with activities in, or an effect on, United States commerce; or

(2) contravene such rules or regulations as the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission may jointly, by rule or regulation, prescribe as necessary or appropriate to prevent the evasion of any provision of this Act.

(b) The Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission may exempt a person from some or all requirements of this title, if they jointly determine by rule or order that the person is subject to comparable requirements as part of comprehensive supervision and regulation on a consolidated basis by an appropriate regulatory authority in a foreign jurisdiction and such regulatory authority has entered into an information sharing agreement with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SEC. 716. INTERNATIONAL HARMONIZATION.

(a) INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.—The Department of the Treasury shall consult and coordinate with foreign regulatory authorities on the establishment of consistent international standards with respect to the regulation of swaps, swap market participants, swap data repositories, and central clearing entities.

(b) INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION-SHARING AGREEMENTS.—Nothing in subsection (a) shall be construed to prohibit the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, from entering into information-sharing arrangements with foreign regulators as may be deemed to be necessary in furtherance of the purposes of this title.

SEC. 717. CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.

(a) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives shall each establish, by rule or resolution of such House, procedures to protect from unauthorized disclosure all confidential information (including information covered by sections 1905 and 1906 of title 18, United States Code,) that is furnished to the committees and Members of Congress under this title. Such procedures shall be established in consultation with the appropriate regulatory agencies.

(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED TO REGULATORS.—No non-public information provided to or obtained by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, any prudential regulator, the Financial Stability Oversight Council, or the Department of Justice under this title may be disclosed to any other person. Nothing in this section shall authorize the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, any prudential regulator, the Financial Stability Oversight Council, or the Department of Justice to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, any prudential regulator, the Financial Stability Oversight Council, or the Department of Justice from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency.

SEC. 718. COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR CLEARINGHOUSE RISK MANAGEMENT.

(a) COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR RISK MANAGEMENT.—The Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission shall consult with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors to jointly develop risk management supervision programs for derivatives clearing organizations and clearing agencies (''clearinghouses''). Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Reserve Board of Governors shall submit a joint report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate, and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives recommendations for—

(1) improving consistency in the clearinghouse oversight programs of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

(2) promoting robust risk management by clearinghouses;

(3) promoting robust risk management oversight by regulators of clearinghouses; and

(4) improving regulators' ability to monitor the potential effects of clearinghouse risk management on the stability of the financial system of the United States.

(b) DUALLY REGISTERED PERSONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission shall develop and, subject to approval by the Council, implement an oversight plan with respect to each person that is subject to registration as—

(A) both a derivatives clearing organization and a clearing agency; or

(B) both a non-security-based swap data repository and security-based swap data repository.

(2) CONTENTS OF PLANS.—Each plan shall identify recordkeeping, reporting and other requirements imposed on the person by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission that are inconsistent, an approach for eliminating inconsistencies where appropriate, and ways in which the two commissions can coordinate their inspection and examination of the person. Such plan, if appropriate, may designate one regulator as the person's primary regulator.

(3) SUBMISSION OF PLANS.—The Commissions shall submit each plan, including any recommended legislative changes to facilitate the plan, to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on or before 1 year after the date on which the person becomes dually registered.

SEC. 719. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO PORTFOLIO MARGINING LAWS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the prudential regulators shall submit to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives recommendations for legislative changes to the Federal laws to facilitate—

(1) the portfolio margining of securities and commodity futures and options, commodity options, swaps, and other financial instrument positions;

(2) the portability of customer swap positions and associated margin upon the insolvency of a clearing participant; and

(3) harmonization of the insolvency laws to provide for uniform treatment across similar entities, regardless of whether they are registered with or regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

SEC. 720. ABUSIVE SWAPS.

The Council may, by rule or order—

(1) collect information as may be necessary concerning the markets for any types of swaps; and

(2) issue a report with respect to any types of swaps that the Council determines to be detrimental to the financial system stability of the United States.

Subtitle B—Regulation Non-Security-Based of Swap Markets

SEC. 721. DEFINITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3) through (17), (18) through (23), (24) through (28), (29), (30), (31) through (33), and (34) as paragraphs (5), (8) through (22), (26) through (31), (34) through (38), (40), (41), (43) through (45), and (49), respectively;

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

''(2) APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY.—The term 'appropriate Federal banking agency' has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813).

''(3) ASSOCIATED PERSON OF A SWAP PARTICIPANT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'associated person of a swap participant' means—

''(i) any partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a swap participant (including any individual who holds a similar status or performs a similar function with respect to any partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a swap participant);

''(ii) any person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, a swap participant; and

''(iii) any employee of a swap participant.

''(B) EXCLUSION.—Other than for purposes of section 4s(b)(6), the term 'associated person of a swap participant' does not include any person associated with a swap participant the functions of which are solely clerical or ministerial.

''(4) BOARD.—The term 'Board' means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.'';

(3) by inserting after paragraph (5) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(6) BROAD-BASED SECURITY INDEX.—The term 'broad-based security index' means an index that—

''(A) is not a narrow-based security index, as defined in this section; or

''(B) the Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission have jointly determined should not be treated as a narrow-based security index.

''(7) CLEARED SWAP.—The term 'cleared swap' means any swap that is, directly or indirectly, submitted to and cleared by a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commission or a clearing agency regulated with the Securities and Exchange Commission.'';

(4) in paragraph (10) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by inserting ''security futures product, or non-security-based swap'' after ''facility,'';

(5) in paragraph (11)(A)(i)(I) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by striking ''made or to be made on or subject to the rules of a contract market or derivatives transaction execution facility'' and inserting '', security futures product, or non-security-based swap'';

(6) in paragraph (16) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) in subparagraph (A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking ''paragraph (12)(A)'' and inserting ''paragraph (17)(A)'';

(7) in paragraph (17) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in the matter following clause (vii)(III)—

(I) by striking ''section 1a (11)(A)'' and inserting ''paragraph (16)(A)''; and

(II) by striking ''$25,000,000'' and inserting ''$50,000,000''; and

(ii) in clause (xi), in the matter preceding subclause (I), by striking ''total assets in an amount'' and inserting ''amounts invested on a discretionary basis, the aggregate of which is'';

(8) in paragraph (21) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by inserting ''security futures product, or non-security-based swap'' after ''of any contract market or derivatives transaction execution facility'';

(9) in paragraph (22) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by inserting '', security futures product, or non-security-based swap'' after ''of any contract market or derivatives transaction execution facility'';

(10) by inserting after paragraph (22) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(23) FOREIGN EXCHANGE FORWARD.—The term 'foreign exchange forward' means a transaction that—

''(A) occurs at a later time on the trade date or on a specific future date; and

''(B) solely involves—

''(i) the exchange of 2 different currencies at a fixed rate agreed to at the inception of the contract; or

''(ii) 1 or more payments determined by reference to the rate of exchange of 2 different currencies, or the movement thereof in accordance with a method agreed to at the inception of a contract.

''(24) FOREIGN EXCHANGE SWAP.—The term 'foreign exchange swap' means a transaction that does not involve any payment or delivery based on the level of interest rates, the price of any commodity other than a currency, or the price of, or default under, any debt or equity security or loan and solely involves—

''(A) the exchange of 2 different currencies at a fixed rate agreed to at the inception of the contract that occurs at a later time on the trade date or on a specific future date and a reverse exchange of the same currencies at a date further in the future; or

''(B) 1 or more payments determined by reference to the rate of exchange of 2 different currencies, or the movement thereof in accordance with a method agreed to at the inception of the contract, at a later time on the trade date or on a specific future date and a payment at a date further in the future that is determined by reference to the rate of exchange of the same currencies or the movement thereof in accordance with a method agreed to at the inception of the contract.

''(25) FOREIGN EXCHANGE OPTION.—The term 'foreign exchange option' means a transaction, including a put or a call, that solely entitles the buyer, upon exercise, on a specified date or upon a specified event—

''(A) to purchase from the seller a specified quantity or 1 or more currencies and to sell to the seller a specified quantity of 1 or more currencies; or

''(B) to require the seller to make a payment determined by reference to the exchange rate of such currencies or the movement thereof in accordance with a method agreed to at the inception of the contract.'';

(11) in paragraph (28) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by inserting '', security futures product, or non-security-based swap'' after ''facility''; and

(ii) by striking ''; and'' and inserting a semicolon;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(C) EXCLUSION.—The term 'futures commission merchant' does not include a person who acts only as a counterparty for non-security-based swaps with eligible contract participants and who does not otherwise engage in the activities of a futures commission merchant.'';

(12) in paragraph (30) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), in subparagraph (B), by striking ''state'' and inserting ''State'';

(13) in paragraph (31) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by inserting ''security futures product, or non-security-based swap,'' after ''facility'';

(14) by inserting after paragraph (31) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(32) SWAP PARTICIPANT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'swap participant' means any person who—

''(i) is engaged in the business of purchasing or selling swaps for such person's own account or for others;

''(ii) is making a market in swaps; or

''(iii) engages in transactions in swaps and is not a swap end user.

''(B) EXCEPTIONS.—A person shall not be deemed to be a swap participant pursuant to subparagraph (A)—

''(i) solely because that person buys or sells swaps for such person's own account or the account of any person under common control with such person, either individually or in a fiduciary capacity, but not as a part of a regular business; or

''(ii) if that person engages in a de minimis quantity of activities described in subparagraph (A) in connection with transactions with or on behalf of customers.

''(33) SWAP END USER.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'swap end user' means any person the gross aggregate notional value of whose outstanding swaps that do not qualify as bona fide hedging swap transactions—

''(i) is 5 percent or less of the gross aggregate notional value of the person's outstanding swaps; or

''(ii) is 7 percent or less of the gross aggregate notional value of the person's outstanding swaps and security-based swaps, provided that the aggregate notional value of the person's outstanding swaps and security-based swaps that do not qualify as bona fide hedging transactions and were executed in connection with the person's commercial transactions is 2 percent or more of the gross aggregate notional value of the person's outstanding swaps.

''(B) ENUMERATED SWAP END USERS.—The term 'swap end user' shall include—

''(i) an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1 et seq.); and

''(ii) an employee benefit plan as defined in section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(3)) that is subject to title I of that Act (29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

''(C) ENUMERATED EXCEPTIONS.—The term 'swap end user' shall not include—

''(i) entities defined in section 1303(20) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4502(20)); or

''(ii) an investment fund that would be an investment company (as defined in section 3 of the Investment Company Act o f 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–3)) but for paragraph (1) or (7) of section 3(c) of that Act (15 U.S.C. 80a–3(c)), and is not a partnership or other entity or any subsidiary that is primarily invested in physical assets (which shall include but not be limited to commercial real estate) directly or through interests in partnerships or limited liability companies that own such assets.

''(D) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—Upon written request from the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Financial Stability Oversight Council, a swap end user must provide information regarding the swaps that it holds. This information may not be disclosed to any other person. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Financial Stability Oversight Council to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Financial Stability Oversight Council from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency or foreign government with which the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Financial Stability Oversight Council has an information sharing arrangement that requests the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission.

''(33A) BONA FIDE HEDGING SWAP TRANSACTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'bona fide hedging swap transaction' means a purchase or sale by any person of a bona fide hedge swap that is economically appropriate to the reduction or offsetting of risks arising from—

''(i) the potential change in the value of assets which such person owns, produces, manufactures, processes, or merchandises or anticipates owning, producing, manufacturing, processing, or merchandising;

''(ii) the potential change in the cost or value of liabilities which such person owns or anticipates incurring; or

''(iii) the potential change in the cost or value of goods or services which such person provides, purchases, or anticipates providing or purchasing.

''(B) PREVENTION OF EVASION.—A swap transaction that is undertaken solely for the purpose of avoiding registration as a swap participant shall not constitute a bona fide hedging swap transaction.'';

(15) by inserting after paragraph (38) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(39) PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—The term 'prudential regulator' means—

''(A) the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in the case of—

''(i) any national banking association;

''(ii) any Federal branch or agency of a foreign bank; or

''(iii) any Federal savings association;

''(B) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in the case of—

''(i) any insured State bank;

''(ii) any foreign bank having an insured branch; or

''(iii) any State savings association;

''(C) the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in the case of—

''(i) any noninsured State member bank;

''(ii) any branch or agency of a foreign bank with respect to any provision of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) which is made applicable under the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.);

''(iii) any foreign bank which does not operate an insured branch;

''(iv) any agency or commercial lending company other than a Federal agency; or

''(v) supervisory or regulatory proceedings arising from the authority given to the Board of Governors under section 7(c)(1) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3105(c)(1)), including such proceedings under the Financial Institutions Supervisory Act of 1966 (12 U.S.C. 1464 et seq.);

''(D) the Federal Housing Finance Agency, in the case of a swap participant that is a regulated entity (as defined in section 1303(20) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4502(20))); and

''(E) the Farm Credit Administration, in the case of a swap participant that is an institution chartered under the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.).'';

(16) in paragraph (40) (as redesignated by paragraph (1))—

(A) by striking subparagraph (B);

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E) as subparagraphs (B), (C), and (F), respectively;

(C) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated), by striking ''and'';

(D) by inserting after subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated) the following:

''(D) a non-security-based swap execution facility registered under section 5h;

''(E) a non-security-based swap data repository; and'';

(17) by inserting after paragraph (41) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(42) SECURITY-BASED SWAP.—The term 'security-based swap' has the meaning given the term in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)).

''(42A) NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP.—The term 'non-security-based swap' means any swap that is not a security-based swap.'';

(18) in paragraph (45) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), by striking ''subject to section 2(h)(7)'' and inserting ''subject to section 2(h)(5)'';

(19) by inserting after paragraph (45) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(46) SWAP.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'swap' means any agreement, contract, or transaction that—

''(i) is a put, call, cap, floor, collar, or similar option of any kind that is for the purchase or sale, or based on the value, of 1 or more interest or other rates, currencies, commodities, securities, instruments of indebtedness, indices, quantitative measures, or other financial or economic interests or property of any kind;

''(ii) provides for any purchase, sale, payment, or delivery (other than a dividend on an equity security) that is dependent on the occurrence, nonoccurrence, or the extent of the occurrence of an event or contingency associated with a potential financial, economic, or commercial consequence;

''(iii) provides on an executory basis for the exchange, on a fixed or contingent basis, of 1 or more payments based on the value or level of 1 or more interest or other rates, currencies, commodities, securities, instruments of indebtedness, indices, quantitative measures, or other financial or economic interests or property of any kind, or any interest therein or based on the value thereof, and that transfers, as between the parties to the transaction, in whole or in part, the financial risk associated with a future change in any such value or level without also conveying a current or future direct or indirect ownership interest in an asset (including any enterprise or investment pool) or liability that incorporates the financial risk so transferred, including any agreement, contract, or transaction commonly known as—

''(I) an interest rate swap;

''(II) a rate floor;

''(III) a rate cap;

''(IV) a rate collar;

''(V) a cross-currency rate swap;
''(VI) a basis swap;
''(VII) a currency swap;
''(VIII) a foreign exchange swap;
''(IX) a total return swap;
''(X) a broad-based security index swap;
''(XI) an equity index swap;
''(XII) an equity swap;
''(XIII) a debt index swap;
''(XIV) a debt swap;
''(XV) a credit spread;
''(XVI) a credit default swap;
''(XVII) a credit swap;
''(XVIII) a weather swap;
''(XIX) an energy swap;
''(XX) a metal swap;
''(XXI) an agricultural swap;
''(XXII) an emissions swap; and
''(XXIII) a commodity swap;

''(iv) provides for the purchase or sale, on a fixed, contingent, or variable basis, of any commodity, currency, instrument, interest, right, service, good, article, or property of any kind;

''(v) is an agreement, contract, or transaction that is, or in the future becomes, commonly known to the trade as a swap; or

''(vi) is any combination or permutation of, or option on, any agreement, contract, or transaction described in clauses (i) through (v).

''(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term 'swap' does not include—

''(i) any contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery traded on or subject to the rules of any board of trade designated as a contract market under section 5 or 5f;

''(ii) any purchase or sale of a nonfinancial commodity for deferred or delayed shipment or delivery, so long as the transaction provides for physical delivery and is undertaken as part of, or in contemplation of, commercial or merchandising activities;

''(iii) any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security, certificate of deposit, or group or index of securities, including any interest therein or based, in whole or in part, on the value thereof, whether physically or cash settled, unless such agreement, contract, or transaction predicates such purchase or sale (or a net cash payment in lieu thereof) on the occurrence of a bona fide contingency that might reasonably be expected to affect or be affected by the creditworthiness of 1 or more reference entities;

''(iv) any agreement, contract, or transaction that is executed or traded on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(a));

''(v) any purchase or sale of 1 or more securities on a non-contingent basis for deferred or delayed delivery;

''(vi) any agreement, contract, or transaction providing for the purchase or sale of 1 or more securities (or a net cash payment in lieu thereof) on a contingent basis, unless such agreement, contract, or transaction predicates such purchase or sale (or a net cash payment in lieu thereof) on the occurrence of a bona fide contingency that might reasonably be expected to affect or be affected by the creditworthiness of 1 or more reference entities;

''(vii) any agreement, contract, or transaction for the purchase or sale, on an immediate settlement basis within the relevant regular way settlement cycle, of any currency, commodity, security, instrument of indebtedness, financial instrument, or property of any kind, or any interest therein;

''(viii) any note, bond, or evidence of indebtedness that is a security as defined in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b(a)(1)) or paragraph (10) of this subsection, or that would be a 'swap' pursuant to section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)) solely as a result of bearing a variable rate of return;

''(ix) any agreement, contract, or transaction that is—

''(I) based on, or references, a security; and

''(II) entered into directly or through an underwriter (as defined in section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act of 1933) (15 U.S.C. 77b(a)(11)) by the issuer of such security;

''(x) any security futures product;

''(xi) any agreement, contract, or transaction that is—

''(I) predominantly a banking product as provided in section 405 of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–554; 114 Stat. 2763A–455);

''(II) not marketed or sold as an alternative to a swap; and

''(III) issued or sold by a bank as defined in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a));

''(xii) any hybrid instrument that is predominantly a security as provided in section 2(f) as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this paragraph;

''(xiii)(I) any identified banking product specified in paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 206(a) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)), that is—

''(aa) not marketed or sold as an alternative to a swap, and

''(bb) issued or sold by a bank, as defined in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)); or

''(II) any agreement, contract, or transaction executed in conjunction with an identified banking product described in subclause (I), between a bank and a borrower that is not an eligible contract participant to convert the variable rate interest cost of debt to a fixed rate interest cost or vice versa, or to limit the maximum interest cost of such debt;

''(xiv) any mortgage or mortgage purchase commitment, or any sale of installment loan contracts or receivables, if such product or instrument is not marketed or sold as an alternative to a swap;

''(xv) any contract, agreement or transaction that provides a crediting interest rate and guaranty or financial assurance of liquidity at contract or book value prior to maturity offered by a bank or insurance company for the benefit of any individual or commingled fund available as an investment in a defined contribution plan (as defined in section 3(34) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1002(34)) or a qualified tuition program (as defined in section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 529));

''(xvi) any agreement, contract, or transaction a counterparty of which is a Federal Reserve bank, the United States government, a foreign central bank, or a foreign government;

''(xvii) any agreement, contract, or transaction for the performance of services;

''(xviii) any agreement, contract, or transaction that is commercial in nature or employment-related, that is not marketed as a swap, and that would otherwise be a 'swap' pursuant to subparagraph (A) solely as a result of an incidental price, compensation, or rate escalation clause;

''(xix) any agreement, contract, or transaction—

''(I) under which a payment or performance is dependent on the occurrence, non-occurrence, or the extent of the occurrence of a contingency beyond the direct control of the parties to the agreement, contract, or transaction and which conditions such payment or performance obligation on the incurrence of a loss arising from such contingency; and

''(II) that is an insurance or endowment policy or annuity contract or optional annuity contract issued by a corporation that is subject to the supervision of the insurance commissioner, bank commissioner, or any agency or officer performing like functions, of any State or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia, unless such agreement, contract, or transaction predicates such purchase or sale (or a net cash payment in lieu thereof) on the occurrence of a bona fide contingency that might reasonably be expected to affect or be affected by the creditworthiness of one or more reference entities;

''(xx) any agreement, contract, or transaction that the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission, determines, by rule or order and consistent with the purposes of the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010, should be excluded from the definition of swap.

''(47) NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA REPOSITORY.—The term 'non-security-based swap data repository' means any person that collects, calculates, prepares, or maintains information or records with respect to transactions or positions in, or the terms and conditions of, non-security-based swaps entered into by third parties.

''(48) NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP EXECUTION FACILITY.—The term 'non-security-based swap execution facility' means a facility in which multiple participants have the ability to execute or trade non-security-based swaps by accepting bids and offers made by other participants that are open to multiple participants in the facility or system, or confirmation facility, that—

''(A) facilitates the execution of non-security-based swaps between persons; and

''(B) is not a designated contract market.''; and

(20) in paragraph (49) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)), in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking ''partipants'' and inserting ''participants''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2(c)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(c)(2)(B)(i)(II)) is amended—

(A) an item (cc)—

(i) in subitem (AA), by striking ''section 1a(20)'' and inserting ''section 1a''; and

(ii) in subitem (BB), by striking ''section 1a(20)'' and inserting ''section 1a''; and

(B) in item (dd), by striking ''section 1a(12)(A)(ii)'' and inserting ''section 1a(17)(A)(ii)''.

(2) Section 4m(3) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6m(3)) is amended by striking ''section 1a(6)'' and inserting ''section 1a''.

(3) Section 4q(a)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6o–1(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a(9)''.

(4) Section 5(e)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7(e)(1)) is amended by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a(9)''.

(5) Section 5a(b)(2)(F) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a(b)(2)(F)) is amended by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a(9)''.

(6) Section 5b(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1(a)) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''section 1a(9)'' and inserting ''section 1a''.

(7) Section 5c(c)(2)(B) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2(c)(2)(B)) is amended by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a(9)''.

(8) Section 6(g)(5)(B)(i) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(g)(5)(B)(i)) is amended—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking ''section 1a(12)(B)(ii)'' and inserting ''section 1a(17)(B)(ii)''; and

(B) in subclause (II), by striking ''section 1a(12)'' and inserting ''section 1a(17)''.

(9) The Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 27 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 402—

(i) in subsection (a)(7), by striking ''section 1a(20)'' and inserting ''section 1a'';

(ii) in subsection (b)(2), by striking ''section 1a(12)'' and inserting ''section 1a'';

(iii) in subsection (c), by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a''; and

(iv) in subsection (d)—

(I) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a(9)'';

(II) in paragraph (1)—

(aa) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''section 1a(12)'' and inserting ''section 1a''; and

(bb) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''section 1a(33)'' and inserting ''section 1a'';

(III) in paragraph (2)—

(aa) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''section 1a(10)'' and inserting ''section 1a'';

(bb) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''section 1a(12)(B)(ii)'' and inserting ''section 1a(18)(B)(ii)'';

(cc) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''section 1a(12)'' and inserting ''section 1a(17)''; and

(dd) in subparagraph (D), by striking ''section 1a(13)'' and inserting ''section 1a''; and

(B) in section 404(1) by striking ''section 1a(4)'' and inserting ''section 1a''.

(c) LEGAL CERTAINTY FOR CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS IN EXEMPT COMMODITIES.—

(1) PETITION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a person may submit to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission a petition to remain subject to section 2(h) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act).

(2) TEMPORARY ALLOWANCE TO OPERATE UNDER SECTION 2(h).—The Commodity Futures Trading Commission—

(A) shall consider any petition submitted under subsection (a) in a prompt manner; and

(B) may allow a person to continue operating subject to section 2(h) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(h)) (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act) for not longer than a 1-year period.

(d) AGRICULTURAL SWAPS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), no person shall offer to enter into, or confirm the execution of, any swap in an agricultural commodity (as defined by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission).

(2) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a person may offer to enter into, enter into, or confirm the execution of, any swap in an agricultural commodity pursuant to section 4(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6(c)) or any rule, regulation, or order issued thereunder (including any rule, regulation, or order in effect as of the date of enactment of this Act) by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to allow swaps under such terms and conditions as the Commission shall prescribe.

SEC. 722. JURISDICTION.

(a) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—Section 2(a)(1)(A) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(a)(1)(A)) is amended in the first sentence—

(1) by inserting ''the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 (including an amendment made by that Act) and'' after ''otherwise provided in'';

(2) by striking ''(c) through (i) of this section'' and inserting ''(c) and (f)'';

(3) by striking ''contracts of sale'' and inserting ''non-security-based swaps or contracts of sale''; and

(4) by striking ''or derivatives transaction execution facility registered pursuant to section 5 or 5a'' and inserting ''pursuant to section 5''.

(b) REGULATION OF SWAPS UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW.—Section 12 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 16) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(h) REGULATION OF SWAPS AS INSURANCE UNDER STATE LAW.—A swap—

''(1) shall not be considered to be insurance; and

''(2) may not be regulated as an insurance contract under the law of any State.''.

(c) AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS, AND TRANSACTIONS TRADED ON AN ORGANIZED EXCHANGE.—Section 2(c)(2)(A) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking ''or'' at the end;

(2) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii); and

(3) by inserting after clause (i) the following:

''(ii) a non-security-based swap; or''.

(d) APPLICABILITY.—Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) (as amended by section 723(a)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(i) APPLICABILITY.—The swap-related provisions of this Act that were enacted by the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 (including any rule prescribed or regulation promulgated under that Act), shall not apply to activities outside the United States unless those activities—

''(1) have a direct and significant connection with activities in, or effect on, commerce of the United States; or

''(2) contravene such rules or regulations as the Commission may prescribe or promulgate as are necessary or appropriate to prevent the evasion of any provision of this Act that was enacted by the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010.''.

SEC. 723. CLEARING.

(a) CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) is amended—

(A) by striking subsections (d), (e), (g), and (h); and

(B) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (g).

(2) SWAPS; LIMITATION ON PARTICIPATION.—Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) (as amended by paragraph (1)) is amended by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

''(d) SWAPS.—Nothing in this Act (other than subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (a)(1), subsections (f) and (g), sections 1a, 2(e), 2(h), 4(c), 4a, 4b, and 4b-1, subsections (a), (b), and (g) of section 4c, sections 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4i, 4j, 4k, 4l, 4m, 4n, 4o, 4p, 4r, 4s, 4t, 5, 5b, 5c, 5e, and 5h, subsections (c) and (d) of section 6, sections 6c, 6d, 8, 8a, and 9, subsections (e)(2) and (f) of section 12, subsections (a) and (b) of section 13, sections 17, 20, 21, and 22(a)(4), and any other provision of this Act that is applicable to registered entities and Commission registrants) governs or applies to a swap.

''(e) LIMITATION ON PARTICIPATION.—It shall be unlawful for any person, other than an eligible contract participant, to enter into a non-security-based swap unless the non-security-based swap is entered into on, or subject to the rules of, a board of trade designated as a contract market under section 5.''.

(3) MANDATORY CLEARING OF NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) is amended by inserting after subsection (g) (as redesignated by paragraph (1)(B)) the following:

''(h) CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—

''(1) SWAPS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with subparagraph (B), the Commission shall, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, adopt rules to establish criteria for determining that a swap or any group, category, type, or class of swap is required to be cleared.

''(B) FACTORS.—In carrying out subparagraph (A), the following factors shall be considered:

''(i) Whether 1 or more derivatives clearing organizations or clearing agencies accepts the swap or group, category, type, or class of swap for clearing.

''(ii) Whether the swap or group, category, type, or class of swap is traded pursuant to standard documentation and terms.

''(iii) The liquidity of the swap or group, category, type, or class of swap and its underlying commodity, security, security of a reference entity, or group or index thereof.

''(iv) The ability to value the swap group, category, type, or class of swap and its underlying commodity, security, security of a reference entity, or group or index thereof consistent with an accepted pricing methodology, including the availability of intraday prices.

''(v) The size of the market for the swap or group, category, type, or class of swap and the available capacity, operational expertise, and resources of the derivatives clearing organization or clearing agency that accepts it for clearing.

''(vi) Whether a clearing mandate would mitigate risk to the financial system or whether it would unduly concentrate risk in a clearing participant, derivatives clearing organization, or clearing agency in a manner that could threaten the solvency of that clearing participant, the derivatives clearing organization, or the clearing agency.

''(vii) Such other factors as the Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Reserve Board of Governors jointly may determine are relevant.

''(C) NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS SUBJECT TO CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—The Commission—

''(i) shall review each non-security-based swap, or any group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap that is currently listed for clearing and those which a derivatives clearing organization notifies the Commission that the derivatives clearing organization plans to list for clearing after the date of enactment of this subsection;

''(ii) may require, pursuant to the rules adopted under clause (i) and through notice-and-comment rulemaking, that a particular non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap must be cleared if—

''(I) both counterparties are swap participants;

''(II) the transaction was entered into after the later of the date of publication of the rules adopted under subparagraph (A) in the Federal Register or the effective date of the requirement; and

''(III) one counterparty directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the other counterparty, provided, however, that the Commission, jointly with the Financial Stability Oversight Council, may determine, by rule or order, that transactions between certain parties under common control are subject to any requirement to clear under clause (ii); and

''(iii) shall rely on economic analysis provided by economists of the Commission in making any determination under clause (ii), which economic analysis may refer to any peer-reviewed or other relevant literature conducted by independent researchers.

''(D) EFFECT.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this paragraph affects the ability of a derivatives clearing organization to list for permissive clearing any swap, or group, category, type, or class of swap.

''(ii) PROHIBITION.—The Commission shall not compel a derivatives clearing organization to list a swap, group, category, type, or class of swap for clearing if the derivatives clearing organization determines that the swap, group, category, type, or class of swap would adversely impact its business operations, impair the financial integrity of the derivatives clearing organization, or pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

''(E) PREVENTION OF EVASION.—The Commission may prescribe rules, or issue interpretations of such rules, as necessary to prevent evasions of any requirement to clear under subparagraph (C). In issuing such rules or interpretations, the Commission shall consider—

''(i) the extent to which the terms of the non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap are similar to the terms of other non-security-based swaps, groups, categories, types, or classes of non-security-based swap that are required to be cleared by swap participants under subparagraph (C); and

''(ii) whether there is an economic purpose for any differences in the terms of the non-security-based swap or group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap that are required to be cleared by swap participants under subparagraph (C).

''(F) ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO CLEAR.—The Commission may, pursuant to the rules adopted under subparagraph (A) and through notice-and-comment rulemaking, rescind a requirement imposed under subparagraph (C) with respect to a non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap.

''(G) PETITION FOR RULEMAKING.—Any person may file a petition, pursuant to the rules of practice of the Commission, requesting that the Commission use its authority under subparagraph (C) to require swap participants to clear a particular non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap or to use its authority under subparagraph (F) to rescind a requirement for non-security-based swap participants to clear a particular non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap.

''(H) OPTION TO CLEAR FOR COUNTERPARTIES THAT ARE NOT SWAP PARTICIPANTS.—Before entering into a non-security-based swap transaction, any counterparty that is not a swap participant may elect to clear a non-security-based swap that is subject to a clearing requirement under subparagraph (C). If such counterparty elects to clear, it shall have the sole right to select the derivatives clearing organization or clearing agency at which the non-security-based swap will be cleared.

''(I) FOREIGN EXCHANGE FORWARDS, SWAPS, AND OPTIONS.—Foreign exchange forwards, swaps, and options shall not be subject to a clearing requirement under subparagraph (C) unless the Department of the Treasury and the Board of Governors determine that such a requirement is appropriate after taking into consideration whether there exists an effective settlement system for such foreign exchange forwards, swaps, and options and any other factors that the Department of the Treasury and the Board of Governors deem to be relevant.''.

SEC. 724. SWAPS; SEGREGATION AND BANKRUPTCY TREATMENT.

(a) SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARED SWAPS.—Section 4d of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6d) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f) SWAPS.—

''(1) CLEARED SWAPS.—

''(A) SEGREGATION REQUIRED.—A futures commission merchant or a swap participant shall treat and deal with all money, securities, and property of any swap customer received to margin, guarantee, or secure a swap cleared by or through a derivatives clearing organization (including money, securities, or property accruing to the swap customer as the result of such a swap) as belonging to the swap customer.

''(B) COMMINGLING PROHIBITED.—Money, securities, and property of a swap customer described in subparagraph (A) shall be separately accounted for and shall not be commingled with the funds of the futures commission merchant or the swap participant or be used to margin, secure, or guarantee any trades or contracts of any swap customer or person other than the person for whom the same are held.

''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

''(A) USE OF FUNDS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), money, securities, and property of a swap customer of a futures commission merchant or a swap participant described in paragraph (1) may, for convenience, be commingled and deposited in the same 1 or more accounts with any bank or trust company or with a derivatives clearing organization.

''(ii) WITHDRAWAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), such share of the money, securities, and property described in clause (i) as in the normal course of business shall be necessary to margin, guarantee, secure, transfer, adjust, or settle a cleared swap with a derivatives clearing organization, or with any member of the derivatives clearing organization, may be withdrawn and applied to such purposes, including the payment of commissions, brokerage, interest, taxes, storage, and other charges, lawfully accruing in connection with the cleared swap.

''(B) COMMISSION ACTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe by rule, regulation, or order, any money, securities, or property of the swap customer of a futures commission merchant or a swap participant described in paragraph (1) may be commingled and deposited as provided in this section with any other money, securities, or property received by the futures commission merchant or swap participant and required by the Commission to be separately accounted for and treated and dealt with as belonging to the swap customer of the futures commission merchant.

''(3) PERMITTED INVESTMENTS.—Money described in paragraph (1) may be invested in obligations of the United States or in any other investment that has minimal credit, market, and liquidity risks that the Commission may by rule or regulation prescribe, and such investments shall be made in accordance with such rules and regulations and subject to such conditions as the Commission may prescribe.

''(4) COMMODITY CONTRACT.—A non-security-based swap cleared by or through a derivatives clearing organization shall be considered to be a commodity contract as such term is defined in section 761 of title 11, United States Code, with regard to all money, securities, and property of any swap customer received by a futures commission merchant, a swap participant, or a derivatives clearing organization to margin, guarantee, or secure the non-security-based swap (including money, securities, or property accruing to the customer as the result of the swap).

''(5) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any person, including any derivatives clearing organization and any depository, that has received any money, securities, or property for deposit in a separate account or accounts as provided in paragraph (1) to hold, dispose of, or use any such money, securities, or property as belonging to the depositing futures commission merchant, a swap participant or any person other than the swap customer of the futures commission merchant or swap participant.''.

(b) BANKRUPTCY TREATMENT OF CLEARED NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—Section 761 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4), by striking subparagraph (F) and inserting the following:

''(F)(i) any other contract, option, agreement, or transaction that is similar to a contract, option, agreement, or transaction referred to in this paragraph; and

''(ii) with respect to a futures commission merchant, a swap participant, or a clearing organization, any other contract, option, agreement, or transaction, in each case, that is cleared by a clearing organization''; and

(2) in paragraph (9)(A)(i), by striking ''the commodity futures account'' and inserting ''a commodity contract account''.

(c) SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLEARED NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—Section 4s of the Commodity Exchange Act (as added by section 729) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(l) SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL MARGIN.—

''(1) SEGREGATION OF INITIAL MARGIN.—

''(A) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHT TO SEGREGATE.—A swap participant shall notify its counterparty before entering into a non-security-based swap transaction of the counterparty's right to require segregation of the funds or other property supplied as initial margin for the purpose of margining, guaranteeing, or securing the obligations of the counterparty.

''(B) SEGREGATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FUNDS.—At the request, made before entering into a non-security-based swap transaction, of a counterparty that provides funds or other property as initial margin to a swap participant for the purpose of margining, guaranteeing, or securing the obligations of the counterparty, the swap participant shall—

''(i) segregate the funds or other property for the benefit of the counterparty; and

''(ii) in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Commission may promulgate jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission, maintain the funds or other property in a segregated account separate from the assets and other interests of the swap participant.

''(C) NOTIFICATION OF EXCESS VARIATION MARGIN.—Pursuant to rules or regulations adopted by the Commission, a swap participant who received funds or other property shall notify any counterparty who provided such funds or other property if the swap participant is holding excess net variation margin from that counterparty.

''(2) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements described in paragraph (1) shall—

''(A) apply only to a non-security-based swap between a counterparty and a swap participant that is not submitted for clearing to a derivatives clearing organization; and

''(B)(i) not apply to variation margin payments; and

''(ii) not preclude any commercial arrangement regarding—

''(I) the investment of segregated funds or other property that may only be invested in

such investments as the Commission may permit by rule or regulation; and

''(II) the related allocation of gains and losses resulting from any investment of the segregated funds or other property.

''(3) USE OF INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CUSTODIANS.—The segregated account described in paragraph (1), if requested by the counterparty, may be—

''(A) carried by an independent third-party custodian; and

''(B) designated as a segregated account for and on behalf of the counterparty.

''(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—If the counterparty does not choose to require segregation of the funds or other property supplied as initial margin for the purpose of margining, guaranteeing, or securing the obligations of the counterparty, the swap participant shall report to the counterparty of the swap participant on a quarterly basis that the back office procedures of the swap participant relating to initial margin and collateral requirements are in compliance with the agreement of the counterparties.''.

SEC. 725. DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 5b of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1) is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

''(a) REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for a derivatives clearing organization, directly or indirectly, to make use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce to perform the functions of a derivatives clearing organization with respect to—

''(A) a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or an option on the contract of sale) or option on a commodity, in each case, unless the contract or option is—

''(i) excluded from this Act by subsection (a)(1)(C)(i), (c), or (f) of section 2; or

''(ii) a security futures product cleared by a clearing agency registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.); or

''(B) a non-security-based swap.

''(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a derivatives clearing organization that is registered with the Commission.

''(b) VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION.—A person that clears 1 or more agreements, contracts, or transactions that are not required to be cleared under this Act may register with the Commission as a derivatives clearing organization.''.

(b) REGISTRATION FOR BANKS AND CLEARING AGENCIES; EXEMPTIONS; ANNUAL REPORTS.—Section 5b of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) REQUIRED REGISTRATION FOR BANKS AND CLEARING AGENCIES.—A person that is required to be registered as a derivatives clearing organization under this section shall register with the Commission regardless of whether the person is also licensed as a bank or a clearing agency registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.).

''(h) EXISTING BANKS AND CLEARING AGENCIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A bank or clearing agency registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) that is required to be registered as a derivatives clearing organization under this section is deemed to be registered under this section to the extent that, before date of enactment of this subsection—

''(A) the bank cleared swaps as a multilateral clearing organization; or

''(B) the clearing agency cleared swaps.

''(2) CONVERSION OF BANK.—A bank to which this paragraph applies may, by the vote of the shareholders owning not less than 51 percent of the voting interests of the bank, be converted into a State corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar legal form pursuant to a plan of conversion, if the conversion is not in contravention of applicable State law.''.

(c) CORE PRINCIPLES FOR DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 5b(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) CORE PRINCIPLES FOR DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.—

''(A) COMPLIANCE.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—To be registered and to maintain registration as a derivatives clearing organization, a derivatives clearing organization shall comply with each core principle described in this paragraph and any requirement that the Commission may impose by rule or regulation pursuant to section 8a(5).

''(ii) DISCRETION OF DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATION.—Subject to any rule or regulation prescribed by the Commission, a derivatives clearing organization shall have reasonable discretion in establishing the manner by which the derivatives clearing organization complies with each core principle described in this paragraph.

''(B) FINANCIAL RESOURCES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall have adequate financial, operational, and managerial resources, as determined by the Commission, to discharge each responsibility of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(ii) MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall possess financial resources that, at a minimum, exceed the total amount that would—

''(I) enable the derivatives clearing organization to meet each financial obligation of the derivatives clearing organization to each member and participant of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(II) enable the derivatives clearing organization to cover the operating costs of the derivatives clearing organization for a period of 1 year (as calculated on a rolling basis).

''(C) PARTICIPANT AND PRODUCT ELIGIBILITY.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall establish—

''(I) appropriate admission and continuing eligibility standards (including sufficient financial resources and operational capacity to meet obligations arising from participation in the derivatives clearing organization) for members of, and participants in, the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(II) appropriate standards for determining the eligibility of agreements, contracts, and transactions submitted to the derivatives clearing organization for clearing.

''(ii) REQUIRED PROCEDURES.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall establish and implement procedures to verify, on an ongoing basis, the compliance of each participation and membership requirement of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(iii) REQUIREMENTS.—The participation and membership requirements of each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(I) be objective;

''(II) be publicly disclosed; and

''(III) permit fair and open access.

''(iv) OFFSETTING ECONOMICALLY EQUIVALENT POSITIONS.—The rules of a registered derivatives clearing organization shall prescribe that all swaps with the same terms and conditions are economically equivalent and may be offset with each other within the derivatives clearing organization.

''(D) RISK MANAGEMENT.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall ensure that the derivatives clearing organization possesses the ability to manage the risks associated with discharging the responsibilities of the derivatives clearing organization through the use of appropriate tools and procedures.

''(ii) MEASUREMENT OF CREDIT EXPOSURE.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(I) not less than once during each business day of the derivatives clearing organization, measure the credit exposures of the derivatives clearing organization to each member and participant of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(II) monitor each exposure described in subclause (I) periodically during the business day of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(iii) LIMITATION OF EXPOSURE TO POTENTIAL LOSSES FROM DEFAULTS.—Each derivatives clearing organization, through margin requirements and other risk control mechanisms, shall limit the exposure of the derivatives clearing organization to potential losses from defaults by members and participants of the derivatives clearing organization to ensure that—

''(I) the operations of the derivatives clearing organization would not be disrupted; and

''(II) nondefaulting members or participants would not be exposed to losses that nondefaulting members or participants cannot anticipate or control.

''(iv) MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.—The margin required from each member and participant of a derivatives clearing organization shall be sufficient to cover potential exposures in normal market conditions.

''(v) REQUIREMENTS REGARDING MODELS AND PARAMETERS.—Each model and parameter used in setting margin requirements under clause (iv) shall be—

''(I) risk-based; and

''(II) reviewed on a regular basis.

''(E) SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(i) complete money settlements on a timely basis (but not less frequently than once each business day);

''(ii) employ money settlement arrangements to eliminate or strictly limit the exposure of the derivatives clearing organization to settlement bank risks (including credit and liquidity risks from the use of banks to effect money settlements);

''(iii) ensure that money settlements are final when effected;

''(iv) maintain an accurate record of the flow of funds associated with each money settlement;

''(v) possess the ability to comply with each term and condition of any permitted netting or offset arrangement with any other clearing organization;

''(vi) regarding physical settlements, establish rules that clearly state each obligation of the derivatives clearing organization with respect to physical deliveries; and

''(vii) ensure that each risk arising from an obligation described in clause (vi) is identified and managed.

''(F) TREATMENT OF FUNDS.—

''(i) REQUIRED STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall establish standards and procedures that are designed to protect and ensure the safety of member and participant funds and assets.

''(ii) HOLDING OF FUNDS AND ASSETS.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall hold member and participant funds and assets in a manner by which to minimize the risk of

loss or of delay in the access by the derivatives clearing organization to the assets and funds.

''(iii) PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENTS.—Funds and assets invested by a derivatives clearing organization shall be held in instruments with minimal credit, market, and liquidity risks.

''(G) DEFAULT RULES AND PROCEDURES.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall have rules and procedures designed to allow for the efficient, fair, and safe management of events during which members or participants—

''(I) become insolvent; or

''(II) otherwise default on the obligations of the members or participants to the derivatives clearing organization.

''(ii) DEFAULT PROCEDURES.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(I) clearly state the default procedures of the derivatives clearing organization;

''(II) make publicly available the default rules of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(III) ensure that the derivatives clearing organization may take timely action—

''(aa) to contain losses and liquidity pressures; and

''(bb) to continue meeting each obligation of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(H) RULE ENFORCEMENT.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(i) maintain adequate arrangements and resources for—

''(I) the effective monitoring and enforcement of compliance with the rules of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(II) the resolution of disputes;

''(ii) have the authority and ability to discipline, limit, suspend, or terminate the activities of a member or participant due to a violation by the member or participant of any rule of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(iii) report to the Commission regarding rule enforcement activities and sanctions imposed against members and participants as provided in clause (ii).

''(I) SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(i) establish and maintain a program of risk analysis and oversight to identify and minimize sources of operational risk through the development of appropriate controls and procedures, and automated systems, that are reliable, secure, and have adequate scalable capacity;

''(ii) establish and maintain emergency procedures, backup facilities, and a plan for disaster recovery that allows for—

''(I) the timely recovery and resumption of operations of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(II) the fulfillment of each obligation and responsibility of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(iii) periodically conduct tests to verify that the backup resources of the derivatives clearing organization are sufficient to ensure daily processing, clearing, and settlement.

''(J) REPORTING.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall provide to the Commission all information that the Commission determines to be necessary to conduct oversight of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(K) RECORDKEEPING.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall maintain records of all activities related to the business of the derivatives clearing organization as a derivatives clearing organization—

''(i) in a form and manner that is acceptable to the Commission; and

''(ii) for a period of not less than 5 years.

''(L) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall provide to market participants sufficient information to enable the market participants to identify and evaluate accurately the risks and costs associated with using the services of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(ii) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall make information concerning the rules and operating procedures governing the clearing and settlement systems of the derivatives clearing organization available to market participants.

''(iii) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall disclose publicly and to the Commission information concerning—

''(I) the terms and conditions of each contract, agreement, and other transaction cleared and settled by the derivatives clearing organization;

''(II) each clearing and other fee that the derivatives clearing organization charges the members and participants of the derivatives clearing organization;

''(III) the margin-setting methodology, and the size and composition, of the financial resource package of the derivatives clearing organization;

''(IV) daily settlement prices, volume, and open interest for each contract settled or cleared by the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(V) any other matter relevant to participation in the settlement and clearing activities of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(M) INFORMATION-SHARING.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(i) enter into, and abide by the terms of, each appropriate and applicable domestic and international information-sharing agreement; and

''(ii) use relevant information obtained from each agreement described in clause (i) in carrying out the risk management program of the derivatives clearing organization.

''(N) ANTITRUST CONSIDERATIONS.—Unless appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Act, a derivatives clearing organization may not—

''(i) adopt any rule or take any action that results in any unreasonable restraint of trade; or

''(ii) impose any material anticompetitive burden.

''(O) GOVERNANCE FITNESS STANDARDS.—

''(i) GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall establish governance arrangements that are transparent—

''(I) to fulfill public interest requirements; and

''(II) to support the objectives of owners and participants.

''(ii) FITNESS STANDARDS.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall establish and enforce appropriate fitness standards for—

''(I) directors;

''(II) members of any disciplinary committee;

''(III) members of the derivatives clearing organization;

''(IV) any other individual or entity with direct access to the settlement or clearing activities of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(V) any party affiliated with any individual or entity described in this clause.

''(P) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall—

''(i) establish and enforce rules to minimize conflicts of interest in the decision-making process of the derivatives clearing organization; and

''(ii) establish a process for resolving conflicts of interest described in clause (i).

''(Q) COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING BOARDS.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall ensure that the composition of the governing board or committee of the derivatives clearing organization includes market participants.

''(R) LEGAL RISK.—Each derivatives clearing organization shall have a well-founded, transparent, and enforceable legal framework for each aspect of the activities of the derivatives clearing organization.''.

(d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Section 5b of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1) (as amended by subsection (b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(j) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) DUTY OF DERIVATIVES CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.—Each derivatives clearing organization that clears non-security-based swaps shall provide to the Commission all information that is determined by the Commission to be necessary to perform each responsibility of the Commission under this Act.

''(2) DATA COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS.—The Commission shall adopt data collection and maintenance requirements for non-security-based swaps cleared by derivatives clearing organizations that are comparable to the corresponding requirements for non-security-based swaps data reported to non-security-based swap data repositories.

''(3) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Commission shall require derivatives clearing organizations to provide information collected under paragraph (2) to any of the following regulatory authorities that requires it—

''(A) the Board;

''(B) the Securities and Exchange Commission;

''(C) each appropriate prudential regulator;

''(D) the Financial Stability Oversight Council;

''(E) the Department of Justice; and

''(F) any other person that the Commission determines to be appropriate, including—

''(i) foreign financial supervisors (including foreign futures authorities);

''(ii) foreign central banks; and

''(iii) foreign ministries.

''(4) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—Each derivatives clearing organization that clears non-security-based swaps shall provide to the Commission (including any designee of the Commission) information under paragraph (2) in such form and at such frequency as is required by the Commission to comply with the public reporting requirements contained in section 2(a)(13).''.

(e) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—Section 8(e) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 12(e)) is amended in the last sentence—

(1) by inserting '', central bank and ministries,'' after ''department'' each place it appears; and

(2) by striking ''. is a party.'' and inserting '', is a party.''.

(f) LEGAL CERTAINTY FOR IDENTIFIED BANKING PRODUCTS.—

(1) REPEALS.—The Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 27 et seq.) is amended—

(A) by striking sections 404 and 407 (7 U.S.C. 27b, 27e);

(B) in section 402 (7 U.S.C. 27), by striking subsection (d); and

(C) in section 408 (7 U.S.C. 27f)—

(i) in subsection (c)—

(I) by striking ''in the case'' and all that follows through ''a hybrid'' and inserting ''in the case of a hybrid'';

(II) by striking ''; or'' and inserting a period; and

(III) by striking paragraph (2);

(ii) by striking subsection (b); and

(iii) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

(2) LEGAL CERTAINTY FOR BANK PRODUCTS ACT OF 2000.—Section 403 of the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 27a) is amended to read as follows:

SEC. 726. TRANSPARENCY OF SWAP TRANSACTION DATA.

(a) PURPOSES.—The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is directed, consistent with the purposes of this title, to use its authority under this title to facilitate the prompt and accurate collection, calculation, processing or preparation, and public dissemination of information on transactions and positions in non-security-based swaps.

(b) TRANSPARENCY OF NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTION DATA.—The Commodity Exchange Act is amended by inserting after section 4q (7 U.S.C. 6o–1) the following:

"SEC. 4r. REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING FOR NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.

''(a) MANDATORY REPORTING OF NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person that enters into or effects a transaction in a non-security-based swap shall report such transaction through a derivatives clearing organization or a non-security-based swap data repository registered with the Commission pursuant to section 21 within the period specified by any rule or regulation adopted by the Commission under this paragraph. If no registered non-security-based swap data repository accepts the non-security-based swap, the person shall report the transaction to the Commission pursuant to the requirements that the Commission may by rule or regulation prescribe. Each transaction report shall disclose whether the transaction is a bona fide hedging swap transaction as defined in section 1a(33B) and any other information that the Commission has, by rule or regulation, prescribed as necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

''(2) PERMISSIBLE REPORTING FOR A COUNTERPARTY THAT IS NOT A SWAP PARTICIPANT.—A swap participant may report a transaction on behalf of its counterparty to that transaction provided that counterparty is not a swap participant.

''(3) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall by rule or regulation establish a schedule for the reporting through a derivatives clearing organization or registered non-security-based swap data repository or to the Commission of each non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap entered into—

''(A) before the effective date of the Commission's rule or regulation and still outstanding as of such effective date; and

''(B) on or after the effective date of the Commission's rule or regulation.

''(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED.—No non-public information provided to or obtained by the Commission under this section may be disclosed to any other person. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the Commission to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency or foreign government with which the Commission has an information sharing arrangement that requests the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission.

''(c) PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Commission is directed to use its authority under this Act to facilitate the public dissemination of prices and volumes of completed non-security-based swap transactions to provide investors and other market participants with information about recently executed transactions for the purposes of helping them to mark existing swap positions to market, make informed decisions before executing future transactions, and assess the quality of transactions they have executed. For each non-security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of non-security-based swap, the Commission shall determine by rule the extent to which individual or aggregated transaction data must be disseminated and the timeliness of such disseminations.

''(2) RELIANCE ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.—In making determinations under this subsection, the Commission shall rely on economic analyses provided by the Chief Economist of the Commission and independent researchers that empirically evaluate the effects of increasing price transparency on measures of efficiency, competition, and market quality, including transaction costs and liquidity. To facilitate such empirical analyses, the Commission may design pilot programs that increase price transparency on selected non-security-based swaps.

''(3) CHIEF ECONOMIST REPORT.—Whenever the Commission publishes a release giving notice of a proposed rulemaking under this subsection, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on such proposed rulemaking or publishes a release adopting a final rule, such release shall include as a part thereof a report by the Chief Economist of the Commission. Each report shall describe the economic analysis of the expected consequences of the proposed or final Commission action, refer to any peer-reviewed or other literature, including any empirical study undertaken by the staff of the Commission, that is relevant to the analysis contained in the report, and describe the extent to which the conclusions of the report remain subject to uncertainty.

''(4) PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.—In making determinations under this subsection, the Commission shall consider whether public dissemination of individual or aggregate transaction data could result in the dissemination of proprietary information about the swap transactions, positions, trading strategies, or the ability of particular market participants to conduct effective hedging or risk management. The rules that the Commission adopts under this subsection shall include protections to ensure that the public dissemination of swap transaction data does not result in the disclosure of such proprietary information.''.

''(5) REGISTERED ENTITIES AND PUBLIC REPORTING.—The Commission may require derivatives clearing organizations and registered non-security-based swap data repositories to publicly disseminate the non-security-based swap transaction and pricing data required to be reported under this paragraph.

''(6) QUARTERLY PUBLIC REPORTING OF AGGREGATE NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with subparagraph (B), the Commission shall issue a written report on a quarterly basis to make available to the public information relating to—

''(i) the trading and clearing in the major non-security-based swap categories; and

''(ii) the market participants and developments in new products.

''(B) USE; CONSULTATION.—In preparing a report under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall—

''(i) use any information reported directly to the Commission and information from registered non-security-based swap data repositories and derivatives clearing organizations; and

''(ii) consult with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Bank for International Settlements, and such other regulatory bodies as may be necessary.''.

SEC. 727. SWAP DATA REPOSITORIES.

The Commodity Exchange Act is amended by inserting after section 20 (7 U.S.C. 24) the following:

"SEC. 21. NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA REPOSITORIES.

''(a) REGISTRATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A non-security-based swap data repository may register by filing with the Commission an application in such form as the Commission, by rule or regulation, shall prescribe containing such information as the Commission, by rule or regulation, may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

''(2) INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION.—Each registered non-security-based swap data repository shall be subject to inspection and examination by any representative of the Commission.

''(3) INFORMATION SHARING.—The Commission shall require each registered non-security-based swap data repository to provide information with respect to its functions as a non-security-based swap data repository to any of the following regulatory authorities that requests it—

''(A) the Board;

''(B) the Securities and Exchange Commission;

''(C) each appropriate prudential regulator;

''(D) the Financial Stability Oversight Council;

''(E) the Department of Justice; and

''(F) any other person that the Commission determines to be appropriate, including—

''(i) foreign financial supervisors (including foreign futures authorities);

''(ii) foreign central banks; and

''(iii) foreign ministries.

''(b) STANDARD SETTING.—

''(1) DATA IDENTIFICATION.—The Commission shall prescribe standards that specify the data elements for each non-security-based swap, including whether the transaction is a bona fide hedging swap transaction as defined in section 1a, that shall be collected and maintained by each registered non-security-based swap data repository.

''(2) DATA COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE.—The Commission shall prescribe data collection and data maintenance standards for non-security-based swap data repositories.

''(3) COMPARABILITY.—The standards prescribed by the Commission under this subsection shall be comparable to the data standards imposed by the Commission on derivatives clearing organizations in connection with their clearing of non-security-based swaps.

''(c) DUTIES.—A registered non-security-based swap data repository shall—

''(1) accept data prescribed by the Commission for one or more non-security-based swaps;

''(2) confirm with both counterparties to the non-security-based swap the accuracy of the data that was submitted;

''(3) maintain the data described in paragraph (1) in such form, in such manner, and for such period as may be required by the Commission;

''(4)(A) provide direct electronic access to the Commission (or any designee of the Commission, including another registered entity); and

''(B) provide the information described in paragraph (1) in such form and at such frequency as the Commission may require to comply with the public reporting requirements contained in section 726 of the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010;

''(5) at the direction of the Commission, establish automated systems for monitoring,

screening, and analyzing non-security-based swap data;

''(6) maintain the confidentiality non-security-based swap transaction information that the registered non-security-based swap data repository receives from a counterparty, swap participant, or any other registered entity in accordance with the requirements that the Commission shall jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission prescribe through notice-and-comment rulemaking.

''(d) CORE PRINCIPLES APPLICABLE TO REGISTERED NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA REPOSITORIES.—

''(1) ANTITRUST CONSIDERATIONS.—Unless specifically reviewed and approved by the Commission for antitrust purposes, a registered non-security-based swap data repository may not—

''(A) adopt any rule or take any action that results in any unreasonable restraint of trade; or

''(B) impose any material anticompetitive burden on the trading, clearing, or reporting of transactions.

''(2) GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS.—Each registered non-security-based swap data repository shall establish governance arrangements that are transparent and assure fair representation of its participants in reasonable proportion to their use of the non-security-based data repository in the selection of its directors and administration of its affairs.

''(3) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—Each registered non-security-based swap data repository shall—

''(A) establish and enforce rules to minimize conflicts of interest in the decision-making process of the non-security-based swap data repository; and

''(B) establish a process for resolving conflicts of interest described in subparagraph (A).

''(4) NONDISCRIMINATORY ACCESS.—A registered non-security-based swap data repository—

''(A) may not mandate directly or indirectly the substantive terms and conditions of transactions reported to the non-security-based data repository;

''(B) must provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its participants and must not impose any schedule of prices, or fix rates or other fees, for services rendered by its participants;

''(C) provide for participation in the non-security-based swap data repository by any swap participant and any other person or class of persons as the Commission, by rule or regulation, may determine to be necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section; and

''(D) may not unfairly discriminate in the admission of participants or among participants in the use of the non-security-based swap data repository.

''(e) RULES.—The Commission shall adopt rules, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission, governing persons that are registered under this section.''.

SEC. 728. LARGE NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRADER REPORTING.

The Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) is amended by adding after section 4s (as added by section 729) the following:

''SEC. 4t. LARGE NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRADER REPORTING.

''(a) PROHIBITION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), it shall be unlawful for any person to enter into any non-security-based swap that the Commission determines to perform a significant price discovery function with respect to registered entities if—

''(A) the person directly or indirectly enters into the non-security-based swap during any 1 day in an amount equal to or in excess of such amount as shall be established periodically by the Commission; and

''(B) the person directly or indirectly has or obtains a position in the non-security-based swap equal to or in excess of such amount as shall be established periodically by the Commission.

''(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply if—

''(A) the person files or causes to be filed with the properly designated officer of the Commission such reports regarding any transactions or positions described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) as the Commission may require by rule or regulation; and

''(B) in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, the person keeps books and records of all such non-security-based swaps and any transactions and positions in any related commodity traded on or subject to the rules of any board of trade, and of cash or spot transactions in, inventories of, and purchase and sale commitments of, such a commodity.

''(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Books and records described in subsection (a)(2)(B) shall—

''(1) show such complete details concerning all transactions and positions as the Commission may prescribe by rule or regulation; and

''(2) be open at all times to inspection and examination by any representative of the Commission.

''(c) APPLICABILITY.—For purposes of this section, the non-security-based swaps, futures, and cash or spot transactions and positions of any person shall include the non-security-based swaps, futures, and cash or spot transactions and positions of any persons directly or indirectly controlled by the person.

''(d) SIGNIFICANT PRICE DISCOVERY FUNCTION.—In making a determination as to whether a non-security-based swap performs or affects a significant price discovery function with respect to registered entities, the Commission shall consider the factors described in section 4a(a)(3).''.

SEC. 729. REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF SWAP PARTICIPANTS.

The Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 4r (as added by section 726) the following:

''SEC. 4s. REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF SWAP PARTICIPANTS.

''(a) REGISTRATION.—Swap participants must register with the Commission.

''(b) NOTICE REGISTRATION.—A swap participants shall be exempt from registration with the Commission, if it files a notice registration with the Commission in the form and manner that the Commission shall prescribe, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission, by notice-and-comment rulemaking and—

''(1) it is exempt pursuant to a rule or order, issued by the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission, to exempt swap participants that engage primarily in security-based swap transactions and are registered as swap participants with the Securities and Exchange Commission; or

''(2) all of its outstanding swap transactions are cleared swaps.

''(c) REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A person shall register as a swap participant by filing a registration application with the Commission.

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''(A) IN GENERAL.—The application shall be made in such form and manner and containing such information as the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, shall prescribe concerning the swap participant's swap activities.

''(B) CONTINUAL REPORTING.—A person that is registered as a swap participant shall continue to submit to the Commission reports that contain such information pertaining to the swap participant's swap activities as the Commission may require.

''(3) TRANSITION.—Rules under this section shall provide for the registration of swap participants 1 year after the date of enactment of the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010.

''(4) STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION.—Except to the extent otherwise specifically provided by rule, regulation, or order, it shall be unlawful for a swap participant to permit any person associated with a swap participant who is subject to a statutory disqualification to effect or be involved in effecting swaps on behalf of the swap participant, if the swap participant knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, of the statutory disqualification.

''(d) CAPITAL AND MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRUDENTIALLY REGULATED SWAP PARTICIPANTS.—Each swap participant for which there is a prudential regulator shall meet such minimum capital requirements as such prudential regulator shall prescribe pursuant to the authority of the prudential regulator.

''(2) MARGIN REQUIREMENTS FOR SWAP PARTICIPANTS FOR UNCLEARED NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the Commission shall prescribe by rule or regulation the minimum margin requirements that apply to transactions between swap participants in a particular uncleared non-security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of uncleared non-security-based swap, as the Commission deems appropriate for the risk of that particular uncleared non-security-based swap or class, group, category, type of uncleared non-security-based swap, for the purposes of—

''(i) reducing the risk of losses to counterparties; and

''(ii) preserving the financial integrity of markets trading non-security-based swaps.

''(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Commission shall not issue rules under this subsection unless the Commission determines that such rules—

''(i) would not inappropriately encourage or discourage the clearing of certain non-security-based swaps, resulting in an undue increase in risk to the financial system;

''(ii) are supported by economic analysis provided by the Chief Economist of the Commission; and

''(iii) would not impose any unnecessary burden on competition.

''(C) EXCEPTIONS.—The Commission shall not impose minimum margin requirements on—

''(i) positions in foreign exchange forwards, swaps, or options; and

''(ii) non-security-based swap transactions in which one counterparty directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the other counterparty, provided, however, that the Commission, jointly with the Financial Stability Oversight Council, may determine, by notice-and-comment rulemaking, that transactions between certain parties under common control are subject to the minimum margin requirements imposed by the Commission under this subsection.

''(D) OUTSTANDING SWAP POSITIONS.—The Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission may by joint notice-and-comment rulemaking or order exempt any

swap, group, category, type, or class of swap entered into on or before the date of enactment of this Act. In determining whether an exemption is appropriate, the Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission shall take into account the notional value, the tenor, and the risk to the financial stability of the United States posed by the underlying swap, group, category, type, or class of swap.

''(3) SPECIAL MARGIN REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLEARED SWAP TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING A SWAP PARTICIPANT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL NET UNCOLLATERALIZED SWAP POSITION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If a swap participant has a substantial net uncollateralized swap position, any subsequent swap transaction, regardless of whether the swap participant's counterparty is a swap participant, shall be subject to—

''(i) any applicable clearing requirement under section (h); and

''(ii) any applicable margin requirements that the Commission has prescribed under paragraph (2).

''(B) SUBSTANTIAL NET UNCOLLATERALIZED POSITION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—From time to time, the Financial Stability Oversight Council shall define, by rule or regulation, 'substantial net uncollateralized swap position' by identifying the level of a net uncollateralized position in swaps that a swap participant can hold without posing a threat to the financial system stability of the United States.

''(ii) RELIANCE ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.—In making determinations under this subsection, the Commission and the Board of Governors shall rely on economic analysis provided by economists of the Commission and economists of the Board of Governors.

''(e) REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING.—With respect to its swap business, each swap participant registered with the Commission—

''(1) shall make such reports as are required by the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking;

''(2)(A) for which there is a prudential regulator, shall keep books and records in such form and manner and for such period as may be prescribed by the prudential regulator; and

''(B) for which there is no prudential regulator, shall keep books and records in such form and manner and for such period as is prescribed by the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, by rule or regulation; and

''(3) shall keep books and records described in subparagraph (B) open to inspection and examination by any representative of the Commission.

''(f) BUSINESS CONDUCT STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to its swap business, each swap participant—

''(1) for which there is a prudential regulator, shall comply with such business conduct standards and requirements as the prudential regulator may impose; and

''(2) for which there is no prudential regulator, shall comply with such business conduct standards and requirements as the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, shall prescribe. Such business conduct requirements shall—

''(A) establish the standard of care required for a swap participant to verify that any counterparty meets the eligibility standards for an eligible contract participant; and

''(B) require disclosure by the swap participant to any counterparty to the swap (other than a counterparty that is a swap participant) of—

''(i) information about the material risks and characteristics of the swap; and

''(ii) any material conflicts of interest that the swap participant may have in connection with the swap.

''(g) DOCUMENTATION AND BACK OFFICE STANDARDS.—Each swap participant registered with the Commission—

''(1) for which there is a prudential regulator, shall comply with such documentation and back office standards as the prudential regulator may impose; and

''(2) for which there is no prudential regulator, shall conform with such standards as the Commission, jointly with the Securities and Exchange Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, may prescribe that relate to timely and accurate confirmation, processing, netting, documentation, and valuation of all swaps.

''(h) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission may not be compelled to disclose any information required by Commission rule or regulation to be reported to the Commission under this subsection, except that nothing in this paragraph authorizes the Commission to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subsection shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552.''.

SEC. 730. NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP EXECUTION FACILITIES.

The Commodity Exchange Act is amended by inserting after section 5g (7 U.S.C. 7b–2) the following:

''SEC. 5h. NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP EXECUTION FACILITIES.

''(a) REGISTRATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—No person may operate a facility for the trading or processing of non-security-based swaps unless the facility is registered as a non-security-based swap execution facility or as a designated contract market under this section.

''(2) DUAL REGISTRATION.—Any person that is required to register as a non-security-based swap execution facility under this section shall register with the Commission regardless of whether the person also is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

''(b) TRADING AND TRADE PROCESSING.—A non-security-based swap execution facility that is registered under subsection (a) may—

''(1) make available for trading any non-security-based swap; and

''(2) facilitate trade processing of any non-security-based swap.

''(c) TRADING BY CONTRACT MARKETS.—A board of trade that operates a contract market shall, to the extent that the board of trade also operates a non-security-based swap execution facility and uses the same electronic trade execution system for trading on the contract market and the non-security-based swap execution facility, identify whether the electronic trading is taking place on the contract market or the non-security-based swap execution facility.

''(d) CORE PRINCIPLES FOR NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP EXECUTION FACILITIES.—

''(1) COMPLIANCE WITH CORE PRINCIPLES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—To be registered, and maintain registration, as a non-security-based swap execution facility, the non-security-based swap execution facility shall comply with—

''(i) the core principles described in this subsection; and

''(ii) any requirement that the Commission may impose by rule or regulation pursuant to section 8a(5).

''(B) REASONABLE DISCRETION OF NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP EXECUTION FACILITY.—Unless otherwise determined by the Commission by rule or regulation, a non-security-based swap execution facility described in subparagraph (A) shall have reasonable discretion in establishing the manner in which the non-security-based swap execution facility complies with the core principles described in this subsection.

''(2) COMPLIANCE WITH RULES.—A non-security-based swap execution facility shall—

''(A) monitor and enforce compliance with any rule of the non-security-based swap execution facility, including—

''(i) the terms and conditions of the non-security-based swaps traded or processed on or through the non-security-based swap execution facility; and

''(ii) any limitation on access to the non-security-based swap execution facility; and

''(B) establish and enforce trading, trade processing, and participation rules that will deter abuses and have the capacity to detect, investigate, and enforce those rules, including means—

''(i) to provide market participants with impartial access to the market; and

''(ii) to capture information that may be used in establishing whether rule violations have occurred.

''(3) SWAPS NOT READILY SUSCEPTIBLE TO MANIPULATION.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall permit trading only in non-security-based swaps that are not readily susceptible to manipulation.

''(4) MONITORING OF TRADING AND TRADE PROCESSING.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall—

''(A) establish and enforce rules or terms and conditions defining, or specifications detailing—

''(i) trading procedures to be used in entering and executing orders traded on or through the facilities of the non-security-based swap execution facility; and

''(ii) procedures for trade processing of non-security-based swaps on or through the facilities of the non-security-based swap execution facility; and

''(B) monitor trading in non-security-based swaps to prevent manipulation, price distortion, and disruptions of the delivery or cash settlement process through surveillance, compliance, and disciplinary practices and procedures, including methods for conducting real-time monitoring of trading and comprehensive and accurate trade reconstructions.

''(5) INFORMATION SHARING.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall—

''(A) establish and enforce rules that will allow the facility to obtain any necessary information to perform any of the functions described in this section;

''(B) provide the information to the following on request—

''(i) the Commission;

''(ii) the Securities and Exchange Commission;

''(iii) the Board;

''(iv) each appropriate prudential regulator;

''(v) the Council;

''(vi) the Department of Justice; and

''(vii) any other foreign regulatory authority that the Commission determines to be appropriate and with whom the Commission has entered into an information sharing agreement; and

''(C) have the capacity to carry out such international information-sharing agreements as the Commission may require.

''(6) POSITION LIMITS OR ACCOUNTABILITY.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—To reduce the potential threat of market manipulation or congestion, especially during trading in the delivery month, the non-security-based swap execution facility shall adopt for each of the contracts of the facility, as is necessary and appropriate, position limitations or position accountability for speculators.

''(B) POSITION LIMITS.—For any contract that is subject to a position limitation established by the Commission pursuant to section 4a(a), the non-security-based swap execution facility shall set its position limitation at a level no higher than the Commission limitation.

''(C) POSITION ENFORCEMENT.—For any contract that is subject to a position limitation established by the Commission pursuant to section 4a(a), a non-security-based swap execution facility shall reject any proposed non-security-based swap transaction if, based on information readily available to a non-security-based swap execution facility, any proposed non-security-based swap transaction would cause a non-security-based swap execution facility customer that would be a party to such swap transaction to exceed such position limitation.

''(7) FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF TRANSACTIONS.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall establish and enforce rules and procedures for ensuring the financial integrity of non-security-based swaps entered on or through the facilities of the non-security-based swap execution facility, including the clearance and settlement of the non-security-based swaps pursuant to section 2(h)(1).

''(8) EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall adopt rules to provide for the exercise of emergency authority, in consultation or cooperation with the Commission, as is necessary and appropriate, including the authority to liquidate or transfer open positions in any non-security-based swap or to suspend or curtail trading in a non-security-based swap.

''(9) TIMELY PUBLICATION OF TRADING INFORMATION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall make public timely information on price, trading volume, and other trading data on non-security-based swaps to the extent prescribed by the Commission.

''(B) CAPACITY OF NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAP EXECUTION FACILITY.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall be required to have the capacity to electronically capture trade information with respect to transactions executed on the facility.

''(10) RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A non-security-based swap execution facility shall—

''(i) maintain records of all activities relating to the business of the facility, including a complete audit trail, in a form and manner acceptable to the Commission for a period of 5 years; and

''(ii) report to the Commission, in a form and manner acceptable to the Commission, such information as the Commission determines to be necessary or appropriate for the Commission to perform the duties of the Commission under this Act.

''(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The Commission shall adopt data collection and reporting requirements for non-security-based swap execution facilities that are comparable to corresponding requirements for derivatives clearing organizations and non-security-based swap data repositories.

''(11) ANTITRUST CONSIDERATIONS.—Unless necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Act, the non-security-based swap execution facility shall avoid—

''(A) adopting any rules or taking any actions that result in any unreasonable restraint of trade; or

''(B) imposing any material anticompetitive burden on trading or clearing.

''(12) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall—

''(A) establish and enforce rules to minimize conflicts of interest in its decision-making process; and

''(B) establish a process for resolving the conflicts of interest.

''(13) FINANCIAL RESOURCES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall have adequate financial, operational, and managerial resources to discharge each responsibility of the non-security-based swap execution facility.

''(B) DETERMINATION OF RESOURCE ADEQUACY.—The financial resources of a non-security-based swap execution facility shall be considered to be adequate if the value of the financial resources exceeds the total amount that would enable the non-security-based swap execution facility to cover the operating costs of the non-security-based swap execution facility for a 1-year period, as calculated on a rolling basis.

''(14) SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS.—The non-security-based swap execution facility shall—

''(A) establish and maintain a program of risk analysis and oversight to identify and minimize sources of operational risk, through the development of appropriate controls and procedures, and automated systems, that—

''(i) are reliable and secure; and

''(ii) have adequate scalable capacity;

''(B) establish and maintain emergency procedures, backup facilities, and a plan for disaster recovery that are designed to allow for—

''(i) the timely recovery and resumption of operations; and

''(ii) the fulfillment of the responsibilities and obligation of the non-security-based swap execution facility; and

''(C) periodically conduct tests to verify that the backup resources of the non-security-based swap execution facility are sufficient to ensure continued—

''(i) order processing and trade matching;

''(ii) price reporting;

''(iii) market surveillance and

''(iv) maintenance of a comprehensive and accurate audit trail.

''(e) EXEMPTIONS.—The Commission may exempt, conditionally or unconditionally, a non-security-based swap execution facility from registration under this section if the Commission finds that the facility is subject to comparable, comprehensive supervision and regulation on a consolidated basis by the Securities and Exchange Commission, a prudential regulator, or the appropriate governmental authorities in the home country of the facility.

''(f) RULES.—The Commission shall prescribe rules governing the regulation of alternative non-security-based swap execution facilities under this section.''.

SEC. 731. DERIVATIVES TRANSACTION EXECUTION FACILITIES AND EXEMPT BOARDS OF TRADE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 5a and 5d of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a, 7a–3) are repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)(A), in the first sentence, by striking ''or 5a''; and

(B) in paragraph (2) of subsection (g) (as redesignated by section 723(a)(1)(B)), by striking ''section 5a of this Act'' and all that follows through ''5d of this Act'' and inserting ''section 5b of this Act''.

(2) Section 6(g)(1)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(g)(1)(A)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''that—'' and all that follows through ''(i) has been designated'' and inserting ''that has been designated'';

(B) by striking ''; or'' and inserting ''; and'' and

(C) by striking clause (ii).

SEC. 732. DESIGNATED CONTRACT MARKETS.

(a) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—Section 5 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7) is amended by striking subsection (b).

(b) CORE PRINCIPLES FOR CONTRACT MARKETS.—Section 5 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

''(d) CORE PRINCIPLES FOR CONTRACT MARKETS.—

''(1) DESIGNATION AS BOARD OF TRADE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—To be designated, and maintain a designation, as a contract market, a board of trade shall comply with—

''(i) any core principle described in this subsection; and

''(ii) any requirement that the Commission may impose by rule or regulation pursuant to section 8a(5).

''(B) REASONABLE DISCRETION OF BOARD OF TRADE.—Unless otherwise determined by the Commission by rule or regulation, a board of trade described in subparagraph (A) shall have reasonable discretion in establishing the manner in which the board of trade complies with the core principles described in this subsection.

''(2) COMPLIANCE WITH RULES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The board of trade shall establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with the rules of the contract market, including—

''(i) access requirements;

''(ii) the terms and conditions of any contracts to be traded on the contract market; and

''(iii) rules prohibiting abusive trade practices on the contract market.

''(B) CAPACITY OF BOARD OF TRADE.—The board of trade shall have the capacity to detect, investigate, and apply appropriate sanctions to any person that violates any rule of the contract market.

''(C) REQUIREMENT OF RULES.—The rules of the contract market shall provide the board of trade with the ability and authority to obtain any necessary information to perform any function described in this subsection, including the capacity to carry out such international information-sharing agreements as the Commission may require.

''(3) CONTRACTS NOT READILY SUBJECT TO MANIPULATION.—The board of trade shall list on the contract market only contracts that are not readily susceptible to manipulation.

''(4) PREVENTION OF MARKET DISRUPTION.—The board of trade shall have the capacity and responsibility to prevent manipulation, price distortion, and disruptions of the delivery or cash-settlement process through market surveillance, compliance, and enforcement practices and procedures, including—

''(A) methods for conducting real-time monitoring of trading; and

''(B) comprehensive and accurate trade reconstructions.

''(5) POSITION LIMITATIONS OR ACCOUNTABILITY.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—To reduce the potential threat of market manipulation or congestion (especially during trading in the delivery month), the board of trade shall adopt for each contract of the board of trade, as is necessary and appropriate, position limitations or position accountability for speculators.

''(B) MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE POSITION LIMITATION.—For any contract that is subject to a position limitation established by the Commission pursuant to section 4a(a), the board

of trade shall set the position limitation of the board of trade at a level not higher than the position limitation established by the Commission.

''(6) EMERGENCY AUTHORITY.—The board of trade, in consultation or cooperation with the Commission, shall adopt rules to provide for the exercise of emergency authority, as is necessary and appropriate, including the authority—

''(A) to liquidate or transfer open positions in any contract;

''(B) to suspend or curtail trading in any contract; and

''(C) to require market participants in any contract to meet special margin requirements.

''(7) AVAILABILITY OF GENERAL INFORMATION.—The board of trade shall make available to market authorities, market participants, and the public accurate information concerning—

''(A) the terms and conditions of the contracts of the contract market; and

''(B)(i) the rules, regulations, and mechanisms for executing transactions on or through the facilities of the contract market; and

''(ii) the rules and specifications describing the operation of the contract market's—

''(I) electronic matching platform; or

''(II) trade execution facility.

''(8) DAILY PUBLICATION OF TRADING INFORMATION.—The board of trade shall make public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for actively traded contracts on the contract market.

''(9) EXECUTION OF TRANSACTIONS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The board of trade shall provide a competitive, open, and efficient market and mechanism for executing transactions that protects the price discovery process of trading in the centralized market of the board of trade.

''(B) RULES.—The rules of the board of trade may authorize, for bona fide business purposes—

''(i) transfer trades or office trades;

''(ii) an exchange of—

''(I) futures in connection with a cash commodity transaction;

''(II) futures for cash commodities; or

''(III) futures for non-security-based swaps; or

''(iii) a futures commission merchant, acting as principal or agent, to enter into or confirm the execution of a contract for the purchase or sale of a commodity for future delivery if the contract is reported, recorded, or cleared in accordance with the rules of the contract market or a derivatives clearing organization.

''(10) TRADE INFORMATION.—The board of trade shall maintain rules and procedures to provide for the recording and safe storage of all identifying trade information in a manner that enables the contract market to use the information—

''(A) to assist in the prevention of customer and market abuses; and

''(B) to provide evidence of any violations of the rules of the contract market.

''(11) FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF TRANSACTIONS.—The board of trade shall establish and enforce—

''(A) rules and procedures for ensuring the financial integrity of transactions entered into on or through the facilities of the contract market (including the clearance and settlement of the transactions with a derivatives clearing organization); and

''(B) rules to ensure—

''(i) the financial integrity of any—

''(I) futures commission merchant; and

''(II) introducing broker; and

''(ii) the protection of customer funds.

''(12) PROTECTION OF MARKETS AND MARKET PARTICIPANTS.—The board of trade shall establish and enforce rules—

''(A) to protect markets and market participants from abusive practices committed by any party, including abusive practices committed by a party acting as an agent for a participant; and

''(B) to promote fair and equitable trading on the contract market.

''(13) DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES.—The board of trade shall establish and enforce disciplinary procedures that authorize the board of trade to discipline, suspend, or expel members or market participants that violate the rules of the board of trade, or similar methods for performing the same functions, including delegation of the functions to third parties.

''(14) DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The board of trade shall establish and enforce rules regarding, and provide facilities for alternative dispute resolution as appropriate for, market participants and any market intermediaries.

''(15) GOVERNANCE FITNESS STANDARDS.—The board of trade shall establish and enforce appropriate fitness standards for directors, members of any disciplinary committee, members of the contract market, and any other person with direct access to the facility (including any party affiliated with any person described in this paragraph).

''(16) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—The board of trade shall establish and enforce rules—

''(A) to minimize conflicts of interest in the decision-making process of the contract market; and

''(B) to establish a process for resolving conflicts of interest described in subparagraph (A).

''(17) COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING BOARDS OF CONTRACT MARKETS.—The governance arrangements of the board of trade shall be designed to promote the objectives of market participants.

''(18) RECORDKEEPING.—The board of trade shall maintain records of all activities relating to the business of the contract market—

''(A) in a form and manner that is acceptable to the Commission; and

''(B) for a period of at least 5 years.

''(19) ANTITRUST CONSIDERATIONS.—Unless appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Act, the board of trade shall, to the maximum extent practicable, avoid—

''(A) adopting any rule or taking any action that results in any unreasonable restraint of trade; or

''(B) imposing any material anticompetitive burden on trading on the contract market.

''(20) SYSTEM SAFEGUARDS.—The board of trade shall—

''(A) establish and maintain a program of risk analysis and oversight to identify and minimize sources of operational risk, through the development of appropriate controls and procedures, and the development of automated systems, that are reliable, secure, and have adequate scalable capacity;

''(B) establish and maintain emergency procedures, backup facilities, and a plan for disaster recovery that allow for the timely recovery and resumption of operations and the fulfillment of the responsibilities and obligations of the board of trade; and

''(C) periodically conduct tests to verify that backup resources are sufficient to ensure continued order processing and trade matching, price reporting, market surveillance, and maintenance of a comprehensive and accurate audit trail.

''(21) FINANCIAL RESOURCES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The board of trade shall have adequate financial, operational, and managerial resources to discharge each responsibility of the board of trade.

''(B) DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY.—The financial resources of the board of trade shall be considered to be adequate if the value of the financial resources exceeds the total amount that would enable the contract market to cover the operating costs of the contract market for a 1-year period, as calculated on a rolling basis.''.

SEC. 733. MARGIN.

Section 8a(7) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 12a(7)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (C), by striking '', excepting the setting of levels of margin'';

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) through (F) as subparagraphs (E) through (G), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following:

''(D) margin requirements, provided that the rules, regulations, or orders shall—

''(i) be limited to protecting the financial integrity of the derivatives clearing organization;

''(ii) be designed for risk management purposes to protect the financial integrity of transactions; and

''(iii) not set specific margin amounts;''.

SEC. 734. POSITION LIMITS ON NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.

(a) AGGREGATE POSITION LIMITS.—Section 4a(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6a(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting after ''(a)'' the following: ''(1) IN GENERAL.—'';

(2) in the first sentence, by striking ''on electronic trading facilities with respect to a significant price discovery contract'' and inserting ''non-security-based swaps that perform or affect a significant price discovery function with respect to registered entities'';

(3) in the second sentence—

(A) by inserting '', including any group or class of traders,'' after ''held by any person''; and

(B) by striking ''on an electronic trading facility with respect to a significant price discovery contract,'' and inserting ''non-security-based swaps traded on or subject to the rules of a non-security-based swaps execution facility, or non-security-based swaps not traded on or subject to the rules of a non-security-based swaps execution facility that perform a significant price discovery function with respect to a registered entity,''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(2) AGGREGATE POSITION LIMITS.—The Commission may, by rule or regulation, establish limits (including related hedge exemption provisions) on the aggregate number or amount of positions in contracts based on the same underlying commodity (as defined by the Commission) that may be held by any person, including any group or class of traders, for each month across—

''(A) contracts listed by designated contract markets;

''(B) with respect to an agreement, contract, or transaction that settles against, or in relation to, any price (including the daily or final settlement price) of 1 or more contracts listed for trading on a registered entity, contracts traded on a foreign board of trade that provides members or other participants located in the United States with direct access to the electronic trading and order matching system of the foreign board of trade;

''(C) non-security-based swaps traded on or subject to the rules of a non-security-based swap execution facility; and

''(D) non-security-based swaps not traded on or subject to the rules of a non-security-based swap execution facility that perform or affect a significant price discovery function with respect to a registered entity.

''(3) SIGNIFICANT PRICE DISCOVERY FUNCTION.—In making a determination as to

whether a non-security-based swap performs or affects a significant price discovery function with respect to registered entities, the Commission shall consider, as appropriate, the following factors:

''(A) PRICE LINKAGE.—The extent to which the non-security-based swap uses or otherwise relies on a daily or final settlement price, or other major price parameter, of another contract traded on a registered entity based on the same underlying commodity, to value a position, transfer or convert a position, financially settle a position, or close out a position.

''(B) ARBITRAGE.—The extent to which the price for the non-security-based swap is sufficiently related to the price of another contract traded on a registered entity based on the same underlying commodity so as to permit market participants to effectively arbitrage between the markets by simultaneously maintaining positions or executing trades in the non-security-based swaps on a frequent and recurring basis.

''(C) MATERIAL PRICE REFERENCE.—The extent to which, on a frequent and recurring basis, bids, offers, or transactions in a contract traded on a registered entity are directly based on, or are determined by referencing, the price generated by the swap.

''(D) MATERIAL LIQUIDITY.—The extent to which the volume of non-security-based swaps being traded in the commodity is sufficient to have a material effect on another contract traded on a registered entity.

''(E) OTHER MATERIAL FACTORS.—Such other material factors as the Commission specifies by rule or regulation as relevant to determine whether a non-security-based swap serves a significant price discovery function with respect to a regulated market.

''(4) EXEMPTIONS.—The Commission, by rule, regulation, or order, may exempt, conditionally or unconditionally, any person or class of persons, any non-security-based swap or class of non-security-based swaps, or any transaction or class of transactions from any requirement that the Commission establishes under this section with respect to position limits.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 4a(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6a(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ''or derivatives transaction execution facility or facilities or electronic trading facility'' and inserting ''or non-security-based swap execution facility or facilities''; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking ''or derivatives transaction execution facility or facilities or electronic trading facility'' and inserting ''or non-security-based swap execution facility''.

SEC. 735. FOREIGN BOARDS OF TRADE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6(b)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking ''The Commission'' and inserting the following:

''(2) PERSONS LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES.—

''(3) IN GENERAL.—The Commission'';

(2) in the second sentence, by striking ''Such rules and regulations'' and inserting the following:

''(B) DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS.—Rules and regulations described in subparagraph (A)'';

(3) in the third sentence—

(A) by striking ''No rule or regulation'' and inserting the following:

''(C) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in paragraphs (1) and (2), no rule or regulation'';

(B) by striking ''that (1) requires'' and inserting the following: ''that—

''(i) requires''; and

(C) by striking ''market, or (2) governs'' and inserting the following: ''market; or

''(ii) governs''; and

(4) by inserting before paragraph (2) (as designated by paragraph (1)) the following:

''(1) FOREIGN BOARDS OF TRADE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for a foreign board of trade to provide to the members of the foreign board of trade or other participants located in the United States direct access to the electronic trading and order-matching system of the foreign board of trade with respect to an agreement, contract, or transaction that settles against any price (including the daily or final settlement price) of 1 or more contracts listed for trading on a registered entity, unless the Commission determines that—

''(i) the foreign board of trade makes public daily trading information regarding the agreement, contract, or transaction that is comparable to the daily trading information published by the registered entity for the 1 or more contracts against which the agreement, contract, or transaction traded on the foreign board of trade settles; and

''(ii) the foreign board of trade (or the foreign futures authority that oversees the foreign board of trade)—

''(I) adopts position limits (including related hedge exemption provisions) for the agreement, contract, or transaction that are comparable to the position limits (including related hedge exemption provisions) adopted by the registered entity for the 1 or more contracts against which the agreement, contract, or transaction traded on the foreign board of trade settles;

''(II) has the authority to require or direct market participants to limit, reduce, or liquidate any position the foreign board of trade (or the foreign futures authority that oversees the foreign board of trade) determines to be necessary to prevent or reduce the threat of price manipulation, excessive speculation as described in section 4a, price distortion, or disruption of delivery or the cash settlement process;

''(III) agrees to promptly notify the Commission, with regard to the agreement, contract, or transaction that settles against any price (including the daily or final settlement price) of 1 or more contracts listed for trading on a registered entity, of any change regarding—

''(aa) the information that the foreign board of trade will make publicly available;

''(bb) the position limits that the foreign board of trade or foreign futures authority will adopt and enforce;

''(cc) the position reductions required to prevent manipulation, excessive speculation as described in section 4a, price distortion, or disruption of delivery or the cash settlement process; and

''(dd) any other area of interest expressed by the Commission to the foreign board of trade or foreign futures authority;

''(IV) provides information to the Commission regarding large trader positions in the agreement, contract, or transaction that is comparable to the large trader position information collected by the Commission for the 1 or more contracts against which the agreement, contract, or transaction traded on the foreign board of trade settles; and

''(V) provides the Commission such information as is necessary to publish reports on aggregate trader positions for the agreement, contract, or transaction traded on the foreign board of trade that are comparable to such reports on aggregate trader positions for the 1 or more contracts against which the agreement, contract, or transaction traded on the foreign board of trade settles.

''(B) EXISTING FOREIGN BOARDS OF TRADE.—Subparagraph (A) shall not be effective with respect to any foreign board of trade to which, prior to the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Commission granted direct access permission until the date that is 180 days after that date of enactment.''.

(b) LIABILITY OF REGISTERED PERSONS TRADING ON A FOREIGN BOARD OF TRADE.—Section 4 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting ''or by subsection (e)'' after ''Unless exempted by the Commission pursuant to subsection (c)''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(e) LIABILITY OF REGISTERED PERSONS TRADING ON A FOREIGN BOARD OF TRADE.—A person registered with the Commission, or exempt from registration by the Commission, under this Act may not be found to have violated subsection (a) with respect to a transaction in, or in connection with, a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery if the person has reason to believe that the transaction and the contract is made on or subject to the rules of a foreign board of trade that has complied with paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b).''.

(c) CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT FOR FOREIGN FUTURES CONTRACTS.—Section 22(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 25(a)) (as amended by section 736) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(6) CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT FOR FOREIGN FUTURES CONTRACTS.—A contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery traded or executed on or through the facilities of a board of trade, exchange, or market located outside the United States for purposes of section 4(a) shall not be void, voidable, or unenforceable, and a party to such a contract shall not be entitled to rescind or recover any payment made with respect to the contract, based on the failure of the foreign board of trade to comply with any provision of this Act.''.

SEC. 736. LEGAL CERTAINTY FOR NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.

Section 22(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 25(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

''(4) CONTRACT ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—No hybrid instrument sold to any investor shall be void, voidable, or unenforceable, and no party to a hybrid instrument shall be entitled to rescind, or recover any payment made with respect to, the hybrid instrument under this section or any other provision of Federal or State law, based solely on the failure of the hybrid instrument to comply with the terms or conditions of section 2(f) or regulations of the Commission.

''(B) NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—No agreement, contract, or transaction between eligible contract participants or persons reasonably believed to be eligible contract participants shall be void, voidable, or unenforceable, and no party to an agreement, contract, or transaction shall be entitled to rescind, or recover any payment made with respect to, the agreement, contract, or transaction under this section or any other provision of Federal or State law, based solely on the failure of the agreement, contract, or transaction—

''(i) to meet the definition of a non-security-based swap under section 1a; or

''(ii) to be cleared in accordance with section 2(h)(1).

''(5) LEGAL CERTAINTY.—

''(A) EFFECT ON NON-SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—Unless specifically reserved in the applicable bilateral trading agreement, neither the enactment of the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010, nor any requirement under that Act or an amendment made by that Act, shall constitute a termination event, force majeure, illegality, increased

costs, regulatory change, or similar event under a bilateral trading agreement (including any related credit support arrangement) that would permit a party to terminate, renegotiate, modify, amend, or supplement 1 or more transactions under the bilateral trading agreement.

''(B) POSITION LIMITS.—Any position limit established under the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010 shall not apply to a position acquired in good faith prior to the effective date of any rule, regulation, or order under the Act that establishes the position limit; *provided*, however, that such positions shall be attributed to the trader if the trader's position is increased after the effective date of such position limit rule, regulation, or order.''.

SEC. 737. MULTILATERAL CLEARING ORGANIZATIONS.

Sections 408 and 409 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 4421, 4422) are repealed.

SEC. 738. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 4b of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6b) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2), by striking ''or other agreement, contract, or transaction subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5a(g),'' and inserting ''or non-security-based swap,'';

(B) in subsection (b), by striking ''or other agreement, contract or transaction subject to paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 5a(g),'' and inserting ''or non-security-based swap,''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(e) It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce, or of the mails, or of any facility of any registered entity, in or in connection with any order to make, or the making of, any contract of sale of any commodity for future delivery (or option on such a contract), or any non-security-based swap, on a group or index of securities (or any interest therein or based on the value thereof) that is a broad-based security index—

''(1) to employ any device, scheme, or artifice to defraud;

''(2) to make any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; or

''(3) to engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.''.

(2) Section 4c(a)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6c(a)(1)) is amended by inserting ''or non-security-based swap'' before ''if the transaction is used or may be used''.

(3) Section 6(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 9) is amended in the first sentence by inserting ''or of any non-security-based swap,'' before ''or has willfully made''.

(4) Section 6(d) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 13b) is amended in the first sentence, in the matter preceding the proviso, by inserting ''or of any non-security-based swap,'' before ''or otherwise is violating''.

(5) Section 6c(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 13a–1(a)) is amended in the matter preceding the proviso by inserting ''or any non-security-based swap'' after ''commodity for future delivery''.

(6) Section 9 of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 13) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by inserting ''or of any non-security-based swap,'' before ''or to corner''; and

(ii) in paragraph (4), by inserting ''registered non-security-based swap data repository,'' before ''or futures association'' and

(B) in subsection (e)(1)—

(i) by inserting ''registered non-security-based swap data repository,'' before ''or registered futures association''; and

(ii) by inserting '', or non-security-based swaps,'' before ''on the basis''.

(7) Section 9(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 13(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(6) Any person to abuse the end user clearing exemption under section 2(h)(4), as determined by the Commission.''.

(8) Section 8(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(11) SWAPS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (B), this section shall apply to any swap participant, derivatives clearing organization, registered non-security-based swap data repository, security-based swap data repository, or non-security-based swap execution facility regardless of whether the participant, organization, repository, or facility is an insured depository institution, for which the Board, the Corporation, or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency is the appropriate Federal banking agency or prudential regulator for purposes of the amendments made by the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010.

''(B) LIMITATION.—The authority described in subparagraph (A) shall be limited by, and exercised in accordance with, section 4b–1 of the Commodity Exchange Act.''.

SEC. 739. RETAIL COMMODITY TRANSACTIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking ''(to the extent provided in section 5a(g)), 5b, 5d, or 12(e)(2)(B))'' and inserting '', 5b, or 12(e)(2)(B))''; and

(2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following:

''(D) RETAIL COMMODITY TRANSACTIONS.—

''(i) APPLICABILITY.—Except as provided in clause (ii), this subparagraph shall apply to any agreement, contract, or transaction in any commodity that is—

''(I) entered into with, or offered to (even if not entered into with), a person that is not an eligible contract participant or eligible commercial entity; and

''(II) entered into, or offered (even if not entered into), on a leveraged or margined basis, or financed by the offeror, the counterparty, or a person acting in concert with the offeror or counterparty on a similar basis.

''(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—This subparagraph shall not apply to—

''(I) an agreement, contract, or transaction described in paragraph (1) or subparagraphs (A), (B), or (C), including any agreement, contract, or transaction specifically excluded from subparagraph (A), (B), or (C);

''(II) any security;

''(III) a contract of sale that—

''(aa) results in actual delivery within 28 days or such other longer period as the Commission may determine by rule or regulation based upon the typical commercial practice in cash or spot markets for the commodity involved; or

''(bb) creates an enforceable obligation to deliver between a seller and a buyer that have the ability to deliver and accept delivery, respectively, in connection with the line of business of the seller and buyer; or

''(IV) an agreement, contract, or transaction that is listed on a national securities exchange registered under section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(a)).

''(iii) ENFORCEMENT.—Sections 4(a), 4(b), and 4b apply to any agreement, contract, or transaction described in clause (i), as if the agreement, contract, or transaction was a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery.

''(iv) ELIGIBLE COMMERCIAL ENTITY.—For purposes of this subparagraph, an agricultural producer, packer, or handler shall be considered to be an eligible commercial entity for any agreement, contract, or transaction for a commodity in connection with the line of business of the agricultural producer, packer, or handler.

''(v) ACTUAL DELIVERY.—For purposes of clause (ii)(III), the term 'actual delivery' does not include delivery to a third party in a financed transaction in which the commodity is held as collateral.''.

(b) GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT.—Section 206 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (Public Law 106–102; 15 U.S.C. 78c note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ''For purposes of'' and inserting ''Except as provided in subsection (e), for purposes of''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(e) LIMITATION OF DEFINITION OF IDENTIFIED BANKING PRODUCT.—Except as provided in section 403 of the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 27a), for purposes of section 131 of the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010, the term 'identified banking product' does not include a retail commodity transaction.''.

SEC. 740. OTHER AUTHORITY.

Unless otherwise provided by the amendments made by this subtitle, the amendments made by this subtitle do not divest any appropriate Federal banking agency, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or other Federal or State agency of any authority derived from any other applicable law.

SEC. 741. ENHANCED COMPLIANCE BY REGISTERED ENTITIES.

(a) CORE PRINCIPLES FOR CONTRACT MARKETS.—Section 5(d) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7(d)) (as amended by section 732(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) DESIGNATION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—To be designated as, and to maintain the designation of, a board of trade as a contract market, the board of trade shall comply with—

''(i) the core principles described in this subsection; and

''(ii) any requirement that the Commission may impose by rule or regulation pursuant to section 8a(5).

''(B) DISCRETION OF BOARD OF TRADE.—Unless the Commission determines otherwise by rule or regulation, the board of trade shall have reasonable discretion in establishing the manner by which the board of trade complies with each core principle.''.

(b) CORE PRINCIPLES.—Section 5b(c)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1(c)(2)) (as amended by section 725(c)) is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

''(A) REGISTRATION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—To be registered and to maintain registration as a derivatives clearing organization, a derivatives clearing organization shall comply with—

''(I) the core principles described in this paragraph; and

''(II) any requirement that the Commission may impose by rule or regulation pursuant to section 8a(5).

''(ii) DISCRETION OF COMMISSION.—Unless the Commission determines otherwise by rule or regulation, a derivatives clearing organization shall have reasonable discretion in establishing the manner by which the derivatives clearing organization complies with each core principle.''.

(c) EFFECT OF INTERPRETATION.—Section 5c(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) EFFECT OF INTERPRETATION.—An interpretation issued under paragraph (1) may provide the exclusive means for complying with each section described in paragraph (1).''.

SEC. 742. INSIDER TRADING.

Section 4c(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6c(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(3) CONTRACT OF SALE.—It shall be unlawful for any employee or agent of any department or agency of the Federal Government who, by virtue of the employment or position of the employee or agent, acquires information that may affect or tend to affect the price of any commodity in interstate commerce, or for future delivery, or any non-security-based swap, and which information has not been disseminated by the department or agency of the Federal Government holding or creating the information in a manner which makes it generally available to the trading public, or disclosed in a criminal, civil, or administrative hearing, or in a congressional, administrative, or Government Accountability Office report, hearing, audit, or investigation, to use the information in his personal capacity and for personal gain to enter into, or offer to enter into—

''(A) a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or option on such a contract);

''(B) an option (other than an option executed or traded on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(a)); or

''(C) a non-security-based swap.

''(4) IMPARTING OF NONPUBLIC INFORMATION.—

''(A) IMPARTING OF NONPUBLIC INFORMATION.—It shall be unlawful for any employee or agent of any department or agency of the Federal Government who, by virtue of the employment or position of the employee or agent, acquires information that may affect or tend to affect the price of any commodity in interstate commerce, or for future delivery, or any swap, and which information has not been disseminated by the department or agency of the Federal Government holding or creating the information in a manner which makes it generally available to the trading public, or disclosed in a criminal, civil, or administrative hearing, or in a congressional, administrative, or Government Accountability Office report, hearing, audit, or investigation, to impart the information in his personal capacity and for personal gain with intent to assist another person, directly or indirectly, to use the information to enter into, or offer to enter into—

''(i) a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or option on such a contract);

''(ii) an option (other than an option executed or traded on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(a)); or

''(iii) a non-security-based swap; and

''(B) KNOWING USE.—It shall be unlawful for any person who receives information imparted by any employee or agent of any department or agency of the Federal Government as described in subparagraph (A) to knowingly use such information to enter into, or offer to enter into—

''(i) a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or option on such a contract);

''(ii) an option (other than an option executed or traded on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(a)); or

''(iii) a non-security-based swap; and

''(C) THEFT OF NONPUBLIC INFORMATION.—It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly to steal, convert, or misappropriate acquire, by any means whatsoever, governmental information held or created by any department or agency of the Federal Government that may affect or tend to affect the price of any commodity in interstate commerce, or for future delivery, or any non-security-based swap, where such person knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should know acts in reckless disregard of the fact, that such information has not been disseminated by the department or agency of the Federal Government holding or creating the information in a manner which makes it generally available to the trading public, or disclosed in a criminal, civil, or administrative hearing, or in a congressional, administrative, or Government Accountability Office report, hearing, audit, or investigation, and to use such information, or to impart such information with the intent to assist another person, directly or indirectly, to use such information to enter into, or offer to enter into—

''(i) a contract of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or option on such a contract);

''(ii) an option (other than an option executed or traded on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to section 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f(a)); or

''(iii) a non-security-based swap.

Provided, however, that nothing in this subparagraph shall preclude a person that has provided information concerning, or generated by, the person, its operations or activities, to any employee or agent of any department or agency of the Federal Government, voluntarily or as required by law, from using such information to enter into, or offer to enter into, a contract of sale, option, or non-security-based swap described in clauses (i), (ii), or (iii).''.

SEC. 743. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Section 2(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 2(c)(1)) is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''5a (to the extent provided in section 5a(g)),''.

(b) Section 4d of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6d) (as amended by section 724) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking ''engage as'' and inserting ''be a''; and

(ii) by striking ''or introducing broker'' and all that follows through ''or derivatives transaction execution facility'';

(B) in paragraph (1), by striking ''or introducing broker''; and

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking ''if a futures commission merchant,''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(g) It shall be unlawful for any person to be an introducing broker unless such person shall have registered under this Act with the Commission as an introducing broker and such registration shall not have expired nor been suspended nor revoked.''.

(c) Section 5c of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–2) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by striking '', 5a(d),''; and

(B) by striking ''and section (2)(h)(7) with respect to significant price discovery contracts,''; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), by striking ''section 4d(c) of this Act'' and inserting ''section 4d(e)''.

(d) Section 5e of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7b) is amended by striking ''or revocation of the right of an electronic trading facility to rely on the exemption set forth in section 2(h)(3) with respect to a significant price discovery contract,''.

(e) Section 6(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 8(b)) is amended in the first sentence by striking '', or to revoke the right of an electronic trading facility to rely on the exemption set forth in section 2(h)(3) with respect to a significant price discovery contract,''.

(f) Section 12(e)(2)(B) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 16(e)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''section 2(c), 2(d), 2(f), or 2(g) of this Act'' and inserting ''section 2(c), 2(f), or 2(i) of this Act''; and

(2) by striking ''2(h) or''.

(g) Section 17(r)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 21(r)(1)) is amended by striking ''section 4d(c) of this Act'' and inserting ''section 4d(e)''.

(h) Section 22(b)(1)(A) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 25(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking ''section 2(h)(7) or''.

(i) Section 408(2)(C) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 4421(2)(C)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''section 2(c), 2(d), 2(f), or (2)(g) of such Act'' and inserting ''section 2(c), 2(f), or 2(i) of that Act''; and

(2) by striking ''2(h) or''.

Subtitle C—Regulation of Security-Based Swap Markets

SEC. 761. DEFINITIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (13), by adding at the end the following: ''For security-based swaps, such terms include the execution, termination (prior to its scheduled maturity date), assignment, exchange, or similar transfer or conveyance of, or extinguishing of rights or obligations under, a security-based swap, as the context may require.'';

(2) in paragraph (14), by adding at the end the following: ''For security-based swaps, such terms include the execution, termination (prior to its scheduled maturity date), assignment, exchange, or similar transfer or conveyance of, or extinguishing of rights or obligations under, a security-based swap, as the context may require.'';

(3) in paragraph (39)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)(i)(I), by striking ''or government securities dealer'' and inserting ''government securities dealer, or swap participant'';

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i)(II), by inserting ''swap participant,'' after ''government securities dealer,'';

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''or government securities dealer'' and inserting ''government securities dealer, or swap participant''; and

(D) in subparagraph (D), by inserting ''swap participant,'' after ''government securities dealer,''; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

''(65) ELIGIBLE CONTRACT PARTICIPANT.—The term 'eligible contract participant' has the same meaning as in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).

''(66) SWAP PARTICIPANT.—The term 'swap participant' has the same meaning as in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).

''(67) SECURITY-BASED SWAP.—The term 'security-based swap' means—

''(A) an instrument that is not a security; and

''(B) a swap, of which 1 or more material terms—

''(i) is based on the price, yield, value, or volatility of—

''(I) any single security, any narrow-based group or narrow-based index of securities, or any interest therein; or

''(II) any single loan, any narrow-based group or narrow-based index of loans, or any interest therein;

''(ii) is dependent on the occurrence, nonoccurrence, or the extent of the occurrence of an event or contingency associated with a potential financial, economic, or commercial consequence that is related to or based on—

''(I) a single security, an interest in a security, an issuer of a security, or narrow-based group or narrow-based index of securities, or interests in securities or issuers of securities; or

''(II) a single loan, an interest in a loan, a recipient of a loan, or narrow-based group or narrow-based index of loans, or interests in loans or recipients of loans;

''(iii) provides for the purchase or sale of no more than 9 securities or loans on a contingent basis, whether physically or cash settled, if such agreement, contract, or transaction predicates such purchase or sale (or a net cash payment in lieu thereof) on the occurrence of a bona fide contingency that might reasonably be expected to affect or be affected by the creditworthiness of 1 or more reference entities; or

''(iv) allows for payment, settlement, termination, fulfillment, or extinguishment of the swap or delivery on the swap, by means of the transfer or receipt of no more than 9 securities or loans, including any narrow-based group or narrow-based index of securities or loans.

''(68) CLEARED SWAP.—The term 'cleared swap' means any swap that is, directly or indirectly, submitted to and cleared by a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission or a clearing agency registered with the Commission.

''(69) SWAP.—The term 'swap' has the same meaning as in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).

''(70) ASSOCIATED PERSON OF A SWAP PARTICIPANT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'associated person of a swap participant' means—

''(i) any partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a swap participant (including any individual who holds a similar status or performs a similar function with respect to any partner, officer, director, or branch manager of a swap participant);

''(ii) any person that directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, a swap participant; and

''(iii) any employee of a swap participant.

''(B) EXCLUSION.—The term 'associated person of a swap participant' does not include any person associated with a swap participant the functions of which are solely clerical or ministerial.

''(71) APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY.—The term 'appropriate Federal banking agency' has the same meaning as in section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(q)).

''(72) BOARD.—The term 'Board' means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

''(73) PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—The term 'prudential regulator' has the same meaning as in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).

''(74) SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA REPOSITORY.—The term 'security-based swap data repository' means any person that collects, calculates, prepares, or maintains information or records with respect to transactions or positions in, or the terms and conditions of, security-based swaps entered into by third parties.

''(75) SWAP END USER.—The term 'swap end user' has the same meaning as in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).

''(76) BROAD-BASED SECURITY INDEX.—The term 'broad-based security index' has the same meaning as in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a).''.

(b) DEFINITIONS UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the following: ''Any offer or sale of a security-based swap by or on behalf of the issuer of the securities upon which such security-based swap is based or which it references, an affiliate of the issuer, or an underwriter, shall constitute a contract for sale of, sale of, offer for sale, or offer to sell such securities.''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(17) The terms 'security-based swap', and 'swap', have the same meanings as in paragraphs (67) and (69), respectively, of section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

''(18) The terms 'purchase' or 'sale' of a security-based swap, shall be deemed to mean the execution, termination (prior to its scheduled maturity date), assignment, exchange, novation, or similar transfer or conveyance of, or extinguishment (prior to its scheduled extinguishment date) of material rights or obligations under, a security-based swap, as the context may require.''.

SEC. 762. REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON REGULATION OF SWAPS.

(a) REPEAL OF LAW.—The following provisions of law are repealed:

(1) Sections 206A, 206B, and 206C of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 78c note).

(2) Section 2A of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77b–1).

(3) Section 17(d) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77q(d)).

(4) Section 3A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c–1).

(5) Section 9(i) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78i(i)).

(6) Section 15(i) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o(i)), as added by section 303(f) of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–554; 114 Stat. 2763A–455).

(7) Section 16(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78p(g)).

(8) Section 20(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78t(f)).

(9) Section 21A(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u–1(g)).

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77q(a)) is amended by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)'' and inserting ''(as defined in section 3(a)(67) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(67))''.

(c) CONFORMING AND OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 9(a) (15 U.S.C. 78i(a)), by striking paragraphs (2) through (5) and inserting the following:

''(2) To effect, alone or with 1 or more other persons, a series of transactions in any security registered on a national securities exchange, any security not so registered, or in connection with any swap with respect to such security creating actual or apparent active trading in such security, or raising or depressing the price of such security, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security by others.

''(3) If a dealer or broker, or other person selling or offering for sale or purchasing or offering to purchase the security to induce the purchase or sale of any security registered on a national securities exchange, any security not so registered, or any swap with respect to such security by the circulation or dissemination in the ordinary course of business of information to the effect that the price of any such security will or is likely to rise or fall because of market operations of any 1 or more persons conducted for the purpose of raising or depressing the price of such security.

''(4) If a dealer or broker, or the person selling or offering for sale or purchasing or offering to purchase the security, to make, regarding any security registered on a national securities exchange, any security not so registered, or any swap with respect to such security, for the purpose of inducing the purchase or sale of such security or such swap, any statement which was at the time and in the light of the circumstances under which it was made, false or misleading with respect to any material fact, and which he knew or had reasonable ground to believe was so false or misleading.

''(5) For a consideration, received directly or indirectly from a dealer or broker, or other person selling or offering for sale or purchasing or offering to purchase the security, to induce the purchase of any security registered on a national securities exchange, any security not so registered, or any swap with respect to such security by the circulation or dissemination of information to the effect that the price of any such security will or is likely to rise or fall because of the market operations of any 1 or more persons conducted for the purpose of raising or depressing the price of such security.'';

(2) in section 10 (15 U.S.C. 78j)—

(A) by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)''; and

(B) by striking ''agreements (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)'' each place that term appears;

(3) in section 15(c) (15 U.S.C. 78o(c)), by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)'' each place that term appears;

(4) in section 16 (15 U.S.C. 78p)—

(A) in subsection (a)(2)(C), by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206(b) of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)'';

(B) in subsection (a)(3)(B), by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)''; and

(C) in subsection (b), by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)'' each place that the term appears;

(5) in section 20(d) (15 U.S.C. 78t(d)), by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)''; and

(6) in section 21A(a)(1) (15 U.S.C. 78u–1), by striking ''agreement (as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)''.

SEC. 763. CLEARING.

(a) REGISTERED CLEARING AGENCIES.—Section 17A(b)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q-1) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(J) The Commission shall require clearing agencies to provide information collected related to the clearing of security-based swaps by such agencies to any of the following regulatory authorities that requests such information:

''(i) The Board.

''(ii) The Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

''(iii) Each appropriate prudential regulator.

''(iv) The Financial Stability Oversight Council.

''(v) The Department of Justice.

''(vi) Any other person that the Commission determines to be appropriate, including—

''(I) foreign financial supervisors (including foreign futures authorities);

''(II) foreign central banks; and

''(III) foreign ministries.

''(K) A person that is required to be registered as a clearing agency under this section shall register with the Commission regardless of whether the person is also licensed as a bank or a derivatives clearing organization registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 7a–1).''.

(b) REQUIRED CLEARING.—The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 17C, as added by this subtitle, the following:

''SEC. 17D. CLEARING OF SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTIONS.

''(a) CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—

''(1) SWAPS SUBJECT TO MANDATORY CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with paragraph (2), the Commission shall, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Board, adopt rules to establish criteria for determining that a swap, or any group, category, type, or class of swap is required to be cleared.

''(2) FACTORS.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the following factors shall be considered—

''(A) whether 1 or more derivatives clearing organizations or clearing agencies accepts the swap or the group, category, type, or class of swap for clearing;

''(B) whether the swap or the group, category, type, or class of swap is traded pursuant to standard documentation and terms;

''(C) the liquidity of the swap or the group, category, type, or class of swap and its underlying commodity, security, security of a reference entity, or group or index thereof;

''(D) the ability to value the swap or the group, category, type, or class of swap and its underlying commodity, security, security of a reference entity, or group or index thereof consistent with an accepted pricing methodology, including the availability of intraday prices;

''(E) the size of the market for the swap or the group, category, type, or class of swap and the available capacity, operational expertise, and resources of the derivatives clearing organization or clearing agency that accepts it for clearing;

''(F) whether a clearing mandate would mitigate risk to the financial system or whether such a mandate would unduly concentrate risk in a clearing participant, derivatives clearing organization, or clearing agency in a manner that could threaten the solvency of that clearing participant, the derivatives clearing organization, or the clearing agency; and

''(G) such other factors as the Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Board may jointly determine are relevant.

''(3) SECURITY-BASED SWAPS SUBJECT TO CLEARING REQUIREMENT.—The Commission—

''(A) shall review each security-based swap, or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap that is currently listed for clearing and those which a clearing agency notifies the Commission that the clearing agency plans to list for clearing after the date of enactment of this subsection;

''(B) may require, pursuant to the rules adopted under paragraph (1) and through notice-and-comment rulemaking, that a particular security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap must be cleared if—

''(i) both counterparties are swap participants;

''(ii) the transaction was entered into on or before the later of—

''(I) the date of publication of the requirement in the Federal Register; or

''(II) the effective date of the requirement; and

''(iii) one of the counterparties directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the other counterparty to the transaction, provided, however, that the Commission, jointly with the Financial Stability Oversight Council, may determine, by rule or order, that transactions between certain parties under common control are subject to any requirement to clear under this clause; and

''(C) shall rely on economic analysis provided by economists of the Commission in making any determination under subparagraph (B), which economic analysis may refer to any peer-reviewed or other relevant literature conducted by independent researchers.

''(4) EFFECT.—

''(A) Nothing in this subsection affects the ability of a clearing agency to list for permissive clearing any security-based swap, or group, category, type, or class of security-based swap.

''(B) The Commission shall not compel a clearing agency to list a security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap for clearing if the clearing agency determines that the security-based swap or the group, category, type, or class of security-based swap would—

''(i) adversely impact the business operations of the clearing agency;

''(ii) impair the financial integrity of the clearing agency; or

''(iii) pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

''(5) PREVENTION OF EVASION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may prescribe rules, or issue interpretations of such rules, as necessary to prevent evasions of any requirement to clear under paragraph (3).

''(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing rules or interpretations under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall consider—

''(i) the extent to which the terms of the security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap are similar to the terms of other security-based swaps or other groups, categories, types, or classes of security-based swaps that are required to be cleared by swap participants under paragraph (3); and

''(ii) whether there is an economic purpose for any differences in the terms of the security-based swap or group, category, type, or class of security-based swap that are required to be cleared by swap participants under paragraph (3).

''(6) ELIMINATION OF REQUIREMENT TO CLEAR.—The Commission may, pursuant to the rules adopted under paragraph (1) and through notice-and-comment rulemaking, rescind a requirement imposed under paragraph (3) with respect to a security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap.

''(7) PETITION FOR RULEMAKING.—Any person may file a petition, pursuant to the rules of practice of the Commission, requesting that the Commission—

''(A) use the authority granted to the Commission under paragraph (3) to require swap participants to clear a particular security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap; or

''(B) use the authority granted to the Commission under paragraph (6) to rescind a requirement for swap participants to clear a particular security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap.

''(8) OPTION TO CLEAR FOR COUNTERPARTIES THAT ARE NOT SWAP PARTICIPANTS.—Before entering into a security-based swap transaction, any counterparty that is not a swap participant may elect to clear a security-based swap that is subject to a clearing requirement under paragraph (3). If such counterparty elects to clear, it shall have the sole right to select the derivatives clearing organization or clearing agency at which the security-based swap will be cleared.

''(b) SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CLEARED SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—

''(A) SEGREGATION REQUIRED.—A swap participant shall treat and deal with all money, securities, and property of any swap customer received to margin, guarantee, or secure a security-based swap cleared by or through a clearing agency (including money, securities, or property accruing to the swap customer as the result of such a swap) as belonging to the swap customer.

''(B) COMMINGLING PROHIBITED.—Money, securities, and property of a swap customer described in subparagraph (A)—

''(i) shall be separately accounted for; and

''(ii) shall not be—

''(I) commingled with the funds of the swap participant; or

''(II) used to margin, secure, or guarantee any trades or contracts of any swap customer or person other than the person for whom the same are held.

''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

''(A) USE OF FUNDS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), money, securities, and property of a swap customer of a swap participant described in paragraph (1) may, for convenience, be commingled and deposited in the same 1 or more accounts with any bank or trust company or with a clearing agency.

''(ii) WITHDRAWAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), such share of the money, securities, and property described in clause (i) as in the normal course of business shall be necessary to margin, guarantee, secure, transfer, adjust, or settle a cleared swap with a clearing agency, or with any member of the clearing agency, may be withdrawn and applied to such purposes, including the payment of commissions, brokerage, interest, taxes, storage, and other charges, lawfully accruing in connection with the cleared swap.

''(B) COMMISSION ACTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), in accordance with such terms and conditions as the Commission may prescribe by rule, regulation, or order, any money, securities, or property of the swap customer of a swap participant described in paragraph (1) may be commingled and deposited as provided in this subsection with any other money, securities, or property received by the swap participant and required by the Commission to be separately accounted for and treated and dealt with as belonging to the swap customer.

''(3) PERMITTED INVESTMENTS.—Money described in paragraph (1) may be invested in obligations of the United States or in any other investment that has minimal credit, market, and liquidity risks that the Commission may by rule or regulation prescribe, and such investments shall be made in accordance with such rules and regulations and subject to such conditions as the Commission may prescribe.

''(4) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful for any person, including any clearing agency and any depository institution, that has received any money, securities, or property for deposit in a separate account or accounts as provided in paragraph (1) to hold, dispose of,

or use any such money, securities, or property as belonging to the depositing swap participant or any person other than the swap customer of the swap participant.''.

SEC. 764. TRANSPARENCY OF SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTION DATA.

(a) PURPOSES.—The Securities and Exchange Commission is directed, consistent with the purposes of this subtitle, to use the authorities granted to it under this title, and the amendments made by this subtitle, to facilitate the prompt and accurate collection, calculation, processing or preparation, and public dissemination of information on transactions and positions in security-based swaps.

(b) NATIONAL TRADE REPORTING OF SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTIONS.—The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended by inserting after section 17B (15 U.S.C. 78q–2) the following:

''SEC. 17C. NATIONAL TRADE REPORTING OF SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTIONS.

''(a) MANDATORY REPORTING OF SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—

''(A) TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—Any person that enters into or effects a transaction in a security-based swap shall report such transaction through a clearing agency or a security-based swap data repository registered with the Commission within the period specified by any rule or regulation adopted by the Commission under this paragraph.

''(B) UNCLEARED SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—If no registered security-based swap data repository accepts an uncleared security-based swap, the person shall report the transaction to the Commission pursuant to the requirements that the Commission may by rule or regulation prescribe.

''(C) MANDATORY DISCLOSURES.—Each transaction report required under subparagraph (A) shall disclose whether the transaction is a bona fide hedging swap transaction, as that term is defined in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1a), and any other information that the Commission has, by rule or regulation, prescribed as necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

''(2) PERMISSIBLE REPORTING FOR A COUNTERPARTY THAT IS NOT A SECURITY-BASED SWAP PARTICIPANT.—A swap participant may report a transaction in accordance with this section on behalf of its counterparty to that transaction provided that counterparty is not a swap participant.

''(3) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Commission shall by rule or regulation establish a schedule for the reporting through a clearing agency or registered security-based swap data repository or to the Commission of each security-based swap transaction or group, category, type, or class of security-based swap transactions entered into—

''(A) before the effective date of the Commission's rule or regulation and still outstanding as of such effective date; and

''(B) on or after the effective date of the Commission's rule or regulation.

''(b) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED.—No non-public information provided to or obtained by the Commission under this section may be disclosed to any other person. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the Commission to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency or foreign government with which the Commission has an information sharing arrangement that requests the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission.

''(c) PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—

''(A) PRICES AND VOLUMES.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Commission is directed to use the authority granted to the Commission under this title to facilitate the public dissemination of prices and volumes of completed security-based swap transactions to provide investors and other market participants with information about recently executed transactions for the purposes of helping such investors and participants to—

''(i) mark existing security-based swap positions to market;

''(ii) make informed decisions before executing future transactions; and

''(iii) assess the quality of transactions that such investors and participants have executed.

''(B) RULEMAKING.—For each security-based swap or group, category, type, or class of security-based swap, the Commission shall determine by rule the extent to which individual or aggregated transaction data shall be disseminated and the timeliness of such disseminations.

''(2) RELIANCE ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In making determinations under this subsection, the Commission shall rely on economic analyses provided by the Chief Economist of the Commission and independent researchers that empirically evaluate the effects of increasing price transparency on measures of efficiency, competition, and market quality, including transaction costs and liquidity.

''(B) PILOT PROGRAMS.—To facilitate the empirical analyses under subparagraph (A), the Commission may design pilot programs that increase price transparency on selected security-based swaps.

''(3) CHIEF ECONOMIST REPORT.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Commission publishes a release giving notice of a proposed rulemaking under this subsection, and affords interested persons an opportunity to comment on such proposed rulemaking or publishes a release adopting a final rule, such release shall include as a part thereof a report by the Chief Economist of the Commission.

''(B) REQUIRED INCLUSIONS.—Each report required under subparagraph (A) shall—

''(i) describe the economic analysis of the expected consequences of the proposed or final Commission action;

''(ii) refer to any peer-reviewed or other literature, including any empirical study undertaken by the staff of the Commission, that is relevant to the analysis contained in the report; and

''(iii) describe the extent to which the conclusions of the report remain subject to uncertainty.

''(4) PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.—

''(A) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making determinations under this subsection, the Commission shall consider whether public dissemination of individual or aggregate transaction data could result in the dissemination of proprietary information about the swap transactions, positions, trading strategies, or the ability of particular market participants to conduct effective hedging or risk management.

''(B) REQUIRED RULES.—Any rules adopted by the Commission under this subsection shall include protections to ensure that the public dissemination of security-based swap transaction data does not result in the disclosure of the proprietary information described in subparagraph (A).

''(5) REGISTERED ENTITIES AND PUBLIC REPORTING.—The Commission may require clearing agencies and registered security-based swap data repositories to publicly disseminate the security-based swap transaction and pricing data required to be reported under this subsection.

''(6) QUARTERLY PUBLIC REPORTING OF AGGREGATE SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with subparagraph (B), the Commission shall issue a written report on a quarterly basis to make available to the public information relating to—

''(i) the trading and clearing in the major security-based swap categories; and

''(ii) the market participants and developments in new products.

''(B) USE; CONSULTATION.—In preparing a report under subparagraph (A), the Commission shall—

''(i) use any information reported directly to the Commission and information from registered security-based swap data repositories and clearing agencies; and

''(ii) consult with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Bank for International Settlements, and such other regulatory bodies as may be necessary.

''(d) REGISTRATION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A security-based swap data repository may register by filing with the Commission an application in such form as the Commission, by rule or regulation, shall prescribe containing such information as the Commission, by rule or regulation, may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

''(2) INSPECTION AND EXAMINATION.—Each registered security-based swap data repository shall be subject to inspection and examination by any representative of the Commission.

''(3) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The Commission shall require each registered security-based swap data repository to provide information collected related to its functions as a security-based swap data repository to any of the following regulatory authorities that requests such information:

''(A) The Board.

''(B) The Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

''(C) Each appropriate prudential regulator.

''(D) The Financial Stability Oversight Council.

''(E) The Department of Justice.

''(F) Any other person that the Commission determines to be appropriate, including—

''(i) foreign financial supervisors (including foreign futures authorities);

''(ii) foreign central banks; and

''(iii) foreign ministries.

''(e) STANDARD SETTING.—

''(1) DATA IDENTIFICATION.—The Commission shall prescribe standards that specify the data elements for each security-based swap, including whether the transaction is a bona fide hedging swap transaction as defined in section 1a of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. la), that shall be collected and maintained by each registered security-based swap data repository.

''(2) DATA COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE.—The Commission shall prescribe data collection and data maintenance standards for security-based swap data repositories.

''(3) COMPARABILITY.—The standards prescribed by the Commission under this subsection shall be comparable to the data standards imposed by the Commission on clearing agencies in connection with such agencies' clearing of security-based swaps.

''(f) DUTIES.—A registered security-based swap data repository shall—

''(1) accept data prescribed by the Commission for 1 or more security-based swap under subsection (b);

''(2) confirm with both counterparties to the security-based swap the accuracy of the data that was submitted;

''(3) maintain the data described in paragraph (1) in such form, in such manner, and for such period as may be required by the Commission;

''(4)(A) provide direct electronic access to the Commission (or any designee of the Commission, including another registered entity); and

''(B) provide the information described in paragraph (1) in such form and at such frequency as the Commission may require to comply with the public reporting requirements under subsection (c)(6);

''(5) at the direction of the Commission, establish automated systems for monitoring, screening, and analyzing security-based swap data; and

''(6) maintain the confidentiality of security-based swap transaction information that the registered security-based swap data repository receives from a counterparty, swap participant, or any other registered entity in accordance with the requirements that the Commission shall jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission prescribe through notice-and-comment rulemaking.

''(g) REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO REGISTERED SECURITY-BASED SWAP DATA REPOSITORIES.—The Commission shall adopt rules, by notice-and-comment rulemaking, for security-based swap data repositories that address the following:

''(1) ANTITRUST CONSIDERATIONS.—Unless specifically reviewed and approved by the Commission for antitrust purposes, a registered security-based swap data repository may not—

''(A) adopt any rule or take any action that results in any unreasonable restraint of trade; or

''(B) impose any material anticompetitive burden on the trading, clearing, or reporting of transactions.

''(2) GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS.—Each registered security-based swap data repository shall establish governance arrangements—

''(A) that are transparent; and

''(B) that assure fair representation of the participants of the repository in reasonable proportion to the use of the repository by such participants in the selection of the directors of the repository and the administration of the affairs of the repository.

''(3) CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.—Each registered security-based swap data repository shall—

''(A) establish and enforce rules to minimize conflicts of interest in the decision-making process of the security-based swap data repository; and

''(B) establish a process for resolving conflicts of interest described in subparagraph (A).

''(4) NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS.—A registered security-based swap data repository—

''(A) may not mandate directly or indirectly the substantive terms and conditions of transactions reported to the repository;

''(B) shall provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among the participants of the repository and shall not impose any schedule of prices, or fix rates or other fees, for services rendered by such participants;

''(C) shall provide for participation in the repository by any swap participant and any other person or class of persons as the Commission, by rule or regulation, may determine to be necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section; and

''(D) shall not unfairly discriminate in the admission of participants or among participants in the use of the repository.''.

SEC. 765. REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF SWAP PARTICIPANTS.

Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(l) REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF SWAP PARTICIPANTS.—

''(1) REGISTRATION.—Swap participants shall register with the Commission.

''(2) NOTICE REGISTRATION.—A swap participant shall be exempt from registration with the Commission if such participant files a notice registration with the Commission in the form and manner that the Commission shall prescribe, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, by notice-and-comment rulemaking and—

''(A) such participant is exempt pursuant to a rule or order issued by the Commission, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to exempt swap participants that engage primarily in non-security-based swap transactions and are registered as swap participants with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; or

''(B) all of its outstanding swap transactions are cleared swaps.

''(3) REQUIREMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A person shall register as a swap participant by filing a registration application with the Commission.

''(B) CONTENTS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—An application for registration under this subsection shall be made in such form and manner and contain such information as the Commission, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, shall prescribe concerning the swap activities of the swap participant.

''(ii) CONTINUAL REPORTING.—A registered swap participant shall continue to submit to the Commission reports that contain such information pertaining to the swap activities of the swap participant as the Commission may require.

''(C) TRANSITION.—Rules under this section shall provide for the registration of swap participants not later than the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of the Over-the-Counter Swaps Markets Transparency and Accountability Act of 2010.

''(D) STATUTORY DISQUALIFICATION.—Except to the extent otherwise specifically provided by rule, regulation, or order, it shall be unlawful for a swap participant to permit any person associated with a swap participant who is subject to a statutory disqualification to effect or be involved in effecting swaps on behalf of the swap participant, if the swap participant knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, of the statutory disqualification.

''(m) CAPITAL AND MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.—

''(1) CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PRUDENTIALLY REGULATED SWAP PARTICIPANTS.—Each swap participant for which there is a prudential regulator shall meet such minimum capital requirements as such prudential regulator shall prescribe pursuant to the authority of the prudential regulator.

''(2) MARGIN REQUIREMENTS FOR SWAP PARTICIPANTS FOR UNCLEARED SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (C), the Commission shall prescribe by rule or regulation the minimum margin requirements that apply to transactions between swap participants in any particular uncleared security-based swap or any group, category, type, or class of security-based swap, as the Commission deems appropriate for the risk of that particular uncleared security-based swap or class, group, category, type of security-based swap, for the purposes of—

''(i) reducing the risk of losses to counterparties; and

''(ii) preserving the financial integrity of markets trading security-based swaps.

''(B) CONSIDERATIONS.—The Commission shall not issue rules under this subsection unless the Commission determines that such rules—

''(i) would not inappropriately encourage or discourage the clearing of certain security-based swaps, resulting in an undue increase in risk to the financial system;

''(ii) are supported by economic analysis provided by the Chief Economist of the Commission; and

''(iii) would not impose any unnecessary burden on competition.

''(C) OUTSTANDING SECURITY-BASED SWAP POSITIONS.—The Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission may by joint notice-and-comment rulemaking or order exempt any security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of security-based swap entered into on or before the date of enactment of this Act. In determining whether an exemption is appropriate, the Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall take into account the notional value, the tenor, and the risk to the financial stability of the United States posed by the underlying security-based swap, group, category, type, or class of security-based swap.

''(D) AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS.—The Commission shall not impose minimum margin requirements on security-based swap transactions in which one counterparty directly or indirectly controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the other counterparty, provided, however, that the Commission, jointly with the Financial Stability Oversight Council, may determine, by notice-and-comment rulemaking, that transactions between certain parties under common control are subject to the minimum margin requirements imposed by the Commission under this clause.

''(3) SPECIAL MARGIN REQUIREMENTS FOR UNCLEARED SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING A SWAP PARTICIPANT WITH A SUBSTANTIAL NET UNCOLLATERALIZED SECURITY-BASED SWAP POSITION.—If a swap participant has a substantial net uncollateralized swap position, any subsequent swap transaction, regardless of whether the swap participant's counterparty is a swap participant, shall be subject to—

''(A) any applicable clearing requirement under section 17D(a); and

''(B) any applicable margin requirements that the Commission has prescribed under paragraph (2).

''(4) SUBSTANTIAL NET UNCOLLATERALIZED POSITION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—From time to time, the Financial Stability Oversight Council shall define, by rule or regulation, the term 'substantial net uncollateralized position' by identifying the level of uncollateralized positions in swaps that a swap participant can hold without posing a threat to the financial system stability of the United States.

''(B) RELIANCE ON ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.—In making determinations under this subsection, the Commission and the Board shall rely on economic analysis provided by economists of the Commission and economists of the Board.

''(n) REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING.—With respect to its swap business, each swap participant registered with the Commission—

''(1) shall make such reports as are required by the Commission, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking;

''(2)(A) for which there is a prudential regulator, shall keep books and records in such form and manner and for such period as may be prescribed by the prudential regulator; and

''(B) for which there is no prudential regulator, shall keep books and records in such form and manner and for such period as is be prescribed by the Commission, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking; and

''(3) shall keep books and records described in paragraph (2)(B) open to inspection and examination by any representative of the Commission.

''(o) BUSINESS CONDUCT STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to its swap business, each swap participant—

''(1) for which there is a prudential regulator, shall comply with such business conduct standards and requirements as the prudential regulator may impose; and

''(2) for which there is no prudential regulator, shall comply with such business conduct standards and requirements as the Commission, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, shall prescribe. The business conduct requirements prescribed under this paragraph shall—

''(A) establish the standard of care required for a swap participant to verify that any counterparty meets the eligibility standards for an eligible contract participant; and

''(B) require disclosure by the swap participant to any counterparty to the swap (other than a counterparty that is a swap participant) of—

''(i) information about the material risks and characteristics of the security-based swap; and

''(ii) any material conflicts of interest that the swap participant may have in connection with the security-based swap.

''(p) DOCUMENTATION AND BACK OFFICE STANDARDS.—Each swap participant registered with the Commission—

''(1) for which there is a prudential regulator, shall comply with such documentation and back office standards as the prudential regulator may impose; and

''(2) for which there is no prudential regulator, shall conform with such standards as the Commission, jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission through notice-and-comment rulemaking, may prescribe that relate to timely and accurate confirmation, processing, netting, documentation, and valuation of all security-based swaps.

''(q) CONFIDENTIALITY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission may not be compelled to disclose any information required by Commission rule or regulation to be reported to the Commission under this subsection, except that nothing in this paragraph authorizes the Commission to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission.

''(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subsection shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552.

''(r) SEGREGATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL MARGIN.—

''(1) SEGREGATION OF INITIAL MARGIN.—

''(A) NOTIFICATION OF RIGHT TO SEGREGATE INITIAL MARGIN.—A swap participant shall notify its counterparty before entering into a security-based swap transaction of the right of the counterparty to require segregation of the funds or other property supplied as initial margin for the purpose of margining, guaranteeing, or securing the obligations of the counterparty.

''(B) SEGREGATION AND MAINTENANCE OF INITIAL MARGIN.—At the request, made before entering into a security-based swap transaction, of a counterparty that provides funds or other property as initial margin to a swap participant for the purpose of margining, guaranteeing, or securing the obligations of the counterparty, the swap participant shall—

''(i) segregate the funds or other property for the benefit of the counterparty; and

''(ii) in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Commission may promulgate jointly with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, maintain the funds or other property in a segregated account separate from the assets and other interests of the swap participant.

''(C) NOTIFICATION OF EXCESS VARIATION MARGIN.—Pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the Commission, a swap participant who received funds or other property shall notify any counterparty who provided such funds or other property if the swap participant is holding excess net variation margin from that counterparty.

''(2) APPLICABILITY.—The requirements described in paragraph (1) shall—

''(A) apply only to a security-based swap between a counterparty and a swap participant that is not submitted for clearing to a clearing agency;

''(B) not apply to variation margin payments; and

''(C) not preclude any commercial arrangement regarding—

''(i) the investment of segregated funds or other property that may only be invested in such investments as the Commission may permit by rule or regulation; and

''(ii) the related allocation of gains and losses resulting from any investment of the segregated funds or other property.

''(3) USE OF INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CUSTODIANS.—Each segregated account described in paragraph (1), if requested by the counterparty, may be—

''(A) carried by an independent third-party custodian; and

''(B) designated as a segregated account for and on behalf of the counterparty.

''(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—If a counterparty does not choose to require segregation of the funds or other property supplied as initial margin for the purpose of margining, guaranteeing, or securing the obligations of the counterparty, the swap participant shall report to the counterparty of the swap participant on a quarterly basis that the back office procedures of the swap participant relating to initial margin and collateral requirements are in compliance with the agreement of the counterparties.''.

SEC. 766. LARGE SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRADER REPORTING.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended by inserting after section 10A (15 U.S.C. 78j–1) the following:

''SEC. 10B. LARGE SECURITY-BASED SWAP TRADER REPORTING.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—A person that buys or sells a security-based swap shall file or cause to be filed with the Commission a report, if—

''(1) such person directly or indirectly buys or sells a particular security-based swap or class of security-based swap during any day equal to or in excess of any daily reporting threshold that has been fixed, by rule or regulation, with respect to a particular security-based swap or class of security-based swap by the Commission; or

''(2) such person directly or indirectly has or obtains a net position in such security-based swap or class of security-based swap equal to or in excess of any net position reporting threshold that has been fixed, by rule or regulation, with respect to that particular security-based swap or class of security-based swap by the Commission.

''(b) REPORT.—Each report required under subsection (a) shall—

''(1) be in such form and be filed at such time as the Commission shall prescribe, by rule or regulation; and

''(2) contain such information regarding any position or positions in such security-based swap and any group or index of securities on which such security-based swap is based or is referenced, or to which such security-based swap is related, or as to which the issuer of such security is referenced and any other instrument relating to such security or group or index of securities.

''(c) DETERMINATION OF REPORTING THRESHOLDS.—

''(1) CHIEF ECONOMIST.—In determining the reporting thresholds set forth in subsection (a), the Commission shall rely on economic analysis provided by the Chief Economist of the Commission.

''(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—The economic analysis provided under paragraph (1) shall take into account—

''(A) the market oversight benefits and the costs to market participants from preparing reports; and

''(B) the costs to the Commission from processing reports.''.

SEC. 767. CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING.—Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d), by adding at the end the following:

''(7) For purposes of this subsection, the Commission may determine by rule or regulation that a person is deemed to have acquired beneficial ownership of an equity security upon the purchase or sale of a swap that results in the person acquiring voting or control rights equivalent to those arising from beneficial ownership of the equity security.''; and

(2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the following:

''(7) For purposes of this subsection, the Commission may determine by rule or regulation that a person is deemed to have acquired beneficial ownership of an equity security upon the purchase or sale of a swap that results in the person acquiring voting or control rights equivalent to those arising from beneficial ownership of the equity security.''.

(b) INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENT MANAGER REPORTING.—Section 13(f)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m(f)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(C) For purposes of this subsection, an account shall be deemed to be holding equity securities of a class described in subsection (d)(1), if the account holds swaps that the Commission has determined, by rule or regulation, result in the person acquiring voting or control rights equivalent to those arising from beneficial ownership of the equity security.''.

SEC. 768. PROHIBITION OF MARKET MANIPULATION, FRAUD, AND OTHER MARKET ABUSES.

(a) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO PREVENT FRAUD, MANIPULATION, AND DECEPTIVE CONDUCT IN SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—Section 9 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78i) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by inserting ''**AND SECURITY-BASED SWAP**'' after ''**SECURITY**''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(j) ABUSES RELATED TO SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—It shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails, or of any facility of any national securities exchange, to effect any transaction in, or to induce or attempt to induce the purchase or sale of, any security-based swap, in connection with which such person engages in any fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative act or practice, makes any fictitious quotation, or engages in any transaction, practice, or course of business which operates as a fraud or deceit upon any person. The Commission shall, for purposes of this subsection, by rule or regulation, define and prescribe means reasonably designed to prevent, such transactions, acts, practices, and courses of business as are fraudulent, deceptive, or manipulative, and such quotations as are fictitious.''.

(b) ADDITIONS OF SWAPS TO CERTAIN ANTI-MANIPULATION PROVISIONS.—Section 9(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78i(b)) is amended by striking paragraphs (1) through (3) and inserting the following:

''(1) any transaction in connection with any security, whereby any party to such transaction acquires—

''(A) any put, call, straddle, or other option or privilege of buying the security from or selling the security to another without being bound to do so;

''(B) any security futures product on the security; or

''(C) any swap involving the security or the issuer of the security;

''(2) any transaction in connection with any security with relation to which he has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any—

''(A) such put, call, straddle, option, or privilege;

''(B) such security futures product; or

''(C) such swap; or

''(3) any transaction in any security for any account that the person has reason to believe has, and that actually has, directly or indirectly, any interest in any—

''(A) such put, call, straddle, option, or privilege;

''(B) such security futures product with relation to such security; or

''(C) any swap involving such security or the issuer of such security.''.

SEC. 769. STATE GAMING AND BUCKET SHOP LAWS.

Section 28(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78bb(a)) is amended to read as follows:

''(a) DAMAGES AMOUNTS.—

''(1) ACTUAL DAMAGES.—Except as provided in subsection (f), the rights and remedies provided by this title shall be in addition to any and all other rights and remedies that may exist at law or in equity, but no person permitted to maintain a suit for damages under the provisions of this title shall recover, through satisfaction of judgment in 1 or more actions, a total amount in excess of the actual damages to such person on account of the act complained of. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, nothing in this title shall affect the jurisdiction of the securities commission (or any agency or officer performing like functions) of any State over any security or any person, insofar as it does not conflict with the provisions of this title or the rules and regulations thereunder.

''(2) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN STATE LAWS.—No State law which prohibits or regulates the making or promoting of wagering or gaming contracts, or the operation of 'bucket shops' or other similar or related activities, shall invalidate—

''(A) any put, call, straddle, option, privilege, or other security subject to this title (except any security that has a pari-mutual payout or otherwise is determined by the Commission, acting by rule, regulation, or order, to be appropriately subject to such laws), or apply to any activity which is incidental or related to the offer, purchase, sale, exercise, settlement, or closeout of any such security;

''(B) any security-based swap between eligible contract participants; or

''(C) any security-based swap effected on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to section 6(b).

''(3) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), no provision of State law regarding the offer, sale, or distribution of securities shall apply to any transaction in a security futures product, except that this paragraph may not be construed as limiting any State antifraud law of general applicability.''.

SEC. 770. PROTECTIONS FOR MARKETING SECURITY-BASED SWAPS AND LISTING STANDARDS.

Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78f) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(l) TRADING IN SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any person to effect a transaction in a security-based swap with or for a person that is not an eligible contract participant, unless such transaction is effected on a national securities exchange registered pursuant to subsection (b).

''(2) LISTING STANDARDS REQUIRED.—A national securities exchange or a national securities association registered pursuant to section 15A(a) may trade security-based swaps that conform with listing standards that such exchange or association files with the Commission under section 19(b).''.

SEC. 771. ENFORCEABILITY OF SECURITY-BASED SWAPS.

Section 29(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78cc(b)) is amended by striking ''and (B) that no contract'' and inserting the following: ''(B) that no agreement, contract, or transaction that is a security-based swap shall be void, voidable, or unenforceable by either party to such security-based swap, and no party thereto shall be entitled to rescind, or recover any payment made with respect to, such security-based swap under this section or any other provision of securities laws based solely on the failure of either party to the agreement, contract, or transaction to satisfy its respective obligations under sections 6(l), 13, 15(b), 17, and 17C of this title with respect to such security-based swap, and (C) that no contract''.

SA 3817. Mr. WHITEHOUSE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1171, between lines 5 and 6, insert the following:

SEC. 989C. PREVENTING BLANK CHECK BAILOUTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ''Preventing Blank Check Bailouts Act of 2010''.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ''covered entity''—

(A) means a corporation, partnership, association, trust, firm, joint stock company, or other business entity that—

(i) has outstanding not less than $10,000,000,000 in Government assistance; or

(ii) receives Government assistance for the protection of the public; and

(B) does not include a State, a political subdivision of a State, or an entity owned or controlled by a State or a political subdivision of a State.

(2) EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.—The term ''executive compensation'' includes wages, salary, deferred compensation, benefits, retirement arrangements, options, bonuses, office fixtures, goods and other property, travel, entertainment or vacation expenses, and forms of compensation, obligation, or expense that are not routinely provided to all other employees of a covered entity.

(3) GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE.—The term ''Government assistance'' means any grants, gifts, loans, equity or debt purchases, or other investments by the United States made or provided to prevent the insolvency of the recipient for the protection of the public.

(4) TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACTION.—The term ''taxpayer protection action'' means a civil action brought under subsection (c)(1).

(c) TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The district courts of the United States shall have jurisdiction of a civil action brought by the Attorney General of the United States against a covered entity seeking the abrogation of contracts of the covered entity.

(2) CONSULTATION.—The Attorney General shall consult with the President and the Secretary of the Treasury before bringing a taxpayer protection action.

(3) REMEDIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In a taxpayer protection action, the court may abrogate contracts of the covered entity, including contracts relating to executive compensation, in accordance with subparagraph (B), if the court determines that a covered entity—

(i) would have become insolvent if the covered entity had not received the Government assistance outstanding to or in the covered entity; or

(ii) would become insolvent if the covered entity does not receive Government assistance.

(B) CONTRACTS TO BE ABROGATED.—In evaluating the contracts of a covered entity under this paragraph, a court shall apply a standard to the contracts that seeks to approximate the outcome that would have resulted for the parties to the contract if the covered entity—

(i) had not received the Government assistance; and

(ii) had filed a petition under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code.

(4) INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES AFFECTED.—If the property rights of an individual or entity will be affected by a taxpayer protection action, the individual or entity may—

(A) intervene as a matter of right in the taxpayer protection action; and

(B) upon intervening, assert any claim relating to the property rights of the individual or entity, including a claim—

(i) relating to rights protected under the due process clause of the fifth amendment to the Constitution of the United States or the due process clause of section 1 of the 14th

amendment to the Constitution of the United States; or

(ii) that the covered entity is not insolvent or would not have become insolvent if the covered entity had not received the Government assistance.

SA 3818. Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY), submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1068, strike line 10 and all that follows through page 1069, line 6, and insert the following:

SEC. 955. EMPLOYEE HEDGING PROHIBITED.

Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78l) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(m) HEDGING BY OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PROHIBITED.—

''(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

''(A) the term 'covered employee' means—

''(i) an officer or director of an issuer of a class of securities registered under this section; and

''(ii) an employee of an issuer of a class of securities registered under this section who receives from the issuer annual wages of $1,000,000 or more;

''(B) the term 'related person' means a related person of an officer, director, or employee described in subparagraph (A), as defined by the Commission, by rule; and

''(C) the term 'wages' has the same meaning as in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, without regard to paragraph (1) thereof.

''(2) PROHIBITION.—A covered employee or related person may not—

''(A) purchase or sell a security (other than a security beneficially owned by the covered employee that is issued by the issuer that employs the covered employee or any affiliate of the issuer), derivative, or other financial product that in any way hedges or limits the financial exposure of the covered employee to declines in the market value of any security beneficially owned by the covered employee that is issued by the issuer that employs the covered employee or any affiliate of the issuer; or

''(B) enter into an agreement with any third party in which a security issued by the issuer that employs the covered employee is a material term of the agreement, if the agreement in any way hedges or limits the financial exposure of the covered employee to declines in the market value of any security beneficially owned by the covered employee that is issued by the issuer that employs the covered employee or any affiliate of the issuer.''.

SA 3819. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 191, after line 24, insert the following new subparagraphs after subparagraph (B) and redesignate the subsequent subparagraphs:

(C) Wages, salaries, or commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay earned by an individual (other than management responsible for the failed condition of the covered financial company who have been removed), but only to the extent of $11,725 for each individual (as indexed for inflation by regulation of the Corporation) earned within 180 days before the appointment of the Corporation as receiver.

(D) Contributions owed to employee benefit plans arising from services rendered within 180 days before the appointment of the Corporation as receiver to the extent of the number of employees covered by each such plan multiplied by $11,725 (as indexed for inflation by regulation of the Corporation), less the aggregate amount paid to such employees under subparagraph (C) plus the aggregate amount paid by the receivership on behalf of such employees to any other employee benefit plan.

SA 3820. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 235, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following new subparagraph after subparagraph (C) and redesignate the subsequent subparagraph:

(D) SERVICES PERFORMED UNDER A COLLECTIVE BARGAIN AGREEMENT AFTER APPOINTMENT AND PRIOR TO REPUDIATION.—If, in the case of any collective bargaining agreement between a labor organization and a covered financial company, the Corporation as receiver accepts performance of services subject to such agreement before making any determination to exercise the right of repudiation of such collective bargaining agreement under this section—

(i) the persons covered by such collective bargaining agreement shall be paid under the terms of such agreement for the services performed; and

(ii) the amount of such payment shall be treated as an administrative expense of the receivership.

SA 3821. Mr. BROWN of Ohio submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1044, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

SEC. 939D. EFFECT OF RULE 436(G).

Section 220.436(g) of title 17, Code of Federal Regulations, commonly referred to as ''Rule 436(g) under the Securities Act of 1933'', shall have no force or effect.

SA 3822. Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. SHELBY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 111, line 7, insert ''(a) IN GENERAL.—'' before ''In''.

On page 114, line 14, after ''(iii)'' insert ''that is predominantly engaged in activities that the Board of Governors has determined are financial in nature or incidental thereto for purposes of section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k))''.

On page 114, line 21, after ''(12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.)'' insert '', a governmental entity, or a regulated entity, as defined under section 1303 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4502(20))''.

On page 115, strike lines 18 through 20, and insert the following:

(15) COURT.—The term ''Court'' means the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

On page 115, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

(b) DEFINITIONAL CRITERIA.—For purpose of the definition of the term ''financial company'' under subsection (a)(10), no company shall be deemed to be predominantly engaged in activities that the Board of Governors has determined are financial in nature or incidental thereto for purposes of section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)), if the consolidated revenues of such company from such activities constitute less than 85 percent of the total consolidated revenues of such company, as the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish by regulation. In determining whether a company is a financial company under this title, the consolidated revenues derived from the ownership or control of a depository institution shall be included.

On page 115, line 23, strike ''**ORDERLY LIQUIDATION AUTHORITY PANEL**'' and insert ''**JUDICIAL REVIEW**''.

On page 115, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 116, line 16.

On page 116, line 17, strike ''(b)'' and insert ''(a)''.

On page 116, strike lines 18 through 20, and insert the following:

(1) PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT.—

(A) DISTRICT COURT REVIEW.—

On page 116, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 117, line 4, and insert the following:

(i) PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT.—Subsequent to a determination by the Secretary under section 203 that a financial company satisfies the criteria in section 203(b), the Secretary shall notify the Corporation and

the covered financial company. If the board of directors (or body performing similar functions) of the covered financial company acquiesces or consents to the appointment of the Corporation as a receiver, the Secretary shall appoint the Corporation as a receiver. If the board of directors (or body performing similar functions) of the covered financial company does not acquiesce or consent to the appointment of the Corporation as receiver, the Secretary shall petition the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for an order authorizing the Secretary to appoint the Corporation as a receiver.

On page 117, line 9, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 117, line 13, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 117, beginning on line 16, strike '', within 24 hours of receipt of the petition filed by the Secretary,''.

On page 117, line 21, strike ''is supported'' and all that follows through line 22, and insert ''and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10) is arbitrary and capricious.''.

On page 117, line 24, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, line 2, insert ''and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10)'' after ''danger of default''.

On page 118, lines 3 and 4, strike ''is supported by substantial evidence'' and insert ''is not arbitrary and capricious''.

On page 118, line 4, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, lines 9 and 10, strike ''is not supported by substantial evidence'' and insert ''is arbitrary and capricious''.

On page 118, line 10, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(v) PETITION GRANTED BY OPERATION OF LAW.—If the Court does not make a determination within 24 hours of receipt of the petition—

(I) the petition shall be granted by operation of law;

(II) the Secretary shall appoint the Corporation as receiver; and

(III) liquidation under this title shall automatically and without further notice or action be commenced and the Corporation may immediately take all actions authorized under this title.

On page 118, line 18, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, line 23, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 119, line 1, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 119, line 12, strike ''PANEL'' and insert ''DISTRICT COURT''.

On page 119, line 16, strike ''Third Circuit'' and insert ''District of Columbia Circuit''.

On page 119, line 17, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 119, line 23, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 120, strike lines 16 through 17 and insert ''default and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10) is arbitrary and capricious.''.

On page 121, lines 19 and 20, strike ''is supported by substantial evidence'' and insert ''and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10) is arbitrary and capricious''.

On page 121, line 21, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(b)''.

On page 121, line 24, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 122, line 5, strike ''subsection (b)(1)'' and all that follows through line 9, and insert ''subsection (a)(1).''.

On page 122, strike lines 14 through 16.

On page 122, line 17, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(A)''.

On page 122, line 19, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(B)''.

On page 122, line 21, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(C)''.

On page 122, line 23, strike ''(F)'' and insert ''(D)''.

On page 123, line 1, strike ''(d)'' and insert ''(c)''.

On page 123, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(d) TIME LIMIT ON RECEIVERSHIP AUTHORITY.—

(1) BASELINE PERIOD.—Any appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this section shall terminate at the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date on which such appointment is made.

(2) EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT.—The time limit established in paragraph (1) may be extended by the Corporation for up to 1 additional year, if the Chairperson of the Corporation determines and certifies in writing to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that continuation of the receivership is necessary—

(A) to—

(i) maximize the net present value return from the sale or other disposition of the assets of the covered financial company; or

(ii) minimize the amount of loss realized upon the sale or other disposition of the assets of the covered financial company; and

(B) to protect the stability of the financial system of the United States.

(3) SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The time limit under this subsection, as extended under paragraph (2), may be extended for up to 1 additional year, if the Chairperson of the Corporation, with the concurrence of the Secretary, submits the certifications described in paragraph (2).

(B) ADDITIONAL REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after the date of commencement of the extension under subparagraph (A), the Corporation shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives describing the need for the extension and the specific plan of the Corporation to conclude the receivership before the end of the second extension.

(4) ONGOING LITIGATION.—The time limit under this subsection, as extended under paragraph (3), may be further extended solely for the purpose of completing ongoing litigation in which the Corporation as receiver is a party, provided that the appointment of the Corporation as receiver shall terminate not later than 90 days after the date of completion of such litigation, if—

(A) the Council determines that the Corporation used its best efforts to conclude the receivership in accordance with its plan before the end of the time limit described in paragraph (3);

(B) the Council determines that the completion of longer-term responsibilities in the form of ongoing litigation justifies the need for an extension; and

(C) the Corporation submits a report approved by the Council not later than 30 days after the date of the determinations by the Council under subparagraphs (A) and (B) to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, describing—

(i) the ongoing litigation justifying the need for an extension; and

(ii) the specific plan of the Corporation to complete the litigation and conclude the receivership.

(5) REGULATIONS.—The Corporation may issue regulations governing the termination of receiverships under this title.

(6) NO LIABILITY.—The Corporation and the Deposit Insurance Fund shall not be liable for unresolved claims arising from the receivership after the termination of the receivership.

On page 123, line 21, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 124, line 11, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 126, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

(g) STUDY OF PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION IMPLEMENTATION BY THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

(1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study regarding the implementation of prompt corrective action by the appropriate Federal banking agencies.

(2) ISSUES TO BE STUDIED.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall evaluate—

(A) the effectiveness of implementation of prompt corrective action by the appropriate Federal banking agencies and the resolution of insured depository institutions by the Corporation; and

(B) ways to make prompt corrective action a more effective tool to resolve the insured depository institutions at the least possible long-term cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund.

(3) REPORT TO COUNCIL.—Not later than 1 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Council on the results of the study conducted under this subsection.

(4) COUNCIL REPORT OF ACTION.—Not later than 6 months after the date of receipt of the report from the Comptroller General under paragraph (3), the Council shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on actions taken in response to the report, including any recommendations made to the Federal primary financial regulatory agencies under section 120.

On page 128, line 9, strike ''and''.

On page 128, line 12, strike the period at the end and insert ''; and''.

On page 128, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(G) an evaluation of whether the company satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201.

On page 128, line 16, strike ''202(b)(1)(A)'' and insert ''202(a)(1)(A)''.

On page 129, line 17, strike ''and''.

On page 129, line 21, strike the period at the end and insert ''; and''.

On page 129, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(7) the company satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201.

On page 132, strike lines 3 through 17, and insert the following:

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver for a covered financial company, the Corporation shall file a report with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives—

(i) setting forth information on the financial condition of the covered financial company as of the date of the appointment, including a description of its assets and liabilities;

(ii) describing the plan of, and actions taken by, the Corporation to wind down the covered financial company;

(iii) explaining each instance in which the Corporation waived any applicable requirements of part 366 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor thereto) with respect to conflicts of interest by any person in the private sector who was retained to provide services to the Corporation in connection with such receivership;

(iv) describing the reasons for the provision of any funding to the receivership out of the Fund;

(v) setting forth the expected costs of the orderly liquidation of the covered financial company;

(vi) setting forth the identity of any claimant that is treated in a manner different from other similarly situated claimants under subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), or (h)(5)(E), the amount of any additional payment to such claimant under subsection (d)(4), and the reason for any such action; and

(vii) which report the Corporation shall publish on an online website maintained by the Corporation, subject to maintaining appropriate confidentiality.

On page 132, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

(C) CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.—The Corporation and the primary financial regulatory agency, if any, of the financial company for which the Corporation was appointed receiver under this title shall appear before Congress, if requested, not later than 30 days after the date on which the Corporation first files the reports required under subparagraph (A).

On page 135, line 15, strike ''section 202(b)'' and insert ''section 202(a)''.

On page 136, line 9, strike ''with the strong presumption'' and insert ''so''.

On page 138, line 16, insert after the period the following: ''All funds provided by the Corporation under this subsection shall have a priority of claims under subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 210(b)(1), as applicable, including funds used for—

''(1) making loans to, or purchasing any debt obligation of, the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary;

''(2) purchasing or guaranteeing against loss the assets of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary, directly or through an entity established by the Corporation for such purpose;

''(3) assuming or guaranteeing the obligations of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary to 1 or more third parties;

''(4) taking a lien on any or all assets of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary, including a first priority lien on all unencumbered assets of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary to secure repayment of any transactions conducted under this subsection;

''(5) selling or transferring all, or any part, of such acquired assets, liabilities, or obligations of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary; and

''(6) making payments pursuant to subsections (b)(4), (d)(4), and (h)(5)(E) of section 210.''.

On page 138, line 15, strike ''section 210(n)(13)'' and insert ''section 210(n)(11)''.

On page 147, line 3, insert before the period the following: '', and address the potential for conflicts of interest between or among individual receiverships established under this title or under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act''.

On page 187, line 18, strike ''(B), and (C)'' and insert ''(B), (C), and (D)''.

On page 187, line 20, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 192, insert before line 1 the following:

(C) Wages, salaries, or commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay earned by an individual (other than an individual described in subparagraph (G)), but only to the extent of $11,725 for each individual (as indexed for inflation, by regulation of the Corporation) earned not later than 180 days before the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver.

(D) Contributions owed to employee benefit plans arising from services rendered not later than 180 days before the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver, to the extent of the number of employees covered by each such plan, multiplied by $11,725 (as indexed for inflation, by regulation of the Corporation), less the aggregate amount paid to such employees under subparagraph (C), plus the aggregate amount paid by the receivership on behalf of such employees to any other employee benefit plan.

On page 192, line 1, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 192, beginning on line 3, strike ''(D) or (E)'' and insert ''(F), (G), or (H)''.

On page 192, line 5, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(F)''.

On page 192, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

(G) Any wages, salaries, or commissions including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay earned, owed to senior executives and directors of the covered financial company.

On page 192, line 7, strike ''subparagraph (E)).'' and insert ''subparagraph (G) or (H)).''.

On page 192, line 8, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(H)''.

On page 193, line 18, strike ''(ii)'' and insert the following:

''(ii) to initiate and continue operations essential to implementation of the receivership or any bridge financial company;

''(iii)''.

On page 228, line 17, strike ''5th'' and insert ''3rd''.

On page 236, line 20, strike ''5th'' and insert ''3rd''.

On page 237, line 14, strike ''5th'' and insert ''3rd''.

On page 240, line 8, strike ''section 202(c)(1)'' and insert ''section 202(a)(1)''.

On page 246, strike line 21 and all the follows through page 247, line 5, and insert the following:

(B) LIMITATIONS.—

(i) PROHIBITION.—The Corporation shall not make any payments or credit amounts to any claimant or category of claimants that would result in any claimant receiving more than the face value amount of any claim that is proven to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

(ii) NO OBLIGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or State law, or the Constitution of any State, the Corporation shall not be obligated, as a result of having made any payment under subparagraph (A) or credited any amount described in subparagraph (A) to or with respect to, or for the account, of any claimant or category of claimants, to make payments to any other claimant or category of claimants.

On page 254, line 24, strike ''(13)'' and insert ''(11)''.

On page 260, line 4, strike ''subsection (o)(1)(E)(ii))'' and insert ''subsection (o)(1)(D)(ii))''.

On page 263, line 16, strike ''(13)'' and insert ''(11)''.

On page 278, line 5, strike ''(9)'' and insert ''(6)''.

On page 278, line 10, strike ''(9)'' and insert ''(6)''.

On page 278, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 279, line 20.

On page 279, line 21, strike ''(8)'' and insert ''(4)''.

On page 280, line 5, strike ''(9)'' and insert ''(5)''.

On page 281, line 6, strike the period and insert the following: '', plus an interest rate surcharge to be determined by the Secretary, which shall be greater than the difference between—

''(i) the current average rate on an index of corporate obligations of comparable maturity; and

''(ii) the current average rate on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity.''.

On page 281, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 282, line 8, and insert the following:

(6) MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The Corporation may not, in connection with the orderly liquidation of a covered financial company, issue or incur any obligation, if, after issuing or incurring the obligation, the aggregate amount of such obligations outstanding under this subsection for each covered financial company would exceed—

(A) an amount that is equal to 10 percent of the total consolidated assets of the covered financial company, based on the most recent financial statement available, during the 30-day period immediately following the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver (or a shorter time period if the Corporation has calculated the amount described under subparagraph (B)); and

(B) the amount that is equal to 90 percent of the fair value of the total consolidated assets of each covered financial company that are available for repayment, after the time period described in subparagraph (A).

On page 282, line 9, strike ''(11)'' and insert ''(7)''.

On page 282, strike lines 14 through 19.

On page 282, line 20, strike ''(13)'' and insert ''(8)''.

On page 283, strike lines 5 through 14 and insert the following:

(i) the authorities of the Corporation contained in this title shall not be used to assist the Deposit Insurance Fund or to assist any financial company under applicable law other than this Act;

(ii) the authorities of the Corporation relating to the Deposit Insurance Fund, or any other responsibilities of the Corporation under applicable law other than this title, shall not be used to assist a covered financial company pursuant to this title; and

(iii) the Deposit Insurance Fund may not be used in any manner to otherwise circumvent the purposes of this title.

On page 283, line 24, strike ''(14)'' and insert ''(9)''.

On page 284, line 6, insert '', including taking any actions specified'' before ''under 204(d)''.

On page 284, line 7, insert before the period '', and payments to third parties''.

On page 284, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(10) IMPLEMENTATION EXPENSES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Reasonable implementation expenses of the Corporation incurred after the date of enactment of this Act shall be treated as expenses of the Council.

(B) REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—The Corporation shall periodically submit a request for reimbursement for implementation expenses to the Chairperson of the Council, who shall arrange for prompt reimbursement to the Corporation of reasonable implementation expenses.

(C) DEFINITION.—As used in this paragraph, the term ''implementation expenses''—

(i) means costs incurred by the Corporation beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, as part of its efforts to implement this title that do not relate to a particular covered financial company; and

(ii) includes the costs incurred in connection with the development of policies, procedures, rules, and regulations and other planning activities of the Corporation consistent with carrying out this title.

On page 284, strike line 13 and all that follows through page 285, line 2.

On page 285, line 3, strike ''(B)'' and insert ''(A)''.

On page 285, line 10, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(B)''.

On page 285, line 10, strike ''ADDITIONAL''.

On page 285, line 13, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(D)''.

On page 285, strike lines 14 through 23.

On page 285, line 24, strike ''(iii)''.

On page 285, line 21, strike ''during the initial capitalization period''.

On page 286, strike line 11 and all that follows through page 287, line 2, and insert the following:

(D) APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENTS.—To meet the requirements of subparagraph (C), the Corporation shall—

(i) impose assessments, as soon as practicable, on any claimant that received additional payments or amounts from the Corporation pursuant to subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), or (h)(5)(E), except for payments or amounts necessary to initiate and continue operations essential to implementation of the receivership or any bridge financial company, to recover on a cumulative basis, the entire difference between—

(I) the aggregate value the claimant received from the Corporation on a claim pursuant to this title (including pursuant to subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), and (h)(5)(E)), as of the date on which such value was received; and

(II) the value the claimant was entitled to receive from the Corporation on such claim solely from the proceeds of the liquidation of the covered financial company under this title; and

(ii) if the amounts to be recovered on a cumulative basis under clause (i) are insufficient to meet the requirements of subparagraph (C), after taking into account the considerations set forth in paragraph (4), impose assessments on—

(I) eligible financial companies; and

(II) financial companies with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 that are not eligible financial companies.

(E) PROVISION OF FINANCING.—Payments or amounts necessary to initiate and continue operations essential to implementation of the receivership or any bridge financial company described in subparagraph (E)(i) shall not include the provision of financing, as defined by rule of the Corporation, to third parties.

On page 287, strike lines 3 through 10.

On page 289, strike line 25, and insert ''the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary, deems appropriate.''.

On page 290, beginning on line 9, strike '', in consultation with the Secretary and the Council,''.

On page 290, line 11, insert after the period the following: ''The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary in the development and finalization of such regulations.''.

On page 295, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(s) RECOUPMENT OF COMPENSATION FROM SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND DIRECTORS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation, as receiver of a covered financial company, may recover from any current or former senior executive or director substantially responsible for the failed condition of the covered financial company any compensation received during the 2-year period preceding the date on which the Corporation was appointed as the receiver of the covered financial company, except that, in the case of fraud, no time limit shall apply.

(2) COST CONSIDERATIONS.—In seeking to recover any such compensation, the Corporation shall weigh the financial and deterrent benefits of such recovery against the cost of executing the recovery.

(3) RULEMAKING.—The Corporation shall promulgate regulations to implement the requirements of this subsection, including defining the term ''compensation'' to mean any financial remuneration, including salary, bonuses, incentives, benefits, severance, deferred compensation, or golden parachute benefits, and any profits realized from the sale of the securities of the covered financial company.

On page 296, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(d) FDIC INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS.—

(1) SCOPE.—The Inspector General of the Corporation shall conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the liquidation of any covered financial company by the Corporation as receiver under this title, including collecting and summarizing—

(A) a description of actions taken by the Corporation as receiver;

(B) a description of any material sales, transfers, mergers, obligations, purchases, and other material transactions entered into by the Corporation;

(C) an evaluation of the adequacy of the policies and procedures of the Corporation under section 203(d) and orderly liquidation plan under section 210(n)(14);

(D) an evaluation of the utilization by the Corporation of the private sector in carrying out its functions, including the adequacy of any conflict-of-interest reviews; and

(E) an evaluation of the overall performance of the Corporation in liquidating the covered financial company, including administrative costs, timeliness of liquidation process, and impact on the financial system.

(2) FREQUENCY.—Not later than 6 months after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this title and every 6 months thereafter, the Inspector General of the Corporation shall conduct the audit and investigation described in paragraph (1).

(3) REPORTS AND TESTIMONY.—The Inspector General of the Corporation shall include in the semiannual reports required by section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), a summary of the findings and evaluations under paragraph (1), and shall appear before the appropriate committees of Congress, if requested, to present each such report.

(4) FUNDING.—

(A) INITIAL FUNDING.—The expenses of the Inspector General of the Corporation in carrying out this subsection shall be considered administrative expenses of the receivership.

(B) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—If the maximum amount available to the Corporation as receiver under this title is insufficient to enable the Inspector General of the Corporation to carry out the duties under this subsection, the Corporation shall pay such additional amounts from assessments imposed under section 210.

(5) TERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—The duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General of the Corporation under this subsection shall terminate 1 year after the date of termination of the receivership under this title.

(e) TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS.—

(1) SCOPE.—The Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of actions taken by the Secretary related to the liquidation of any covered financial company under this title, including collecting and summarizing—

(A) a description of actions taken by the Secretary under this title;

(B) an analysis of the approval by the Secretary of the policies and procedures of the Corporation under section 203 and acceptance of the orderly liquidation plan of the Corporation under section 210; and

(C) an assessment of the terms and conditions underlying the purchase by the Secretary of obligations of the Corporation under section 210.

(2) FREQUENCY.—Not later than 6 months after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this title and every 6 months thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall conduct the audit and investigation described in paragraph (1).

(3) REPORTS AND TESTIMONY.—The Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall include in the semiannual reports required by section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), a summary of the findings and assessments under paragraph (1), and shall appear before the appropriate committees of Congress, if requested, to present each such report.

(4) TERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—The duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury under this subsection shall terminate 1 year after the date on which the obligations purchased by the Secretary from the Corporation under section 210 are fully redeemed.

(f) PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS.—

(1) SCOPE.—Upon the appointment of the Corporation as receiver for a covered financial company supervised by a Federal primary financial regulatory agency or the Board of Governors under section 165, the Inspector General of the agency or the Board of Governors shall make a written report reviewing the supervision by the agency or the Board of Governors of the covered financial company, which shall—

(A) evaluate the effectiveness of the agency or the Board of Governors in carrying out its supervisory responsibilities with respect to the covered financial company;

(B) identify any acts or omissions on the part of agency or Board of Governors officials that contributed to the covered financial company being in default or in danger of default;

(C) identify any actions that could have been taken by the agency or the Board of Governors that would have prevented the company from being in default or in danger of default; and

(D) recommend appropriate administrative or legislative action.

(2) REPORTS AND TESTIMONY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this title, the Inspector General of the Federal primary financial regulatory agency or the Board of Governors shall provide the report required by paragraph (1) to such agency or the Board of Governors, and along with such agency or the Board of Governors, as applicable, shall appear before the appropriate committees of Congress, if requested, to present the report required by paragraph (1). Not later than 90 days after the date of receipt of the report required by paragraph (1), such agency or the Board of Governors, as applicable, shall provide a written report to Congress describing any actions taken in response to the recommendations in the report, and if no such actions were taken, describing the reasons why no actions were taken.

SEC. 212. PROHIBITION OF CIRCUMVENTION AND PREVENTION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

(a) NO OTHER FUNDING.—Funds for the orderly liquidation of any covered financial company under this title shall only be provided as specified under this title.

(b) LIMIT ON GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS.—No governmental entity may take any action to circumvent the purposes of this title.

(c) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—In the event that the Corporation is appointed receiver for more than 1 covered financial company or is appointed receiver for a covered financial company and receiver for any insured depository institution that is an affiliate of such covered financial company, the Corporation shall take appropriate action, as necessary to avoid any conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with multiple receiverships.

SEC. 213. BAN ON SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND DIRECTORS.

(a) PROHIBITION AUTHORITY.—The Board of Governors or, if the covered financial company was not supervised by the Board of Governors, the Corporation, may exercise the authority provided by this section.

(b) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ORDER.—The appropriate agency described in subsection (a) may take any action authorized by subsection (c), if the agency determines that—

(1) a senior executive or a director of the covered financial company, prior to the appointment of the Corporation as receiver, has, directly or indirectly—

(A) violated—

(i) any law or regulation;

(ii) any cease-and-desist order which has become final;

(iii) any condition imposed in writing by a Federal agency in connection with any action on any application, notice, or request by such company or senior executive; or

(iv) any written agreement between such company and such agency;

(B) engaged or participated in any unsafe or unsound practice in connection with any financial company; or

(C) committed or engaged in any act, omission, or practice which constitutes a breach of the fiduciary duty of such senior executive or director;

(2) by reason of the violation, practice, or breach described in any clause of paragraph (1), such senior executive or director has received financial gain or other benefit by reason of such violation, practice, or breach and such violation, practice, or breach contributed to the failure of the company; and

(3) such violation, practice, or breach—

(A) involves personal dishonesty on the part of such senior executive or director; or

(B) demonstrates willful or continuing disregard by such senior executive or director for the safety or soundness of such company.

(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate agency for a financial company, as described in subsection (a), may serve upon a senior executive or director described in subsection (b) a written notice of the intention of the agency to prohibit any further participation by such person, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any financial company for a period of time determined by the appropriate agency to be commensurate with such violation, practice, or breach, provided such period shall be not less than 2 years.

(2) PROCEDURES.—The due process requirements and other procedures under section 8(e) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to actions under this section as if the covered financial company were an insured depository institution and the senior executive or director were an institution-affiliated party, as those terms are defined in that Act.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Corporation and the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, shall jointly prescribe rules or regulations to administer and carry out this section, including rules, regulations, or guidelines to further define the term senior executive for the purposes of this section.

On page 1522, line 11, strike ''The third'' and insert the following:

''(a) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—The third''.

On page 1528, line 3, strike the end quotation marks and the final period and insert the following:

''(E) If an entity to which a Federal reserve bank has provided a loan under this paragraph becomes a covered financial company, as defined in section 203 of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, at any time while such loan is outstanding, and the Federal reserve bank incurs a realized net loss on the loan, then the Federal reserve bank shall have a claim equal to the amount of the net realized loss against the covered entity, with the same priority as an obligation to the Secretary of the Treasury under sections 210(n) and 210(o) of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 507(a)(2) of title 11, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''claims of any Federal reserve bank related to loans made through programs or facilities authorized under the third undesignated paragraph of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343),'' after ''this title,''.

On page 1523, line 17, strike ''of sufficient quality'' and insert ''sufficient''.

On page 1523, line 18, insert after the period the following: ''The policies and procedures established by the Board shall require that a Federal reserve bank assign, consistent with sound risk management practices and to ensure protection for the taxpayer, a lendable value to all collateral for a loan executed by a Federal reserve bank under this paragraph in determining whether the loan is secured satisfactorily for purposes of this paragraph.''.

On page 1523, line 19, strike ''(ii)'' and insert the following:

''(ii) The Board shall establish procedures to prohibit borrowing from programs and facilities by borrowers that are insolvent. Such procedures may include a certification from the chief executive officer (or other authorized officer) of the borrower, at the time the borrower initially borrows under the program or facility (with a duty by the borrower to update the certification if the information in the certification materially changes), that the borrower is not insolvent. A borrower shall be considered insolvent for purposes of this subparagraph, if the borrower is in bankruptcy, resolution under title II of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, or any other Federal or State insolvency proceeding.

''(iii) A program or facility that is structured to remove assets from the balance sheet of a single and specific company, or that is established for the purpose of assisting a single and specific company avoid bankruptcy, resolution under title II of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, or any other Federal or State insolvency proceeding, shall not be considered a program or facility with broad-based eligibility.

''(iv)''.

On page 1523, line 18: insert ''and that any such program is terminated in a timely and orderly fashion'' before ''losses''.

On page 1524, line 11, strike ''assistance,'' and all that follows through line 12 and insert ''assistance.''.

On page 1525, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 1528, line 3, and insert the following:

''(D) The information submitted to Congress under subparagraph (C) related to—

''(i) the identity of the participants in an emergency lending program or facility commenced under this paragraph;

''(ii) the amounts borrowed by each participant in any such program or facility;

''(iii) identifying details concerning the assets or collateral held by, under, or in connection with such a program or facility, shall be kept confidential, upon the written request of the Chairman of the Board, in which case such information shall be made available only to the Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the Committees described in subparagraph (C).''.

On page 1537, line 23, insert before the period the following: ''and a request for approval of such plan''.

On page 1537, line 23, strike ''Upon'' and all that follows through page 1538, line 6, and insert the following: ''The Corporation shall exercise the authority under this section to issue guarantees up to that specified maximum amount upon passage of the joint resolution of approval, as provided in subsection (d). Absent such approval, the Corporation shall issue no such guarantees.''.

On page 1538, line 16, strike ''Upon'' and all that follows through page 1547, line 6 and insert the following: ''The Corporation shall exercise the authority under this section to issue guarantees up to that specified maximum amount upon passage of the joint resolution of approval, as provided in subsection (d). Absent such approval, the Corporation shall issue no such guarantees.

''(d) RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

''(1) ADDITIONAL DEBT GUARANTEE AUTHORITY.—A request by the President under this section shall be considered granted by Congress upon adoption of a joint resolution approving such request. Such joint resolution shall be considered in the Senate under expedited procedures.

''(2) FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION IN SENATE.—

''(A) RECONVENING.—Upon receipt of a request under subsection (c), if the Senate has adjourned or recessed for more than 2 days, the majority leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the Senate that, pursuant to this section, the Senate shall convene not later than the second calendar day after receipt of such message.

''(B) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon introduction in the Senate, the joint resolution shall be placed immediately on the calendar.

''(C) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time during the period beginning on the 4th day after the date on which Congress receives a request under subsection (c), and ending on the 7th day after that date (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution, and all points of order against the joint resolution (and against consideration of the joint resolution) are waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution is agreed to, the joint resolution shall remain the unfinished business until disposed of.

''(ii) DEBATE.—Debate on the joint resolution, and on all debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be divided equally between the majority and minority leaders or their designees. A motion further to limit debate is in order and not debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business, or a motion to recommit the joint resolution is not in order.

''(iii) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage shall occur immediately following the

conclusion of the debate on the joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

''(iv) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to a joint resolution shall be decided without debate.

''(3) RULES.—

''(A) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If, before the passage by the Senate of a joint resolution of the Senate, the Senate receives a joint resolution, from the House of Representatives, then the following procedures shall apply:

''(i) The joint resolution of the House of Representatives shall not be referred to a committee.

''(ii) With respect to a joint resolution of the Senate—

''(I) the procedure in the Senate shall be the same as if no joint resolution had been received from the other House; but

''(II) the vote on passage shall be on the joint resolution of the House of Representatives.

''(B) TREATMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If the Senate fails to introduce or consider a joint resolution under this section, the joint resolution of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to expedited floor procedures under this subsection.

''(C) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES.—If, following passage of the joint resolution in the Senate, the Senate then receives the companion measure from the House of Representatives, the companion measure shall not be debatable.

''(D) RULES OF THE SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Congress—

''(i) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of the Senate, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the Senate in the case of a joint resolution, and it supersedes other rules, only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

''(ii) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the Senate to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the Senate) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate.

''(4) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection, the term 'joint resolution' means only a joint resolution—

''(A) that is introduced not later than 3 calendar days after the date on which the request referred to in subsection (c) is received by Congress;

''(B) that does not have a preamble;

''(C) the title of which is as follows: 'Joint resolution relating to the approval of a plan to guarantee obligations under section 1155 of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010'; and

''(D) the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: 'That Congress approves the obligation of any amount described in section 1155(c) of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010.'.''.

On page 1550, strike lines 1 through 12, and insert the following:

(3) LIQUIDITY EVENT.—The term ''liquidity event'' means—

(A) an exceptional and broad reduction in the general ability of financial market participants—

(i) to sell financial assets without an unusual and significant discount; or

(ii) to borrow using financial assets as collateral without an unusual and significant increase in margin; or

(B) an unusual and significant reduction in the ability of financial market participants to obtain unsecured credit.

On page 1550, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 1551, line 3, and insert the following:

(b) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.—Section 13(c)(4)(G) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1823(c)(4)(G)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) in subclause (I), by inserting ''for which the Corporation has been appointed receiver'' before ''would have serious''; and

(B) in the undesignated matter following subclause (II), by inserting ''for the purpose of winding up the insured depository institution for which the Corporation has been appointed receiver'' after ''provide assistance under this section''; and

(2) in clause (v)(I), by striking ''The'' and inserting ''Not later than 3 days after making a determination under clause (i), the''.

SA 3823. Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BURRIS, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. WEBB, Mrs. BOXER, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the amendment, insert the following:

SEC. _____. HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACT.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the ''Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act''.

(b) RESTORING THE APPLICATION OF ANTITRUST LAWS TO HEALTH SECTOR INSURERS.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO MCCARRAN-FERGUSON ACT.—Section 3 of the Act of March 9, 1945 (15 U.S.C. 1013), commonly known as the McCarran-Ferguson Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(c) Nothing contained in this Act shall modify, impair, or supersede the operation of any of the antitrust laws with respect to the business of health insurance. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the term 'antitrust laws' has the meaning given it in subsection (a) of the first section of the Clayton Act, except that such term includes section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act to the extent that such section 5 applies to unfair methods of competition.''.

(2) RELATED PROVISION.—For purposes of section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45) to the extent such section applies to unfair methods of competition, section 3(c) of the McCarran-Ferguson Act shall apply with respect to the business of health insurance without regard to whether such business is carried on for profit, notwithstanding the definition of ''Corporation'' contained in section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

SA 3824. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title I and insert the following:

TITLE I—FINANCIAL STABILITY

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Financial Stability Act of 2010''.

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—The term ''bank holding company'' has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841). A foreign bank or company that is treated as a bank holding company for purposes of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, pursuant to section 8(a) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3106(a)), shall be treated as a bank holding company for purposes of this title.

(2) CHAIRPERSON.—The term ''Chairperson'' means the Chairperson of the Council.

(3) MEMBER AGENCY.—The term ''member agency'' means an agency represented by a voting member of the Council.

(4) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY DEFINITIONS.—

(A) FOREIGN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term ''foreign nonbank financial company'' means a company (other than a company that is, or is treated in the United States as, a bank holding company or a subsidiary thereof) that is—

(i) incorporated or organized in a country other than the United States; and

(ii) substantially engaged in, including through a branch in the United States, activities in the United States that are financial in nature (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956).

(B) U.S. NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term ''U.S. nonbank financial company'' means a company (other than a bank holding company or a subsidiary thereof, or a Farm Credit System institution chartered and subject to the provisions of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et. seq.)) that is—

(i) incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States or any State; and

(ii) substantially engaged in activities in the United States that are financial in nature (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956).

(C) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term ''nonbank financial company'' means a U.S. nonbank financial company and a foreign nonbank financial company.

(D) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—The term ''nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors'' means a nonbank financial company that the Council has determined under section 113 shall be supervised by the Board of Governors.

(5) SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONS.—The terms ''significant nonbank financial company'' and ''significant bank holding company'' have the meanings given those terms by rule of the Board of Governors.

(b) DEFINITIONAL CRITERIA.—The Board of Governors shall establish, by regulation, the

criteria to determine whether a company is substantially engaged in activities in the United States that are financial in nature (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956) for purposes of the definitions of the terms ''U.S. nonbank financial company'' and ''foreign nonbank financial company'' under subsection (a)(4).

(c) FOREIGN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—For purposes of the authority of the Board of Governors under this title with respect to foreign nonbank financial companies, references in this title to ''company'' or ''subsidiary'' include only the United States activities and subsidiaries of such foreign company.

Subtitle A—Financial Stability Oversight Council

SEC. 111. FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ESTABLISHED.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, there is established the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall consist of the following members, who shall each have 1 vote on the Council shall be:

(1) The Secretary of the Treasury, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Council.

(2) The Chairman of the Board of Governors.

(3) The Comptroller of the Currency.

(4) The Director of the Bureau.

(5) The Chairman of the Commission.

(6) The Chairperson of the Corporation.

(7) The Chairperson of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(8) The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

(9) An independent member appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, having insurance expertise.

(c) TERMS; VACANCY.—

(1) TERMS.—The independent member of the Council shall serve for a term of 6 years.

(2) VACANCY.—Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(3) ACTING OFFICIALS MAY SERVE.—In the event of a vacancy in the office of the head of a member agency or department, and pending the appointment of a successor, or during the absence or disability of the head of a member agency or department, the acting head of the member agency or department shall serve as a member of the Council in the place of that agency or department head.

(d) TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—The Council may appoint such special advisory, technical, or professional committees as may be useful in carrying out the functions of the Council, including an advisory committee consisting of State regulators, and the members of such committees may be members of the Council, or other persons, or both.

(e) MEETINGS.—

(1) TIMING.—The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the members then serving, but not less frequently than quarterly.

(2) RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS.—The Council shall adopt such rules as may be necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council. Such rules shall be rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice for purposes of section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

(f) VOTING.—Unless otherwise specified, the Council shall make all decisions that it is authorized or required to make by a majority vote of the members then serving.

(g) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Council, or to any special advisory, technical, or professional committee appointed by the Council, except that, if an advisory, technical, or professional committee has one or more members who are not employees of or affiliated with the United States Government, the Council shall publish a list of the names of the members of such committee.

(h) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Any department or agency of the United States may provide to the Council and any special advisory, technical, or professional committee appointed by the Council, such services, funds, facilities, staff, and other support services as the Council may determine advisable.

(i) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

(1) FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MEMBERS.—All members of the Council who are officers or employees of the United States shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United States.

(2) COMPENSATION FOR NON-FEDERAL MEMBER.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''Independent Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (1).''.

(j) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any employee of the Federal Government may be detailed to the Council without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege. An employee of the Federal Government detailed to the Council shall report to and be subject to oversight by the Council during the assignment to the Council, and shall be compensated by the department or agency from which the employee was detailed.

SEC. 112. COUNCIL AUTHORITY.

(a) PURPOSES AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes of the Council are—

(A) to identify risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of large, interconnected bank holding companies or nonbank financial companies;

(B) to promote market discipline, by eliminating expectations on the part of shareholders, creditors, and counterparties of such companies that the Government will shield them from losses in the event of failure; and

(C) to respond to emerging threats to the stability of the United States financial markets.

(2) DUTIES.—The Council shall, in accordance with this title—

(A) collect information from member agencies and other Federal and State financial regulatory agencies to assess risks to the United States financial system;

(B) monitor the financial services marketplace in order to identify potential threats to the financial stability of the United States;

(C) facilitate information sharing and coordination among the member agencies and other Federal and State agencies regarding domestic financial services policy development, rulemaking, examinations, reporting requirements, and enforcement actions;

(D) recommend to the member agencies general supervisory priorities and principles reflecting the outcome of discussions among the member agencies;

(E) identify gaps in regulation that could pose risks to the financial stability of the United States;

(F) require supervision by the Board of Governors for nonbank financial companies that may pose risks to the financial stability of the United States in the event of their material financial distress or failure, pursuant to section 113;

(G) make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the establishment of heightened prudential standards for risk-based capital, leverage, liquidity, contingent capital, resolution plans and credit exposure reports, concentration limits, enhanced public disclosures, and overall risk management for nonbank financial companies and large, interconnected bank holding companies supervised by the Board of Governors;

(H) identify systemically important financial market utilities and payment, clearing, and settlement activities (as that term is defined in title VIII), and require such utilities and activities to be subject to standards established by the Board of Governors;

(I) make recommendations to primary financial regulatory agencies to apply new or heightened standards and safeguards for financial activities or practices that could create or increase risks of significant liquidity, credit, or other problems spreading among bank holding companies, nonbank financial companies, and United States financial markets;

(J) make determinations regarding exemptions in title VII, where necessary;

(K) provide a forum for—

(i) discussion and analysis of emerging market developments and financial regulatory issues; and

(ii) resolution of jurisdictional disputes among the members of the Council; and

(L) annually report to and testify before Congress on—

(i) the activities of the Council;

(ii) significant financial market developments and potential emerging threats to the financial stability of the United States;

(iii) all determinations made under section 113 or title VIII, and the basis for such determinations; and

(iv) recommendations—

(I) to enhance the integrity, efficiency, competitiveness, and stability of United States financial markets;

(II) to promote market discipline; and

(III) to maintain investor confidence.

(b) AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council may receive, and may request the submission of, any data or information from member agencies, as necessary to monitor the financial services marketplace to identify potential risks to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) SUBMISSIONS BY THE OFFICE AND MEMBER AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law any member agencies are authorized to submit information to the Council.

(3) BACK-UP EXAMINATION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—If the Council is unable to determine whether the financial activities of a nonbank financial company pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States, based on discussions with management and publicly available information, the Council may request the Board of Governors, and the Board of Governors is authorized, to conduct an examination of the nonbank financial company for the sole purpose of determining whether the nonbank financial company should be supervised by the Board of Governors for purposes of this title.

(4) CONFIDENTIALITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council and the member agencies shall maintain the confidentiality of any data, information, and reports submitted under this subsection and subtitle B.

(B) RETENTION OF PRIVILEGE.—The submission of any nonpublicly available data or information under this subsection shall not constitute a waiver of, or otherwise affect, any privilege arising under Federal or State law (including the rules of any Federal or State court) to which the data or information is otherwise subject.

(C) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.—Section 552 of title 5, United States Code, including the exceptions thereunder, shall apply to any

data or information submitted under this subsection and subtitle B.

SEC. 113. AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES.

(a) U.S. NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) DETERMINATION.—The Council, on a nondelegable basis and by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, may determine that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors and shall be subject to prudential standards, in accordance with this title, if the Council determines that material financial distress at the U.S. nonbank financial company would pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—Each determination under paragraph (1) shall be based on a consideration by the Council of—

(A) the degree of leverage of the company;

(B) the amount and nature of the financial assets of the company;

(C) the amount and types of the liabilities of the company, including the degree of reliance on short-term funding;

(D) the extent and types of the off-balance-sheet exposures of the company;

(E) the extent and types of the transactions and relationships of the company with other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies;

(F) the importance of the company as a source of credit for households, businesses, and State and local governments and as a source of liquidity for the United States financial system;

(G) the recommendation, if any, of a member of the Council;

(H) the operation of, or ownership interest in, any clearing, settlement, or payment business of the company;

(I) the extent to which—

(i) assets are managed rather than owned by the company; and

(ii) ownership of assets under management is diffuse; and

(J) any other factors that the Council deems appropriate.

(b) FOREIGN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) DETERMINATION.—The Council, on a nondelegable basis and by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, may determine that a foreign nonbank financial company that has substantial assets or operations in the United States shall be supervised by the Board of Governors and shall be subject to prudential standards in accordance with this title, if the Council determines that material financial distress at the foreign nonbank financial company would pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—Each determination under paragraph (1) shall be based on a consideration by the Council of—

(A) the degree of leverage of the company;

(B) the amount and nature of the United States financial assets of the company;

(C) the amount and types of the liabilities of the company used to fund activities and operations in the United States, including the degree of reliance on short-term funding;

(D) the extent of the United States-related off-balance-sheet exposure of the company;

(E) the extent and type of the transactions and relationships of the company with other significant nonbank financial companies and bank holding companies;

(F) the importance of the company as a source of credit for United States households, businesses, and State and local governments, and as a source of liquidity for the United States financial system;

(G) the recommendation, if any, of a member of the Council;

(H) the extent to which—

(i) assets are managed rather than owned by the company; and

(ii) ownership of assets under management is diffuse; and

(I) any other factors that the Council deems appropriate.

(c) REEVALUATION AND RESCISSION.—The Council shall—

(1) not less frequently than annually, reevaluate each determination made under subsections (a) and (b) with respect to each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors; and

(2) rescind any such determination, if the Council, by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, determines that the nonbank financial company no longer meets the standards under subsection (a) or (b), as applicable.

(d) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING AND FINAL DETERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall provide to a nonbank financial company written notice of a proposed determination of the Council, including an explanation of the basis of the proposed determination of the Council, that such nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors and shall be subject to prudential standards in accordance with this title.

(2) HEARING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of any notice of a proposed determination under paragraph (1), the nonbank financial company may request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Council to contest the proposed determination. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Council shall fix a time (not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which such company may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the sole discretion of the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(3) FINAL DETERMINATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under paragraph (2), the Council shall notify the nonbank financial company of the final determination of the Council, which shall contain a statement of the basis for the decision of the Council.

(4) NO HEARING REQUESTED.—If a nonbank financial company does not make a timely request for a hearing, the Council shall notify the nonbank financial company, in writing, of the final determination of the Council under subsection (a) or (b), as applicable, not later than 10 days after the date by which the company may request a hearing under paragraph (2).

(e) EMERGENCY EXCEPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council may waive or modify the requirements of subsection (d) with respect to a nonbank financial company, if the Council determines, by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, that such waiver or modification is necessary or appropriate to prevent or mitigate threats posed by the nonbank financial company to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) NOTICE.—The Council shall provide notice of a waiver or modification under this paragraph to the nonbank financial company concerned as soon as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after the waiver or modification is granted.

(3) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.—The Council shall allow a nonbank financial company to request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Council to contest a waiver or modification under this paragraph, not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of notice of the waiver or modification by the company. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Council shall fix a time (not later than 15 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which the nonbank financial company may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the sole discretion of the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(4) NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of any hearing under paragraph (3), the Council shall notify the subject nonbank financial company of the final determination of the Council under this paragraph, which shall contain a statement of the basis for the decision of the Council.

(f) CONSULTATION.—The Council shall consult with the primary financial regulatory agency, if any, for each nonbank financial company or subsidiary of a nonbank financial company that is being considered for supervision by the Board of Governors under this section before the Council makes any final determination with respect to such nonbank financial company under subsection (a), (b), or (c).

(g) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—If the Council makes a final determination under this section with respect to a nonbank financial company, such nonbank financial company may, not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the notice of final determination under subsection (d)(3) or (e)(4), bring an action in the United States district court for the judicial district in which the home office of such nonbank financial company is located, or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for an order requiring that the final determination be rescinded, and the court shall, upon review, dismiss such action or direct the final determination to be rescinded. Review of such an action shall be limited to whether the final determination made under this section was arbitrary and capricious.

SEC. 114. REGISTRATION OF NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of a final Council determination under section 113 that a nonbank financial company is to be supervised by the Board of Governors, such company shall register with the Board of Governors, on forms prescribed by the Board of Governors, which shall include such information as the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out this title.

SEC. 115. ENHANCED SUPERVISION AND PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CERTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PURPOSE.—In order to prevent or mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of large, interconnected financial institutions, the Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the establishment and refinement of prudential standards and reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies, that—

(A) are more stringent than those applicable to other nonbank financial companies and bank holding companies that do not present similar risks to the financial stability of the United States; and

(B) increase in stringency, based on the considerations identified in subsection (b)(3).

(2) LIMITATION ON BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—Any standards recommended under subsections (b) through (f) shall not apply to any bank holding company with total consolidated assets of less than $50,000,000,000. The Council may recommend an asset threshold greater than $50,000,000,000 for the applicability of any particular standard under those subsections.

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The recommendations of the Council under subsection (a) may include—

(A) risk-based capital requirements;

(B) leverage limits;

(C) liquidity requirements;

(D) resolution plan and credit exposure report requirements;

(E) concentration limits;

(F) a contingent capital requirement;

(G) enhanced public disclosures; and

(H) overall risk management requirements.

(2) PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—In making recommendations concerning the standards set forth in paragraph (1) that would apply to foreign nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors or foreign-based bank holding companies, the Council shall give due regard to the principle of national treatment and competitive equity.

(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making recommendations concerning prudential standards under paragraph (1), the Council shall—

(A) take into account differences among nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), based on—

(i) the factors described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113;

(ii) whether the company owns an insured depository institution;

(iii) nonfinancial activities and affiliations of the company; and

(iv) any other factors that the Council determines appropriate; and

(B) to the extent possible, ensure that small changes in the factors listed in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113 would not result in sharp, discontinuous changes in the prudential standards established under paragraph (1).

(c) CONTINGENT CAPITAL.—

(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Council shall conduct a study of the feasibility, benefits, costs, and structure of a contingent capital requirement for nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), which study shall include—

(A) an evaluation of the degree to which such requirement would enhance the safety and soundness of companies subject to the requirement, promote the financial stability of the United States, and reduce risks to United States taxpayers;

(B) an evaluation of the characteristics and amounts of convertible debt that should be required;

(C) an analysis of potential prudential standards that should be used to determine whether the contingent capital of a company would be converted to equity in times of financial stress;

(D) an evaluation of the costs to companies, the effects on the structure and operation of credit and other financial markets, and other economic effects of requiring contingent capital;

(E) an evaluation of the effects of such requirement on the international competitiveness of companies subject to the requirement and the prospects for international coordination in establishing such requirement; and

(F) recommendations for implementing regulations.

(2) REPORT.—The Council shall submit a report to Congress regarding the study required by paragraph (1) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsequent to submitting a report to Congress under paragraph (2), the Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors to require any nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and any bank holding company described in subsection (a) to maintain a minimum amount of long-term hybrid debt that is convertible to equity in times of financial stress.

(B) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—In making recommendations under this subsection, the Council shall consider—

(i) an appropriate transition period for implementation of a conversion under this subsection;

(ii) the factors described in subsection (b)(3);

(iii) capital requirements applicable to a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), and subsidiaries thereof;

(iv) results of the study required by paragraph (1); and

(v) any other factor that the Council deems appropriate.

(d) RESOLUTION PLAN AND CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORTS.—

(1) RESOLUTION PLAN.—The Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the requirement that each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and each bank holding company described in subsection (a) report periodically to the Council, the Board of Governors, and the Corporation, the plan of such company for rapid and orderly resolution in the event of material financial distress or failure.

(2) CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORT.—The Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the advisability of requiring each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding company described in subsection (a) to report periodically to the Council, the Board of Governors, and the Corporation on—

(A) the nature and extent to which the company has credit exposure to other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies; and

(B) the nature and extent to which other such significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies have credit exposure to that company.

(e) CONCENTRATION LIMITS.—In order to limit the risks that the failure of any individual company could pose to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors or bank holding companies described in subsection (a), the Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors to prescribe standards to limit such risks, as set forth in section 165.

(f) ENHANCED PUBLIC DISCLOSURES.—The Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors to require periodic public disclosures by bank holding companies described in subsection (a) and by nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors, in order to support market evaluation of the risk profile, capital adequacy, and risk management capabilities thereof.

SEC. 116. REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsequent to subsection (b), the Council may require a bank holding company with total consolidated assets of $50,000,000,000 or greater or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, and any subsidiary thereof, to submit certified reports to keep the Council informed as to—

(1) the financial condition of the company;

(2) systems for monitoring and controlling financial, operating, and other risks;

(3) transactions with any subsidiary that is a depository institution; and

(4) the extent to which the activities and operations of the company and any subsidiary thereof, could, under adverse circumstances, have the potential to disrupt financial markets or affect the overall financial stability of the United States.

(b) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of compliance with subsection (a), the Council shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports that a bank holding company, nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, or any functionally regulated subsidiary of such company has been required to provide to other Federal or State regulatory agencies;

(B) information that is otherwise required to be reported publicly; and

(C) externally audited financial statements.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Each bank holding company described in subsection (a) and nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, and any subsidiary thereof, shall provide to the Council, at the request of the Council, copies of all reports referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Council shall maintain the confidentiality of the reports obtained under subsection (a) and paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection.

SEC. 117. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN COMPANIES THAT CEASE TO BE BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any entity or a successor entity that—

(1) was a bank holding company having total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 as of January 1, 2010; and

(2) received financial assistance under or participated in the Capital Purchase Program established under the Troubled Asset Relief Program authorized by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

(b) TREATMENT.—If an entity described in subsection (a) ceases to be a bank holding company at any time after January 1, 2010, then such entity shall be treated as a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, as if the Council had made a determination under section 113 with respect to that entity.

(c) APPEAL.—

(1) REQUEST FOR HEARING.—An entity may request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Council to appeal its treatment as a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors in accordance with this section. Upon receipt of the request, the Council shall fix a time (not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which such entity may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the sole discretion of the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(2) DECISION.—

(A) PROPOSED DECISION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under paragraph (1), the Council shall submit a report to, and may testify before, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on

the proposed decision of the Council regarding an appeal under paragraph (1), which report shall include a statement of the basis for the proposed decision of the Council.

(B) NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION.—The Council shall notify the subject entity of the final decision of the Council regarding an appeal under paragraph (1), which notice shall contain a statement of the basis for the final decision of the Council, not later than 60 days after the later of—

(i) the date of the submission of the report under subparagraph (A); or

(ii) if the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate or the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives holds one or more hearings regarding such report, the date of the last such hearing.

(C) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making a decision regarding an appeal under paragraph (1), the Council shall consider whether the company meets the standards under section 113(a) or 113(b), as applicable, and the definition of the term ''nonbank financial company'' under section 102. The decision of the Council shall be final, subject to the review under paragraph (3).

(3) REVIEW.—If the Council denies an appeal under this subsection, the Council shall, not less frequently than annually, review and reevaluate the decision.

SEC. 118. COUNCIL FUNDING.

Any expenses of the Council shall be treated as expenses of, and paid by, the Department of the Treasury.

SEC. 119. RESOLUTION OF SUPERVISORY JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES AMONG MEMBER AGENCIES.

(a) REQUEST FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The Council shall resolve a dispute among 2 or more member agencies, if—

(1) a member agency has a dispute with another member agency about the respective jurisdiction over a particular bank holding company, nonbank financial company, or financial activity or product (excluding matters for which another dispute mechanism specifically has been provided under Federal law);

(2) the Council determines that the disputing agencies cannot, after a demonstrated good faith effort, resolve the dispute without the intervention of the Council; and

(3) any of the member agencies involved in the dispute—

(A) provides all other disputants prior notice of the intent to request dispute resolution by the Council; and

(B) requests in writing, not earlier than 14 days after providing the notice described in subparagraph (A), that the Council resolve the dispute.

(b) COUNCIL DECISION.—The Council shall resolve each dispute described in subsection (a)—

(1) within a reasonable time after receiving the dispute resolution request;

(2) after consideration of relevant information provided by each agency party to the dispute; and

(3) by agreeing with 1 of the disputants regarding the entirety of the matter, or by determining a compromise position.

(c) FORM AND BINDING EFFECT.—A Council decision under this section shall—

(1) be in writing;

(2) include an explanation of the reasons therefor; and

(3) be binding on all Federal agencies that are parties to the dispute.

SEC. 120. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ACTIVITIES OR PRACTICES FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY PURPOSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Council may issue recommendations to the primary financial regulatory agencies to apply new or heightened standards and safeguards, including standards enumerated in section 115, for a financial activity or practice conducted by bank holding companies or nonbank financial companies under their respective jurisdictions, if the Council determines that the conduct of such activity or practice could create or increase the risk of significant liquidity, credit, or other problems spreading among bank holding companies and nonbank financial companies or the financial markets of the United States.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO REGULATORS.—

(1) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT.—The Council shall consult with the primary financial regulatory agencies and provide notice to the public and opportunity for comment for any proposed recommendation that the primary financial regulatory agencies apply new or heightened standards and safeguards for a financial activity or practice.

(2) CRITERIA.—The new or heightened standards and safeguards for a financial activity or practice recommended under paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take costs to long-term economic growth into account; and

(B) may include prescribing the conduct of the activity or practice in specific ways (such as by limiting its scope, or applying particular capital or risk management requirements to the conduct of the activity) or prohibiting the activity or practice.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED STANDARDS.—

(1) ROLE OF PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each primary financial regulatory agency may impose, require reports regarding, examine for compliance with, and enforce standards in accordance with this section with respect to those entities for which it is the primary financial regulatory agency.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authority under this paragraph is in addition to, and does not limit, any other authority of a primary financial regulatory agency. Compliance by an entity with actions taken by a primary financial regulatory agency under this section shall be enforceable in accordance with the statutes governing the respective jurisdiction of the primary financial regulatory agency over the entity, as if the agency action were taken under those statutes.

(2) IMPOSITION OF STANDARDS.—The primary financial regulatory agency shall impose the standards recommended by the Council in accordance with subsection (a), or similar standards that the Council deems acceptable, or shall explain in writing to the Council, not later than 90 days after the date on which the Council issues the recommendation, why the agency has determined not to follow the recommendation of the Council.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Council shall report to Congress on—

(1) any recommendations issued by the Council under this section;

(2) the implementation of, or failure to implement such recommendation on the part of a primary financial regulatory agency; and

(3) in any case in which no primary financial regulatory agency exists for the nonbank financial company conducting financial activities or practices referred to in subsection (a), recommendations for legislation that would prevent such activities or practices from threatening the stability of the financial system of the United States.

(e) EFFECT OF RESCISSION OF IDENTIFICATION.—

(1) NOTICE.—The Council may recommend to the relevant primary financial regulatory agency that a financial activity or practice no longer requires any standards or safeguards implemented under this section.

(2) DETERMINATION OF PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY TO CONTINUE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon receipt of a recommendation under paragraph (1), a primary financial regulatory agency that has imposed standards under this section shall determine whether standards that it has imposed under this section should remain in effect.

(B) APPEAL PROCESS.—Each primary financial regulatory agency that has imposed standards under this section shall promulgate regulations to establish a procedure under which entities under its jurisdiction may appeal a determination by such agency under this paragraph that standards imposed under this section should remain in effect.

SEC. 121. MITIGATION OF RISKS TO FINANCIAL STABILITY.

(a) MITIGATORY ACTIONS.—If the Board of Governors determines that a bank holding company with total consolidated assets of $50,000,000,000 or more, or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, poses a grave threat to the financial stability of the United States, the Board of Governors, upon an affirmative vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the Council members then serving, shall require the subject company—

(1) to terminate one or more activities;

(2) to impose conditions on the manner in which the company conducts one or more activities; or

(3) if the Board of Governors determines that such action is inadequate to mitigate a threat to the financial stability of the United States in its recommendation, to sell or otherwise transfer assets or off-balance-sheet items to unaffiliated entities.

(b) NOTICE AND HEARING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, shall provide to a company described in subsection (a) written notice that such company is being considered for mitigatory action pursuant to this section, including an explanation of the basis for, and description of, the proposed mitigatory action.

(2) HEARING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of notice under paragraph (1), the company may request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Board of Governors to contest the proposed mitigatory action. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Board of Governors shall fix a time (not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which such company may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the discretion of the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(3) DECISION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under paragraph (2), or not later than 60 days after the provision of a notice under paragraph (1) if no hearing was held, the Board of Governors shall notify the company of the final decision of the Board of Governors, including the results of the vote of the Council, as described in subsection (a).

(c) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—The Board of Governors and the Council shall take into consideration the factors set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of section 113, as applicable, in a determination described in subsection (a) and in a decision described in subsection (b).

(d) APPLICATION TO FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—The Board of Governors may prescribe regulations regarding the application of this section to foreign nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and foreign-based bank holding companies, giving due regard to the principle

of national treatment and competitive equity.

Subtitle B—Financial Information and Data

SEC. 151. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND DATA.

(a) AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION BY REGULATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council is authorized to receive, and may request the production of, any information and data from Council member agencies, as necessary to identify potential risks to United States financial system stability.

(2) SUBMISSION BY COUNCIL MEMBERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any Council member agency, upon request by the Council, shall provide information and data to the Council, and the Council shall maintain the confidentiality of such information and data.

(3) FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council may require, by rule, the submission of periodic and other reports from any regulated entity, solely for the purpose of assessing the extent to which a financial activity or financial market in which the financial company participates, or the financial company itself, poses a risk to United States financial system stability.

(B) MITIGATION OF REPORT BURDEN.—Before requiring the submission of reports from an regulated entity, the Council shall coordinate and shall, whenever possible, rely on information and data already being collected by or provided to such agency.

(C) MITIGATION OF REQUIREMENTS IN CASE OF FOREIGN FINANCIAL PARENTS.—Before requiring the submission of reports from anY regulated entity that is affiliated with a holding company or parent company that is a foreign company, the Council shall, to the extent appropriate—

(i) coordinate with any appropriate foreign regulator of such company and any appropriate multilateral organization;

(ii) request information regarding such company from such foreign regulator; and

(iii) whenever possible, rely on information already being collected by such foreign regulator or multilateral organizational.

(D) VOLUNTARY INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTION FROM NON-REGULATED ENTITIES.—The Council is authorized to request information and data from non regulated entities. To the extent possible, the Council shall minimize information and data requests from non regulated entities, and in all cases, such information and data requests shall be limited to information and data requests relevant to maintaining United States financial system stability. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to require the provision of information or data by any non regulated entity that is not otherwise required to provide such information or data under this section or any other provision of law.

(4) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection, the term ''regulated entity'' means any entity, other than an individual, that is regulated and supervised by a Council member agency.

(b) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—

(1) INFORMATION AND DATA SHARING.—The Chairperson of the Council, in consultation with the other members of the Council, may—

(A) establish procedures, databases, and information warehouses to share information and data collected by the Council under this section with the members of the Council;

(B) develop an electronic process for sharing all information and data collected by the Council with the Council member agencies;

(C) designate the format in which requested information and data shall be submitted to the Council, including any electronic, digital, or other format that facilitates the use of such information and data by the Council in its analyses.

(2) APPLICABLE PRIVILEGES NOT WAIVED.—A Federal financial regulator, State financial regulator, United States financial company, foreign financial company operating in the United States, financial market utility, or other person shall not be compelled to waive, and shall not be deemed to have waived, any privilege otherwise applicable to any information or data by transferring the information or data to, or permitting that information or data to be used by—

(A) the Council;

(B) any Federal financial regulator or State financial regulator, in any capacity; or

(C) any other agency of the Federal Government (as defined in section 6 of title 18, United States Code).

(3) CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION.—

(A) DISCLOSURE EXEMPTION.—The Council shall maintain the confidentiality of information received under this subtitle, and any information obtained by the Council under this subtitle shall be exempt from the disclosure requirements under section 552 of title 5, United States Code.

(B) COUNCIL CONFIDENTIALITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Council may not be compelled to disclose any report or information contained therein filed with the Council under this subtitle, except that nothing in this subtitle authorizes the Council—

(i) to withhold information from Congress, upon an agreement of confidentiality; or

(ii) prevent the Council from complying with—

(I) a request for information from any other Federal department or agency or any self-regulatory organization requesting the report or information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction; or

(II) an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Council.

(C) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION AND DATA.—The Council shall maintain appropriate data security measures and ensure the protection of any proprietary information or data of any regulated entity or nonregulated entity.

(4) CONSULTATION WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—Under the supervision of the President, and in a manner consistent with section 207 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927), the Chairperson of the Council, in consultation with the other members of the Council, shall regularly consult with the financial regulatory entities and other appropriate organizations of foreign governments or international organizations on matters relating to risks to United States financial system stability.

Subtitle C—Additional Board of Governors Authority for Certain Nonbank Financial Companies and Bank Holding Companies

SEC. 161. REPORTS BY AND EXAMINATIONS OF NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

(a) REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors may require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, and any subsidiary thereof, to submit reports under oath, to keep the Board of Governors informed as to—

(A) the financial condition of the company or subsidiary, systems of the company or subsidiary for monitoring and controlling financial, operating, and other risks, and the extent to which the activities and operations of the company or subsidiary pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States; and

(B) compliance by the company or subsidiary with the requirements of this subtitle.

(2) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS AND INFORMATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Board of Governors shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports and supervisory information that a nonbank financial company or subsidiary thereof has been required to provide to other Federal or State regulatory agencies;

(B) information otherwise obtainable from Federal or State regulatory agencies;

(C) information that is otherwise required to be reported publicly; and

(D) externally audited financial statements of such company or subsidiary.

(3) AVAILABILITY.—Upon the request of the Board of Governors, a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, or a subsidiary thereof, shall promptly provide to the Board of Governors any information described in paragraph (2).

(b) EXAMINATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Board of Governors may examine any nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and any subsidiary of such company, to determine—

(A) the nature of the operations and financial condition of the company and such subsidiary;

(B) the financial, operational, and other risks within the company that may pose a threat to the safety and soundness of such company or to the financial stability of the United States;

(C) the systems for monitoring and controlling such risks; and

(D) compliance by the company with the requirements of this subtitle.

(2) USE OF EXAMINATION REPORTS AND INFORMATION.—For purposes of this subsection, the Board of Governors shall, to the fullest extent possible, rely on reports of examination of any depository institution subsidiary or functionally regulated subsidiary made by the primary financial regulatory agency for that subsidiary, and on information described in subsection (a)(2).

(c) COORDINATION WITH PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY.—The Board of Governors shall—

(1) provide to the primary financial regulatory agency for any company or subsidiary, reasonable notice before requiring a report, requesting information, or commencing an examination of such subsidiary under this section; and

(2) avoid duplication of examination activities, reporting requirements, and requests for information, to the extent possible.

SEC. 162. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and any subsidiaries of such company (other than any depository institution subsidiary) shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (b) through (n) of section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), in the same manner and to the same extent as if the company were a bank holding company, as provided in section 8(b)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(b)(3)).

(b) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR FUNCTIONALLY REGULATED SUBSIDIARIES.—

(1) REFERRAL.—If the Board of Governors determines that a condition, practice, or activity of a depository institution subsidiary or functionally regulated subsidiary of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors does not comply with the regulations or orders prescribed by the Board of Governors under this Act, or otherwise poses a threat to the financial stability of the United States, the Board of Governors may recommend, in writing, to the primary

financial regulatory agency for the subsidiary that such agency initiate a supervisory action or enforcement proceeding. The recommendation shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the concerns giving rise to the recommendation.

(2) BACK-UP AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—If, during the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the primary financial regulatory agency receives a recommendation under paragraph (1), the primary financial regulatory agency does not take supervisory or enforcement action against a subsidiary that is acceptable to the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors (upon a vote of its members) may take the recommended supervisory or enforcement action, as if the subsidiary were a bank holding company subject to supervision by the Board of Governors.

SEC. 163. ACQUISITIONS.

(a) ACQUISITIONS OF BANKS; TREATMENT AS A BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—For purposes of section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842), a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as, a bank holding company.

(b) ACQUISITION OF NONBANK COMPANIES.—

(1) PRIOR NOTICE FOR LARGE ACQUISITIONS.—Notwithstanding section 4(k)(6)(B) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)(6)(B)), a bank holding company with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors shall not acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any company (other than an insured depository institution) that is engaged in activities described in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 having total consolidated assets of $10,000,000,000 or more, without providing written notice to the Board of Governors in advance of the transaction.

(2) EXEMPTIONS.—The prior notice requirement in paragraph (1) shall not apply with regard to the acquisition of shares that would qualify for the exemptions in section 4(c) or section 4(k)(4)(E) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(c) and (k)(4)(E)).

(3) NOTICE PROCEDURES.—The notice procedures set forth in section 4(j)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(j)(1)), without regard to section 4(j)(3) of that Act, shall apply to an acquisition of any company (other than an insured depository institution) by a bank holding company with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, as described in paragraph (1), including any such company engaged in activities described in section 4(k) of that Act.

(4) STANDARDS FOR REVIEW.—In addition to the standards provided in section 4(j)(2) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(j)(2)), the Board of Governors shall consider the extent to which the proposed acquisition would result in greater or more concentrated risks to global or United States financial stability or the United States economy.

SEC. 164. PROHIBITION AGAINST MANAGEMENT INTERLOCKS BETWEEN CERTAIN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.

A nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors shall be treated as a bank holding company for purposes of the Depository Institutions Management Interlocks Act (12 U.S.C. 3201 et seq.), except that the Board of Governors shall not exercise the authority provided in section 7 of that Act (12 U.S.C. 3207) to permit service by a management official of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors as a management official of any bank holding company with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000, or other nonaffiliated nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors (other than to provide a temporary exemption for interlocks resulting from a merger, acquisition, or consolidation).

SEC. 165. ENHANCED SUPERVISION AND PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CERTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PURPOSE.—In order to prevent or mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of large, interconnected financial institutions, the Board of Governors shall, on its own or pursuant to recommendations by the Council under section 115, establish prudential standards and reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies that—

(A) are more stringent than the standards and requirements applicable to nonbank financial companies and bank holding companies that do not present similar risks to the financial stability of the United States; and

(B) increase in stringency, based on the considerations identified in subsection (b)(3).

(2) LIMITATION ON BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—Any standards established under subsections (b) through (f) shall not apply to any bank holding company with total consolidated assets of less than $50,000,000,000, but the Board of Governors may establish an asset threshold greater than $50,000,000,000 for the applicability of any particular standard under subsections (b) through (f).

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) REQUIRED STANDARDS.—The Board of Governors shall, by regulation or order, establish prudential standards for nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), that shall include—

(i) risk-based capital requirements;

(ii) leverage limits;

(iii) liquidity requirements;

(iv) resolution plan and credit exposure report requirements; and

(v) concentration limits.

(B) ADDITIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Governors may, by regulation or order, establish prudential standards for nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), that include—

(i) a contingent capital requirement;

(ii) enhanced public disclosures; and

(iii) overall risk management requirements.

(2) PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—In applying the standards set forth in paragraph (1) to foreign nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and to foreign-based bank holding companies, the Board of Governors shall give due regard to the principle of national treatment and competitive equity.

(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In prescribing prudential standards under paragraph (1), the Board of Governors shall—

(A) take into account differences among nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), based on—

(i) the factors described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113;

(ii) whether the company owns an insured depository institution;

(iii) nonfinancial activities and affiliations of the company; and

(iv) any other factors that the Board of Governors determines appropriate;

(B) to the extent possible, ensure that small changes in the factors listed in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113 would not result in sharp, discontinuous changes in the prudential standards established under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(C) take into account any recommendations of the Council under section 115.

(4) REPORT.—The Board of Governors shall submit an annual report to Congress regarding the implementation of the prudential standards required pursuant to paragraph (1), including the use of such standards to mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) CONTINGENT CAPITAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsequent to submission by the Council of a report to Congress under section 115(c), the Board of Governors may promulgate regulations that require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) to maintain a minimum amount of long-term hybrid debt that is convertible to equity in times of financial stress.

(2) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—In establishing regulations under this subsection, the Board of Governors shall consider—

(A) the results of the study undertaken by the Council, and any recommendations of the Council, under section 115(c);

(B) an appropriate transition period for implementation of a conversion under this subsection;

(C) the factors described in subsection (b)(3)(A);

(D) capital requirements applicable to the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), and subsidiaries thereof; and

(E) any other factor that the Board of Governors deems appropriate.

(d) RESOLUTION PLAN AND CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORTS.—

(1) RESOLUTION PLAN.—The Board of Governors shall require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) to report periodically to the Board of Governors, the Council, and the Corporation the plan of such company for rapid and orderly resolution in the event of material financial distress or failure.

(2) CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORT.—The Board of Governors shall require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) to report periodically to the Board of Governors, the Council, and the Corporation on—

(A) the nature and extent to which the company has credit exposure to other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies; and

(B) the nature and extent to which other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies have credit exposure to that company.

(3) REVIEW.—The Board of Governors and the Corporation shall review the information provided in accordance with this section by each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding company described in subsection (a).

(4) NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES.—If the Board of Governors and the Corporation jointly determine, based on their review under paragraph (3), that the resolution plan of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of

Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) is not credible or would not facilitate an orderly resolution of the company under title 11, United States Code—

(A) the Board of Governors and the Corporation shall notify the company, as applicable, of the deficiencies in the resolution plan; and

(B) the company shall resubmit the resolution plan within a time frame determined by the Board of Governors and the Corporation, with revisions demonstrating that the plan is credible and would result in an orderly resolution under title 11, United States Code, including any proposed changes in business operations and corporate structure to facilitate implementation of the plan.

(5) FAILURE TO RESUBMIT CREDIBLE PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) fails to timely resubmit the resolution plan as required under paragraph (4), with such revisions as are required under subparagraph (B), the Board of Governors and the Corporation may jointly impose more stringent capital, leverage, or liquidity requirements, or restrictions on the growth, activities, or operations of the company, or any subsidiary thereof, until such time as the company resubmits a plan that remedies the deficiencies.

(B) DIVESTITURE.—The Board of Governors and the Corporation, in consultation with the Council, may direct a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), by order, to divest certain assets or operations identified by the Board of Governors and the Corporation, to facilitate an orderly resolution of such company under title 11, United States Code, in the event of the failure of such company, in any case in which—

(i) the Board of Governors and the Corporation have jointly imposed more stringent requirements on the company pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

(ii) the company has failed, within the 2-year period beginning on the date of the imposition of such requirements under subparagraph (A), to resubmit the resolution plan with such revisions as were required under paragraph (4)(B).

(6) RULES.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board of Governors and the Corporation shall jointly issue final rules implementing this subsection.

(e) CONCENTRATION LIMITS.—

(1) STANDARDS.—In order to limit the risks that the failure of any individual company could pose to a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), the Board of Governors, by regulation, shall prescribe standards that limit such risks.

(2) LIMITATION ON CREDIT EXPOSURE.—The regulations prescribed by the Board of Governors under paragraph (1) shall prohibit each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding company described in subsection (a) from having credit exposure to any unaffiliated company that exceeds 25 percent of the capital stock and surplus (or such lower amount as the Board of Governors may determine by regulation to be necessary to mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States) of the company.

(3) CREDIT EXPOSURE.—For purposes of paragraph (2), ''credit exposure'' to a company means—

(A) all extensions of credit to the company, including loans, deposits, and lines of credit;

(B) all repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements with the company;

(C) all securities borrowing and lending transactions with the company, to the extent that such transactions create credit exposure for the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a);

(D) all guarantees, acceptances, or letters of credit (including endorsement or standby letters of credit) issued on behalf of the company;

(E) all purchases of or investment in securities issued by the company;

(F) counterparty credit exposure to the company in connection with a derivative transaction between the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) and the company; and

(G) any other similar transactions that the Board of Governors, by regulation, determines to be a credit exposure for purposes of this section.

(4) ATTRIBUTION RULE.—For purposes of this subsection, any transaction by a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) with any person is a transaction with a company, to the extent that the proceeds of the transaction are used for the benefit of, or transferred to, that company.

(5) RULEMAKING.—The Board of Governors may issue such regulations and orders, including definitions consistent with this section, as may be necessary to administer and carry out this subsection.

(6) EXEMPTIONS.—The Board of Governors may, by regulation or order, exempt transactions, in whole or in part, from the definition of ''credit exposure'' for purposes of this subsection, if the Board of Governors finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purpose of this subsection.

(7) TRANSITION PERIOD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—This subsection and any regulations and orders of the Board of Governors under this subsection shall not be effective until 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) EXTENSION AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Governors may extend the period specified in subparagraph (A) for not longer than an additional 2 years.

(f) ENHANCED PUBLIC DISCLOSURES.—The Board of Governors may prescribe, by regulation, periodic public disclosures by nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) in order to support market evaluation of the risk profile, capital adequacy, and risk management capabilities thereof.

(g) RISK COMMITTEE.—

(1) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—The Board of Governors shall require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors that is a publicly traded company to establish a risk committee, as set forth in paragraph (3), not later than 1 year after the date of receipt of a notice of final determination under section 113(d)(3) with respect to such nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors.

(2) CERTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—

(A) MANDATORY REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors shall issue regulations requiring each bank holding company that is a publicly traded company and that has total consolidated assets of not less than $10,000,000,000 to establish a risk committee, as set forth in paragraph (3).

(B) PERMISSIVE REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors may require each bank holding company that is a publicly traded company and that has total consolidated assets of less than $10,000,000,000 to establish a risk committee, as set forth in paragraph (3), as determined necessary or appropriate by the Board of Governors to promote sound risk management practices.

(3) RISK COMMITTEE.—A risk committee required by this subsection shall—

(A) be responsible for the oversight of the enterprise-wide risk management practices of the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or bank holding company described in subsection (a), as applicable;

(B) include such number of independent directors as the Board of Governors may determine appropriate, based on the nature of operations, size of assets, and other appropriate criteria related to the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), as applicable; and

(C) include at least 1 risk management expert having experience in identifying, assessing, and managing risk exposures of large, complex firms.

(4) RULEMAKING.—The Board of Governors shall issue final rules to carry out this subsection, not later than 1 year after the transfer date, to take effect not later than 15 months after the transfer date.

(h) STRESS TESTS.—The Board of Governors shall conduct analyses in which nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) are subject to evaluation of whether the companies have the capital, on a total consolidated basis, necessary to absorb losses as a result of adverse economic conditions. The Board of Governors may develop and apply such other analytic techniques as are necessary to identify, measure, and monitor risks to the financial stability of the United States.

SEC. 166. EARLY REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council and the Corporation, shall prescribe regulations establishing requirements to provide for the early remediation of financial distress of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in section 165(a), except that nothing in this subsection authorizes the provision of financial assistance from the Federal Government.

(b) PURPOSE OF THE EARLY REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS.—The purpose of the early remediation requirements under subsection (a) shall be to establish a series of specific remedial actions to be taken by a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in section 165(a) that is experiencing increasing financial distress, in order to minimize the probability that the company will become insolvent and the potential harm of such insolvency to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations prescribed by the Board of Governors under subsection (a) shall—

(1) define measures of the financial condition of the company, including regulatory capital, liquidity measures, and other forward-looking indicators; and

(2) establish requirements that increase in stringency as the financial condition of the company declines, including—

(A) requirements in the initial stages of financial decline, including limits on capital distributions, acquisitions, and asset growth; and

(B) requirements at later stages of financial decline, including a capital restoration

plan and capital-raising requirements, limits on transactions with affiliates, management changes, and asset sales.

SEC. 167. AFFILIATIONS.

(a) AFFILIATIONS.—Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to require a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, or a company that controls a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, to conform the activities thereof to the requirements of section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843).

(b) REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors conducts activities other than those that are determined to be financial in nature or incidental thereto under section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, the Board of Governors may require such company to establish and conduct such activities that are determined to be financial in nature or incidental thereto in an intermediate holding company established pursuant to regulation of the Board of Governors, not later than 90 days after the date on which the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors was notified of the determination under section 113(a).

(2) INTERNAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of this subsection, activities that are determined to be financial in nature or incidental thereto under section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as described in paragraph (1), shall not include internal financial activities conducted for a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or any affiliate, including internal treasury, investment, and employee benefit functions. With respect to any internal financial activity of such company during the year prior to the date of enactment of this Act, such company may continue to engage in such activity as long as at least ⅔ of the assets or ⅔ of the revenues generated from the activity are from or attributable to such company, subject to review by the Board of Governors, to determine whether engaging in such activity presents undue risk to such company or to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors—

(1) shall promulgate regulations to establish the criteria for determining whether to require a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors to establish an intermediate holding company under subsection (a); and

(2) may promulgate regulations to establish any restrictions or limitations on transactions between an intermediate holding company or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and its affiliates, as necessary to prevent unsafe and unsound practices in connection with transactions between such company, or any subsidiary thereof, and its parent company or affiliates that are not subsidiaries of such company, except that such regulations shall not restrict or limit any transaction in connection with the bona fide acquisition or lease by an unaffiliated person of assets, goods, or services.

SEC. 168. REGULATIONS.

Except as otherwise specified in this subtitle, not later than 18 months after the transfer date, the Board of Governors shall issue final regulations to implement this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle.

SEC. 169. AVOIDING DUPLICATION.

The Board of Governors shall take any action that the Board of Governors deems appropriate to avoid imposing requirements under this subtitle that are duplicative of requirements applicable to bank holding companies and nonbank financial companies under other provisions of law.

SEC. 170. SAFE HARBOR.

(a) REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors shall promulgate regulations on behalf of, and in consultation with, the Council setting forth the criteria for exempting certain types or classes of U.S. nonbank financial companies or foreign nonbank financial companies from supervision by the Board of Governors.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the criteria under subsection (a), the Board of Governors shall take into account the factors for consideration described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113 in determining whether a U.S. nonbank financial company or foreign nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require supervision by the Board of Governors of a U.S. nonbank financial company or foreign nonbank financial company, if such company does not meet the criteria for exemption established under subsection (a).

(d) UPDATE.—The Board of Governors shall, in consultation with the Council, review the regulations promulgated under subsection (a), not less frequently than every 5 years, and based upon the review, the Board of Governors may revise such regulations on behalf of, and in consultation with, the Council to update as necessary the criteria set forth in such regulations.

(e) TRANSITION PERIOD.—No revisions under subsection (d) shall take effect before the end of the 2-year period after the date of publication of such revisions in final form.

(f) REPORT.—The Chairperson of the Board of Governors and the Chairperson of the Council shall submit a joint report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives not later than 30 days after the date of the issuance in final form of the regulations under subsection (a), or any subsequent revision to such regulations under subsection (d), as applicable. Such report shall include, at a minimum, the rationale for exemption and empirical evidence to support the criteria for exemption.

SA 3825. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title I and insert the following:

TITLE I—FINANCIAL STABILITY

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Financial Stability Act of 2010''.

SEC. 102. DEFINITIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this title, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—The term ''bank holding company'' has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841). A foreign bank or company that is treated as a bank holding company for purposes of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, pursuant to section 8(a) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3106(a)), shall be treated as a bank holding company for purposes of this title.

(2) CHAIRPERSON.—The term ''Chairperson'' means the Chairperson of the Council.

(3) MEMBER AGENCY.—The term ''member agency'' means an agency represented by a voting member of the Council.

(4) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY DEFINITIONS.—

(A) FOREIGN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term ''foreign nonbank financial company'' means a company (other than a company that is, or is treated in the United States as, a bank holding company or a subsidiary thereof) that is—

(i) incorporated or organized in a country other than the United States; and

(ii) substantially engaged in, including through a branch in the United States, activities in the United States that are financial in nature (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956).

(B) U.S. NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term ''U.S. nonbank financial company'' means a company (other than a bank holding company or a subsidiary thereof, or a Farm Credit System institution chartered and subject to the provisions of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et. seq.)) that is—

(i) incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States or any State; and

(ii) substantially engaged in activities in the United States that are financial in nature (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956).

(C) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term ''nonbank financial company'' means a U.S. nonbank financial company and a foreign nonbank financial company.

(D) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANY SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—The term ''nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors'' means a nonbank financial company that the Council has determined under section 113 shall be supervised by the Board of Governors.

(5) OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH.—The term ''Office of Financial Research'' means the office established under section 152.

(6) SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONS.—The terms ''significant nonbank financial company'' and ''significant bank holding company'' have the meanings given those terms by rule of the Board of Governors.

(b) DEFINITIONAL CRITERIA.—The Board of Governors shall establish, by regulation, the criteria to determine whether a company is substantially engaged in activities in the United States that are financial in nature (as defined in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956) for purposes of the definitions of the terms ''U.S. nonbank financial company'' and ''foreign nonbank financial company'' under subsection (a)(4).

(c) FOREIGN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—For purposes of the authority of the Board of Governors under this title with respect to foreign nonbank financial companies, references in this title to ''company'' or ''subsidiary'' include only the United States activities and subsidiaries of such foreign company.

Subtitle A—Financial Stability Oversight Council

SEC. 111. FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL ESTABLISHED.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, there is established the Financial Stability Oversight Council.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Council shall consist of the following members:

(1) VOTING MEMBERS.—The voting members, who shall each have 1 vote on the Council shall be—

(A) the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall serve as Chairperson of the Council;

(B) the Chairman of the Board of Governors;

(C) the Comptroller of the Currency;

(D) the Director of the Bureau;

(E) the Chairman of the Commission;

(F) the Chairperson of the Corporation;

(G) the Chairperson of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission;

(H) the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency; and

(I) an independent member appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, having insurance expertise.

(2) NONVOTING MEMBERS.—The Director of the Office of Financial Research—

(A) shall serve in an advisory capacity as a nonvoting member of the Council; and

(B) may not be excluded from any of the proceedings, meetings, discussions, or deliberations of the Council.

(c) TERMS; VACANCY.—

(1) TERMS.—The independent member of the Council shall serve for a term of 6 years.

(2) VACANCY.—Any vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(3) ACTING OFFICIALS MAY SERVE.—In the event of a vacancy in the office of the head of a member agency or department, and pending the appointment of a successor, or during the absence or disability of the head of a member agency or department, the acting head of the member agency or department shall serve as a member of the Council in the place of that agency or department head.

(d) TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—The Council may appoint such special advisory, technical, or professional committees as may be useful in carrying out the functions of the Council, including an advisory committee consisting of State regulators, and the members of such committees may be members of the Council, or other persons, or both.

(e) MEETINGS.—

(1) TIMING.—The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairperson or a majority of the members then serving, but not less frequently than quarterly.

(2) RULES FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS.—The Council shall adopt such rules as may be necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council. Such rules shall be rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice for purposes of section 553 of title 5, United States Code.

(f) VOTING.—Unless otherwise specified, the Council shall make all decisions that it is authorized or required to make by a majority vote of the members then serving.

(g) NONAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the Council, or to any special advisory, technical, or professional committee appointed by the Council, except that, if an advisory, technical, or professional committee has one or more members who are not employees of or affiliated with the United States Government, the Council shall publish a list of the names of the members of such committee.

(h) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Any department or agency of the United States may provide to the Council and any special advisory, technical, or professional committee appointed by the Council, such services, funds, facilities, staff, and other support services as the Council may determine advisable.

(i) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

(1) FEDERAL EMPLOYEE MEMBERS.—All members of the Council who are officers or employees of the United States shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as officers or employees of the United States.

(2) COMPENSATION FOR NON-FEDERAL MEMBER.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''Independent Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council (1).''.

(j) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any employee of the Federal Government may be detailed to the Council without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege. An employee of the Federal Government detailed to the Council shall report to and be subject to oversight by the Council during the assignment to the Council, and shall be compensated by the department or agency from which the employee was detailed.

SEC. 112. COUNCIL AUTHORITY.

(a) PURPOSES AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes of the Council are—

(A) to identify risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of large, interconnected bank holding companies or nonbank financial companies;

(B) to promote market discipline, by eliminating expectations on the part of shareholders, creditors, and counterparties of such companies that the Government will shield them from losses in the event of failure; and

(C) to respond to emerging threats to the stability of the United States financial markets.

(2) DUTIES.—The Council shall, in accordance with this title—

(A) collect information from member agencies and other Federal and State financial regulatory agencies and, if necessary to assess risks to the United States financial system, direct the Office of Financial Research to collect information from bank holding companies and nonbank financial companies;

(B) provide direction to, and request data and analyses from, the Office of Financial Research to support the work of the Council;

(C) monitor the financial services marketplace in order to identify potential threats to the financial stability of the United States;

(D) facilitate information sharing and coordination among the member agencies and other Federal and State agencies regarding domestic financial services policy development, rulemaking, examinations, reporting requirements, and enforcement actions;

(E) recommend to the member agencies general supervisory priorities and principles reflecting the outcome of discussions among the member agencies;

(F) identify gaps in regulation that could pose risks to the financial stability of the United States;

(G) require supervision by the Board of Governors for nonbank financial companies that may pose risks to the financial stability of the United States in the event of their material financial distress or failure, pursuant to section 113;

(H) make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the establishment of heightened prudential standards for risk-based capital, leverage, liquidity, contingent capital, resolution plans and credit exposure reports, concentration limits, enhanced public disclosures, and overall risk management for nonbank financial companies and large, interconnected bank holding companies supervised by the Board of Governors;

(I) identify systemically important financial market utilities and payment, clearing, and settlement activities (as that term is defined in title VIII), and require such utilities and activities to be subject to standards established by the Board of Governors;

(J) make recommendations to primary financial regulatory agencies to apply new or heightened standards and safeguards for financial activities or practices that could create or increase risks of significant liquidity, credit, or other problems spreading among bank holding companies, nonbank financial companies, and United States financial markets;

(K) make determinations regarding exemptions in title VII, where necessary;

(L) provide a forum for—

(i) discussion and analysis of emerging market developments and financial regulatory issues; and

(ii) resolution of jurisdictional disputes among the members of the Council; and

(M) annually report to and testify before Congress on—

(i) the activities of the Council;

(ii) significant financial market developments and potential emerging threats to the financial stability of the United States;

(iii) all determinations made under section 113 or title VIII, and the basis for such determinations; and

(iv) recommendations—

(I) to enhance the integrity, efficiency, competitiveness, and stability of United States financial markets;

(II) to promote market discipline; and

(III) to maintain investor confidence.

(b) AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council may receive, and may request the submission of, any data or information from the Office of Financial Research and member agencies, as necessary—

(A) to monitor the financial services marketplace to identify potential risks to the financial stability of the United States; or

(B) to otherwise carry out any of the provisions of this title.

(2) SUBMISSIONS BY THE OFFICE AND MEMBER AGENCIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Office of Financial Research and any member agency are authorized to submit information to the Council.

(3) FINANCIAL DATA COLLECTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council, acting through the Office of Financial Research, may require the submission of periodic and other reports from any nonbank financial company regulated by the Board of Governors or bank holding company for the purpose of assessing the extent to which a financial activity or financial market in which the nonbank financial company or bank holding company participates, or such nonbank financial company or bank holding company itself, poses a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

(B) MITIGATION OF REPORT BURDEN.—Before requiring the submission of reports from any nonbank financial company or bank holding company that is regulated by a member agency or any primary financial regulatory agency, the Council, acting through the Office of Financial Research, shall coordinate with such agencies and shall, whenever possible, rely on information available from the Office of Financial Research or such agencies.

(4) BACK-UP EXAMINATION BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—If the Council is unable to determine whether the financial activities of a nonbank financial company pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States, based on information or reports obtained under paragraph (3), discussions with management, and publicly available information, the Council may request the Board of Governors, and the Board of Governors is authorized, to conduct an examination of the nonbank financial company for the sole purpose of determining whether the nonbank financial company should be supervised by the Board of Governors for purposes of this title.

(5) CONFIDENTIALITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Council, the Office of Financial Research, and the other member agencies shall maintain the confidentiality of any data, information, and reports submitted under this subsection and subtitle B.

(B) RETENTION OF PRIVILEGE.—The submission of any nonpublicly available data or information under this subsection and subtitle B shall not constitute a waiver of, or otherwise affect, any privilege arising under Federal or State law (including the rules of any Federal or State court) to which the data or information is otherwise subject.

(C) FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.—Section 552 of title 5, United States Code, including the exceptions thereunder, shall apply to any data or information submitted under this subsection and subtitle B.

SEC. 113. AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES.

(a) U.S. NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) DETERMINATION.—The Council, on a nondelegable basis and by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, may determine that a U.S. nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors and shall be subject to prudential standards, in accordance with this title, if the Council determines that material financial distress at the U.S. nonbank financial company would pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—Each determination under paragraph (1) shall be based on a consideration by the Council of—

(A) the degree of leverage of the company;

(B) the amount and nature of the financial assets of the company;

(C) the amount and types of the liabilities of the company, including the degree of reliance on short-term funding;

(D) the extent and types of the off-balance-sheet exposures of the company;

(E) the extent and types of the transactions and relationships of the company with other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies;

(F) the importance of the company as a source of credit for households, businesses, and State and local governments and as a source of liquidity for the United States financial system;

(G) the recommendation, if any, of a member of the Council;

(H) the operation of, or ownership interest in, any clearing, settlement, or payment business of the company;

(I) the extent to which—

(i) assets are managed rather than owned by the company; and

(ii) ownership of assets under management is diffuse; and

(J) any other factors that the Council deems appropriate.

(b) FOREIGN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) DETERMINATION.—The Council, on a nondelegable basis and by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, may determine that a foreign nonbank financial company that has substantial assets or operations in the United States shall be supervised by the Board of Governors and shall be subject to prudential standards in accordance with this title, if the Council determines that material financial distress at the foreign nonbank financial company would pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—Each determination under paragraph (1) shall be based on a consideration by the Council of—

(A) the degree of leverage of the company;

(B) the amount and nature of the United States financial assets of the company;

(C) the amount and types of the liabilities of the company used to fund activities and operations in the United States, including the degree of reliance on short-term funding;

(D) the extent of the United States-related off-balance-sheet exposure of the company;

(E) the extent and type of the transactions and relationships of the company with other significant nonbank financial companies and bank holding companies;

(F) the importance of the company as a source of credit for United States households, businesses, and State and local governments, and as a source of liquidity for the United States financial system;

(G) the recommendation, if any, of a member of the Council;

(H) the extent to which—

(i) assets are managed rather than owned by the company; and

(ii) ownership of assets under management is diffuse; and

(I) any other factors that the Council deems appropriate.

(c) REEVALUATION AND RESCISSION.—The Council shall—

(1) not less frequently than annually, reevaluate each determination made under subsections (a) and (b) with respect to each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors; and

(2) rescind any such determination, if the Council, by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, determines that the nonbank financial company no longer meets the standards under subsection (a) or (b), as applicable.

(d) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING AND FINAL DETERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall provide to a nonbank financial company written notice of a proposed determination of the Council, including an explanation of the basis of the proposed determination of the Council, that such nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors and shall be subject to prudential standards in accordance with this title.

(2) HEARING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of any notice of a proposed determination under paragraph (1), the nonbank financial company may request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Council to contest the proposed determination. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Council shall fix a time (not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which such company may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the sole discretion of the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(3) FINAL DETERMINATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under paragraph (2), the Council shall notify the nonbank financial company of the final determination of the Council, which shall contain a statement of the basis for the decision of the Council.

(4) NO HEARING REQUESTED.—If a nonbank financial company does not make a timely request for a hearing, the Council shall notify the nonbank financial company, in writing, of the final determination of the Council under subsection (a) or (b), as applicable, not later than 10 days after the date by which the company may request a hearing under paragraph (2).

(e) EMERGENCY EXCEPTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Council may waive or modify the requirements of subsection (d) with respect to a nonbank financial company, if the Council determines, by a vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the members then serving, including an affirmative vote by the Chairperson, that such waiver or modification is necessary or appropriate to prevent or mitigate threats posed by the nonbank financial company to the financial stability of the United States.

(2) NOTICE.—The Council shall provide notice of a waiver or modification under this paragraph to the nonbank financial company concerned as soon as practicable, but not later than 24 hours after the waiver or modification is granted.

(3) OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING.—The Council shall allow a nonbank financial company to request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Council to contest a waiver or modification under this paragraph, not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of notice of the waiver or modification by the company. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Council shall fix a time (not later than 15 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which the nonbank financial company may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the sole discretion of the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(4) NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION.—Not later than 30 days after the date of any hearing under paragraph (3), the Council shall notify the subject nonbank financial company of the final determination of the Council under this paragraph, which shall contain a statement of the basis for the decision of the Council.

(f) CONSULTATION.—The Council shall consult with the primary financial regulatory agency, if any, for each nonbank financial company or subsidiary of a nonbank financial company that is being considered for supervision by the Board of Governors under this section before the Council makes any final determination with respect to such nonbank financial company under subsection (a), (b), or (c).

(g) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—If the Council makes a final determination under this section with respect to a nonbank financial company, such nonbank financial company may, not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the notice of final determination under subsection (d)(3) or (e)(4), bring an action in the United States district court for the judicial district in which the home office of such nonbank financial company is located, or in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for an order requiring that the final determination be rescinded, and the court shall, upon review, dismiss such action or direct the final determination to be rescinded. Review of such an action shall be limited to whether the final determination made under this section was arbitrary and capricious.

SEC. 114. REGISTRATION OF NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of a final Council determination under section 113 that a nonbank financial company is to be supervised by the Board of Governors, such company shall register with the Board of Governors, on forms prescribed by the Board of Governors, which shall include such information as the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, may deem necessary or appropriate to carry out this title.

SEC. 115. ENHANCED SUPERVISION AND PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CERTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PURPOSE.—In order to prevent or mitigate risks to the financial stability of the

United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of large, interconnected financial institutions, the Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the establishment and refinement of prudential standards and reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies, that—

(A) are more stringent than those applicable to other nonbank financial companies and bank holding companies that do not present similar risks to the financial stability of the United States; and

(B) increase in stringency, based on the considerations identified in subsection (b)(3).

(2) LIMITATION ON BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—Any standards recommended under subsections (b) through (f) shall not apply to any bank holding company with total consolidated assets of less than $50,000,000,000. The Council may recommend an asset threshold greater than $50,000,000,000 for the applicability of any particular standard under those subsections.

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The recommendations of the Council under subsection (a) may include—

(A) risk-based capital requirements;

(B) leverage limits;

(C) liquidity requirements;

(D) resolution plan and credit exposure report requirements;

(E) concentration limits;

(F) a contingent capital requirement;

(G) enhanced public disclosures; and

(H) overall risk management requirements.

(2) PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—In making recommendations concerning the standards set forth in paragraph (1) that would apply to foreign nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors or foreign-based bank holding companies, the Council shall give due regard to the principle of national treatment and competitive equity.

(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making recommendations concerning prudential standards under paragraph (1), the Council shall—

(A) take into account differences among nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), based on—

(i) the factors described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113;

(ii) whether the company owns an insured depository institution;

(iii) nonfinancial activities and affiliations of the company; and

(iv) any other factors that the Council determines appropriate; and

(B) to the extent possible, ensure that small changes in the factors listed in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113 would not result in sharp, discontinuous changes in the prudential standards established under paragraph (1).

(c) CONTINGENT CAPITAL.—

(1) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Council shall conduct a study of the feasibility, benefits, costs, and structure of a contingent capital requirement for nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), which study shall include—

(A) an evaluation of the degree to which such requirement would enhance the safety and soundness of companies subject to the requirement, promote the financial stability of the United States, and reduce risks to United States taxpayers;

(B) an evaluation of the characteristics and amounts of convertible debt that should be required;

(C) an analysis of potential prudential standards that should be used to determine whether the contingent capital of a company would be converted to equity in times of financial stress;

(D) an evaluation of the costs to companies, the effects on the structure and operation of credit and other financial markets, and other economic effects of requiring contingent capital;

(E) an evaluation of the effects of such requirement on the international competitiveness of companies subject to the requirement and the prospects for international coordination in establishing such requirement; and

(F) recommendations for implementing regulations.

(2) REPORT.—The Council shall submit a report to Congress regarding the study required by paragraph (1) not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsequent to submitting a report to Congress under paragraph (2), the Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors to require any nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and any bank holding company described in subsection (a) to maintain a minimum amount of long-term hybrid debt that is convertible to equity in times of financial stress.

(B) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—In making recommendations under this subsection, the Council shall consider—

(i) an appropriate transition period for implementation of a conversion under this subsection;

(ii) the factors described in subsection (b)(3);

(iii) capital requirements applicable to a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), and subsidiaries thereof;

(iv) results of the study required by paragraph (1); and

(v) any other factor that the Council deems appropriate.

(d) RESOLUTION PLAN AND CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORTS.—

(1) RESOLUTION PLAN.—The Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the requirement that each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and each bank holding company described in subsection (a) report periodically to the Council, the Board of Governors, and the Corporation, the plan of such company for rapid and orderly resolution in the event of material financial distress or failure.

(2) CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORT.—The Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors concerning the advisability of requiring each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding company described in subsection (a) to report periodically to the Council, the Board of Governors, and the Corporation on—

(A) the nature and extent to which the company has credit exposure to other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies; and

(B) the nature and extent to which other such significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies have credit exposure to that company.

(e) CONCENTRATION LIMITS.—In order to limit the risks that the failure of any individual company could pose to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors or bank holding companies described in subsection (a), the Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors to prescribe standards to limit such risks, as set forth in section 165.

(f) ENHANCED PUBLIC DISCLOSURES.—The Council may make recommendations to the Board of Governors to require periodic public disclosures by bank holding companies described in subsection (a) and by nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors, in order to support market evaluation of the risk profile, capital adequacy, and risk management capabilities thereof.

SEC. 116. REPORTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Council, acting through the Office of Financial Research, may require a bank holding company with total consolidated assets of $50,000,000,000 or greater or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, and any subsidiary thereof, to submit certified reports to keep the Council informed as to—

(1) the financial condition of the company;

(2) systems for monitoring and controlling financial, operating, and other risks;

(3) transactions with any subsidiary that is a depository institution; and

(4) the extent to which the activities and operations of the company and any subsidiary thereof, could, under adverse circumstances, have the potential to disrupt financial markets or affect the overall financial stability of the United States.

(b) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of compliance with subsection (a), the Council, acting through the Office of Financial Research, shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports that a bank holding company, nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, or any functionally regulated subsidiary of such company has been required to provide to other Federal or State regulatory agencies;

(B) information that is otherwise required to be reported publicly; and

(C) externally audited financial statements.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Each bank holding company described in subsection (a) and nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, and any subsidiary thereof, shall provide to the Council, at the request of the Council, copies of all reports referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) CONFIDENTIALITY.—The Council shall maintain the confidentiality of the reports obtained under subsection (a) and paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection.

SEC. 117. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN COMPANIES THAT CEASE TO BE BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any entity or a successor entity that—

(1) was a bank holding company having total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 as of January 1, 2010; and

(2) received financial assistance under or participated in the Capital Purchase Program established under the Troubled Asset Relief Program authorized by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

(b) TREATMENT.—If an entity described in subsection (a) ceases to be a bank holding company at any time after January 1, 2010, then such entity shall be treated as a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, as if the Council had made a determination under section 113 with respect to that entity.

(c) APPEAL.—

(1) REQUEST FOR HEARING.—An entity may request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Council to

appeal its treatment as a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors in accordance with this section. Upon receipt of the request, the Council shall fix a time (not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which such entity may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the sole discretion of the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(2) DECISION.—

(A) PROPOSED DECISION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under paragraph (1), the Council shall submit a report to, and may testify before, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on the proposed decision of the Council regarding an appeal under paragraph (1), which report shall include a statement of the basis for the proposed decision of the Council.

(B) NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION.—The Council shall notify the subject entity of the final decision of the Council regarding an appeal under paragraph (1), which notice shall contain a statement of the basis for the final decision of the Council, not later than 60 days after the later of—

(i) the date of the submission of the report under subparagraph (A); or

(ii) if the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate or the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives holds one or more hearings regarding such report, the date of the last such hearing.

(C) CONSIDERATIONS.—In making a decision regarding an appeal under paragraph (1), the Council shall consider whether the company meets the standards under section 113(a) or 113(b), as applicable, and the definition of the term ''nonbank financial company'' under section 102. The decision of the Council shall be final, subject to the review under paragraph (3).

(3) REVIEW.—If the Council denies an appeal under this subsection, the Council shall, not less frequently than annually, review and reevaluate the decision.

SEC. 118. COUNCIL FUNDING.

Any expenses of the Council and the Office of Financial Research shall be treated as expenses of, and paid by, the Department of the Treasury.

SEC. 119. RESOLUTION OF SUPERVISORY JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTES AMONG MEMBER AGENCIES.

(a) REQUEST FOR DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The Council shall resolve a dispute among 2 or more member agencies, if—

(1) a member agency has a dispute with another member agency about the respective jurisdiction over a particular bank holding company, nonbank financial company, or financial activity or product (excluding matters for which another dispute mechanism specifically has been provided under Federal law);

(2) the Council determines that the disputing agencies cannot, after a demonstrated good faith effort, resolve the dispute without the intervention of the Council; and

(3) any of the member agencies involved in the dispute—

(A) provides all other disputants prior notice of the intent to request dispute resolution by the Council; and

(B) requests in writing, not earlier than 14 days after providing the notice described in subparagraph (A), that the Council resolve the dispute.

(b) COUNCIL DECISION.—The Council shall resolve each dispute described in subsection (a)—

(1) within a reasonable time after receiving the dispute resolution request;

(2) after consideration of relevant information provided by each agency party to the dispute; and

(3) by agreeing with 1 of the disputants regarding the entirety of the matter, or by determining a compromise position.

(c) FORM AND BINDING EFFECT.—A Council decision under this section shall—

(1) be in writing;

(2) include an explanation of the reasons therefor; and

(3) be binding on all Federal agencies that are parties to the dispute.

SEC. 120. ADDITIONAL STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ACTIVITIES OR PRACTICES FOR FINANCIAL STABILITY PURPOSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Council may issue recommendations to the primary financial regulatory agencies to apply new or heightened standards and safeguards, including standards enumerated in section 115, for a financial activity or practice conducted by bank holding companies or nonbank financial companies under their respective jurisdictions, if the Council determines that the conduct of such activity or practice could create or increase the risk of significant liquidity, credit, or other problems spreading among bank holding companies and nonbank financial companies or the financial markets of the United States.

(b) PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO REGULATORS.—

(1) NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT.—The Council shall consult with the primary financial regulatory agencies and provide notice to the public and opportunity for comment for any proposed recommendation that the primary financial regulatory agencies apply new or heightened standards and safeguards for a financial activity or practice.

(2) CRITERIA.—The new or heightened standards and safeguards for a financial activity or practice recommended under paragraph (1)—

(A) shall take costs to long-term economic growth into account; and

(B) may include prescribing the conduct of the activity or practice in specific ways (such as by limiting its scope, or applying particular capital or risk management requirements to the conduct of the activity) or prohibiting the activity or practice.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDED STANDARDS.—

(1) ROLE OF PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Each primary financial regulatory agency may impose, require reports regarding, examine for compliance with, and enforce standards in accordance with this section with respect to those entities for which it is the primary financial regulatory agency.

(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The authority under this paragraph is in addition to, and does not limit, any other authority of a primary financial regulatory agency. Compliance by an entity with actions taken by a primary financial regulatory agency under this section shall be enforceable in accordance with the statutes governing the respective jurisdiction of the primary financial regulatory agency over the entity, as if the agency action were taken under those statutes.

(2) IMPOSITION OF STANDARDS.—The primary financial regulatory agency shall impose the standards recommended by the Council in accordance with subsection (a), or similar standards that the Council deems acceptable, or shall explain in writing to the Council, not later than 90 days after the date on which the Council issues the recommendation, why the agency has determined not to follow the recommendation of the Council.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Council shall report to Congress on—

(1) any recommendations issued by the Council under this section;

(2) the implementation of, or failure to implement such recommendation on the part of a primary financial regulatory agency; and

(3) in any case in which no primary financial regulatory agency exists for the nonbank financial company conducting financial activities or practices referred to in subsection (a), recommendations for legislation that would prevent such activities or practices from threatening the stability of the financial system of the United States.

(e) EFFECT OF RESCISSION OF IDENTIFICATION.—

(1) NOTICE.—The Council may recommend to the relevant primary financial regulatory agency that a financial activity or practice no longer requires any standards or safeguards implemented under this section.

(2) DETERMINATION OF PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY TO CONTINUE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon receipt of a recommendation under paragraph (1), a primary financial regulatory agency that has imposed standards under this section shall determine whether standards that it has imposed under this section should remain in effect.

(B) APPEAL PROCESS.—Each primary financial regulatory agency that has imposed standards under this section shall promulgate regulations to establish a procedure under which entities under its jurisdiction may appeal a determination by such agency under this paragraph that standards imposed under this section should remain in effect.

SEC. 121. MITIGATION OF RISKS TO FINANCIAL STABILITY.

(a) MITIGATORY ACTIONS.—If the Board of Governors determines that a bank holding company with total consolidated assets of $50,000,000,000 or more, or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, poses a grave threat to the financial stability of the United States, the Board of Governors, upon an affirmative vote of not fewer than ⅔ of the Council members then serving, shall require the subject company—

(1) to terminate one or more activities;

(2) to impose conditions on the manner in which the company conducts one or more activities; or

(3) if the Board of Governors determines that such action is inadequate to mitigate a threat to the financial stability of the United States in its recommendation, to sell or otherwise transfer assets or off-balance-sheet items to unaffiliated entities.

(b) NOTICE AND HEARING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, shall provide to a company described in subsection (a) written notice that such company is being considered for mitigatory action pursuant to this section, including an explanation of the basis for, and description of, the proposed mitigatory action.

(2) HEARING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of notice under paragraph (1), the company may request, in writing, an opportunity for a written or oral hearing before the Board of Governors to contest the proposed mitigatory action. Upon receipt of a timely request, the Board of Governors shall fix a time (not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request) and place at which such company may appear, personally or through counsel, to submit written materials (or, at the discretion of the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, oral testimony and oral argument).

(3) DECISION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of a hearing under paragraph (2), or not later than 60 days after the provision of a notice under paragraph (1) if no hearing

was held, the Board of Governors shall notify the company of the final decision of the Board of Governors, including the results of the vote of the Council, as described in subsection (a).

(c) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—The Board of Governors and the Council shall take into consideration the factors set forth in subsection (a) or (b) of section 113, as applicable, in a determination described in subsection (a) and in a decision described in subsection (b).

(d) APPLICATION TO FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—The Board of Governors may prescribe regulations regarding the application of this section to foreign nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and foreign-based bank holding companies, giving due regard to the principle of national treatment and competitive equity.

Subtitle B—Office of Financial Research

SEC. 151. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle—

(1) the terms ''Office'' and ''Director'' mean the Office of Financial Research established under this subtitle and the Director thereof, respectively;

(2) the term ''financial company'' has the same meaning as in title II, and includes an insured depository institution and an insurance company;

(3) the term ''Research and Analysis Center'' means the research and analysis center established under section 154;

(4) the term ''financial transaction data'' means the structure and legal description of a financial contract, with sufficient detail to describe the rights and obligations between counterparties and make possible an independent valuation;

(5) the term ''position data''—

(A) means data on financial assets or liabilities held on the balance sheet of a financial company, where positions are created or changed by the execution of a financial transaction; and

(B) includes information that identifies counterparties, the valuation by the financial company of the position, and information that makes possible an independent valuation of the position;

(6) the term ''financial contract'' means a legally binding agreement between 2 or more counterparties, describing rights and obligations relating to the future delivery of items of intrinsic or extrinsic value among the counterparties; and

(7) the term ''financial instrument'' means a financial contract in which the terms and conditions are publicly available, and the roles of one or more of the counterparties are assignable without the consent of any of the other counterparties (including common stock of a publicly traded company, government bonds, or exchange traded futures and options contracts).

SEC. 152. OFFICE OF FINANCIAL RESEARCH ESTABLISHED.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within the Department of the Treasury the Office of Financial Research.

(b) DIRECTOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) TERM OF SERVICE.—The Director shall serve for a term of 6 years, except that, in the event that a successor is not nominated and confirmed by the end of the term of service of a Director, the Director may continue to serve until such time as the next Director is appointed and confirmed.

(3) EXECUTIVE LEVEL.—The Director shall be compensated at level III of the Executive Schedule.

(4) PROHIBITION ON DUAL SERVICE.—The individual serving in the position of Director may not, during such service, also serve as the head of any financial regulatory agency.

(5) RESPONSIBILITIES, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY.—The Director shall have sole discretion in the manner in which the Director fulfills the responsibilities and duties and exercises the authorities described in this subtitle.

(c) BUDGET.—The Director, with the approval of the Chairperson, shall establish the annual budget of the Office.

(d) OFFICE PERSONNEL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, with approval of the Chairperson, may fix the number of, and appoint and direct, all employees of the Office.

(2) COMPENSATION.—The Director, in consultation with the Chairperson, shall fix, adjust, and administer the pay for all employees of the Office.

(e) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Any department or agency of the United States may provide to the Office and any special advisory, technical, or professional committees appointed by the Office, such services, funds, facilities, staff, and other support services as the Office may determine advisable. Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Office without reimbursement, and such detail shall be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

(f) NON-COMPETE.—The Director and any staff of the Office who has had access to the transaction or position data or other business confidential information about financial entities required to report to the Office, may not, for a period of 1 year after last having access to such transaction or position data or business confidential information, be employed by or provide advice or consulting services to a financial company, regardless of whether that entity is required to report to the Office. For staff whose access to business confidential information was limited, the Director may provide, on a case-by-case basis, for a shorter period of post-employment prohibition, provided that the shorter period does not compromise business confidential information.

(g) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE COMPENSATION.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

''Director of the Office of Financial Research.''.

SEC. 153. PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE.

(a) PURPOSE AND DUTIES.—The purpose of the Office is to support the Council in fulfilling the purposes and duties of the Council, as set forth in subtitle A, and to support member agencies, by—

(1) collecting data on behalf of the Council, and providing such data to the Council and member agencies;

(2) standardizing the types and formats of data reported and collected;

(3) performing applied research and essential long-term research;

(4) developing tools for risk measurement and monitoring;

(5) performing other related services;

(6) making the results of the activities of the Office available to financial regulatory agencies; and

(7) assisting such member agencies in determining the types and formats of data authorized by this Act to be collected by such member agencies.

(b) ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.—The Office may share data and information, including software developed by the Office, with the Council and member agencies, which shared data, information, and software—

(1) shall be maintained with at least the same level of security as is used by the Office; and

(2) may not be shared with any individual or entity.

(c) GUIDANCE.—

(1) SCOPE.—The Office, in consultation with the Chairperson, shall issue guidance to carry out the purposes and duties described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (7) of subsection (a).

(2) STANDARDIZATION.—Member agencies, in consultation with the Office, shall work to standardize the types and formats of data reported and collected on behalf of the Council, as described in subsection (a)(2).

(d) TESTIMONY.—The Director of the Office shall report to and testify before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives annually on the activities of the Office, including the work of the Data Center and the Research and Analysis Center, and the assessment of the Office of significant financial market developments and potential emerging threats to the financial stability of the United States.

(e) ADDITIONAL REPORTS.—The Director may, with the approval of the Chairperson, provide additional reports to Congress concerning the financial stability of the United States.

SEC. 154. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; RESPONSIBILITIES OF RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS CENTER.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the Office, to carry out the programmatic responsibilities of the Office, the Research and Analysis Center.

(b) RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS CENTER.—The Research and Analysis Center, on behalf of the Council, shall develop and maintain independent analytical capabilities and computing resources to develop and maintain metrics and reporting systems for risks to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) REQUIRED REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and not later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year thereafter, the Office shall prepare and submit a report to Congress.

(2) CONTENT.—Each report required by this subsection shall assess the state of the United States financial system, including—

(A) an analysis of any threats to the financial stability of the United States;

(B) the status of the efforts of the Office in meeting the mission of the Office; and

(C) key findings from the research and analysis of the financial system by the Office.

SEC. 155. TRANSITION OVERSIGHT.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to ensure that the Office—

(1) has an orderly and organized startup;

(2) attracts and retains a qualified workforce; and

(3) establishes comprehensive employee training and benefits programs.

(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that includes the plans described in paragraph (2).

(2) PLANS.—The plans described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.—The Office shall submit a training and workforce development plan that includes, to the extent practicable—

(i) identification of skill and technical expertise needs and actions taken to meet those requirements;

(ii) steps taken to foster innovation and creativity;

(iii) leadership development and succession planning; and

(iv) effective use of technology by employees.

(B) RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN.—The Office shall submit a recruitment and retention plan that includes, to the extent practicable, provisions relating to—

(i) the steps necessary to target highly qualified applicant pools with diverse backgrounds;

(ii) streamlined employment application processes;

(iii) the provision of timely notification of the status of employment applications to applicants; and

(iv) the collection of information to measure indicators of hiring effectiveness.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to affect—

(1) a collective bargaining agreement, as that term is defined in section 7103(a)(8) of title 5, United States Code, that is in effect on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) the rights of employees under chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code.

Subtitle C—Additional Board of Governors Authority for Certain Nonbank Financial Companies and Bank Holding Companies

SEC. 161. REPORTS BY AND EXAMINATIONS OF NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

(a) REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors may require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, and any subsidiary thereof, to submit reports under oath, to keep the Board of Governors informed as to—

(A) the financial condition of the company or subsidiary, systems of the company or subsidiary for monitoring and controlling financial, operating, and other risks, and the extent to which the activities and operations of the company or subsidiary pose a threat to the financial stability of the United States; and

(B) compliance by the company or subsidiary with the requirements of this subtitle.

(2) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS AND INFORMATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Board of Governors shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports and supervisory information that a nonbank financial company or subsidiary thereof has been required to provide to other Federal or State regulatory agencies;

(B) information otherwise obtainable from Federal or State regulatory agencies;

(C) information that is otherwise required to be reported publicly; and

(D) externally audited financial statements of such company or subsidiary.

(3) AVAILABILITY.—Upon the request of the Board of Governors, a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, or a subsidiary thereof, shall promptly provide to the Board of Governors any information described in paragraph (2).

(b) EXAMINATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Board of Governors may examine any nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and any subsidiary of such company, to determine—

(A) the nature of the operations and financial condition of the company and such subsidiary;

(B) the financial, operational, and other risks within the company that may pose a threat to the safety and soundness of such company or to the financial stability of the United States;

(C) the systems for monitoring and controlling such risks; and

(D) compliance by the company with the requirements of this subtitle.

(2) USE OF EXAMINATION REPORTS AND INFORMATION.—For purposes of this subsection, the Board of Governors shall, to the fullest extent possible, rely on reports of examination of any depository institution subsidiary or functionally regulated subsidiary made by the primary financial regulatory agency for that subsidiary, and on information described in subsection (a)(2).

(c) COORDINATION WITH PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY.—The Board of Governors shall—

(1) provide to the primary financial regulatory agency for any company or subsidiary, reasonable notice before requiring a report, requesting information, or commencing an examination of such subsidiary under this section; and

(2) avoid duplication of examination activities, reporting requirements, and requests for information, to the extent possible.

SEC. 162. ENFORCEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and any subsidiaries of such company (other than any depository institution subsidiary) shall be subject to the provisions of subsections (b) through (n) of section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), in the same manner and to the same extent as if the company were a bank holding company, as provided in section 8(b)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(b)(3)).

(b) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR FUNCTIONALLY REGULATED SUBSIDIARIES.—

(1) REFERRAL.—If the Board of Governors determines that a condition, practice, or activity of a depository institution subsidiary or functionally regulated subsidiary of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors does not comply with the regulations or orders prescribed by the Board of Governors under this Act, or otherwise poses a threat to the financial stability of the United States, the Board of Governors may recommend, in writing, to the primary financial regulatory agency for the subsidiary that such agency initiate a supervisory action or enforcement proceeding. The recommendation shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the concerns giving rise to the recommendation.

(2) BACK-UP AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—If, during the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the primary financial regulatory agency receives a recommendation under paragraph (1), the primary financial regulatory agency does not take supervisory or enforcement action against a subsidiary that is acceptable to the Board of Governors, the Board of Governors (upon a vote of its members) may take the recommended supervisory or enforcement action, as if the subsidiary were a bank holding company subject to supervision by the Board of Governors.

SEC. 163. ACQUISITIONS.

(a) ACQUISITIONS OF BANKS; TREATMENT AS A BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—For purposes of section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842), a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors shall be deemed to be, and shall be treated as, a bank holding company.

(b) ACQUISITION OF NONBANK COMPANIES.—

(1) PRIOR NOTICE FOR LARGE ACQUISITIONS.—Notwithstanding section 4(k)(6)(B) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)(6)(B)), a bank holding company with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors shall not acquire direct or indirect ownership or control of any voting shares of any company (other than an insured depository institution) that is engaged in activities described in section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 having total consolidated assets of $10,000,000,000 or more, without providing written notice to the Board of Governors in advance of the transaction.

(2) EXEMPTIONS.—The prior notice requirement in paragraph (1) shall not apply with regard to the acquisition of shares that would qualify for the exemptions in section 4(c) or section 4(k)(4)(E) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(c) and (k)(4)(E)).

(3) NOTICE PROCEDURES.—The notice procedures set forth in section 4(j)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(j)(1)), without regard to section 4(j)(3) of that Act, shall apply to an acquisition of any company (other than an insured depository institution) by a bank holding company with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, as described in paragraph (1), including any such company engaged in activities described in section 4(k) of that Act.

(4) STANDARDS FOR REVIEW.—In addition to the standards provided in section 4(j)(2) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(j)(2)), the Board of Governors shall consider the extent to which the proposed acquisition would result in greater or more concentrated risks to global or United States financial stability or the United States economy.

SEC. 164. PROHIBITION AGAINST MANAGEMENT INTERLOCKS BETWEEN CERTAIN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.

A nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors shall be treated as a bank holding company for purposes of the Depository Institutions Management Interlocks Act (12 U.S.C. 3201 et seq.), except that the Board of Governors shall not exercise the authority provided in section 7 of that Act (12 U.S.C. 3207) to permit service by a management official of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors as a management official of any bank holding company with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000, or other nonaffiliated nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors (other than to provide a temporary exemption for interlocks resulting from a merger, acquisition, or consolidation).

SEC. 165. ENHANCED SUPERVISION AND PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND CERTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) PURPOSE.—In order to prevent or mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of large, interconnected financial institutions, the Board of Governors shall, on its own or pursuant to recommendations by the Council under section 115, establish prudential standards and reporting and disclosure requirements applicable to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies that—

(A) are more stringent than the standards and requirements applicable to nonbank financial companies and bank holding companies that do not present similar risks to the financial stability of the United States; and

(B) increase in stringency, based on the considerations identified in subsection (b)(3).

(2) LIMITATION ON BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—Any standards established under subsections (b) through (f) shall not apply to

any bank holding company with total consolidated assets of less than $50,000,000,000, but the Board of Governors may establish an asset threshold greater than $50,000,000,000 for the applicability of any particular standard under subsections (b) through (f).

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—

(A) REQUIRED STANDARDS.—The Board of Governors shall, by regulation or order, establish prudential standards for nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), that shall include—

(i) risk-based capital requirements;

(ii) leverage limits;

(iii) liquidity requirements;

(iv) resolution plan and credit exposure report requirements; and

(v) concentration limits.

(B) ADDITIONAL STANDARDS AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Governors may, by regulation or order, establish prudential standards for nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), that include—

(i) a contingent capital requirement;

(ii) enhanced public disclosures; and

(iii) overall risk management requirements.

(2) PRUDENTIAL STANDARDS FOR FOREIGN FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—In applying the standards set forth in paragraph (1) to foreign nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and to foreign-based bank holding companies, the Board of Governors shall give due regard to the principle of national treatment and competitive equity.

(3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In prescribing prudential standards under paragraph (1), the Board of Governors shall—

(A) take into account differences among nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a), based on—

(i) the factors described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113;

(ii) whether the company owns an insured depository institution;

(iii) nonfinancial activities and affiliations of the company; and

(iv) any other factors that the Board of Governors determines appropriate;

(B) to the extent possible, ensure that small changes in the factors listed in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113 would not result in sharp, discontinuous changes in the prudential standards established under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(C) take into account any recommendations of the Council under section 115.

(4) REPORT.—The Board of Governors shall submit an annual report to Congress regarding the implementation of the prudential standards required pursuant to paragraph (1), including the use of such standards to mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) CONTINGENT CAPITAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsequent to submission by the Council of a report to Congress under section 115(c), the Board of Governors may promulgate regulations that require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) to maintain a minimum amount of long-term hybrid debt that is convertible to equity in times of financial stress.

(2) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—In establishing regulations under this subsection, the Board of Governors shall consider—

(A) the results of the study undertaken by the Council, and any recommendations of the Council, under section 115(c);

(B) an appropriate transition period for implementation of a conversion under this subsection;

(C) the factors described in subsection (b)(3)(A);

(D) capital requirements applicable to the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), and subsidiaries thereof; and

(E) any other factor that the Board of Governors deems appropriate.

(d) RESOLUTION PLAN AND CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORTS.—

(1) RESOLUTION PLAN.—The Board of Governors shall require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) to report periodically to the Board of Governors, the Council, and the Corporation the plan of such company for rapid and orderly resolution in the event of material financial distress or failure.

(2) CREDIT EXPOSURE REPORT.—The Board of Governors shall require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) to report periodically to the Board of Governors, the Council, and the Corporation on—

(A) the nature and extent to which the company has credit exposure to other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies; and

(B) the nature and extent to which other significant nonbank financial companies and significant bank holding companies have credit exposure to that company.

(3) REVIEW.—The Board of Governors and the Corporation shall review the information provided in accordance with this section by each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding company described in subsection (a).

(4) NOTICE OF DEFICIENCIES.—If the Board of Governors and the Corporation jointly determine, based on their review under paragraph (3), that the resolution plan of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) is not credible or would not facilitate an orderly resolution of the company under title 11, United States Code—

(A) the Board of Governors and the Corporation shall notify the company, as applicable, of the deficiencies in the resolution plan; and

(B) the company shall resubmit the resolution plan within a time frame determined by the Board of Governors and the Corporation, with revisions demonstrating that the plan is credible and would result in an orderly resolution under title 11, United States Code, including any proposed changes in business operations and corporate structure to facilitate implementation of the plan.

(5) FAILURE TO RESUBMIT CREDIBLE PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) fails to timely resubmit the resolution plan as required under paragraph (4), with such revisions as are required under subparagraph (B), the Board of Governors and the Corporation may jointly impose more stringent capital, leverage, or liquidity requirements, or restrictions on the growth, activities, or operations of the company, or any subsidiary thereof, until such time as the company resubmits a plan that remedies the deficiencies.

(B) DIVESTITURE.—The Board of Governors and the Corporation, in consultation with the Council, may direct a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), by order, to divest certain assets or operations identified by the Board of Governors and the Corporation, to facilitate an orderly resolution of such company under title 11, United States Code, in the event of the failure of such company, in any case in which—

(i) the Board of Governors and the Corporation have jointly imposed more stringent requirements on the company pursuant to subparagraph (A); and

(ii) the company has failed, within the 2-year period beginning on the date of the imposition of such requirements under subparagraph (A), to resubmit the resolution plan with such revisions as were required under paragraph (4)(B).

(6) RULES.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Board of Governors and the Corporation shall jointly issue final rules implementing this subsection.

(e) CONCENTRATION LIMITS.—

(1) STANDARDS.—In order to limit the risks that the failure of any individual company could pose to a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), the Board of Governors, by regulation, shall prescribe standards that limit such risks.

(2) LIMITATION ON CREDIT EXPOSURE.—The regulations prescribed by the Board of Governors under paragraph (1) shall prohibit each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding company described in subsection (a) from having credit exposure to any unaffiliated company that exceeds 25 percent of the capital stock and surplus (or such lower amount as the Board of Governors may determine by regulation to be necessary to mitigate risks to the financial stability of the United States) of the company.

(3) CREDIT EXPOSURE.—For purposes of paragraph (2), ''credit exposure'' to a company means—

(A) all extensions of credit to the company, including loans, deposits, and lines of credit;

(B) all repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements with the company;

(C) all securities borrowing and lending transactions with the company, to the extent that such transactions create credit exposure for the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a);

(D) all guarantees, acceptances, or letters of credit (including endorsement or standby letters of credit) issued on behalf of the company;

(E) all purchases of or investment in securities issued by the company;

(F) counterparty credit exposure to the company in connection with a derivative transaction between the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) and the company; and

(G) any other similar transactions that the Board of Governors, by regulation, determines to be a credit exposure for purposes of this section.

(4) ATTRIBUTION RULE.—For purposes of this subsection, any transaction by a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a) with any person is a transaction with a company, to the extent that the proceeds of the transaction are used for the benefit of, or transferred to, that company.

(5) RULEMAKING.—The Board of Governors may issue such regulations and orders, including definitions consistent with this section, as may be necessary to administer and carry out this subsection.

(6) EXEMPTIONS.—The Board of Governors may, by regulation or order, exempt transactions, in whole or in part, from the definition of ''credit exposure'' for purposes of this subsection, if the Board of Governors finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purpose of this subsection.

(7) TRANSITION PERIOD.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—This subsection and any regulations and orders of the Board of Governors under this subsection shall not be effective until 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) EXTENSION AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Governors may extend the period specified in subparagraph (A) for not longer than an additional 2 years.

(f) ENHANCED PUBLIC DISCLOSURES.—The Board of Governors may prescribe, by regulation, periodic public disclosures by nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) in order to support market evaluation of the risk profile, capital adequacy, and risk management capabilities thereof.

(g) RISK COMMITTEE.—

(1) NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES SUPERVISED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—The Board of Governors shall require each nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors that is a publicly traded company to establish a risk committee, as set forth in paragraph (3), not later than 1 year after the date of receipt of a notice of final determination under section 113(d)(3) with respect to such nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors.

(2) CERTAIN BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—

(A) MANDATORY REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors shall issue regulations requiring each bank holding company that is a publicly traded company and that has total consolidated assets of not less than $10,000,000,000 to establish a risk committee, as set forth in paragraph (3).

(B) PERMISSIVE REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors may require each bank holding company that is a publicly traded company and that has total consolidated assets of less than $10,000,000,000 to establish a risk committee, as set forth in paragraph (3), as determined necessary or appropriate by the Board of Governors to promote sound risk management practices.

(3) RISK COMMITTEE.—A risk committee required by this subsection shall—

(A) be responsible for the oversight of the enterprise-wide risk management practices of the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or bank holding company described in subsection (a), as applicable;

(B) include such number of independent directors as the Board of Governors may determine appropriate, based on the nature of operations, size of assets, and other appropriate criteria related to the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in subsection (a), as applicable; and

(C) include at least 1 risk management expert having experience in identifying, assessing, and managing risk exposures of large, complex firms.

(4) RULEMAKING.—The Board of Governors shall issue final rules to carry out this subsection, not later than 1 year after the transfer date, to take effect not later than 15 months after the transfer date.

(h) STRESS TESTS.—The Board of Governors shall conduct analyses in which nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and bank holding companies described in subsection (a) are subject to evaluation of whether the companies have the capital, on a total consolidated basis, necessary to absorb losses as a result of adverse economic conditions. The Board of Governors may develop and apply such other analytic techniques as are necessary to identify, measure, and monitor risks to the financial stability of the United States.

SEC. 166. EARLY REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council and the Corporation, shall prescribe regulations establishing requirements to provide for the early remediation of financial distress of a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in section 165(a), except that nothing in this subsection authorizes the provision of financial assistance from the Federal Government.

(b) PURPOSE OF THE EARLY REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS.—The purpose of the early remediation requirements under subsection (a) shall be to establish a series of specific remedial actions to be taken by a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or a bank holding company described in section 165(a) that is experiencing increasing financial distress, in order to minimize the probability that the company will become insolvent and the potential harm of such insolvency to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) REMEDIATION REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations prescribed by the Board of Governors under subsection (a) shall—

(1) define measures of the financial condition of the company, including regulatory capital, liquidity measures, and other forward-looking indicators; and

(2) establish requirements that increase in stringency as the financial condition of the company declines, including—

(A) requirements in the initial stages of financial decline, including limits on capital distributions, acquisitions, and asset growth; and

(B) requirements at later stages of financial decline, including a capital restoration plan and capital-raising requirements, limits on transactions with affiliates, management changes, and asset sales.

SEC. 167. AFFILIATIONS.

(a) AFFILIATIONS.—Nothing in this subtitle shall be construed to require a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, or a company that controls a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors, to conform the activities thereof to the requirements of section 4 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843).

(b) REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors conducts activities other than those that are determined to be financial in nature or incidental thereto under section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, the Board of Governors may require such company to establish and conduct such activities that are determined to be financial in nature or incidental thereto in an intermediate holding company established pursuant to regulation of the Board of Governors, not later than 90 days after the date on which the nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors was notified of the determination under section 113(a).

(2) INTERNAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of this subsection, activities that are determined to be financial in nature or incidental thereto under section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as described in paragraph (1), shall not include internal financial activities conducted for a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors or any affiliate, including internal treasury, investment, and employee benefit functions. With respect to any internal financial activity of such company during the year prior to the date of enactment of this Act, such company may continue to engage in such activity as long as at least ⅔ of the assets or ⅔ of the revenues generated from the activity are from or attributable to such company, subject to review by the Board of Governors, to determine whether engaging in such activity presents undue risk to such company or to the financial stability of the United States.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors—

(1) shall promulgate regulations to establish the criteria for determining whether to require a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors to establish an intermediate holding company under subsection (a); and

(2) may promulgate regulations to establish any restrictions or limitations on transactions between an intermediate holding company or a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors and its affiliates, as necessary to prevent unsafe and unsound practices in connection with transactions between such company, or any subsidiary thereof, and its parent company or affiliates that are not subsidiaries of such company, except that such regulations shall not restrict or limit any transaction in connection with the bona fide acquisition or lease by an unaffiliated person of assets, goods, or services.

SEC. 168. REGULATIONS.

Except as otherwise specified in this subtitle, not later than 18 months after the transfer date, the Board of Governors shall issue final regulations to implement this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle.

SEC. 169. AVOIDING DUPLICATION.

The Board of Governors shall take any action that the Board of Governors deems appropriate to avoid imposing requirements under this subtitle that are duplicative of requirements applicable to bank holding companies and nonbank financial companies under other provisions of law.

SEC. 170. SAFE HARBOR.

(a) REGULATIONS.—The Board of Governors shall promulgate regulations on behalf of, and in consultation with, the Council setting forth the criteria for exempting certain types or classes of U.S. nonbank financial companies or foreign nonbank financial companies from supervision by the Board of Governors.

(b) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the criteria under subsection (a), the Board of Governors shall take into account the factors for consideration described in subsections (a) and (b) of section 113 in determining whether a U.S. nonbank financial company or foreign nonbank financial company shall be supervised by the Board of Governors.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to require supervision by the Board of Governors of a U.S. nonbank financial company or foreign nonbank financial company, if such company does not meet the criteria for exemption established under subsection (a).

(d) UPDATE.—The Board of Governors shall, in consultation with the Council, review the regulations promulgated under subsection (a), not less frequently than every 5 years, and based upon the review, the Board of Governors may revise such regulations on behalf

of, and in consultation with, the Council to update as necessary the criteria set forth in such regulations.

(e) TRANSITION PERIOD.—No revisions under subsection (d) shall take effect before the end of the 2-year period after the date of publication of such revisions in final form.

(f) REPORT.—The Chairperson of the Board of Governors and the Chairperson of the Council shall submit a joint report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives not later than 30 days after the date of the issuance in final form of the regulations under subsection (a), or any subsequent revision to such regulations under subsection (d), as applicable. Such report shall include, at a minimum, the rationale for exemption and empirical evidence to support the criteria for exemption.

SA 3826. Mr. SHELBY (for himself, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. CORKER, Mr. JOHANNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. VITTER, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOND, Mr. ENZI, and Mr. ALEXANDER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title X and insert the following:

TITLE X—DIVISION FOR CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010''.

SEC. 1002. DEFINITIONS.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, for purposes of this title, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) COVERED PERSON.—The term covered person means—

(A) a depository institution; or

(B) a person other than a depository institution that is subject to one or more of the enumerated consumer protection statutes.

(2) DESIGNATED TRANSFER DATE.—The term ''designated transfer date'' means the date established under section 1042.

(3) DIVISION.—The term ''Division'' means the Division for Consumer Financial Protection.

(4) ENUMERATED CONSUMER PROTECTION STATUTES.—The term ''enumerated consumer protection statute'' means—

(A) subsections (c) through (f) of section 43 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831t);

(B) the Consumer Leasing Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 1667 et seq.);

(C) the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq.);

(D) the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.);

(E) the Fair Credit Billing Act (15 U.S.C. 1666 et seq.);

(F) the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), other than sections 615(e) and 628 of that Act (15 U.S.C. 1681m(e), 1681w);

(G) the Homeowners Protection Act of 1998 (12 U.S.C. 4901, et seq.);

(H) the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.);

(I) sections 502 through 509 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6802–6809);

(J) the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 (12 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.);

(K) the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (15 U.S.C. 1601 note);

(L) the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);

(M) the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.);

(N) the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

(O) the Truth in Savings Act (12 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.); and

(P) the authority of the Federal Trade Commission, the Board of Governors, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the National Credit Union Administration to prohibit unfair or deceptive acts or practices under section 18(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a(f))—

(i) only to the same extent that the Board of Governors, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Federal Trade Commission could exercise such authority over covered persons on the day before the designated transfer date; and

(ii) except that such authority shall not extend to persons or activities covered under the Fair Credit Reporting Act that do not meet the definition in section 603(p) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(p)).

(5) MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR.—The term ''mortgage loan originator'' means any person (other than an individual) that takes applications for residential mortgage transactions and offers or negotiates terms of residential mortgage transactions.

(6) NONDEPOSITORY COVERED PERSON.—The term ''nondepository covered person'' means any entity that—

(A) is not a depository institution;

(B) is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a depository institution;

(C) is not subject to supervision or enforcement by a Federal banking regulator; and

(D) is a financial services provider subject to the enumerated consumer protection statutes.

(7) PERSON.—The term ''person'' has the same meaning as in section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602).

(8) PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—The term ''prudential regulator'' means the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration, as appropriate, with respect to depository institutions and affiliates of depository institutions supervised by such agencies.

(9) RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE TRANSACTION.—The term ''residential mortgage transaction'' has the same meaning as in section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602).

Subtitle A—Division of Consumer Protection

SEC. 1011. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIVISION.

(a) DIVISION ESTABLISHED.—There is established within the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation the Division for Consumer Protection, which shall regulate, by rule or order, consumer financial products and services under the enumerated consumer protection statutes, and where applicable, as provided for in section 1024, enforce the enumerated consumer protection statutes.

(b) DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—

(1) DIRECTOR.—The Division shall be headed by a Director, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve for a term of 4 years.

(2) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—The Director shall designate a Deputy Director.

(3) ACTING DIRECTOR.—In the event of a vacancy in the position of the Director or during the absence or disability of the Director, the Deputy Director shall act as Director.

(4) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be compensated at a rate prescribed for level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title 5, United States Code.

SEC. 1012. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) SPECIFIC FUNCTIONAL UNITS.—

(1) RESEARCH.—The Director shall establish a unit, the functions of which shall include researching, analyzing, and reporting on—

(A) developments in markets for consumer financial products or services, including market areas of alternative consumer financial products or services with high growth rates and areas of risk to consumers;

(B) consumer awareness, understanding, and use of disclosures and communications regarding consumer financial products or services; and

(C) consumer awareness and understanding of costs, risks, and benefits of consumer financial products or services.

(2) COLLECTING AND TRACKING COMPLAINTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish a unit, the functions of which shall include establishing a single, toll-free telephone number, a website, and database to facilitate the centralized collection, monitoring, and response to consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products or services. The Director shall coordinate with other Federal agencies to route complaints to other Federal regulators, where appropriate.

(B) ROUTING CALLS TO STATES.—To the extent practicable, State agencies may receive appropriate complaints from the systems established under subparagraph (A), if—

(i) the State agency system has the functional capacity to receive calls or electronic reports routed by the Division systems; and

(ii) the State agency has satisfied any conditions of participation in the system that the Division may establish, including treatment of personally identifiable information and sharing of information on complaint resolution or related compliance procedures and resources.

(C) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Director shall present an annual report to Congress, not later than March 31 of each year on the complaints received by the Division in the prior year regarding consumer financial products and services. Such report shall include information and analysis about complaint numbers, types, and, where applicable, information about resolution of complaints.

(D) DATA SHARING REQUIRED.—To facilitate preparation of the reports required under subparagraph (C), supervision and enforcement activities, and monitoring of the market for consumer financial products and services, the Division shall share consumer complaint information with prudential regulators, other Federal agencies, and State agencies, consistent with Federal law applicable to personally identifiable information. The prudential regulators and other Federal agencies shall share data relating to consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products and services with the Division, consistent with Federal law applicable to personally identifiable information.

(b) OFFICE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Division shall establish an Office of Financial Literacy, which shall be responsible for developing and implementing initiatives intended to educate and empower consumers to make better informed financial decisions. The Director shall serve as the Vice Chairperson on the

Financial Literacy and Education Commission established under section 513 of the Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act (20 U.S.C. 9702).

(2) OTHER DUTIES.—The Office of Financial Literacy shall develop and implement a strategy to improve financial literacy, consistent with the National Strategy for Financial Education.

(3) COORDINATION.—The Office of Financial Literacy shall coordinate with other units within the Division in carrying out its functions, including working with the research unit established by the Director to conduct research related to consumer financial education and counseling.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the designated transfer date, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report on its financial literacy activities and strategy to improve financial literacy of consumers to—

(A) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1013. CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—The Director shall establish a Consumer Advisory Board to advise and consult with the Division in the exercise of its functions under this title, the enumerated consumer protection statutes, and to provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—In appointing the members of the Consumer Advisory Board, the Director shall seek to assemble experts in consumer protection, financial services, and consumer financial products or services and seek representation of the interests of nondepository covered persons and consumers, without regard to party affiliation. Not fewer than 6 members shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents, on a rotating basis.

(c) MEETINGS.—The Consumer Advisory Board shall meet from time to time at the call of the Director, but not less frequently than twice in each year.

(d) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Consumer Advisory Board who are not full-time employees of the United States shall be allowed travel expenses, including transportation and subsistence, while away from their homes or regular places of business.

SEC. 1014. COORDINATION.

The Director shall coordinate with other Federal agencies and State regulators, as appropriate, to promote consistent regulatory treatment of consumer financial and investment products and services.

SEC. 1015. FUNDING.

(a) FEES AND ASSESSMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson shall establish, by rule, an assessment schedule, including the assessment base and rates, applicable to covered persons subject to section 1023 to recover the costs of the Corporation in carrying out its responsibilities described under this title. The Chairperson may, by rule or other action, impose additional assessments on insured depository institutions to regulate consumer financial products and services under the enumerated consumer protection statutes specified in this title.

(2) LIMITATION.—The assessments imposed by the Chairperson by rules established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall not exceed the costs reasonably necessary to cover the expenses associated with carrying outs its supervisory and rulemaking responsibilities under this title.

(b) FUND ESTABLISHED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States, a separate account, to be known as the Consumer Financial Protection Fund (referred to in this title as the ''CFP Fund''). Fees and assessments collected under subsection (a) shall be deposited into the CFP Fund.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Any amounts deposited into the CFP Fund may not be construed to be Government funds or appropriated monies.

(3) NO APPORTIONMENT.—Any amounts deposited into the CFP Fund shall not be subject to apportionment for the purpose of chapter 15 of title 31, United States Code, or under any other authority.

(4) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds in the CFP Fund shall be immediately available to the Corporation and under the control of the Corporation, and shall remain available until expended, to pay the expenses of the Corporation in carrying out its duties and responsibilities pursuant to this title.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 11(a)(4)(A) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(a)(4)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (ii), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(2) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (iv); and

(3) by inserting after clause (ii) the following:

''(iii) to carry out additional duties pursuant to the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010; and''.

(d) FUNDING.—The Chairperson shall dedicate not less than 10 percent of the annual estimated budget of the Corporation, excluding any funding provided pursuant to section 11(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(c)), to carry out the requirements specified in this title.

SEC. 1016. APPEARANCES BEFORE AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

(a) APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESS.—The Director shall appear before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives at semi-annual hearings regarding the reports required under subsection (b).

(b) REPORTS REQUIRED.—The Director shall, concurrent with each semi-annual hearing referred to in subsection (a), prepare and submit to the President and to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, a report, beginning with the session following the designated transfer date.

(c) CONTENTS.—The reports required by subsection (b) shall include—

(1) a discussion of the significant problems faced by consumers in shopping for or obtaining consumer financial products or services;

(2) a justification of the budget request of the previous year;

(3) a list of the significant rules and orders adopted by the Corporation, as well as other significant initiatives conducted by the Division, during the preceding year and the plan of the Division for rules, orders, or other initiatives to be undertaken during the upcoming period;

(4) an analysis of complaints about consumer financial products or services that the Division, in consultation with the Federal Trade Commission has received and collected in its central database on complaints during the preceding year;

(5) a list, with a brief statement of the issues, of the public supervisory and enforcement actions to which the Division was a party during the preceding year; and

(6) the actions taken regarding rules, orders, and supervisory actions with respect to nondepository covered persons which are not credit unions or depository institutions.

SEC. 1017. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall become effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle B—General Powers of the Division

SEC. 1021. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND FUNCTIONS.

(a) PURPOSE.—The Division shall seek to implement and, where applicable, enforce the enumerated consumer protection statutes consistently for the purpose of ensuring that markets for consumer financial products and services are fair, transparent, and competitive.

(b) OBJECTIVES.—The Division is authorized to exercise its authorities under the enumerated consumer protection statutes for the purposes of ensuring that, with respect to consumer financial products and services—

(1) consumers are provided with timely and understandable information to make responsible decisions about financial transactions;

(2) consumers are protected from unfair or deceptive acts and practices;

(3) outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome regulations are regularly identified and addressed in order to reduce unwarranted regulatory burdens; and

(4) enumerated consumer protection statutes are enforced consistently, without regard to the status of a person as a depository institution, in order to ensure uniform consumer protection in the marketplace.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The primary functions of the Division are—

(1) issuing rules, orders and guidance implementing the enumerated consumer protection statutes;

(2) collecting, investigating, and responding to consumer complaints;

(3) collecting, researching, and publishing information relevant to the functioning of markets for consumer financial products and services to identify risks to consumers, and the proper functioning of such markets;

(4) subject to section 1023, supervising nondepository covered persons for compliance with the enumerated consumer protection statutes, and taking appropriate enforcement action to address violations of the enumerated consumer protection statutes;

(5) conducting financial education programs; and

(6) performing such support activities as may be necessary or useful to facilitate the other functions of the Division.

SEC. 1022. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Division is authorized to exercise its authorities under the enumerated consumer protection statutes to implement the provisions of the enumerated consumer protection statutes.

(b) RULEMAKING, ORDERS, AND GUIDANCE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Division may prescribe rules and issue orders and guidance, as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the Division to administer and carry out the enumerated consumer protection statutes, and to prevent evasions thereof.

(2) EXCLUSIVE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of Federal law, to the extent that a provision of the enumerated consumer protection statutes authorizes the Division and another Federal agency to issue regulations under that provision of law for purposes of assuring compliance with the enumerated consumer protection statutes, the Division shall have the exclusive authority to prescribe rules pursuant to those provisions of law, with respect to compliance with those provisions of law by covered persons.

(3) CORPORATION APPROVAL REQUIRED.—No rule or regulation of the Division may become effective with respect to any person,

unless approved by majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

(c) PRESERVATION OF STATE REGULATION OF INSURANCE.—Nothing in this title shall abrogate or limit in any way section 2 of the Act of March 9, 1945 (15 U.S.C. 1012) or otherwise grant the Division authority over the business of insurance.

(d) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF DIVISION.—The Division shall have no authority to issue rules, regulations, orders, or guidance that affect any underwriting standards of depository institutions or affiliates thereof.

SEC. 1023. SUPERVISION OF NONDEPOSITORY COVERED PERSONS.

(a) APPLICABILITY.—

(1) COVERED PERSONS.—

(A) APPLICABILITY.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), this section shall apply to any person that is—

(I) a type or category of mortgage loan originator that the Division, in consultation with the Federal Trade Commission, determines by rule is subject to the requirements of this section; or

(II) a nondepository covered person that demonstrates a pattern or practice of violations of the enumerated consumer protection statutes, that the Division, in consultation with the Federal Trade Commission, determines by order, after notice and opportunity for response, is subject to the requirements of this section.

(ii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—On and after the effective date of this section, the Division may consider violations which occurred during the previous 3 years in making a determination that a nondepository covered person shall be subject to this section.

(B) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In determining whether a mortgage loan originator is subject to the requirements of this section, the Division shall consider the risks to consumers created by the provision of such consumer financial products or services and the probability that supervision can serve to diminish such risks. In making these determinations, the Division shall consider—

(i) the total financial assets of the mortgage loan originator;

(ii) the volume of transactions involving consumer financial products or service in which the mortgage loan originator engages;

(iii) the complexity and nature of the financial products or services offered by the mortgage loan originator; and

(iv) the number and nature of any violations of the enumerated consumer protections statutes by the mortgage loan originator.

(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to prohibit the Division from exempting any class of mortgage loan originator or any specific mortgage loan originator from the requirements of this section.

(2) CERTAIN PERSONS EXCLUDED.—This section shall not apply to persons described in section 1024.

(b) SUPERVISION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Division shall require reports and conduct examinations on a periodic basis of persons described in subsection (a) for purposes of—

(A) assessing compliance with the requirements of the enumerated consumer protection statutes;

(B) obtaining information about the activities and compliance systems or procedures of such person; and

(C) detecting and assessing risks to consumers and to markets for consumer financial products and services.

(2) RISK-BASED SUPERVISION PROGRAM.—The Division shall exercise its authority under paragraph (1) in a manner designed to ensure that such exercise, with respect to persons described in subsection (a), is based on the assessment by the Division of the risks posed to consumers, and taking into consideration, as applicable—

(A) the volume of transactions involving consumer financial products or services in which the persons described in subsection (a) engage;

(B) the number and nature of any violations of the enumerated consumer protection statutes on the part of the persons described in subsection (a); and

(C) the extent to which such institutions are subject to oversight by State authorities for consumer protection.

(3) COORDINATION.—To minimize regulatory burden, the Division shall coordinate its supervisory activities with the supervisory activities conducted by Federal regulators and the State regulatory authorities, including establishing their respective schedules for examining persons described in subsection (a) and requirements regarding reports to be submitted by such persons.

(4) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—The Division shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports pertaining to persons described in subsection (a) that have been provided to a Federal or State agency; and

(B) information that has been reported publicly.

(5) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Chairperson to require reports from persons described in subsection (a), as permitted under paragraph (1), regarding information under the control of such person, including the authority to require reports when such information is maintained, stored, or processed by another person.

(6) REPORTS OF TAX LAW NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Division shall provide the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with any report of examination or related information identifying possible tax law noncompliance.

(7) REGISTRATION, RECORDKEEPING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Division shall prescribe rules to facilitate supervision of persons described in subsection (a) and assessment and detection of risks to consumers.

(B) REGISTRATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Division shall prescribe rules regarding registration requirements for persons described in subsection (a).

(ii) EXCEPTION FOR RELATED PERSONS.—The Division may not impose requirements under this section regarding the registration of a related person.

(iii) REGISTRATION INFORMATION.—Subject to rules prescribed by the Division, the Division shall publicly disclose the registration information about persons described in subsection (a) to facilitate the ability of consumers to identify persons described in subsection (a) registered with the Division.

(C) RECORDKEEPING.—The Division may require a person described in subsection (a), to generate, provide, or retain records for the purposes of facilitating supervision of such persons and assessing and detecting risks to consumers.

(D) REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING OBLIGATIONS.—The Division may prescribe rules regarding a person described in subsection (a), to ensure that such persons are legitimate entities and are able to perform their obligations to consumers.

(E) CONSULTATION WITH STATE AGENCIES.—In developing and implementing requirements under this paragraph, the Division shall consult with State regulatory authorities regarding requirements or systems (including coordinated or combined systems for registration), where appropriate.

(c) PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—

(1) THE DIVISION TO HAVE PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—To the extent that a Federal law authorizes the Division and another Federal agency, other than the Federal Trade Commission, to enforce an enumerated consumer protection statute, the Division shall have exclusive authority to enforce that enumerated consumer protection statute with respect to any person described in subsection (a)(1)(A).

(2) REFERRAL.—Any Federal agency authorized to enforce an enumerated consumer protection statute may recommend in writing to the Division that the Division initiate an enforcement proceeding, as the Division is authorized by that statute or by this title.

(3) COORDINATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Division and the Federal Trade Commission shall coordinate enforcement actions for violations of Federal law regarding the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services by any person described in subsection (a)(1)(A), or service providers thereto. In carrying out this subparagraph, the agencies shall negotiate an agreement to establish procedures for such coordination, including procedures for notice to the other agency, where feasible, prior to initiating a civil action to enforce a Federal law regarding the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services.

(B) CIVIL ACTIONS.—Whenever a civil action has been filed by, or on behalf of, the Division or the Federal Trade Commission for any violation of any provision of Federal law described in subparagraph (A), or any regulation prescribed under such provision of law—

(i) the other agency may not, during the pendency of that action, institute a civil action under such provision of law against any defendant named in the complaint in such pending action for any violation alleged in the complaint; and

(ii) the Division or the Federal Trade Commission may intervene as a party in any such action brought by the other agency, and, upon intervening—

(I) be heard on all matters arising in such enforcement action; and

(II) file petitions for appeal in such actions.

(C) AGREEMENT TERMS.—The terms of any agreement negotiated under subparagraph (A) may modify or supersede the provisions of subparagraph (B).

(D) DEADLINE.—The agencies shall reach the agreement required under subparagraph (A) not later than 6 months after the designated transfer date.

(4) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Except as specifically stated in this title regarding the enumerated consumer protection statutes, nothing in this title shall be construed as modifying, limiting, or otherwise affecting the authority of the Federal Trade Commission under the Federal Trade Commission Act, or any other provision of law.

(d) EXCLUSIVE RULEMAKING AND EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—To the extent that Federal law authorizes the Division and another Federal agency to issue regulations or guidance, conduct examinations, or require reports from a person described in subsection (a) under that provision of law for purposes of assuring compliance with the enumerated consumer protection statutes and any regulations thereunder, the Division shall have the exclusive authority to prescribe rules, issue guidance, conduct examinations, require reports, or issue exemptions with regard to a person described in subsection (a), subject to those provisions of law.

(e) SERVICE PROVIDERS.—A service provider to a person described in subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Division under this section, to the same extent as if

such service provider were engaged in a service relationship with a bank, and the Division were an appropriate Federal banking agency under section 7(c) of the Bank Service Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1867(c)). For purposes of this subsection, a service provider shall not include persons described in section 1024.

(f) ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—The Division may enforce the requirements of this title with respect to persons described in subsection (a) pursuant to section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), as if such person were an insured depository institution.

SEC. 1024. SUPERVISION AND ENFORCEMENT ON CONSUMER PROTECTION.

The Division shall have no authority to require reports from, conduct examinations of, or take enforcement action against an insured depository institution or any affiliate thereof. The authorities of the Division and the Director under this title do not alter or affect the authority of the prudential regulators to require reports from, conduct examinations of, or take enforcement action against an insured depository institution or any affiliate thereof for purposes of assessing and enforcing compliance by such person with the requirements of the enumerated consumer protection statutes and obtaining information about the activities subject to such law and the associated compliance systems or procedures of such institution or affiliate.

SEC. 1025. DISCLOSURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that the enumerated consumer protection statutes require disclosures to consumers, the Division shall prescribe rules to ensure that such disclosures make timely, appropriate, and effective disclosures to consumers of the costs, benefits, and risks associated with the product or service.

(b) MODEL DISCLOSURES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any final rule prescribed by the Division under this section requiring disclosures may include a model form that may be used.

(2) FORMAT.—A model form issued pursuant to paragraph (1) shall contain a clear and conspicuous disclosure that, at a minimum—

(A) uses plain language comprehensible to consumers;

(B) contains a clear format and design, such as an easily readable type font; and

(C) succinctly explains the information that must be communicated to the consumer.

(3) CONSUMER TESTING.—Any model form issued by the Division shall be validated through consumer testing.

(c) BASIS FOR RULEMAKING.—In prescribing disclosure rules, the Division shall consider available evidence about consumer awareness, understanding of, and responses to disclosures or communications about the risks, costs, and benefits of consumer financial products or services.

(d) SAFE HARBOR.—Any person that uses a model form issued by the Division shall be deemed to be in compliance with the disclosure requirements of this section with respect to such model form.

(e) TRIAL DISCLOSURE PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Division may permit a person to conduct a trial program that is limited in time and scope, subject to specified standards and procedures, for the purpose of providing trial disclosures to consumers that are designed to improve upon any model form issued by the Division.

(2) SAFE HARBOR.—The standards and procedures issued by the Division shall be designed to encourage persons to conduct trial disclosure programs. For the purposes of administering this subsection, the Division may establish a limited period during which a person conducting a trial disclosure program shall be deemed to be in compliance with, or may be exempted from, a requirement of a rule or an enumerated consumer protection statute.

(3) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—The rules of the Division shall provide for public disclosure of trial disclosure programs, which public disclosure may be limited, to the extent necessary to encourage nondepository covered persons to conduct effective trials.

Subtitle C—Transfer of Functions and Personnel; Transitional Provisions

SEC. 1041. TRANSFER OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION FUNCTIONS.

(a) DEFINED TERMS.—For purposes of this subtitle—

(1) the term ''consumer financial protection functions'' means—

(A) the functions and authorities of the Board of Governors under the enumerated consumer protection statutes, except those functions retained by the prudential regulators under section 1024; and

(B) the functions and authorities of the Federal Trade Commission under the enumerated consumer laws with respect to persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Division under section 1023, except that the Federal Trade Commission shall retain concurrent enforcement jurisdiction under the enumerated consumer protection statutes over such persons, consistent with subsection 1023(c); and

(2) the terms ''transferor agency'' and ''transferor agencies'' mean, respectively the Board of Governors and the Federal Trade Commission.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (c), consumer financial protection functions are transferred as follows:

(1) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the Board of Governors are transferred to the Division.

(B) BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORITY.—The Division shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Board of Governors, relating to consumer financial protection functions, on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the Federal Trade Commission are transferred to the Division. Nothing in this title shall be construed to require a mandatory transfer of any employee of the Federal Trade Commission to the Division.

(B) COMMISSION AUTHORITY.—The Division shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Federal Trade Commission relating to consumer financial protection functions on the day before the designated transfer date.

(c) TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY REMAINING WITH TRANSFEROR AGENCIES.—The transfers of functions in subsection (b) do not affect the authority of the prudential regulators from conducting examinations or initiating and maintaining enforcement proceedings in accordance with section 1023.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

SEC. 1042. DESIGNATED TRANSFER DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Chairperson of the Corporation, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, designate a single calendar date for the transfer of functions to the Division under section 1041; and

(2) publish notice of that designated date in the Federal Register.

(b) CHANGING DESIGNATION.—The Secretary—

(1) may, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, change the date designated under subsection (a); and

(2) shall publish notice of any changed designated date in the Federal Register.

(c) PERMISSIBLE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), any date designated under this section shall be not earlier than 180 days, nor later than 18 months, after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EXTENSION OF TIME.—The Secretary may designate a date that is later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act if the Secretary transmits to appropriate committees of Congress—

(A) a written determination that orderly implementation of this title is not feasible before the date that is 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) an explanation of why an extension is necessary for the orderly implementation of this title; and

(C) a description of the steps that will be taken to effect an orderly and timely implementation of this title within the extended time period.

(3) EXTENSION LIMITED.—In no case may any date designated under this section be later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1043. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1041(b)(1) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Board of Governors (or any Federal reserve bank), or any other person that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the Board of Governors transferred to the Division by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this title shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Board of Governors (or any Federal reserve bank) before the designated transfer date with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Board of Governors (or any Federal reserve bank) transferred to the Division by this title, except that the Division, subject to section 1023, shall be substituted for the Board of Governors (or Federal reserve bank) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(b) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1041(b)(5) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Federal Trade Commission, or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection

function of the Federal Trade Commission transferred to the Division by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this title shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Federal Trade Commission before the designated transfer date with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Federal Trade Commission transferred to the Division by this title, except that the Division, subject to section 1023, shall be substituted for the Federal Trade Commission as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(c) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING ORDERS, RULES, DETERMINATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND RESOLUTIONS.—All orders, resolutions, determinations, agreements, and rules that have been issued, made, prescribed, or allowed to become effective by any transferor agency or by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the performance of consumer financial protection functions that are transferred by this title and that are in effect on the day before the designated transfer date, shall continue in effect according to the terms of those orders, resolutions, determinations, agreements, and rules, and shall not be enforceable by or against the Division.

(d) IDENTIFICATION OF RULES CONTINUED.—Not later than the designated transfer date, the Division—

(1) shall, after consultation with the head of each transferor agency, identify the rules continued under subsection (g) that will be enforced by the Division; and

(2) shall publish a list of such rules in the Federal Register.

(e) STATUS OF RULES PROPOSED OR NOT YET EFFECTIVE.—

(1) PROPOSED RULES.—Any proposed rule of a transferor agency which that agency, in performing consumer financial protection functions transferred by this title, has proposed before the designated transfer date, but has not been published as a final rule before that date, shall be deemed to be a proposed rule of the Division.

(2) RULES NOT YET EFFECTIVE.—Any interim or final rule of a transferor agency which that agency, in performing consumer financial protection functions transferred by this title, has published before the designated transfer date, but which has not become effective before that date, shall become effective as a rule of the Division according to its terms.

SEC. 1044. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CERTAIN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Division and the Board of Governors shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of the Board of Governors necessary to perform or support the consumer financial protection functions of the Board of Governors that are transferred to the Division by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the Board of Governors for transfer to the Division, in a manner that the Division and the Board of Governors, in their sole discretion, determine equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the Board of Governors identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Division for employment.

(C) FEDERAL RESERVE BANK EMPLOYEES.—Employees of any Federal reserve bank who, on the day before the designated transfer date, are performing consumer financial protection functions on behalf of the Board of Governors shall be treated as employees of the Board of Governors for purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(2) APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY FOR EXCEPTED SERVICE AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of employee occupying a position in the excepted service or the Senior Executive Service, any appointment authority established pursuant to law or regulations of the Office of Personnel Management for filling such positions shall be transferred, subject to subparagraph (B).

(B) DECLINING TRANSFERS ALLOWED.—An agency or entity may decline to make a transfer of authority under subparagraph (A) (and the employees appointed pursuant thereto) to the extent that such authority relates to positions excepted from the competitive service because of their confidential, policy-making, policy-determining, or policy-advocating character, and non-career positions in the Senior Executive Service (within the meaning of section 3132(a)(7) of title 5, United States Code).

(b) TIMING OF TRANSFERS AND POSITION ASSIGNMENTS.—Each employee to be transferred under this section shall—

(1) be transferred not later than 90 days after the designated transfer date; and

(2) receive notice of a position assignment not later than 120 days after the effective date of his or her transfer.

(c) TRANSFER OF FUNCTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the transfer of employees shall be deemed a transfer of functions for the purpose of section 3503 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) PRIORITY OF THIS TITLE.—If any provisions of this title conflict with any protection provided to transferred employees under section 3503 of title 5, United States Code, the provisions of this title shall control.

(d) EQUAL STATUS AND TENURE POSITIONS.—

(1) EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM BOARD, FTC.—Each employee transferred under this title from the Board of Governors or the Federal Trade Commission shall be placed in a position at the Division with the same status and tenure as that employee held on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.—

(A) COMPARABILITY.—Each employee transferred under this title from a Federal reserve bank shall be placed in a position with the same status and tenure as that of an employee transferring to the Division from the Board of Governors who perform similar functions and have similar periods of service.

(B) SERVICE PERIODS CREDITED.—For purposes of this paragraph, periods of service with the Board of Governors or a Federal reserve bank shall be credited as periods of service with a Federal agency.

(e) ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS LIMITED.—Examiners transferred to the Division are not subject to any additional certification requirements before being placed in a comparable examiner position at the Division examining the same types of institutions as they examined before they were transferred.

(f) PERSONNEL ACTIONS LIMITED.—

(1) 2-YEAR PROTECTION.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each transferred employee holding a permanent position on the day before the designated transfer date may not, during the 2-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, be involuntarily separated, or involuntarily reassigned outside his or her locality pay area, as defined by the Office of Personnel Management.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not limit the right of the Division—

(A) to separate an employee for cause or for unacceptable performance;

(B) to terminate an appointment to a position excepted from the competitive service because of its confidential policy-making, policy-determining, or policy-advocating character; or

(C) to reassign a supervisory employee outside his or her locality pay area, as defined by the Office of Personnel Management, when the Division determines that the reassignment is necessary for the efficient operation of the Division.

(g) PAY.—

(1) 2-YEAR PROTECTION.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each transferred employee shall, during the 2-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, receive pay at a rate equal to not less than the basic rate of pay (including any geographic differential) that the employee received during the pay period immediately preceding the date of transfer.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not limit the right of the Division to reduce the rate of basic pay of a transferred employee—

(A) for cause;

(B) for unacceptable performance; or

(C) with the consent of the employee.

(3) PROTECTION ONLY WHILE EMPLOYED.—Paragraph (1) applies to a transferred employee only while that employee remains employed by the Division.

(4) PAY INCREASES PERMITTED.—Paragraph (1) does not limit the authority of the Division to increase the pay of a transferred employee.

(h) REORGANIZATION.—

(1) BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD YEAR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Division determines, during the 2-year period beginning 1 year after the designated transfer date, that a reorganization of the staff of the Division is required—

(i) that reorganization shall be deemed a ''major reorganization'' for purposes of affording affected employees retirement under section 8336(d)(2) or 8414(b)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code;

(ii) before the reorganization occurs, all employees in the same locality pay area as defined by the Office of Personnel Management shall be placed in a uniform position classification system; and

(iii) any resulting reduction in force shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, except that the Division shall—

(I) establish competitive areas (as that term is defined in regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management) to include at a minimum all employees in the same locality pay area as defined by the Office of Personnel Management;

(II) establish competitive levels (as that term is defined in regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management) without regard to whether the particular employees have been appointed to positions in the competitive service or the excepted service; and

(III) afford employees appointed to positions in the excepted service (other than to a position excepted from the competitive service because of its confidential policy-making, policy-determining, or policy-advocating character) the same assignment rights to positions within the Division as employees appointed to positions in the competitive service.

(B) SERVICE CREDIT FOR REDUCTIONS IN FORCE.—For purposes of this paragraph, periods of service with a Federal home loan bank, a joint office of the Federal home loan banks, the Board of Governors, a Federal reserve bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration shall be credited as periods of service with a Federal agency.

(2) AFTER 3RD YEAR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Division determines, at any time after the 3-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, that a reorganization of the staff of the Division is required, any resulting reduction in force shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, except that the Division shall establish competitive levels (as that term is defined in regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management) without regard to types of appointment held by particular employees transferred under this section.

(B) SERVICE CREDIT FOR REDUCTIONS IN FORCE.—For purposes of this paragraph, periods of service with a Federal home loan bank, a joint office of the Federal home loan banks, the Board of Governors, a Federal reserve bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration shall be credited as periods of service with a Federal agency.

(i) BENEFITS.—

(1) RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—

(i) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING RETIREMENT PLAN.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each transferred employee shall remain enrolled in his or her existing retirement plan, through any period of continuous employment with the Division.

(ii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION.—The Division shall pay any employer contributions to the existing retirement plan of each transferred employee, as required under that plan.

(B) OPTION FOR EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM TO BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.—

(i) ELECTION.—Any transferred employee who was enrolled in a Federal Reserve System retirement plan on the day before his or her transfer to the Division may, during the 1-year period beginning 6 months after the designated transfer date, elect to be subject to the Federal employee retirement program.

(ii) EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE.—For any employee making an election under clause (i), coverage by the Federal employee retirement program shall begin 1 year after the designated transfer date.

(C) DIVISION PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN.—

(i) SEPARATE ACCOUNT IN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the terms and conditions of this section, a separate account in the Federal Reserve System retirement plan shall be established for Division employees who do not make the election under subparagraph (B).

(ii) FUNDS ATTRIBUTABLE TO TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES REMAINING IN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN TRANSFERRED.—The proportionate share of funds in the Federal Reserve System retirement plan, including the proportionate share of any funding surplus in that plan, attributable to a transferred employee who does not make the election under subparagraph (B), shall be transferred to the account established under clause (i).

(iii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED.—The Division shall deposit into the account established under clause (i) the employer contributions that the Division makes on behalf of employees who do not make the election under subparagraph (B).

(iv) ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION.—The Division shall administer the account established under clause (i) as a participating employer in the Federal Reserve System retirement plan.

(D) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph—

(i) the term ''existing retirement plan'' means, with respect to any employee transferred under this section, the particular retirement plan (including the Financial Institutions Retirement Fund) and any associated thrift savings plan of the agency or Federal reserve bank from which the employee was transferred, which the employee was enrolled in on the day before the designated transfer date; and

(ii) the term ''Federal employee retirement program'' means the retirement program for Federal employees established by chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) BENEFITS OTHER THAN RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) DURING 1ST YEAR.—

(i) EXISTING PLANS CONTINUE.—Each transferred employee may, for 1 year after the designated transfer date, retain membership in any other employee benefit program of the agency or bank from which the employee transferred, including a dental, vision, long term care, or life insurance program, to which the employee belonged on the day before the designated transfer date.

(ii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION.—The Division shall reimburse the agency or bank from which an employee was transferred for any cost incurred by that agency or bank in continuing to extend coverage in the benefit program to the employee, as required under that program or negotiated agreements.

(B) DENTAL, VISION, OR LIFE INSURANCE AFTER 1ST YEAR.—If, after the 1-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, the Division decides not to continue participation in any dental, vision, or life insurance program of an agency or bank from which an employee transferred, a transferred employee who is a member of such a program may, before the decision of the Division takes effect, elect to enroll, without regard to any regularly scheduled open season, in—

(i) the enhanced dental benefits established by chapter 89A of title 5, United States Code;

(ii) the enhanced vision benefits established by chapter 89B of title 5, United States Code; or

(iii) the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program established by chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to any requirement of insurability.

(C) LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE AFTER 1ST YEAR.—If, after the 1-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, the Division decides not to continue participation in any long term care insurance program of an agency or bank from which an employee transferred, a transferred employee who is a member of such a program may, before the decision of the Division takes effect, elect to apply for coverage under the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program established by chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, under the underwriting requirements applicable to a new active workforce member (as defined in part 875, title 5, Code of Federal Regulations).

(D) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION.—An individual enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program shall pay any employee contribution required by the plan.

(E) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—The Division shall transfer to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Fund established under section 8909 of title 5, United States Code, an amount determined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after consultation with the Division and the Office of Management and Budget, to be necessary to reimburse the Fund for the cost to the Fund of providing benefits under this paragraph.

(F) CREDIT FOR TIME ENROLLED IN OTHER PLANS.—For employees transferred under this title, enrollment in a health benefits plan administered by a transferor agency or a Federal reserve bank, as the case may be, immediately before enrollment in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, shall be considered as enrollment in a health benefits plan under that chapter for purposes of section 8905(b)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code.

(G) SPECIAL PROVISIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—An annuitant (as defined in section 8901(3) of title 5, United States Code) who is enrolled in a life insurance plan administered by a transferor agency on the day before the designated transfer date shall be eligible for coverage by a life insurance plan under sections 8706(b), 8714a, 8714b, and 8714c of title 5, United States Code, or in a life insurance plan established by the Division, without regard to any regularly scheduled open season and requirement of insurability.

(ii) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION.—An individual enrolled in a life insurance plan under this subparagraph shall pay any employee contribution required by the plan.

(iii) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—The Division shall transfer to the Employees' Life Insurance Fund established under section 8714 of title 5, United States Code, an amount determined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after consultation with the Division and the Office of Management and Budget, to be necessary to reimburse the Fund for the cost to the Fund of providing benefits under this subparagraph not otherwise paid for by the employee under clause (ii).

(iv) CREDIT FOR TIME ENROLLED IN OTHER PLANS.—For employees transferred under this title, enrollment in a life insurance plan administered by a transferor agency immediately before enrollment in a life insurance plan under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, shall be considered as enrollment in a life insurance plan under that chapter for purposes of section 8706(b)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code.

(3) OPM RULES.—The Office of Personnel Management shall issue such rules as are necessary to carry out this subsection.

(j) IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORM PAY AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.—Not later than 2 years after the designated transfer date, the Division shall implement a uniform pay and classification system for all employees transferred under this title.

(k) EQUITABLE TREATMENT.—In administering the provisions of this section, the Division—

(1) shall take no action that would unfairly disadvantage transferred employees relative to each other based on their prior employment by the Board of Governors, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, a Federal reserve bank, a Federal home loan bank, or a joint office of the Federal home loan banks; and

(2) may take such action as is appropriate in individual cases so that employees transferred under this section receive equitable treatment, with respect to the status, tenure, pay, benefits (other than benefits under programs administered by the Office of Personnel Management), and accrued leave or vacation time of those employees, for prior periods of service with any Federal agency, including the Board of Governors, the Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, a Federal reserve bank, a Federal home loan bank, or a joint office of the Federal home loan banks.

(l) IMPLEMENTATION.—In implementing the provisions of this section, the Division shall

coordinate with the Office of Personnel Management and other entities having expertise in matters related to employment to ensure a fair and orderly transition for affected employees.

Subtitle D—Amendment to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act

SEC. 1051. CORPORATION BOARD MEMBERSHIP.

Section 2(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1812(a)(1)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

''(B) the Head of Supervision for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and''.

SA 3827. Mr. SHELBY (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 111, line 7, insert ''(a) IN GENERAL.—'' before ''In''.

On page 114, line 14, after ''(iii)'' insert ''that is predominantly engaged in activities that the Board of Governors has determined are financial in nature or incidental thereto for purposes of section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k))''.

On page 114, line 21, after ''(12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.)'' insert '', a governmental entity, or a regulated entity, as defined under section 1303 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4502(20))''.

On page 115, strike lines 18 through 20, and insert the following:

(15) COURT.—The term ''Court'' means the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

On page 115, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

(b) DEFINITIONAL CRITERIA.—For purpose of the definition of the term ''financial company'' under subsection (a)(10), no company shall be deemed to be predominantly engaged in activities that the Board of Governors has determined are financial in nature or incidental thereto for purposes of section 4(k) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(k)), if the consolidated revenues of such company from such activities constitute less than 85 percent of the total consolidated revenues of such company, as the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish by regulation. In determining whether a company is a financial company under this title, the consolidated revenues derived from the ownership or control of a depository institution shall be included.

On page 115, line 23, strike ''**ORDERLY LIQUIDATION AUTHORITY PANEL**'' and insert ''**JUDICIAL REVIEW**''.

On page 115, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 116, line 16.

On page 116, line 17, strike ''(b)'' and insert ''(a)''.

On page 116, strike lines 18 through 20, and insert the following:

(1) PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT.—

(A) DISTRICT COURT REVIEW.—

On page 116, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 117, line 4, and insert the following:

(i) PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT.—Subsequent to a determination by the Secretary under section 203 that a financial company satisfies the criteria in section 203(b), the Secretary shall notify the Corporation and the covered financial company. If the board of directors (or body performing similar functions) of the covered financial company acquiesces or consents to the appointment of the Corporation as a receiver, the Secretary shall appoint the Corporation as a receiver. If the board of directors (or body performing similar functions) of the covered financial company does not acquiesce or consent to the appointment of the Corporation as receiver, the Secretary shall petition the United States District Court for the District of Columbia for an order authorizing the Secretary to appoint the Corporation as a receiver.

On page 117, line 9, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 117, line 13, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 117, beginning on line 16, strike '', within 24 hours of receipt of the petition filed by the Secretary,''.

On page 117, line 21, strike ''is supported'' and all that follows through line 22, and insert ''and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10) is arbitrary and capricious.''.

On page 117, line 24, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, line 2, insert ''and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10)'' after ''danger of default''.

On page 118, lines 3 and 4, strike ''is supported by substantial evidence'' and insert ''is not arbitrary and capricious''.

On page 118, line 4, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, lines 9 and 10, strike ''is not supported by substantial evidence'' and insert ''is arbitrary and capricious''.

On page 118, line 10, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(v) PETITION GRANTED BY OPERATION OF LAW.—If the Court does not make a determination within 24 hours of receipt of the petition—

(I) the petition shall be granted by operation of law;

(II) the Secretary shall appoint the Corporation as receiver; and

(III) liquidation under this title shall automatically and without further notice or action be commenced and the Corporation may immediately take all actions authorized under this title.

On page 118, line 18, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 118, line 23, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 119, line 1, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 119, line 12, strike ''PANEL'' and insert ''DISTRICT COURT''.

On page 119, line 16, strike ''Third Circuit'' and insert ''District of Columbia Circuit''.

On page 119, line 17, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 119, line 23, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 120, strike lines 16 through 17 and insert ''default and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10) is arbitrary and capricious.''.

On page 121, lines 19 and 20, strike ''is supported by substantial evidence'' and insert ''and satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201(10) is arbitrary and capricious''.

On page 121, line 21, strike ''(c)'' and insert ''(b)''.

On page 121, line 24, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 122, line 5, strike ''subsection (b)(1)'' and all that follows through line 9, and insert ''subsection (a)(1).''.

On page 122, strike lines 14 through 16.

On page 122, line 17, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(A)''.

On page 122, line 19, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(B)''.

On page 122, line 21, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(C)''.

On page 122, line 23, strike ''(F)'' and insert ''(D)''.

On page 123, line 1, strike ''(d)'' and insert ''(c)''.

On page 123, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(d) TIME LIMIT ON RECEIVERSHIP AUTHORITY.—

(1) BASELINE PERIOD.—Any appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this section shall terminate at the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date on which such appointment is made.

(2) EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT.—The time limit established in paragraph (1) may be extended by the Corporation for up to 1 additional year, if the Chairperson of the Corporation determines and certifies in writing to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that continuation of the receivership is necessary—

(A) to—

(i) maximize the net present value return from the sale or other disposition of the assets of the covered financial company; or

(ii) minimize the amount of loss realized upon the sale or other disposition of the assets of the covered financial company; and

(B) to protect the stability of the financial system of the United States.

(3) SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME LIMIT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The time limit under this subsection, as extended under paragraph (2), may be extended for up to 1 additional year, if the Chairperson of the Corporation, with the concurrence of the Secretary, submits the certifications described in paragraph (2).

(B) ADDITIONAL REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after the date of commencement of the extension under subparagraph (A), the Corporation shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives describing the need for the extension and the specific plan of the Corporation to conclude the receivership before the end of the second extension.

(4) ONGOING LITIGATION.—The time limit under this subsection, as extended under paragraph (3), may be further extended solely for the purpose of completing ongoing litigation in which the Corporation as receiver is a party, provided that the appointment of the Corporation as receiver shall terminate not later than 90 days after the date of completion of such litigation, if—

(A) the Council determines that the Corporation used its best efforts to conclude the receivership in accordance with its plan before the end of the time limit described in paragraph (3);

(B) the Council determines that the completion of longer-term responsibilities in the form of ongoing litigation justifies the need for an extension; and

(C) the Corporation submits a report approved by the Council not later than 30 days after the date of the determinations by the Council under subparagraphs (A) and (B) to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, describing—

(i) the ongoing litigation justifying the need for an extension; and

(ii) the specific plan of the Corporation to complete the litigation and conclude the receivership.

(5) REGULATIONS.—The Corporation may issue regulations governing the termination of receiverships under this title.

(6) NO LIABILITY.—The Corporation and the Deposit Insurance Fund shall not be liable for unresolved claims arising from the receivership after the termination of the receivership.

On page 123, line 21, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 124, line 11, strike ''Panel'' and insert ''Court''.

On page 126, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:

(g) STUDY OF PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION IMPLEMENTATION BY THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

(1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study regarding the implementation of prompt corrective action by the appropriate Federal banking agencies.

(2) ISSUES TO BE STUDIED.—In conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall evaluate—

(A) the effectiveness of implementation of prompt corrective action by the appropriate Federal banking agencies and the resolution of insured depository institutions by the Corporation; and

(B) ways to make prompt corrective action a more effective tool to resolve the insured depository institutions at the least possible long-term cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund.

(3) REPORT TO COUNCIL.—Not later than 1 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit a report to the Council on the results of the study conducted under this subsection.

(4) COUNCIL REPORT OF ACTION.—Not later than 6 months after the date of receipt of the report from the Comptroller General under paragraph (3), the Council shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on actions taken in response to the report, including any recommendations made to the Federal primary financial regulatory agencies under section 120.

On page 128, line 9, strike ''and''.

On page 128, line 12, strike the period at the end and insert ''; and''.

On page 128, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

(G) an evaluation of whether the company satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201.

On page 128, line 16, strike ''202(b)(1)(A)'' and insert ''202(a)(1)(A)''.

On page 129, line 17, strike ''and''.

On page 129, line 21, strike the period at the end and insert ''; and''.

On page 129, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following:

(7) the company satisfies the definition of a financial company under section 201.

On page 132, strike lines 3 through 17, and insert the following:

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver for a covered financial company, the Corporation shall file a report with the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives—

(i) setting forth information on the financial condition of the covered financial company as of the date of the appointment, including a description of its assets and liabilities;

(ii) describing the plan of, and actions taken by, the Corporation to wind down the covered financial company;

(iii) explaining each instance in which the Corporation waived any applicable requirements of part 366 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor thereto) with respect to conflicts of interest by any person in the private sector who was retained to provide services to the Corporation in connection with such receivership;

(iv) describing the reasons for the provision of any funding to the receivership out of the Fund;

(v) setting forth the expected costs of the orderly liquidation of the covered financial company;

(vi) setting forth the identity of any claimant that is treated in a manner different from other similarly situated claimants under subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), or (h)(5)(E), the amount of any additional payment to such claimant under subsection (d)(4), and the reason for any such action; and

(vii) which report the Corporation shall publish on an online website maintained by the Corporation, subject to maintaining appropriate confidentiality.

On page 132, between lines 22 and 23, insert the following:

(C) CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY.—The Corporation and the primary financial regulatory agency, if any, of the financial company for which the Corporation was appointed receiver under this title shall appear before Congress, if requested, not later than 30 days after the date on which the Corporation first files the reports required under subparagraph (A).

On page 135, line 15, strike ''section 202(b)'' and insert ''section 202(a)''.

On page 136, line 9, strike ''with the strong presumption'' and insert ''so''.

On page 138, line 16, insert after the period the following: ''All funds provided by the Corporation under this subsection shall have a priority of claims under subparagraph (A) or (B) of section 210(b)(1), as applicable, including funds used for—

''(1) making loans to, or purchasing any debt obligation of, the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary;

''(2) purchasing or guaranteeing against loss the assets of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary, directly or through an entity established by the Corporation for such purpose;

''(3) assuming or guaranteeing the obligations of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary to 1 or more third parties;

''(4) taking a lien on any or all assets of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary, including a first priority lien on all unencumbered assets of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary to secure repayment of any transactions conducted under this subsection;

''(5) selling or transferring all, or any part, of such acquired assets, liabilities, or obligations of the covered financial company or any covered subsidiary; and

''(6) making payments pursuant to subsections (b)(4), (d)(4), and (h)(5)(E) of section 210.''.

On page 138, line 15, strike ''section 210(n)(13)'' and insert ''section 210(n)(11)''.

On page 147, line 3, insert before the period the following: '', and address the potential for conflicts of interest between or among individual receiverships established under this title or under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act''.

On page 187, line 18, strike ''(B), and (C)'' and insert ''(B), (C), and (D)''.

On page 187, line 20, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 192, insert before line 1 the following:

(C) Wages, salaries, or commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay earned by an individual (other than an individual described in subparagraph (G)), but only to the extent of $11,725 for each individual (as indexed for inflation, by regulation of the Corporation) earned not later than 180 days before the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver.

(D) Contributions owed to employee benefit plans arising from services rendered not later than 180 days before the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver, to the extent of the number of employees covered by each such plan, multiplied by $11,725 (as indexed for inflation, by regulation of the Corporation), less the aggregate amount paid to such employees under subparagraph (C), plus the aggregate amount paid by the receivership on behalf of such employees to any other employee benefit plan.

On page 192, line 1, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(E)''.

On page 192, beginning on line 3, strike ''(D) or (E)'' and insert ''(F), (G), or (H)''.

On page 192, line 5, strike ''(D)'' and insert ''(F)''.

On page 192, between lines 7 and 8, insert the following:

(G) Any wages, salaries, or commissions including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay earned, owed to senior executives and directors of the covered financial company.

On page 192, line 7, strike ''subparagraph (E)).'' and insert ''subparagraph (G) or (H)).''.

On page 192, line 8, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(H)''.

On page 193, line 18, strike ''(ii)'' and insert the following:

''(ii) to initiate and continue operations essential to implementation of the receivership or any bridge financial company;

''(iii)''.

On page 228, line 17, strike ''5th'' and insert ''3rd''.

On page 236, line 20, strike ''5th'' and insert ''3rd''.

On page 237, line 14, strike ''5th'' and insert ''3rd''.

On page 240, line 8, strike ''section 202(c)(1)'' and insert ''section 202(a)(1)''.

On page 246, strike line 21 and all the follows through page 247, line 5, and insert the following:

(B) LIMITATIONS.—

(i) PROHIBITION.—The Corporation shall not make any payments or credit amounts to any claimant or category of claimants that would result in any claimant receiving more than the face value amount of any claim that is proven to the satisfaction of the Corporation.

(ii) NO OBLIGATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal or State law, or the Constitution of any State, the Corporation shall not be obligated, as a result of having made any payment under subparagraph (A) or credited any amount described in subparagraph (A) to or with respect to, or for the account, of any claimant or category of claimants, to make payments to any other claimant or category of claimants.

On page 254, line 24, strike ''(13)'' and insert ''(11)''.

On page 260, line 4, strike ''subsection (o)(1)(E)(ii))'' and insert ''subsection (o)(1)(D)(ii))''.

On page 263, line 16, strike ''(13)'' and insert ''(11)''.

On page 278, line 5, strike ''(9)'' and insert ''(6)''.

On page 278, line 10, strike ''(9)'' and insert ''(6)''.

On page 278, strike line 18 and all that follows through page 279, line 20.

On page 279, line 21, strike ''(8)'' and insert ''(4)''.

On page 280, line 5, strike ''(9)'' and insert ''(5)''.

On page 281, line 6, strike the period and insert the following: '', plus an interest rate surcharge to be determined by the Secretary,

which shall be greater than the difference between—

''(i) the current average rate on an index of corporate obligations of comparable maturity; and

''(ii) the current average rate on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturity.''.

On page 281, strike line 20 and all that follows through page 282, line 8, and insert the following:

(6) MAXIMUM OBLIGATION LIMITATION.—The Corporation may not, in connection with the orderly liquidation of a covered financial company, issue or incur any obligation, if, after issuing or incurring the obligation, the aggregate amount of such obligations outstanding under this subsection for each covered financial company would exceed—

(A) an amount that is equal to 10 percent of the total consolidated assets of the covered financial company, based on the most recent financial statement available, during the 30-day period immediately following the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver (or a shorter time period if the Corporation has calculated the amount described under subparagraph (B)); and

(B) the amount that is equal to 90 percent of the fair value of the total consolidated assets of each covered financial company that are available for repayment, after the time period described in subparagraph (A).

On page 282, line 9, strike ''(11)'' and insert ''(7)''.

On page 282, strike lines 14 through 19.

On page 282, line 20, strike ''(13)'' and insert ''(8)''.

On page 283, strike lines 5 through 14 and insert the following:

(i) the authorities of the Corporation contained in this title shall not be used to assist the Deposit Insurance Fund or to assist any financial company under applicable law other than this Act;

(ii) the authorities of the Corporation relating to the Deposit Insurance Fund, or any other responsibilities of the Corporation under applicable law other than this title, shall not be used to assist a covered financial company pursuant to this title; and

(iii) the Deposit Insurance Fund may not be used in any manner to otherwise circumvent the purposes of this title.

On page 283, line 24, strike ''(14)'' and insert ''(9)''.

On page 284, line 6, insert '', including taking any actions specified'' before ''under 204(d)''.

On page 284, line 7, insert before the period '', and payments to third parties''.

On page 284, between lines 10 and 11, insert the following:

(10) IMPLEMENTATION EXPENSES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Reasonable implementation expenses of the Corporation incurred after the date of enactment of this Act shall be treated as expenses of the Council.

(B) REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT.—The Corporation shall periodically submit a request for reimbursement for implementation expenses to the Chairperson of the Council, who shall arrange for prompt reimbursement to the Corporation of reasonable implementation expenses.

(C) DEFINITION.—As used in this paragraph, the term ''implementation expenses''—

(i) means costs incurred by the Corporation beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, as part of its efforts to implement this title that do not relate to a particular covered financial company; and

(ii) includes the costs incurred in connection with the development of policies, procedures, rules, and regulations and other planning activities of the Corporation consistent with carrying out this title.

On page 284, strike line 13 and all that follows through page 285, line 2.

On page 285, line 3, strike ''(B)'' and insert ''(A)''.

On page 285, line 10, strike ''(C)'' and insert ''(B)''.

On page 285, line 10, strike ''ADDITIONAL''.

On page 285, line 13, strike ''(E)'' and insert ''(D)''.

On page 285, strike lines 14 through 23.

On page 285, line 24, strike ''(iii)''.

On page 285, line 21, strike ''during the initial capitalization period''.

On page 286, strike line 11 and all that follows through page 287, line 2, and insert the following:

(D) APPLICATION OF ASSESSMENTS.—To meet the requirements of subparagraph (C), the Corporation shall—

(i) impose assessments, as soon as practicable, on any claimant that received additional payments or amounts from the Corporation pursuant to subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), or (h)(5)(E), except for payments or amounts necessary to initiate and continue operations essential to implementation of the receivership or any bridge financial company, to recover on a cumulative basis, the entire difference between—

(I) the aggregate value the claimant received from the Corporation on a claim pursuant to this title (including pursuant to subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), and (h)(5)(E)), as of the date on which such value was received; and

(II) the value the claimant was entitled to receive from the Corporation on such claim solely from the proceeds of the liquidation of the covered financial company under this title; and

(ii) if the amounts to be recovered on a cumulative basis under clause (i) are insufficient to meet the requirements of subparagraph (C), after taking into account the considerations set forth in paragraph (4), impose assessments on—

(I) eligible financial companies; and

(II) financial companies with total consolidated assets equal to or greater than $50,000,000,000 that are not eligible financial companies.

(E) PROVISION OF FINANCING.—Payments or amounts necessary to initiate and continue operations essential to implementation of the receivership or any bridge financial company described in subparagraph (E)(i) shall not include the provision of financing, as defined by rule of the Corporation, to third parties.

On page 287, strike lines 3 through 10.

On page 289, strike line 25, and insert ''the Corporation, in consultation with the Secretary, deems appropriate.''.

On page 290, beginning on line 9, strike '', in consultation with the Secretary and the Council,''.

On page 290, line 11, insert after the period the following: ''The Corporation shall consult with the Secretary in the development and finalization of such regulations.''.

On page 295, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(s) RECOUPMENT OF COMPENSATION FROM SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND DIRECTORS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Corporation, as receiver of a covered financial company, may recover from any current or former senior executive or director substantially responsible for the failed condition of the covered financial company any compensation received during the 2-year period preceding the date on which the Corporation was appointed as the receiver of the covered financial company, except that, in the case of fraud, no time limit shall apply.

(2) COST CONSIDERATIONS.—In seeking to recover any such compensation, the Corporation shall weigh the financial and deterrent benefits of such recovery against the cost of executing the recovery.

(3) RULEMAKING.—The Corporation shall promulgate regulations to implement the requirements of this subsection, including defining the term ''compensation'' to mean any financial remuneration, including salary, bonuses, incentives, benefits, severance, deferred compensation, or golden parachute benefits, and any profits realized from the sale of the securities of the covered financial company.

On page 296, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following:

(d) FDIC INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS.—

(1) SCOPE.—The Inspector General of the Corporation shall conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the liquidation of any covered financial company by the Corporation as receiver under this title, including collecting and summarizing—

(A) a description of actions taken by the Corporation as receiver;

(B) a description of any material sales, transfers, mergers, obligations, purchases, and other material transactions entered into by the Corporation;

(C) an evaluation of the adequacy of the policies and procedures of the Corporation under section 203(d) and orderly liquidation plan under section 210(n)(14);

(D) an evaluation of the utilization by the Corporation of the private sector in carrying out its functions, including the adequacy of any conflict-of-interest reviews; and

(E) an evaluation of the overall performance of the Corporation in liquidating the covered financial company, including administrative costs, timeliness of liquidation process, and impact on the financial system.

(2) FREQUENCY.—Not later than 6 months after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this title and every 6 months thereafter, the Inspector General of the Corporation shall conduct the audit and investigation described in paragraph (1).

(3) REPORTS AND TESTIMONY.—The Inspector General of the Corporation shall include in the semiannual reports required by section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), a summary of the findings and evaluations under paragraph (1), and shall appear before the appropriate committees of Congress, if requested, to present each such report.

(4) FUNDING.—

(A) INITIAL FUNDING.—The expenses of the Inspector General of the Corporation in carrying out this subsection shall be considered administrative expenses of the receivership.

(B) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—If the maximum amount available to the Corporation as receiver under this title is insufficient to enable the Inspector General of the Corporation to carry out the duties under this subsection, the Corporation shall pay such additional amounts from assessments imposed under section 210.

(5) TERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—The duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General of the Corporation under this subsection shall terminate 1 year after the date of termination of the receivership under this title.

(e) TREASURY INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS.—

(1) SCOPE.—The Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of actions taken by the Secretary related to the liquidation of any covered financial company under this title, including collecting and summarizing—

(A) a description of actions taken by the Secretary under this title;

(B) an analysis of the approval by the Secretary of the policies and procedures of the

Corporation under section 203 and acceptance of the orderly liquidation plan of the Corporation under section 210; and

(C) an assessment of the terms and conditions underlying the purchase by the Secretary of obligations of the Corporation under section 210.

(2) FREQUENCY.—Not later than 6 months after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this title and every 6 months thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall conduct the audit and investigation described in paragraph (1).

(3) REPORTS AND TESTIMONY.—The Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury shall include in the semiannual reports required by section 5(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.), a summary of the findings and assessments under paragraph (1), and shall appear before the appropriate committees of Congress, if requested, to present each such report.

(4) TERMINATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES.—The duties and responsibilities of the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury under this subsection shall terminate 1 year after the date on which the obligations purchased by the Secretary from the Corporation under section 210 are fully redeemed.

(f) PRIMARY FINANCIAL REGULATORY AGENCY INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEWS.—

(1) SCOPE.—Upon the appointment of the Corporation as receiver for a covered financial company supervised by a Federal primary financial regulatory agency or the Board of Governors under section 165, the Inspector General of the agency or the Board of Governors shall make a written report reviewing the supervision by the agency or the Board of Governors of the covered financial company, which shall—

(A) evaluate the effectiveness of the agency or the Board of Governors in carrying out its supervisory responsibilities with respect to the covered financial company;

(B) identify any acts or omissions on the part of agency or Board of Governors officials that contributed to the covered financial company being in default or in danger of default;

(C) identify any actions that could have been taken by the agency or the Board of Governors that would have prevented the company from being in default or in danger of default; and

(D) recommend appropriate administrative or legislative action.

(2) REPORTS AND TESTIMONY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of appointment of the Corporation as receiver under this title, the Inspector General of the Federal primary financial regulatory agency or the Board of Governors shall provide the report required by paragraph (1) to such agency or the Board of Governors, and along with such agency or the Board of Governors, as applicable, shall appear before the appropriate committees of Congress, if requested, to present the report required by paragraph (1). Not later than 90 days after the date of receipt of the report required by paragraph (1), such agency or the Board of Governors, as applicable, shall provide a written report to Congress describing any actions taken in response to the recommendations in the report, and if no such actions were taken, describing the reasons why no actions were taken.

SEC. 212. PROHIBITION OF CIRCUMVENTION AND PREVENTION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

(a) NO OTHER FUNDING.—Funds for the orderly liquidation of any covered financial company under this title shall only be provided as specified under this title.

(b) LIMIT ON GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS.—No governmental entity may take any action to circumvent the purposes of this title.

(c) CONFLICT OF INTEREST.—In the event that the Corporation is appointed receiver for more than 1 covered financial company or is appointed receiver for a covered financial company and receiver for any insured depository institution that is an affiliate of such covered financial company, the Corporation shall take appropriate action, as necessary to avoid any conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with multiple receiverships.

SEC. 213. BAN ON SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND DIRECTORS.

(a) PROHIBITION AUTHORITY.—The Board of Governors or, if the covered financial company was not supervised by the Board of Governors, the Corporation, may exercise the authority provided by this section.

(b) AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ORDER.—The appropriate agency described in subsection (a) may take any action authorized by subsection (c), if the agency determines that—

(1) a senior executive or a director of the covered financial company, prior to the appointment of the Corporation as receiver, has, directly or indirectly—

(A) violated—

(i) any law or regulation;

(ii) any cease-and-desist order which has become final;

(iii) any condition imposed in writing by a Federal agency in connection with any action on any application, notice, or request by such company or senior executive; or

(iv) any written agreement between such company and such agency;

(B) engaged or participated in any unsafe or unsound practice in connection with any financial company; or

(C) committed or engaged in any act, omission, or practice which constitutes a breach of the fiduciary duty of such senior executive or director;

(2) by reason of the violation, practice, or breach described in any clause of paragraph (1), such senior executive or director has received financial gain or other benefit by reason of such violation, practice, or breach and such violation, practice, or breach contributed to the failure of the company; and

(3) such violation, practice, or breach—

(A) involves personal dishonesty on the part of such senior executive or director; or

(B) demonstrates willful or continuing disregard by such senior executive or director for the safety or soundness of such company.

(c) AUTHORIZED ACTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate agency for a financial company, as described in subsection (a), may serve upon a senior executive or director described in subsection (b) a written notice of the intention of the agency to prohibit any further participation by such person, in any manner, in the conduct of the affairs of any financial company for a period of time determined by the appropriate agency to be commensurate with such violation, practice, or breach, provided such period shall be not less than 2 years.

(2) PROCEDURES.—The due process requirements and other procedures under section 8(e) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to actions under this section as if the covered financial company were an insured depository institution and the senior executive or director were an institution-affiliated party, as those terms are defined in that Act.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Corporation and the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Council, shall jointly prescribe rules or regulations to administer and carry out this section, including rules, regulations, or guidelines to further define the term senior executive for the purposes of this section.

On page 1522, line 11, strike ''The third'' and insert the following:

''(a) FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.—The third''.

On page 1528, line 3, strike the end quotation marks and the final period and insert the following:

''(E) If an entity to which a Federal reserve bank has provided a loan under this paragraph becomes a covered financial company, as defined in section 203 of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, at any time while such loan is outstanding, and the Federal reserve bank incurs a realized net loss on the loan, then the Federal reserve bank shall have a claim equal to the amount of the net realized loss against the covered entity, with the same priority as an obligation to the Secretary of the Treasury under sections 210(n) and 210(o) of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 507(a)(2) of title 11, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''claims of any Federal reserve bank related to loans made through programs or facilities authorized under the third undesignated paragraph of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343),'' after ''this title,''.

On page 1523, line 17, strike ''of sufficient quality'' and insert ''sufficient''.

On page 1523, line 18, insert after the period the following: ''The policies and procedures established by the Board shall require that a Federal reserve bank assign, consistent with sound risk management practices and to ensure protection for the taxpayer, a lendable value to all collateral for a loan executed by a Federal reserve bank under this paragraph in determining whether the loan is secured satisfactorily for purposes of this paragraph.''.

On page 1523, line 19, strike ''(ii)'' and insert the following:

''(ii) The Board shall establish procedures to prohibit borrowing from programs and facilities by borrowers that are insolvent. Such procedures may include a certification from the chief executive officer (or other authorized officer) of the borrower, at the time the borrower initially borrows under the program or facility (with a duty by the borrower to update the certification if the information in the certification materially changes), that the borrower is not insolvent. A borrower shall be considered insolvent for purposes of this subparagraph, if the borrower is in bankruptcy, resolution under title II of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, or any other Federal or State insolvency proceeding.

''(iii) A program or facility that is structured to remove assets from the balance sheet of a single and specific company, or that is established for the purpose of assisting a single and specific company avoid bankruptcy, resolution under title II of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, or any other Federal or State insolvency proceeding, shall not be considered a program or facility with broad-based eligibility.

''(iv)''.

On page 1523, line 18: insert ''and that any such program is terminated in a timely and orderly fashion'' before ''losses''.

On page 1524, line 11, strike ''assistance,'' and all that follows through line 12 and insert ''assistance.''.

On page 1525, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 1528, line 3, and insert the following:

''(D) The information submitted to Congress under subparagraph (C) related to—

''(i) the identity of the participants in an emergency lending program or facility commenced under this paragraph;

''(ii) the amounts borrowed by each participant in any such program or facility;

''(iii) identifying details concerning the assets or collateral held by, under, or in connection with such a program or facility,

shall be kept confidential, upon the written request of the Chairman of the Board, in which case such information shall be made available only to the Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the Committees described in subparagraph (C).''.

On page 1537, line 23, insert before the period the following: ''and a request for approval of such plan''.

On page 1537, line 23, strike ''Upon'' and all that follows through page 1538, line 6, and insert the following: ''The Corporation shall exercise the authority under this section to issue guarantees up to that specified maximum amount upon passage of the joint resolution of approval, as provided in subsection (d). Absent such approval, the Corporation shall issue no such guarantees.''.

On page 1538, line 16, strike ''Upon'' and all that follows through page 1547, line 6 and insert the following: ''The Corporation shall exercise the authority under this section to issue guarantees up to that specified maximum amount upon passage of the joint resolution of approval, as provided in subsection (d). Absent such approval, the Corporation shall issue no such guarantees.

''(d) RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

''(1) ADDITIONAL DEBT GUARANTEE AUTHORITY.—A request by the President under this section shall be considered granted by Congress upon adoption of a joint resolution approving such request. Such joint resolution shall be considered in the Senate under expedited procedures.

''(2) FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION IN SENATE.—

''(A) RECONVENING.—Upon receipt of a request under subsection (c), if the Senate has adjourned or recessed for more than 2 days, the majority leader of the Senate, after consultation with the minority leader of the Senate, shall notify the Members of the Senate that, pursuant to this section, the Senate shall convene not later than the second calendar day after receipt of such message.

''(B) PLACEMENT ON CALENDAR.—Upon introduction in the Senate, the joint resolution shall be placed immediately on the calendar.

''(C) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time during the period beginning on the 4th day after the date on which Congress receives a request under subsection (c), and ending on the 7th day after that date (even though a previous motion to the same effect has been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution, and all points of order against the joint resolution (and against consideration of the joint resolution) are waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable. The motion is not subject to a motion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to the consideration of the resolution is agreed to, the joint resolution shall remain the unfinished business until disposed of.

''(ii) DEBATE.—Debate on the joint resolution, and on all debatable motions and appeals in connection therewith, shall be limited to not more than 10 hours, which shall be divided equally between the majority and minority leaders or their designees. A motion further to limit debate is in order and not debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consideration of other business, or a motion to recommit the joint resolution is not in order.

''(iii) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on passage shall occur immediately following the conclusion of the debate on the joint resolution, and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the debate if requested in accordance with the rules of the Senate.

''(iv) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the application of the rules of the Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure relating to a joint resolution shall be decided without debate.

''(3) RULES.—

''(A) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If, before the passage by the Senate of a joint resolution of the Senate, the Senate receives a joint resolution, from the House of Representatives, then the following procedures shall apply:

''(i) The joint resolution of the House of Representatives shall not be referred to a committee.

''(ii) With respect to a joint resolution of the Senate—

''(I) the procedure in the Senate shall be the same as if no joint resolution had been received from the other House; but

''(II) the vote on passage shall be on the joint resolution of the House of Representatives.

''(B) TREATMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—If the Senate fails to introduce or consider a joint resolution under this section, the joint resolution of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to expedited floor procedures under this subsection.

''(C) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEASURES.—If, following passage of the joint resolution in the Senate, the Senate then receives the companion measure from the House of Representatives, the companion measure shall not be debatable.

''(D) RULES OF THE SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Congress—

''(i) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of the Senate, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules of the Senate, but applicable only with respect to the procedure to be followed in the Senate in the case of a joint resolution, and it supersedes other rules, only to the extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

''(ii) with full recognition of the constitutional right of the Senate to change the rules (so far as relating to the procedure of the Senate) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of the Senate.

''(4) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection, the term 'joint resolution' means only a joint resolution—

''(A) that is introduced not later than 3 calendar days after the date on which the request referred to in subsection (c) is received by Congress;

''(B) that does not have a preamble;

''(C) the title of which is as follows: 'Joint resolution relating to the approval of a plan to guarantee obligations under section 1155 of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010'; and

''(D) the matter after the resolving clause of which is as follows: 'That Congress approves the obligation of any amount described in section 1155(c) of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010.'.''.

On page 1550, strike lines 1 through 12, and insert the following:

(3) LIQUIDITY EVENT.—The term ''liquidity event'' means—

(A) an exceptional and broad reduction in the general ability of financial market participants—

(i) to sell financial assets without an unusual and significant discount; or

(ii) to borrow using financial assets as collateral without an unusual and significant increase in margin; or

(B) an unusual and significant reduction in the ability of financial market participants to obtain unsecured credit.

On page 1550, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 1551, line 3, and insert the following:

(b) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.—Section 13(c)(4)(G) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1823(c)(4)(G)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) in subclause (I), by inserting ''for which the Corporation has been appointed receiver'' before ''would have serious''; and

(B) in the undesignated matter following subclause (II), by inserting ''for the purpose of winding up the insured depository institution for which the Corporation has been appointed receiver'' after ''provide assistance under this section''; and

(2) in clause (v)(I), by striking ''The'' and inserting ''Not later than 3 days after making a determination under clause (i), the''.

SA 3828. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail,'' to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1270, after line 21, insert the following:

(f) SCOPE OF AUTHORITY.—No regulation promulgated under the rulemaking authority of the Bureau under this title shall be enforceable with respect to an entity that has not violated a consumer protection statute and is—

(1) an insured depository institution with assets of not more than $5,000,000,000;

(2) an insured credit union with assets of not more than $5,000,000,000; or

(3) a nonfinancial institution,

until such time as the Bureau certifies that the regulation will not result in an unfunded mandate, increase costs for consumers, or reduce the availability of credit and credit products.

SA 3829. Ms. MURKOWSKI submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail,'' to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1270, after line 21, insert the following:

(f) EXEMPTIONS.—Each insured depository institution or insured credit union with assets of not more than $5,000,000,000, and that has not violated the consumer protection statutes is exempt from the regulations of the Bureau. Supervision and enforcement for such institutions shall remain with the primary prudential regulator for such institutions.

SA 3830. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

SEC. 212. PROHIBITION ON ALL BAILOUTS.

(a) PROHIBITION.— The United States Government shall not use any funds to bail out creditors or shareholders of any company by paying to any creditor or shareholder, under this or any title, any funds for the purpose of covering the losses of such creditor or shareholder on its investments in such company or ensuring that the amount that such claimant receives on a claim is more than such claimant is entitled to receive on such claim under the Bankruptcy Code. The United States Government shall not coordinate with or participate in any effort involving any foreign or multi-national entity to use foreign or multi-national resources to circumvent the purposes of this title.

(b) REESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL RESERVE LENDER OF LAST RESORT FUNCTION.—

(1) RULEMAKING REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any provision of this Act or any other provision of law, the Board of Governors, in consultation with the Secretary, shall, not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, issue rules that shall govern the creation of any emergency stabilization actions by the Board of Governors.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—At a minimum, rules required under this subsection shall—

(A) prescribe under what circumstances the program may and may not be used in the future;

(B) prescribe how the program shall ensure that it will only be used by solvent companies and will not be used to prevent failure of otherwise failing firms;

(C) determine what type of collateral the Board of Governors will accept against emergency lending to ensure that all lending is done against good collateral;

(D) prescribe how much that collateral will be discounted in order to ensure against taxpayer losses;

(E) address how the Board of Governors and the Secretary shall ensure that the program does not allocate credit or artificially prop up certain segments of the economy;

(F) address how the Board of Governors will transfer any assets associated with losses to the lending program to the Secretary to ensure that losses from emergency lending do not lead to inflationary pressures;

(G) establish procedures by which the Board of Governors would modify and change such rules to ensure a proper notice and comment period, including publicly documenting the need for the rule change; and

(H) include any other factors that the Board of Governors and the Secretary deem appropriate.

(c) LIQUIDATION REQUIRED.—All financial companies put into receivership under this title shall be liquidated within 2 years of being put into receivership. No taxpayer funds may be used

(1) to provide assistance to—

(A) a company that is in bankruptcy, in receivership under title II, or in any other insolvency proceeding; or

(B) any company that would otherwise need to be placed into receivership under Federal or State laws; or

(2) to prevent the liquidation of any financial company under this title.

(d) RECOVERY OF FUNDS.—All funds expended in the liquidation of a financial company under this title shall be recovered from the disposition of assets of such financial company.

(e) NO LOSSES TO TAXPAYERS.—Taxpayers shall bear no losses from the exercise of any authority under this title.

(f) NO FDIC BAILOUTS—Section 13(c)(4)(G) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1823 (c)(4)G)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i)—

(A) in subclause (I), by inserting ''for which the Corporation has been appointed receiver'' before ''would have serious''; and

(B) in the undesignated matter following subclause (II), by inserting ''for the winding up of the insured depository institution for which the Corporation has been appointed receiver'' after ''provide assistance under this section''

SA 3831. Mr. SHELBY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail,'' to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title X and insert the following:

TITLE X—BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010''.

SEC. 1002. DEFINITIONS.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, for purposes of this title, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) AFFILIATE.—The term ''affiliate'' means any person that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.

(2) BUREAU.—The term ''Bureau'' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

(3) BUSINESS OF INSURANCE.—The term ''business of insurance'' means the writing of insurance or the reinsuring of risks by an insurer, including all acts necessary to such writing or reinsuring and the activities relating to the writing of insurance or the reinsuring of risks conducted by persons who act as, or are, officers, directors, agents, or employees of insurers or who are other persons authorized to act on behalf of such persons.

(4) CONSUMER.—The term ''consumer'' means an individual or an agent, trustee, or representative acting on behalf of an individual.

(5) CONSUMER FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE.—The term ''consumer financial product or service'' means any financial product or service that is described in one or more categories under—

(A) paragraph (13) and is offered or provided for use by consumers primarily for personal, family, or household purposes; or

(B) clause (i), (iii), (ix), or (x) of paragraph (13)(A), and is delivered, offered, or provided in connection with a consumer financial product or service referred to in subparagraph (A).

(6) COVERED PERSON.—The term ''covered person'' means—

(A) any person that engages in offering or providing a consumer financial product or service; and

(B) any affiliate of a person described in subparagraph (A) if such affiliate acts as a service provider to such person.

(7) CREDIT.—The term ''credit'' means the right granted by a person to a consumer to defer payment of a debt, incur debt and defer its payment, or purchase property or services and defer payment for such purchase.

(8) DEPOSIT-TAKING ACTIVITY.—The term ''deposit-taking activity'' means—

(A) the acceptance of deposits, maintenance of deposit accounts, or the provision of services related to the acceptance of deposits or the maintenance of deposit accounts;

(B) the acceptance of funds, the provision of other services related to the acceptance of funds, or the maintenance of member share accounts by a credit union; or

(C) the receipt of funds or the equivalent thereof, as the Bureau may determine by rule or order, received or held by a covered person (or an agent for a covered person) for the purpose of facilitating a payment or transferring funds or value of funds between a consumer and a third party.

(9) DESIGNATED TRANSFER DATE.—The term ''designated transfer date'' means the date established under section 1062.

(10) DIRECTOR.—The term ''Director'' means the Director of the Bureau.

(11) ENUMERATED CONSUMER LAWS.—The term ''enumerated consumer laws'' means—

(A) the Alternative Mortgage Transaction Parity Act of 1982 (12 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.);

(B) the Consumer Leasing Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 1667 et seq.);

(C) the Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq.);

(D) the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.);

(E) the Fair Credit Billing Act (15 U.S.C. 1666 et seq.);

(F) the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.), except with respect to sections 615(e) and 628 of that Act (15 U.S.C. 1681m(e), 1681w);

(G) the Home Owners Protection Act of 1998 (12 U.S.C. 4901 et seq.);

(H) the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.);

(I) subsections (c) through (f) of section 43 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831t(c)–(f));

(J) sections 502 through 509 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6802–6809);

(K) the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 (12 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.);

(L) the Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (15 U.S.C. 1601 note);

(M) the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);

(N) the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.);

(O) the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

(P) the Truth in Savings Act (12 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.).

(12) FEDERAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL LAW.—The term ''Federal consumer financial law'' means the provisions of this title, the enumerated consumer laws, the laws for which authorities are transferred under subtitles F and H, and any rule or order prescribed by the Bureau under this title, an enumerated consumer law, or pursuant to the authorities transferred under subtitles F and H.

(13) FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE.—The term ''financial product or service''—

(A) means—

(i) extending credit and servicing loans, including acquiring, purchasing, selling,

brokering, or other extensions of credit (other than solely extending commercial credit to a person who originates consumer credit transactions);

(ii) extending or brokering leases of personal or real property that are the functional equivalent of purchase finance arrangements, if—

(I) the lease is on a non-operating basis;

(II) the initial term of the lease is at least 90 days; and

(III) in the case of a lease involving real property, at the inception of the initial lease, the transaction is intended to result in ownership of the leased property to be transferred to the lessee, subject to standards prescribed by the Bureau;

(iii) providing real estate settlement services or performing appraisals of real estate or personal property;

(iv) engaging in deposit-taking activities, transmitting or exchanging funds, or otherwise acting as a custodian of funds or any financial instrument for use by or on behalf of a consumer;

(v) selling, providing, or issuing stored value or payment instruments, except that, in the case of a sale of, or transaction to reload, stored value, only if the seller exercises substantial control over the terms or conditions of the stored value provided to the consumer where, for purposes of this clause—

(I) a seller shall not be found to exercise substantial control over the terms or conditions of the stored value if the seller is not a party to the contract with the consumer for the stored value product, and another person is principally responsible for establishing the terms or conditions of the stored value; and

(II) advertising the nonfinancial goods or services of the seller on the stored value card or device is not in itself an exercise of substantial control over the terms or conditions;

(vi) providing check cashing, check collection, or check guaranty services;

(vii) providing payments or other financial data processing products or services to a consumer by any technological means, including processing or storing financial or banking data for any payment instrument, or through any payments systems or network used for processing payments data, including payments made through an online banking system or mobile telecommunications network, except that a person shall not be deemed to be a covered person with respect to financial data processing solely because the person—

(I) unknowingly or incidentally processes, stores, or transmits over the Internet, telephone line, mobile network, or any other mode of transmission, as part of a stream of other types of data, financial data in a manner that such data is undifferentiated from other types of data of the same form that the person processes, stores, or transmits;

(II) is a merchant, retailer, or seller of any nonfinancial good or service who engages in financial data processing by transmitting or storing payments data about a consumer exclusively for purpose of initiating payments instructions by the consumer to pay such person for the purchase of, or to complete a commercial transaction for, such nonfinancial good or service sold directly by such person to the consumer; or

(III) provides access to a host server to a person for purposes of enabling that person to establish and maintain a website;

(viii) providing financial advisory services to consumers on individual financial matters or relating to proprietary financial products or services (other than by publishing any bona fide newspaper, news magazine, or business or financial publication of general and regular circulation, including publishing market data, news, or data analytics or investment information or recommendations that are not tailored to the individual needs of a particular consumer), including—

(I) providing credit counseling to any consumer; and

(II) providing services to assist a consumer with debt management or debt settlement, modifying the terms of any extension of credit, or avoiding foreclosure;

(ix) collecting, analyzing, maintaining, or providing consumer report information or other account information, including information relating to the credit history of consumers, used or expected to be used in connection with any decision regarding the offering or provision of a consumer financial product or service, except to the extent that—

(I) a person—

(aa) collects, analyzes, or maintains information that relates solely to the transactions between a consumer and such person; or

(bb) provides the information described in item (aa) to an affiliate of such person; and

(II) the information described in subclause (I)(aa) is not used by such person or affiliate in connection with any decision regarding the offering or provision of a consumer financial product or service to the consumer, other than credit described in section 1027(a)(2)(A);

(x) collecting debt related to any consumer financial product or service; and

(xi) such other financial product or service as may be defined by the Bureau, by regulation, for purposes of this title, if the Bureau finds that such financial product or service is—

(I) entered into or conducted as a subterfuge or with a purpose to evade any Federal consumer financial law; or

(II) permissible for a bank or for a financial holding company to offer or to provide under any provision of a Federal law or regulation applicable to a bank or a financial holding company, and has, or likely will have, a material impact on consumers; and

(B) does not include the business of insurance.

(14) FOREIGN EXCHANGE.—The term ''foreign exchange'' means the exchange, for compensation, of currency of the United States or of a foreign government for currency of another government.

(15) INSURED CREDIT UNION.—The term ''insured credit union'' has the same meaning as in section 101 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1752).

(16) PAYMENT INSTRUMENT.—The term ''payment instrument'' means a check, draft, warrant, money order, traveler's check, electronic instrument, or other instrument, payment of funds, or monetary value (other than currency).

(17) PERSON.—The term ''person'' means an individual, partnership, company, corporation, association (incorporated or unincorporated), trust, estate, cooperative organization, or other entity.

(18) PERSON REGULATED BY THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.—The term ''person regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission'' means any person that is registered, or required by statute or regulation to be registered, with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, but only to the extent that the activities of such person are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Commodity Exchange Act.

(19) PERSON REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION.—The term ''person regulated by the Commission'' means a person who is—

(A) a broker or dealer that is required to be registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(B) an investment adviser that is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940;

(C) an investment company that is required to be registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and any company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under that Act;

(D) a national securities exchange that is required to be registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(E) a transfer agent that is required to be registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(F) a clearing corporation that is required to be registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(G) any self-regulatory organization that is required to be registered with the Commission;

(H) any nationally recognized statistical rating organization that is required to be registered with the Commission;

(I) any securities information processor that is required to be registered with the Commission;

(J) any municipal securities dealer that is required to be registered with the Commission;

(K) any other person that is required to be registered with the Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(L) any employee, agent, or contractor acting on behalf of, registered with, or providing services to, any person described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (K), but only to the extent that any person described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (K), or the employee, agent, or contractor of such person, acts in a regulated capacity.

(20) PERSON REGULATED BY A STATE INSURANCE REGULATOR.—The term ''person regulated by a State insurance regulator'' means any person that is engaged in the business of insurance and subject to regulation by any State insurance regulator, but only to the extent that such person acts in such capacity.

(21) PERSON THAT PERFORMS INCOME TAX PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR CONSUMERS.—The term ''person that performs income tax preparation activities for consumers'' means—

(A) any tax return preparer (as defined in section 7701(a)(36) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), regardless of whether compensated, but only to the extent that the person acts in such capacity;

(B) any person regulated by the Secretary under section 330 of title 31, United States Code, but only to the extent that the person acts in such capacity; and

(C) any authorized IRS e-file Providers (as defined for purposes of section 7216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986), but only to the extent that the person acts in such capacity.

(22) PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—The term ''prudential regulator'' means—

(A) in the case of an insured depository institution, the appropriate Federal banking agency, as that term is defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; and

(B) in the case of an insured credit union, the National Credit Union Administration.

(23) RELATED PERSON.—The term ''related person''—

(A) shall apply only with respect to a covered person that is not a bank holding company (as that term is defined in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956), credit union, or depository institution;

(B) shall be deemed to mean a covered person for all purposes of any provision of Federal consumer financial law; and

(C) means—

(i) any director, officer, or employee charged with managerial responsibility for,

or controlling shareholder of, or agent for, such covered person;

(ii) any shareholder, consultant, joint venture partner, or other person, as determined by the Bureau (by rule or on a case-by-case basis) who materially participates in the conduct of the affairs of such covered person; and

(iii) any independent contractor (including any attorney, appraiser, or accountant) who knowingly or recklessly participates in any—

(I) violation of any provision of law or regulation; or

(II) breach of a fiduciary duty.

(24) SERVICE PROVIDER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''service provider'' means any person that provides a material service to a covered person in connection with the offering or provision by such covered person of a consumer financial product or service, including a person that—

(i) participates in designing, operating, or maintaining the consumer financial product or service; or

(ii) processes transactions relating to the consumer financial product or service (other than unknowingly or incidentally transmitting or processing financial data in a manner that such data is undifferentiated from other types of data of the same form as the person transmits or processes).

(B) EXCEPTIONS.—The term ''service provider'' does not include a person solely by virtue of such person offering or providing to a covered person—

(i) a support service of a type provided to businesses generally or a similar ministerial service; or

(ii) time or space for an advertisement for a consumer financial product or service through print, newspaper, or electronic media.

(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A person that is a service provider shall be deemed to be a covered person to the extent that such person engages in the offering or provision of its own consumer financial product or service.

(25) STATE.—The term ''State'' means any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, or the United States Virgin Islands or any federally recognized Indian tribe, as defined by the Secretary of the Interior under section 104(a) of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C. 479a–1(a)).

(26) STORED VALUE.—The term ''stored value'' means funds or monetary value represented in any electronic format, whether or not specially encrypted, and stored or capable of storage on electronic media in such a way as to be retrievable and transferred electronically, and includes a prepaid debit card or product, or any other similar product, regardless of whether the amount of the funds or monetary value may be increased or reloaded.

(27) TRANSMITTING OR EXCHANGING FUNDS.—The term ''transmitting or exchanging funds'' means receiving currency, monetary value, or payment instruments from a consumer for the purpose of exchanging or transmitting the same by any means, including transmission by wire, facsimile, electronic transfer, courier, the Internet, or through bill payment services or through other businesses that facilitate third-party transfers within the United States or to or from the United States.

Subtitle A—Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection

SEC. 1011. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BUREAU.

(a) BUREAU ESTABLISHED.—There is established in the Federal Reserve System the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, which shall regulate the offering and provision of consumer financial products or services under the Federal consumer financial laws.

(b) DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established the position of the Director, who shall serve as the head of the Bureau.

(2) APPOINTMENT.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Director shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(3) QUALIFICATION.—The President shall nominate the Director from among individuals who are citizens of the United States.

(4) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall be compensated at the rate prescribed for level II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title 5, United States Code.

(5) DEPUTY DIRECTOR.—There is established the position of Deputy Director, who shall—

(A) be appointed by the Director; and

(B) serve as acting Director in the absence or unavailability of the Director.

(c) TERM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall serve for a term of 5 years.

(2) EXPIRATION OF TERM.—An individual may serve as Director after the expiration of the term for which appointed, until a successor has been appointed and qualified.

(3) REMOVAL FOR CAUSE.—The President may remove the Director for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office.

(d) SERVICE RESTRICTION.—No Director or Deputy Director may hold any office, position, or employment in any Federal reserve bank, Federal home loan bank, covered person, or service provider during the period of service of such person as Director or Deputy Director.

(e) OFFICES.—The principal office of the Bureau shall be in the District of Columbia. The Director may establish regional offices of the Bureau, including in cities in which the Federal reserve banks, or branches of such banks, are located, in order to carry out the responsibilities assigned to the Bureau under the Federal consumer financial laws.

SEC. 1012. EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS.

(a) POWERS OF THE BUREAU.—The Bureau is authorized to establish the general policies of the Bureau with respect to all executive and administrative functions, including—

(1) the establishment of rules for conducting the general business of the Bureau, in a manner not inconsistent with this title;

(2) to bind the Bureau and enter into contracts;

(3) directing the establishment and maintenance of divisions or other offices within the Bureau, in order to carry out the responsibilities under the Federal consumer financial laws, and to satisfy the requirements of other applicable law;

(4) to coordinate and oversee the operation of all administrative, enforcement, and research activities of the Bureau;

(5) to adopt and use a seal;

(6) to determine the character of and the necessity for the obligations and expenditures of the Bureau;

(7) the appointment and supervision of personnel employed by the Bureau;

(8) the distribution of business among personnel appointed and supervised by the Director and among administrative units of the Bureau;

(9) the use and expenditure of funds;

(10) implementing the Federal consumer financial laws through rules, orders, guidance, interpretations, statements of policy, examinations, and enforcement actions; and

(11) performing such other functions as may be authorized or required by law.

(b) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—The Director of the Bureau may delegate to any duly authorized employee, representative, or agent any power vested in the Bureau by law.

(c) AUTONOMY OF THE BUREAU.—

(1) COORDINATION WITH THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—Notwithstanding section 18 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) and any other provision of law applicable to the supervision or examination of persons with respect to Federal consumer financial laws, the Board of Governors may delegate to the Bureau the authorities to examine persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors for compliance with the Federal consumer financial laws.

(2) AUTONOMY.—Notwithstanding the authorities granted to the Board of Governors under the Federal Reserve Act, the Board of Governors may not—

(A) intervene in any matter or proceeding before the Director, including examinations or enforcement actions, unless otherwise specifically provided by law;

(B) appoint, direct, or remove any officer or employee of the Bureau; or

(C) merge or consolidate the Bureau, or any of the functions or responsibilities of the Bureau, with any division or office of the Board of Governors or the Federal reserve banks.

(3) RULES AND ORDERS.—No rule or order of the Bureau shall be subject to approval or review by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors may not delay or prevent the issuance of any rule or order of the Bureau.

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS AND TESTIMONY.—No officer or agency of the United States shall have any authority to require the Director or any other officer of the Bureau to submit legislative recommendations, or testimony or comments on legislation, to any officer or agency of the United States for approval, comments, or review prior to the submission of such recommendations, testimony, or comments to the Congress, if such recommendations, testimony, or comments to the Congress include a statement indicating that the views expressed therein are those of the Director or such officer, and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board of Governors or the President.

SEC. 1013. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) PERSONNEL.—

(1) APPOINTMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director may fix the number of, and appoint and direct, all employees of the Bureau.

(B) EMPLOYEES OF THE BUREAU.—The Director is authorized to employ attorneys, compliance examiners, compliance supervision analysts, economists, statisticians, and other employees as may be deemed necessary to conduct the business of the Bureau. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all such employees shall be appointed and compensated on terms and conditions that are consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in section 11(l) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248(l)).

(2) COMPENSATION.—The Director shall at all times provide compensation and benefits to each class of employees that, at a minimum, are equivalent to the compensation and benefits then being provided by the Board of Governors for the corresponding class of employees.

(b) SPECIFIC FUNCTIONAL UNITS.—

(1) RESEARCH.—The Director shall establish a unit whose functions shall include researching, analyzing, and reporting on—

(A) developments in markets for consumer financial products or services, including market areas of alternative consumer financial products or services with high growth rates and areas of risk to consumers;

(B) access to fair and affordable credit for traditionally underserved communities;

(C) consumer awareness, understanding, and use of disclosures and communications regarding consumer financial products or services;

(D) consumer awareness and understanding of costs, risks, and benefits of consumer financial products or services; and

(E) consumer behavior with respect to consumer financial products or services.

(2) COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.—The Director shall establish a unit whose functions shall include providing information, guidance, and technical assistance regarding the offering and provision of consumer financial products or services to traditionally underserved consumers and communities.

(3) COLLECTING AND TRACKING COMPLAINTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish a unit whose functions shall include establishing a single, toll-free telephone number, a website, and a database to facilitate the centralized collection of, monitoring of, and response to consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products or services. The Director shall coordinate with other Federal agencies to route complaints to other Federal regulators, where appropriate.

(B) ROUTING CALLS TO STATES.—To the extent practicable, State agencies may receive appropriate complaints from the systems established under subparagraph (A), if—

(i) the State agency system has the functional capacity to receive calls or electronic reports routed by the Bureau systems; and

(ii) the State agency has satisfied any conditions of participation in the system that the Bureau may establish, including treatment of personally identifiable information and sharing of information on complaint resolution or related compliance procedures and resources.

(C) REPORTS TO THE CONGRESS.—The Director shall present an annual report to Congress not later than March 31 of each year on the complaints received by the Bureau in the prior year regarding consumer financial products and services. Such report shall include information and analysis about complaint numbers, complaint types, and, where applicable, information about resolution of complaints.

(D) DATA SHARING REQUIRED.—To facilitate preparation of the reports required under subparagraph (C), supervision and enforcement activities, and monitoring of the market for consumer financial products and services, the Bureau shall share consumer complaint information with prudential regulators, other Federal agencies, and State agencies, consistent with Federal law applicable to personally identifiable information. The prudential regulators and other Federal agencies shall share data relating to consumer complaints regarding consumer financial products and services with the Bureau, consistent with Federal law applicable to personally identifiable information.

(c) OFFICE OF FAIR LENDING AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall establish within the Bureau the Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity.

(2) FUNCTIONS.—The Office of Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity shall have such powers and duties as the Director may delegate to the Office, including—

(A) providing oversight and enforcement of Federal laws intended to ensure the fair, equitable, and nondiscriminatory access to credit for both individuals and communities that are enforced by the Bureau, including the Equal Credit Opportunity Act and the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act;

(B) coordinating fair lending and fair housing efforts of the Bureau with other Federal agencies and State regulators, as appropriate, to promote consistent, efficient, and effective enforcement of Federal fair lending laws;

(C) working with private industry, fair lending, civil rights, consumer and community advocates on the promotion of fair lending compliance and education; and

(D) providing annual reports to Congress on the efforts of the Bureau to fulfill its fair lending mandate.

(3) ADMINISTRATION OF OFFICE.—There is established the position of Assistant Director of the Bureau for Fair Lending and Equal Opportunity, who—

(A) shall be appointed by the Director; and

(B) shall carry out such duties as the Director may delegate to such Assistant Director.

(d) OFFICE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director shall establish an Office of Financial Literacy, which shall be responsible for developing and implementing initiatives intended to educate and empower consumers to make better informed financial decisions.

(2) OTHER DUTIES.—The Office of Financial Literacy shall develop and implement a strategy to improve the financial literacy of consumers that includes measurable goals and objectives, in consultation with the Financial Literacy and Education Commission, consistent with the National Strategy for Financial Education, through activities including providing opportunities for consumers to access—

(A) financial counseling;

(B) information to assist with the evaluation of credit products and the understanding of credit histories and scores;

(C) savings, borrowing, and other services found at mainstream financial institutions;

(D) activities intended to—

(i) prepare the consumer for educational expenses and the submission of financial aid applications, and other major purchases;

(ii) reduce debt; and

(iii) improve the financial situation of the consumer;

(E) assistance in developing long-term savings strategies; and

(F) wealth building and financial services during the preparation process to claim earned income tax credits and Federal benefits.

(3) COORDINATION.—The Office of Financial Literacy shall coordinate with other units within the Bureau in carrying out its functions, including—

(A) working with the Community Affairs Office to implement the strategy to improve financial literacy of consumers; and

(B) working with the research unit established by the Director to conduct research related to consumer financial education and counseling.

(4) REPORT.—Not later than 24 months after the designated transfer date, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit a report on its financial literacy activities and strategy to improve financial literacy of consumers to—

(A) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.

(5) MEMBERSHIP IN FINANCIAL LITERACY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION.—Section 513(c)(1) of the Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act (20 U.S.C. 9702(c)(1)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (D); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

''(C) the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection; and''.

(6) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 513(d) of the Financial Literacy and Education Improvement Act (20 U.S.C. 9702(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following: ''The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall serve as the Vice Chairman.''.

SEC. 1014. CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.—The Director shall establish a Consumer Advisory Board to advise and consult with the Bureau in the exercise of its functions under the Federal consumer financial laws, and to provide information on emerging practices in the consumer financial products or services industry, including regional trends, concerns, and other relevant information.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—In appointing the members of the Consumer Advisory Board, the Director shall seek to assemble experts in consumer protection, financial services, community development, fair lending, and consumer financial products or services and seek representation of the interests of covered persons and consumers, without regard to party affiliation. Not fewer than 6 members shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the regional Federal Reserve Bank Presidents, on a rotating basis.

(c) MEETINGS.—The Consumer Advisory Board shall meet from time to time at the call of the Director, but, at a minimum, shall meet at least twice in each year.

(d) COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the Consumer Advisory Board who are not full-time employees of the United States shall—

(1) be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Director while attending meetings of the Consumer Advisory Board, including travel time; and

(2) be allowed travel expenses, including transportation and subsistence, while away from their homes or regular places of business.

SEC. 1015. COORDINATION.

The Bureau shall coordinate with the Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and other Federal agencies and State regulators, as appropriate, to promote consistent regulatory treatment of consumer financial and investment products and services.

SEC. 1016. APPEARANCES BEFORE AND REPORTS TO CONGRESS.

(a) APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESS.—The Director of the Bureau shall appear before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives at semi-annual hearings regarding the reports required under subsection (b).

(b) REPORTS REQUIRED.—The Bureau shall, concurrent with each semi-annual hearing referred to in subsection (a), prepare and submit to the President and to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, a report, beginning with the session following the designated transfer date.

(c) CONTENTS.—The reports required by subsection (b) shall include—

(1) a discussion of the significant problems faced by consumers in shopping for or obtaining consumer financial products or services;

(2) a justification of the budget request of the previous year;

(3) a list of the significant rules and orders adopted by the Bureau, as well as other significant initiatives conducted by the Bureau, during the preceding year and the plan of the Bureau for rules, orders, or other initiatives to be undertaken during the upcoming period;

(4) an analysis of complaints about consumer financial products or services that the Bureau has received and collected in its central database on complaints during the preceding year;

(5) a list, with a brief statement of the issues, of the public supervisory and enforcement actions to which the Bureau was a party during the preceding year;

(6) the actions taken regarding rules, orders, and supervisory actions with respect to covered persons which are not credit unions or depository institutions;

(7) an assessment of significant actions by State attorneys general or State regulators relating to Federal consumer financial law; and

(8) an analysis of the efforts of the Bureau to fulfill the fair lending mission of the Bureau.

SEC. 1017. FUNDING; PENALTIES AND FINES.

(a) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each year (or quarter of such year), beginning on the designated transfer date, and each quarter thereafter, the Board of Governors shall transfer to the Bureau from the combined earnings of the Federal Reserve System, the amount determined by the Director to be reasonably necessary to carry out the authorities of the Bureau under Federal consumer financial law, taking into account such other sums made available to the Bureau from the preceding year (or quarter of such year).

(2) FUNDING CAP.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), and in accordance with this paragraph, the amount that shall be transferred to the Bureau in each fiscal year shall not exceed a fixed percentage of the total operating expenses of the Federal Reserve System, as reported in the Annual Report, 2009, of the Board of Governors, equal to—

(i) 10 percent of such expenses in fiscal year 2011;

(ii) 11 percent of such expenses in fiscal year 2012; and

(iii) 12 percent of such expenses in fiscal year 2013, and in each year thereafter.

(B) AMOUNT ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION.—The dollar amount referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) shall be adjusted annually, using the percent by which the average urban consumer price index for the quarter preceding the date of the payment differs from the average of that index for the same quarter in the prior year.

(3) TRANSITION PERIOD.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and until the designated transfer date, the Board of Governors shall transfer to the Bureau the amount estimated by the Secretary needed to carry out the authorities granted to the Bureau under Federal consumer financial law, from the date of enactment of this Act until the designated transfer date.

(4) BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT.—

(A) FINANCIAL OPERATING PLANS AND FORECASTS.—The Director shall provide to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget copies of the financial operating plans and forecasts of the Director, as prepared by the Director in the ordinary course of the operations of the Bureau, and copies of the quarterly reports of the financial condition and results of operations of the Bureau, as prepared by the Director in the ordinary course of the operations of the Bureau.

(B) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.—The Bureau shall prepare annually a statement of—

(i) assets and liabilities and surplus or deficit;

(ii) income and expenses; and

(iii) sources and application of funds.

(C) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.—The Bureau shall implement and maintain financial management systems that comply substantially with Federal financial management systems requirements and applicable Federal accounting standards.

(D) ASSERTION OF INTERNAL CONTROLS.—The Director shall provide to the Comptroller General of the United States an assertion as to the effectiveness of the internal controls that apply to financial reporting by the Bureau, using the standards established in section 3512(c) of title 31, United States Code.

(E) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This subsection may not be construed as implying any obligation on the part of the Director to consult with or obtain the consent or approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget with respect to any report, plan, forecast, or other information referred to in subparagraph (A) or any jurisdiction or oversight over the affairs or operations of the Bureau.

(5) AUDIT OF THE BUREAU.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall annually audit the financial transactions of the Bureau in accordance with the United States generally accepted government auditing standards, as may be prescribed by the Comptroller General of the United States. The audit shall be conducted at the place or places where accounts of the Bureau are normally kept. The representatives of the Government Accountability Office shall have access to the personnel and to all books, accounts, documents, papers, records (including electronic records), reports, files, and all other papers, automated data, things, or property belonging to or under the control of or used or employed by the Bureau pertaining to its financial transactions and necessary to facilitate the audit, and such representatives shall be afforded full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians. All such books, accounts, documents, records, reports, files, papers, and property of the Bureau shall remain in possession and custody of the Bureau. The Comptroller General may obtain and duplicate any such books, accounts, documents, records, working papers, automated data and files, or other information relevant to such audit without cost to the Comptroller General, and the right of access of the Comptroller General to such information shall be enforceable pursuant to section 716(c) of title 31, United States Code.

(B) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress a report of each annual audit conducted under this subsection. The report to the Congress shall set forth the scope of the audit and shall include the statement of assets and liabilities and surplus or deficit, the statement of income and expenses, the statement of sources and application of funds, and such comments and information as may be deemed necessary to inform Congress of the financial operations and condition of the Bureau, together with such recommendations with respect thereto as the Comptroller General may deem advisable. A copy of each report shall be furnished to the President and to the Bureau at the time submitted to the Congress.

(C) ASSISTANCE AND COSTS.—For the purpose of conducting an audit under this subsection, the Comptroller General may, in the discretion of the Comptroller General, employ by contract, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (41 U.S.C. 5), professional services of firms and organizations of certified public accountants for temporary periods or for special purposes. Upon the request of the Comptroller General, the Director of the Bureau shall transfer to the Government Accountability Office from funds available, the amount requested by the Comptroller General to cover the full costs of any audit and report conducted by the Comptroller General. The Comptroller General shall credit funds transferred to the account established for salaries and expenses of the Government Accountability Office, and such amount shall be available upon receipt and without fiscal year limitation to cover the full costs of the audit and report.

(b) CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION FUND.—

(1) SEPARATE FUND IN FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD ESTABLISHED.—There is established in the Federal Reserve Board a separate fund, to be known as the ''Consumer Financial Protection Fund'' (referred to in this section as the ''Bureau Fund'').

(2) FUND RECEIPTS.—All amounts transferred to the Bureau under subsection (a) shall be deposited into the Bureau Fund.

(3) INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.—

(A) AMOUNTS IN BUREAU FUND MAY BE INVESTED.—The Bureau may request the Board of Governors to invest the portion of the Bureau Fund that is not, in the judgment of the Bureau, required to meet the current needs of the Bureau.

(B) ELIGIBLE INVESTMENTS.—Investments authorized by this paragraph shall be made by the Board of Governors in obligations of the United States or obligations that are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States, with maturities suitable to the needs of the Bureau Fund, as determined by the Bureau.

(C) INTEREST AND PROCEEDS CREDITED.—The interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or redemption of, any obligations held in the Bureau Fund shall be credited to the Bureau Fund.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Funds obtained by, transferred to, or credited to the Bureau Fund shall be immediately available to the Bureau and under the control of the Director, and shall remain available until expended, to pay the expenses of the Bureau in carrying out its duties and responsibilities. The compensation of the Director and other employees of the Bureau and all other expenses thereof may be paid from, obtained by, transferred to, or credited to the Bureau Fund under this section.

(2) FUNDS THAT ARE NOT GOVERNMENT FUNDS.—Funds obtained by or transferred to the Bureau Fund shall not be construed to be Government funds or appropriated monies.

(3) AMOUNTS NOT SUBJECT TO APPORTIONMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts in the Bureau Fund and in the Civil Penalty Fund established under subsection (d) shall not be subject to apportionment for purposes of chapter 15 of title 31, United States Code, or under any other authority.

(d) PENALTIES AND FINES.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF VICTIMS RELIEF FUND.—There is established in the Federal Reserve Board a fund to be known as the ''Consumer Financial Protection Civil Penalty Fund'' (referred to in this subsection as the ''Civil Penalty Fund''). If the Bureau obtains a civil penalty against any person in any judicial or administrative action under Federal consumer financial laws, the Bureau shall deposit into the Civil Penalty Fund, the amount of the penalty collected.

(2) PAYMENT TO VICTIMS.—Amounts in the Civil Penalty Fund shall be available to the Bureau, without fiscal year limitation, for payments to the victims of activities for which civil penalties have been imposed under the Federal consumer financial laws. To the extent such victims cannot be located or such payments are otherwise not practicable, the Bureau may use such funds for the purpose of consumer education and financial literacy programs.

SEC. 1018. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall become effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle B—General Powers of the Bureau

SEC. 1021. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND FUNCTIONS.

(a) PURPOSE.—The Bureau shall seek to implement and, where applicable, enforce Federal consumer financial law consistently for the purpose of ensuring that markets for consumer financial products and services are fair, transparent, and competitive.

(b) OBJECTIVES.—The Bureau is authorized to exercise its authorities under Federal consumer financial law for the purposes of ensuring that, with respect to consumer financial products and services—

(1) consumers are provided with timely and understandable information to make responsible decisions about financial transactions;

(2) consumers are protected from unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts and practices and from discrimination;

(3) outdated, unnecessary, or unduly burdensome regulations are regularly identified and addressed in order to reduce unwarranted regulatory burdens;

(4) Federal consumer financial law is enforced consistently, without regard to the status of a person as a depository institution, in order to promote fair competition; and

(5) markets for consumer financial products and services operate transparently and efficiently to facilitate access and innovation.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The primary functions of the Bureau are—

(1) conducting financial education programs;

(2) collecting, investigating, and responding to consumer complaints;

(3) collecting, researching, monitoring, and publishing information relevant to the functioning of markets for consumer financial products and services to identify risks to consumers and the proper functioning of such markets;

(4) subject to sections 1024 through 1026, supervising covered persons for compliance with Federal consumer financial law, and taking appropriate enforcement action to address violations of Federal consumer financial law;

(5) issuing rules, orders, and guidance implementing Federal consumer financial law; and

(6) performing such support activities as may be necessary or useful to facilitate the other functions of the Bureau.

SEC. 1022. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau is authorized to exercise its authorities under Federal consumer financial law to administer, enforce, and otherwise implement the provisions of Federal consumer financial law.

(b) RULEMAKING, ORDERS, AND GUIDANCE.—

(1) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Director may prescribe rules and issue orders and guidance, as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the Bureau to administer and carry out the purposes and objectives of the Federal consumer financial laws, and to prevent evasions thereof.

(2) STANDARDS FOR RULEMAKING.—In prescribing a rule under the Federal consumer financial laws—

(A) the Bureau shall consider the potential benefits and costs to consumers and covered persons, including the potential reduction of access by consumers to consumer financial products or services resulting from such rule;

(B) the Bureau shall consult with the appropriate prudential regulators or other Federal agencies prior to proposing a rule and during the comment process regarding consistency with prudential, market, or systemic objectives administered by such agencies; and

(C) if, during the consultation process described in subparagraph (B), a prudential regulator provides the Bureau with a written objection to the proposed rule of the Bureau or a portion thereof, the Bureau shall include in the adopting release a description of the objection and the basis for the Bureau decision, if any, regarding such objection, except that nothing in this clause shall be construed as altering or limiting the procedures under section 1023 that may apply to any rule prescribed by the Bureau.

(3) EXEMPTIONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau, by rule, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt any class of covered persons, service providers, or consumer financial products or services, from any provision of this title, or from any rule issued under this title, as the Bureau determines necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and objectives of this title, taking into consideration the factors in subparagraph (B).

(B) FACTORS.—In issuing an exemption, as permitted under subparagraph (A), the Bureau shall, as appropriate, take into consideration—

(i) the total assets of the class of covered persons;

(ii) the volume of transactions involving consumer financial products or services in which the class of covered persons engages; and

(iii) existing provisions of law which are applicable to the consumer financial product or service and the extent to which such provisions provide consumers with adequate protections.

(4) EXCLUSIVE RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of Federal law, to the extent that a provision of Federal consumer financial law authorizes the Bureau and another Federal agency to issue regulations under that provision of law for purposes of assuring compliance with Federal consumer financial law and any regulations thereunder, the Bureau shall have the exclusive authority to prescribe rules subject to those provisions of law.

(c) MONITORING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to support its rulemaking and other functions, the Bureau shall monitor for risks to consumers in the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services, including developments in markets for such products or services.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In allocating its resources to perform the monitoring required by this section, the Bureau may consider, among other factors—

(A) likely risks and costs to consumers associated with buying or using a type of consumer financial product or service;

(B) understanding by consumers of the risks of a type of consumer financial product or service;

(C) the legal protections applicable to the offering or provision of a consumer financial product or service, including the extent to which the law is likely to adequately protect consumers;

(D) rates of growth in the offering or provision of a consumer financial product or service;

(E) the extent, if any, to which the risks of a consumer financial product or service may disproportionately affect traditionally underserved consumers; or

(F) the types, number, and other pertinent characteristics of covered persons that offer or provide the consumer financial product or service.

(3) REPORTS.—The Bureau shall publish not fewer than 1 report of significant findings of its monitoring required by this subsection in each calendar year, beginning with the first calendar year that begins at least 1 year after the designated transfer date.

(4) CONFIDENTIALITY RULES.—The Bureau shall prescribe rules regarding the confidential treatment of information obtained from persons in connection with the exercise of its authorities under Federal consumer financial law.

(A) ACCESS BY THE BUREAU TO REPORTS OF OTHER REGULATORS.—

(i) EXAMINATION AND FINANCIAL CONDITION REPORTS.—Upon providing reasonable assurances of confidentiality, the Bureau shall have access to any report of examination or financial condition made by a prudential regulator or other Federal agency having jurisdiction over a covered person or service provider, and to all revisions made to any such report.

(ii) PROVISION OF OTHER REPORTS TO THE BUREAU.—In addition to the reports described in clause (i), a prudential regulator or other Federal agency having jurisdiction over a covered person or service provider may, in its discretion, furnish to the Bureau any other report or other confidential supervisory information concerning any insured depository institution, credit union, or other entity examined by such agency under authority of any provision of Federal law.

(B) ACCESS BY OTHER REGULATORS TO REPORTS OF THE BUREAU.—

(i) EXAMINATION REPORTS.—Upon providing reasonable assurances of confidentiality, a prudential regulator, a State regulator, or any other Federal agency having jurisdiction over a covered person or service provider shall have access to any report of examination made by the Bureau with respect to such person, and to all revisions made to any such report.

(ii) PROVISION OF OTHER REPORTS TO OTHER REGULATORS.—In addition to the reports described in clause (i), the Bureau may, in its discretion, furnish to a prudential regulator or other agency having jurisdiction over a covered person or service provider any other report or other confidential supervisory information concerning such person examined by the Bureau under the authority of any other provision of Federal law.

(5) PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS.—In collecting information from any person, publicly releasing information held by the Bureau, or requiring covered persons to publicly report information, the Bureau shall take steps to ensure that proprietary, personal, or confidential consumer information that is protected from public disclosure under section 552(b) or 552a of title 5, United States Code, or any other provision of law, is not made public under this title.

(d) ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANT RULES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall conduct an assessment of each significant rule or order adopted by the Bureau under Federal consumer financial law. The assessment shall address, among other relevant factors, the effectiveness of the rule or order in meeting the purposes and objectives of this title and the specific goals stated by the Bureau. The assessment shall reflect available evidence and any data that the Bureau reasonably may collect.

(2) REPORTS.—The Bureau shall publish a report of its assessment under this subsection not later than 5 years after the effective date of the subject rule or order.

(3) PUBLIC COMMENT REQUIRED.—Before publishing a report of its assessment, the Bureau shall invite public comment on recommendations for modifying, expanding, or eliminating the newly adopted significant rule or order.

SEC. 1023. REVIEW OF BUREAU REGULATIONS.

(a) REVIEW OF BUREAU REGULATIONS.—On the petition of a member agency of the Council, the Council may set aside a final regulation prescribed by the Bureau, or any provision thereof, if the Council decides, in accordance with subsection (c), that the regulation or provision would put the safety and soundness of the United States banking system or the stability of the financial system of the United States at risk.

(b) PETITION.—

(1) PROCEDURE.—An agency represented by a member of the Council may petition the Council, in writing, and in accordance with rules prescribed pursuant to subsection (f), to stay the effectiveness of, or set aside, a regulation if the member agency filing the petition—

(A) has in good faith attempted to work with the Bureau to resolve concerns regarding the effect of the rule on the safety and soundness of the United States banking system or the stability of the financial system of the United States; and

(B) files the petition with the Council not later than 10 days after the date on which the regulation has been

(C) published in the Federal Register.

(2) PUBLICATION.—Any petition filed with the Council under this section shall be published in the Federal Register and transmitted contemporaneously with filing to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.

(c) STAYS AND SET ASIDES.—

(1) STAY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon the request of any member agency, the Chairperson of the Council may stay the effectiveness of a regulation for the purpose of allowing appropriate consideration of the petition by the Council.

(B) EXPIRATION.—A stay issued under this paragraph shall expire on the earlier of—

(i) 90 days after the date of filing of the petition under subsection (b); or

(ii) the date on which the Council makes a decision under paragraph (3).

(2) NO ADVERSE INFERENCE.—After the expiration of any stay imposed under this section, no inference shall be drawn regarding the validity or enforceability of a regulation which was the subject of the petition.

(3) VOTE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The decision to issue a stay of, or set aside, any regulation under this section shall be made only with the affirmative vote in accordance with subparagraph (B) of ⅔ of the members of the Council then serving.

(B) AUTHORIZATION TO VOTE.—A member of the Council may vote to stay the effectiveness of, or set aside, a final regulation prescribed by the Bureau only if the agency or department represented by that member has—

(i) considered any relevant information provided by the agency submitting the petition and by the Bureau; and

(ii) made an official determination, at a public meeting where applicable, that the regulation which is the subject of the petition would put the safety and soundness of the United States banking system or the stability of the financial system of the United States at risk.

(4) DECISIONS TO SET ASIDE.—

(A) EFFECT OF DECISION.—A decision by the Council to set aside a regulation prescribed by the Bureau, or provision thereof, shall render such regulation, or provision thereof, unenforceable.

(B) TIMELY ACTION REQUIRED.—The Council may not issue a decision to set aside a regulation, or provision thereof, which is the subject of a petition under this section after the expiration of the later of—

(i) 45 days following the date of filing of the petition, unless a stay is issued under paragraph (1); or

(ii) the expiration of a stay issued by the Council under this section.

(C) SEPARATE AUTHORITY.—The issuance of a stay under this section does not affect the authority of the Council to set aside a regulation.

(5) DISMISSAL DUE TO INACTION.—A petition under this section shall be deemed dismissed if the Council has not issued a decision to set aside a regulation, or provision thereof, within the period for timely action under paragraph (4)(B).

(6) PUBLICATION OF DECISION.—Any decision under this subsection to issue a stay of, or set aside, a regulation or provision thereof shall be published by the Council in the Federal Register as soon as practicable after the decision is made, with an explanation of the reasons for the decision.

(7) RULEMAKING PROCEDURES INAPPLICABLE.—The notice and comment procedures under section 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to any decision under this section of the Council to issue a stay of, or set aside, a regulation.

(8) JUDICIAL REVIEW OF DECISIONS BY THE COUNCIL.—A decision by the Council to set aside a regulation prescribed by the Bureau, or provision thereof, shall be subject to review under chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code.

(d) APPLICATION OF OTHER LAW.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as altering, limiting, or restricting the application of any other provision of law, except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, including chapter 5 and chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code, to a regulation which is the subject of a petition filed under this section.

(e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting or restricting the Bureau from engaging in a rulemaking in accordance with applicable law.

(f) IMPLEMENTING RULES.—The Council shall prescribe procedural rules to implement this section.

SEC. 1024. SUPERVISION OF NONDEPOSITORY COVERED PERSONS.

(a) SCOPE OF COVERAGE.—

(1) APPLICABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, and except as provided in paragraph (3), this section shall apply to any covered person who—

(A) offers or provides origination, brokerage, or servicing of loans secured by real estate for use by consumers primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, or loan modification or foreclosure relief services in connection with such loans; or

(B) is a larger participant of a market for other consumer financial products or services, as defined by rule in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) RULEMAKING TO DEFINE COVERED PERSONS SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION.—The Bureau shall consult with the Federal Trade Commission prior to issuing a rule to define covered persons subject to this section, in accordance with paragraph (1)(B). The Bureau shall issue its initial rule within 1 year of the designated transfer date.

(3) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

(A) CERTAIN PERSONS EXCLUDED.—This section shall not apply to persons described in section 1025(a) or 1026(a).

(B) ACTIVITY LEVELS.—For purposes of computing activity levels under paragraph (1) or rules issued thereunder, activities of affiliated companies (other than insured depository institutions or insured credit unions) shall be aggregated.

(b) SUPERVISION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall require reports and conduct examinations on a periodic basis of persons described in subsection (a) for purposes of—

(A) assessing compliance with the requirements of Federal consumer financial law;

(B) obtaining information about the activities and compliance systems or procedures of such person; and

(C) detecting and assessing risks to consumers and to markets for consumer financial products and services.

(2) RISK-BASED SUPERVISION PROGRAM.—The Bureau shall exercise its authority under paragraph (1) in a manner designed to ensure that such exercise, with respect to persons described in subsection (a), is based on the assessment by the Bureau of the risks posed to consumers in the relevant product markets and geographic markets, and taking into consideration, as applicable—

(A) the asset size of the covered person;

(B) the volume of transactions involving consumer financial products or services in which the covered person engages;

(C) the risks to consumers created by the provision of such consumer financial products or services;

(D) the extent to which such institutions are subject to oversight by State authorities for consumer protection; and

(E) any other factors that the Bureau determines to be relevant to a class of covered persons.

(3) COORDINATION.—To minimize regulatory burden, the Bureau shall coordinate its supervisory activities with the supervisory activities conducted by prudential regulators and the State bank regulatory authorities, including establishing their respective schedules for examining persons described in subsection (a) and requirements regarding reports to be submitted by such persons.

(4) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—The Bureau shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports pertaining to persons described in subsection (a) that have been provided or required to have been provided to a Federal or State agency; and

(B) information that has been reported publicly.

(5) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this title may be construed as limiting the authority of the Director to require reports from persons described in subsection (a), as permitted under paragraph (1), regarding information owned or under the control of such person, regardless of whether such information is maintained, stored, or processed by another person.

(6) REPORTS OF TAX LAW NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Bureau shall provide the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with any report of examination or related information identifying possible tax law noncompliance.

(7) REGISTRATION, RECORDKEEPING, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall prescribe rules to facilitate supervision of persons described in subsection (a) and assessment and detection of risks to consumers.

(B) REGISTRATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall prescribe rules regarding registration requirements for persons described in subsection (a).

(ii) EXCEPTION FOR RELATED PERSONS.—The Bureau may not impose requirements under this section regarding the registration of a related person.

(iii) REGISTRATION INFORMATION.—Subject to rules prescribed by the Bureau, the Bureau shall publicly disclose the registration information about persons described in subsection (a) to facilitate the ability of consumers to identify persons described in subsection (a) registered with the Bureau.

(C) RECORDKEEPING.—The Bureau may require a person described in subsection (a), to

generate, provide, or retain records for the purposes of facilitating supervision of such persons and assessing and detecting risks to consumers.

(D) REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING OBLIGATIONS.—The Bureau may prescribe rules regarding a person described in subsection (a), to ensure that such persons are legitimate entities and are able to perform their obligations to consumers. Such requirements may include background checks for principals, officers, directors, or key personnel and bonding or other appropriate financial requirements.

(E) CONSULTATION WITH STATE AGENCIES.—In developing and implementing requirements under this paragraph, the Bureau shall consult with State agencies regarding requirements or systems (including coordinated or combined systems for registration), where appropriate.

(c) EXCLUSIVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—

(1) THE BUREAU TO HAVE EXCLUSIVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—To the extent that Federal law authorizes the Bureau and another Federal agency to enforce Federal consumer financial law, the Bureau shall have exclusive authority to enforce that Federal consumer financial law with respect to any person described in subsection (a)(1)(B).

(2) REFERRAL.—Any Federal agency authorized to enforce a Federal consumer financial law described in paragraph (1) may recommend in writing to the Bureau that the Bureau initiate an enforcement proceeding, as the Bureau is authorized by that Federal law or by this title.

(3) COORDINATION WITH THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau and the Federal Trade Commission shall coordinate enforcement actions for violations of Federal law regarding the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services by any covered person that is described in subsection (a)(1)(A), or service providers thereto. In carrying out this subparagraph, the agencies shall negotiate an agreement to establish procedures for such coordination, including procedures for notice to the other agency, where feasible, prior to initiating a civil action to enforce a Federal law regarding the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services.

(B) CIVIL ACTIONS.—Whenever a civil action has been filed by, or on behalf of, the Bureau or the Federal Trade Commission for any violation of any provision of Federal law described in subparagraph (A), or any regulation prescribed under such provision of law—

(i) the other agency may not, during the pendency of that action, institute a civil action under such provision of law against any defendant named in the complaint in such pending action for any violation alleged in the complaint; and

(ii) the Bureau or the Federal Trade Commission may intervene as a party in any such action brought by the other agency, and, upon intervening—

(I) be heard on all matters arising in such enforcement action; and

(II) file petitions for appeal in such actions.

(C) AGREEMENT TERMS.—The terms of any agreement negotiated under subparagraph (A) may modify or supersede the provisions of subparagraph (B).

(D) DEADLINE.—The agencies shall reach the agreement required under subparagraph (A) not later than 6 months after the designated transfer date.

(d) EXCLUSIVE RULEMAKING AND EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, to the extent that Federal law authorizes the Bureau and another Federal agency to issue regulations or guidance, conduct examinations, or require reports from a person described in subsection (a) under such law for purposes of assuring compliance with Federal consumer financial law and any regulations thereunder, the Bureau shall have the exclusive authority to prescribe rules, issue guidance, conduct examinations, require reports, or issue exemptions with regard to a person described in subsection (a), subject to those provisions of law.

(e) SERVICE PROVIDERS.—A service provider to a person described in subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Bureau under this section, to the same extent as if such service provider were engaged in a service relationship with a bank, and the Bureau were an appropriate Federal banking agency under section 7(c) of the Bank Service Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1867(c)). In conducting any examination or requiring any report from a service provider subject to this subsection, the Bureau shall coordinate with the appropriate prudential regulator, as applicable.

(f) PRESERVATION OF FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY.—No provision of this title may be construed as modifying, limiting, or otherwise affecting the authority of the Farm Credit Administration.

SEC. 1025. SUPERVISION OF VERY LARGE BANKS, SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS, AND CREDIT UNIONS.

(a) SCOPE OF COVERAGE.—

(1) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to any covered person that is—

(A) an insured depository institution with total assets of more than $10,000,000,000 and any affiliate thereof; or

(B) an insured credit union with total assets of more than $10,000,000,000 and any affiliate thereof.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of determining total assets under this section and section 1026, the Bureau shall rely on the same regulations and interim methodologies specified in section 312(e).

(b) SUPERVISION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall require reports and conduct examinations on a periodic basis of persons described in subsection (a) for purposes of—

(A) assessing compliance with the requirements of Federal consumer financial laws;

(B) obtaining information about the activities and compliance systems or procedures of such persons; and

(C) detecting and assessing risks to consumers and to markets for consumer financial products and services.

(2) COORDINATION.—To minimize regulatory burden, the Bureau shall coordinate its supervisory activities with the supervisory activities conducted by prudential regulators and the State bank regulatory authorities, including establishing their respective schedules for examining such persons described in subsection (a) and requirements regarding reports to be submitted by such persons.

(3) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—The Bureau shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports pertaining to a person described in subsection (a) that have been provided or required to have been provided to a Federal or State agency; and

(B) information that has been reported publicly.

(4) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this title may be construed as limiting the authority of the Director to require reports from a person described in subsection (a), as permitted under paragraph (1), regarding information owned or under the control of such person, regardless of whether such information is maintained, stored, or processed by another person.

(5) REPORTS OF TAX LAW NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Bureau shall provide the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with any report of examination or related information identifying possible tax law noncompliance.

(c) PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—

(1) THE BUREAU TO HAVE PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—To the extent that the Bureau and another Federal agency are authorized to enforce a Federal consumer financial law, the Bureau shall have primary authority to enforce that Federal consumer financial law with respect to any person described in subsection (a).

(2) REFERRAL.—Any Federal agency, other than the Federal Trade Commission, that is authorized to enforce a Federal consumer financial law may recommend, in writing, to the Bureau that the Bureau initiate an enforcement proceeding with respect to a person described in subsection (a), as the Bureau is authorized to do by that Federal consumer financial law.

(3) BACKUP ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCY.—If the Bureau does not, before the end of the 120-day period beginning on the date on which the Bureau receives a recommendation under paragraph (2), initiate an enforcement proceeding, the other agency referred to in paragraph (2) may initiate an enforcement proceeding, as permitted by the subject provision of Federal law.

(d) SERVICE PROVIDERS.—A service provider to a person described in subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Bureau under this section, to the same extent as if the Bureau were an appropriate Federal banking agency under section 7(c) of the Bank Service Company Act 12 U.S.C. 1867(c). In conducting any examination or requiring any report from a service provider subject to this subsection, the Bureau shall coordinate with the appropriate prudential regulator.

(e) SIMULTANEOUS AND COORDINATED SUPERVISORY ACTION.—

(1) EXAMINATIONS.—A prudential regulator and the Bureau shall, with respect to each insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a) that is supervised by the prudential regulator and the Bureau, respectively—

(A) coordinate the scheduling of examinations of the insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a);

(B) conduct simultaneous examinations of each insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a), unless such institution requests examinations to be conducted separately;

(C) share each draft report of examination with the other agency and permit the receiving agency a reasonable opportunity (which shall not be less than a period of 30 days after the date of receipt) to comment on the draft report before such report is made final; and

(D) prior to issuing a final report of examination or taking supervisory action, take into consideration concerns, if any, raised in the comments made by the other agency.

(2) COORDINATION WITH STATE BANK SUPERVISORS.—The Bureau shall pursue arrangements and agreements with State bank supervisors to coordinate examinations, consistent with paragraph (1).

(3) AVOIDANCE OF CONFLICT IN SUPERVISION.—

(A) REQUEST.—If the proposed supervisory determinations of the Bureau and a prudential regulator (in this section referred to collectively as the ''agencies'') are conflicting, an insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a) may request the agencies to coordinate and present a joint statement of coordinated supervisory action.

(B) JOINT STATEMENT.—The agencies shall provide a joint statement under subparagraph (A), not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the request of the insured depository institution, credit union, or covered person described in subsection (a).

(4) APPEALS TO GOVERNING PANEL.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the agencies do not resolve the conflict or issue a joint statement required by subparagraph (B), or if either of the agencies takes or attempts to take any supervisory action relating to the request for the joint statement without the consent of the other agency, an insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a) may institute an appeal to a governing panel, as provided in this subsection, not later than 30 days after the expiration of the period during which a joint statement is required to be filed under paragraph (3)(B).

(B) COMPOSITION OF GOVERNING PANEL.—The governing panel for an appeal under this paragraph shall be composed of—

(i) a representative from the Bureau and a representative of the prudential regulator, both of whom—

(I) have not participated in the material supervisory determinations under appeal; and

(II) do not directly or indirectly report to the person who participated materially in the supervisory determinations under appeal; and

(ii) one individual representative, to be determined on a rotating basis, from among the Board of Governors, the Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, other than any agency involved in the subject dispute.

(C) CONDUCT OF APPEAL.—In an appeal under this paragraph—

(i) the insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a)—

(I) shall include in its appeal all the facts and legal arguments pertaining to the matter; and

(II) may, through counsel, employees, or representatives, appear before the governing panel in person or by telephone; and

(ii) the governing panel—

(I) may request the insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a), the Bureau, or the prudential regulator to produce additional information relevant to the appeal; and

(II) by a majority vote of its members, shall provide a final determination, in writing, not later than 30 days after the date of filing of an informationally complete appeal, or such longer period as the panel and the insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a) may jointly agree.

(D) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DETERMINATIONS.—A governing panel shall publish all information contained in a determination by the governing panel, with appropriate redactions of information that would be subject to an exemption from disclosure under section 552 of title 5, United States Code.

(E) PROHIBITION AGAINST RETALIATION.—The Bureau and the prudential regulators shall prescribe rules to provide safeguards from retaliation against the insured depository institution, insured credit union, or other covered person described in subsection (a) instituting an appeal under this paragraph, as well as their officers and employees.

(F) LIMITATION.—The process provided in this paragraph shall not apply to a determination by a prudential regulator to appoint a conservator or receiver for an insured depository institution or a liquidating agent for an insured credit union, as the case may be, or a decision to take action pursuant to section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831o) or section 212 of the Federal Credit Union Act (112 U.S.C. 1790a), as applicable.

(G) EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall modify or limit the authority of the Bureau to interpret, or take enforcement action under, any Federal consumer financial law.

SEC. 1026. OTHER BANKS, SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS, AND CREDIT UNIONS.

(a) SCOPE OF COVERAGE.—This section shall apply to any covered person that is—

(1) an insured depository institution with total assets of $10,000,000,000 or less; or

(2) an insured credit union with total assets of $10,000,000,000 or less.

(b) REPORTS.—The Director may require reports from a person described in subsection (a), as necessary to support the role of the Bureau in implementing Federal consumer financial law, to support its examination activities under subsection (c), and to assess and detect risks to consumers and consumer financial markets.

(1) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—The Bureau shall, to the fullest extent possible, use—

(A) reports pertaining to a person described in subsection (a) that have been provided or required to have been provided to a Federal or State agency; and

(B) information that has been reported publicly.

(2) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed as limiting the authority of the Director from requiring from a person described in subsection (a), as permitted under paragraph (1), information owned or under the control of such person, regardless of whether such information is maintained, stored, or processed by another person.

(3) REPORTS OF TAX LAW NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Bureau shall provide the Commissioner of Internal Revenue with any report of examination or related information identifying possible tax law noncompliance.

(c) EXAMINATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau may, at its discretion, include examiners on a sampling basis of the examinations performed by the prudential regulator of persons described in subsection (a).

(2) AGENCY COORDINATION.—The prudential regulator shall—

(A) provide all reports, records, and documentation related to the examination process for any institution included in the sample referred to in paragraph (1) to the Bureau on a timely and continual basis;

(B) involve such Bureau examiner in the entire examination process for such person; and

(C) consider input of the Bureau concerning the scope of an examination, conduct of the examination, the contents of the examination report, the designation of matters requiring attention, and examination ratings.

(d) ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except for requiring reports under subsection (b), the prudential regulator shall have exclusive authority to enforce compliance with respect to a person described in subsection (a).

(2) COORDINATION WITH PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—

(A) REFERRAL.—When the Bureau has reason to believe that a person described in subsection (a) has engaged in a material violation of a Federal consumer financial law, the Bureau shall notify the prudential regulator in writing and recommend appropriate action to respond.

(B) RESPONSE.—Upon receiving a recommendation under subparagraph (A), the prudential regulator shall provide a written response to the Bureau not later than 60 days thereafter.

(e) SERVICE PROVIDERS.—A service provider to a substantial number of persons described in subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Bureau under section 1025 to the same extent as if the Bureau were an appropriate Federal bank agency under section 7(c) of the Bank Service Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1867(c)). When conducting any examination or requiring any report from a service provider subject to this subsection, the Bureau shall coordinate with the appropriate prudential regulator.

SEC. 1027. LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORITIES OF THE BUREAU; PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITIES.

(a) EXCLUSION FOR MERCHANTS, RETAILERS, AND OTHER SELLERS OF NONFINANCIAL GOODS OR SERVICES.—

(1) SALE OR BROKERAGE OF NONFINANCIAL GOOD OR SERVICE.—The Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement or other authority under this title with respect to a person who is a merchant, retailer, or seller of any nonfinancial good or service and is engaged in the sale or brokerage of such nonfinancial good or service, except to the extent that such person is engaged in offering or providing any consumer financial product or service, or is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(2) OFFERING OR PROVISION OF CERTAIN CONSUMER FINANCIAL PRODUCTS OR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OR BROKERAGE OF NONFINANCIAL GOOD OR SERVICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), and subject to subparagraph (C), the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or other authority under this title with respect to a merchant, retailer, or seller of nonfinancial goods or services who—

(i) extends credit directly to a consumer, in a case in which the good or service being provided is not itself a consumer financial product or service (other than credit described in this subparagraph), exclusively for the purpose of enabling that consumer to purchase such nonfinancial good or service directly from the merchant, retailer, or seller;

(ii) directly, or through an agreement with another person, collects debt arising from credit extended as described in clause (i); or

(iii) sells or conveys debt described in clause (i) that is delinquent or otherwise in default.

(B) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraph (A) does not apply to any credit transaction or collection of debt, other than as described in subparagraph (C), arising from a transaction described in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in which the merchant, retailer, or seller of nonfinancial goods or services assigns, sells or otherwise conveys to another person such debt owed by the consumer (except for a sale of debt that is delinquent or otherwise in default, as described in subparagraph (A)(iii));

(ii) in which the credit extended exceeds the market value of the nonfinancial good or service provided, or the Bureau otherwise finds that the sale of the nonfinancial good or service is done as a subterfuge, so as to evade or circumvent the provisions of this title; or

(iii) in which the merchant, retailer, or seller of nonfinancial goods or services regularly extends credit and the credit is—

(I) subject to a finance charge; or

(II) payable by written agreement in more than 4 installments.

(C) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (B), the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or

other authority under this title with respect to a merchant, retailer, or seller of nonfinancial goods or services that is not engaged significantly in offering or providing consumer financial products or services.

(D) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No provision of this title may be construed as modifying, limiting, or superseding the supervisory or enforcement authority of the Federal Trade Commission or any other agency (other than the Bureau) with respect to credit extended, or the collection of debt arising from such extension, directly by a merchant or retailer to a consumer exclusively for the purpose of enabling that consumer to purchase nonfinancial goods or services directly from the merchant or retailer.

(b) EXCLUSION FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITIES.—

(1) REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE ACTIVITIES EXCLUDED.—Without limiting subsection (a), and except as permitted in paragraph (2), the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or other authority under this title with respect to a person that is licensed or registered as a real estate broker or real estate agent, in accordance with State law, to the extent that such person—

(A) acts as a real estate agent or broker for a buyer, seller, lessor, or lessee of real property;

(B) brings together parties interested in the sale, purchase, lease, rental, or exchange of real property;

(C) negotiates, on behalf of any party, any portion of a contract relating to the sale, purchase, lease, rental, or exchange of real property (other than in connection with the provision of financing with respect to any such transaction); or

(D) offers to engage in any activity, or act in any capacity, described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

(2) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any person to the extent that such person is engaged in the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service or is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(c) EXCLUSION FOR MANUFACTURED HOME RETAILERS AND MODULAR HOME RETAILERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or other authority over a person to the extent that—

(A) such person is not described in paragraph (2); and

(B) such person—

(i) acts as an agent or broker for a buyer or seller of a manufactured home or a modular home;

(ii) facilitates the purchase by a consumer of a manufactured home or modular home, by negotiating the purchase price or terms of the sales contract (other than providing financing with respect to such transaction); or

(iii) offers to engage in any activity described in clause (i) or (ii).

(2) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—A person is described in this paragraph to the extent that such person is engaged in the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service or is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(A) MANUFACTURED HOME.—The term ''manufactured home'' has the same meaning as in section 603 of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5402).

(B) MODULAR HOME.—The term ''modular home'' means a house built in a factory in 2 or more modules that meet the State or local building codes where the house will be located, and where such modules are transported to the building site, installed on foundations, and completed.

(d) EXCLUSION FOR ACCOUNTANTS AND TAX PREPARERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as permitted in paragraph (2), the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or other authority over—

(A) any person that is a certified public accountant, permitted to practice as a certified public accounting firm, or certified or licensed for such purpose by a State, or any individual who is employed by or holds an ownership interest with respect to a person described in this subparagraph, when such person is performing or offering to perform—

(i) customary and usual accounting activities, including the provision of accounting, tax, advisory, or other services that are subject to the regulatory authority of a State board of accountancy or a Federal authority; or

(ii) other services that are incidental to such customary and usual accounting activities, to the extent that such incidental services are not offered or provided—

(I) by the person separate and apart from such customary and usual accounting activities; or

(II) to consumers who are not receiving such customary and usual accounting activities; or

(B) any person, other than a person described in subparagraph (A) that performs income tax preparation activities for consumers.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any person described in paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B) to the extent that such person is engaged in any activity which is not a customary and usual accounting activity described in paragraph (1)(A) or incidental thereto but which is the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service, except to the extent that a person described in paragraph (1)(A) is engaged in an activity which is a customary and usual accounting activity described in paragraph (1)(A), or incidental thereto.

(B) NOT A CUSTOMARY AND USUAL ACCOUNTING ACTIVITY.—For purposes of this subsection, extending or brokering credit is not a customary and usual accounting activity, or incidental thereto.

(C) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B), a person described in paragraph (1)(A) shall not be deemed to be extending credit, if such person is only extending credit directly to a consumer, exclusively for the purpose of enabling such consumer to purchase services described in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (1)(A) directly from such person, and such credit is—

(i) not subject to a finance charge; and

(ii) not payable by written agreement in more than 4 installments.

(D) OTHER LIMITATIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not apply to any person described in paragraph (1)(A) or (1)(B) that is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(e) EXCLUSION FOR ATTORNEYS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau may not exercise any authority to conduct examinations of an attorney licensed by a State, to the extent that the attorney is engaged in the practice of law under the laws of such State.

(2) EXCEPTION FOR ENUMERATED CONSUMER LAWS AND TRANSFERRED AUTHORITIES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to an attorney who is engaged in the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service, or is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(f) EXCLUSION FOR PERSONS REGULATED BY A STATE INSURANCE REGULATOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, amending, or affecting the authority of any State insurance regulator to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by a State insurance regulator. Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Bureau shall have no authority to exercise any power to enforce this title with respect to a person regulated by a State insurance regulator.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—Paragraph (1) does not apply to any person described in such paragraph to the extent that such person is engaged in the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service or is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(g) EXCLUSION FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AND COMPENSATION PLANS AND CERTAIN OTHER ARRANGEMENTS UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986.—

(1) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY OF OTHER AGENCIES.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, amending, or affecting the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Labor, or the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to adopt regulations, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any actions with respect to any specified plan or arrangement.

(2) ACTIVITIES NOT CONSTITUTING THE OFFERING OR PROVISION OF ANY CONSUMER FINANCIAL PRODUCT OR SERVICE.—For purposes of this title, a person shall not be treated as having engaged in the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service solely because such person is a specified plan or arrangement, or is engaged in the activity of establishing or maintaining, for the benefit of employees of such person (or for members of an employee organization), any specified plan or arrangement.

(3) LIMITATION ON BUREAU AUTHORITY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking or enforcement authority with respect to products or services that relate to any specified plan or arrangement.

(B) BUREAU ACTION ONLY PURSUANT TO AGENCY REQUEST.—The Secretary and the Secretary of Labor may jointly issue a written request to the Bureau regarding implementation of appropriate consumer protection standards under this title with respect to the provision of services relating to any specified plan or arrangement. Subject to a request made under this subparagraph, the Bureau may exercise rulemaking authority, and may act to enforce a rule prescribed pursuant to such request, in accordance with the provisions of this title. A request made by the Secretary and the Secretary of Labor under this subparagraph shall describe the basis for, and scope of, appropriate consumer protection standards to be implemented under this title with respect to the provision of services relating to any specified plan or arrangement.

(C) DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS OR SERVICES.—To the extent that a person engaged in providing products or services relating to any specified plan or arrangement is subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H, subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect to that law.

(4) SPECIFIED PLAN OR ARRANGEMENT.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ''specified plan or arrangement'' means any plan, account, or arrangement described in section

220, 223, 401(a), 403(a), 403(b), 408, 408A, 529, or 530 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any employee benefit or compensation plan or arrangement, including a plan that is subject to title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(h) PERSONS REGULATED BY A STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, amending, or affecting the authority of any securities commission (or any agency or office performing like functions) of any State to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by any securities commission (or any agency or office performing like functions) of any State. Except as permitted in paragraph (2) and subsection (f), the Bureau shall have no authority to exercise any power to enforce this title with respect to a person regulated by any securities commission (or any agency or office performing like functions) of any State, but only to the extent that the person acts in such regulated capacity.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any person to the extent such person is engaged in the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service, or is otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(i) EXCLUSION FOR PERSONS REGULATED BY THE COMMISSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this title may be construed as altering, amending, or affecting the authority of the Commission to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by the Commission. The Bureau shall have no authority to exercise any power to enforce this title with respect to a person regulated by the Commission.

(2) CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commission shall consult and coordinate, where feasible, with the Bureau with respect to any rule (including any advance notice of proposed rulemaking) regarding an investment product or service that is the same type of product as, or that competes directly with, a consumer financial product or service that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau under this title or under any other law. In carrying out this paragraph, the agencies shall negotiate an agreement to establish procedures for such coordination, including procedures for providing advance notice to the Bureau when the Commission is initiating a rulemaking.

(j) EXCLUSION FOR PERSONS REGULATED BY THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, amending, or affecting the authority of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The Bureau shall have no authority to exercise any power to enforce this title with respect to a person regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(2) CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall consult and coordinate with the Bureau with respect to any rule (including any advance notice of proposed rulemaking) regarding a product or service that is the same type of product as, or that competes directly with, a consumer financial product or service that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau under this title or under any other law.

(k) EXCLUSION FOR PERSONS REGULATED BY THE FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, amending, or affecting the authority of the Farm Credit Administration to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by the Farm Credit Administration. The Bureau shall have no authority to exercise any power to enforce this title with respect to a person regulated by the Farm Credit Administration.

(2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ''person regulated by the Farm Credit Administration'' means any Farm Credit System institution that is chartered and subject to the provisions of the Farm Credit Act of 1971 (12 U.S.C. 2001 et seq.).

(l) EXCLUSION FOR ACTIVITIES RELATING TO CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director and the Bureau may not exercise any rulemaking, supervisory, enforcement, or other authority, including authority to order penalties, over any activities related to the solicitation or making of voluntary contributions to a tax-exempt organization as recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, by any agent, volunteer, or representative of such organizations to the extent the organization, agent, volunteer, or representative thereof is soliciting or providing advice, information, education, or instruction to any donor or potential donor relating to a contribution to the organization.

(2) LIMITATION.—The exclusion in paragraph (1) does not apply to other activities not described in paragraph (1) that are the offering or provision of any consumer financial product or service, or are otherwise subject to any enumerated consumer law or any law for which authorities are transferred under subtitle F or H.

(m) INSURANCE.—The Bureau may not define as a financial product or service, by regulation or otherwise, engaging in the business of insurance.

(n) LIMITED AUTHORITY OF THE BUREAU.—Notwithstanding subsections (a) through (h) and (l), a person subject to or described in one or more of such subsections—

(1) may be a service provider; and

(2) may be subject to requests from, or requirements imposed by, the Bureau regarding information in order to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the Bureau and in accordance with section 1022, 1052, or 1053.

(o) NO AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE USURY LIMIT.—No provision of this title shall be construed as conferring authority on the Bureau to establish a usury limit applicable to an extension of credit offered or made by a covered person to a consumer, unless explicitly authorized by law.

(p) ATTORNEY GENERAL.—No provision of this title, including section 1024(c)(1), shall affect the authorities of the Attorney General under otherwise applicable provisions of law.

(q) SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.—No provision of this title shall affect the authorities of the Secretary, including with respect to prescribing rules, initiating enforcement proceedings, or taking other actions with respect to a person that performs income tax preparation activities for consumers.

(r) DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND SHARE INSURANCE.—Nothing in this title shall affect the authority of the Corporation under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act or the National Credit Union Administration Board under the Federal Credit Union Act as to matters related to deposit insurance and share insurance, respectively.

SEC. 1028. AUTHORITY TO RESTRICT MANDATORY PRE-DISPUTE ARBITRATION.

(a) STUDY AND REPORT.—The Bureau shall conduct a study of, and shall provide a report to Congress concerning, the use of agreements providing for arbitration of any future dispute between covered persons and consumers in connection with the offering or providing of consumer financial products or services.

(b) FURTHER AUTHORITY.—The Bureau, by regulation, may prohibit or impose conditions or limitations on the use of an agreement between a covered person and a consumer for a consumer financial product or service providing for arbitration of any future dispute between the parties, if the Bureau finds that such a prohibition or imposition of conditions or limitations is in the public interest and for the protection of consumers. The findings in such rule shall be consistent with the study conducted under subsection (a).

(c) LIMITATION.—The authority described in subsection (b) may not be construed to prohibit or restrict a consumer from entering into a voluntary arbitration agreement with a covered person after a dispute has arisen.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any regulation prescribed by the Bureau under subsection (a) shall apply, consistent with the terms of the regulation, to any agreement between a consumer and a covered person entered into after the end of the 180-day period beginning on the effective date of the regulation, as established by the Bureau.

SEC. 1029. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

Subtitle C—Specific Bureau Authorities

SEC. 1031. PROHIBITING UNFAIR, DECEPTIVE, OR ABUSIVE ACTS OR PRACTICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau may take any action authorized under subtitle E to prevent a covered person or service provider from committing or engaging in an unfair, deceptive, or abusive act or practice under Federal law in connection with any transaction with a consumer for a consumer financial product or service, or the offering of a consumer financial product or service.

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Bureau may prescribe rules applicable to a covered person or service provider identifying as unlawful unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices in connection with any transaction with a consumer for a consumer financial product or service, or the offering of a consumer financial product or service. Rules under this section may include requirements for the purpose of preventing such acts or practices.

(c) UNFAIRNESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall have no authority under this section to declare an act or practice in connection with a transaction with a consumer for a consumer financial product or service, or the offering of a consumer financial product or service, to be unlawful on the grounds that such act or practice is unfair, unless the Bureau has a reasonable basis to conclude that—

(A) the act or practice causes or is likely to cause substantial injury to consumers which is not reasonably avoidable by consumers; and

(B) such substantial injury is not outweighed by countervailing benefits to consumers or to competition.

(2) CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC POLICIES.—In determining whether an act or practice is unfair, the Bureau may consider established public policies as evidence to be considered with all other evidence. Such public policy considerations may not serve as a primary basis for such determination.

(d) ABUSIVE.—The Bureau shall have no authority under this section to declare an act

or practice abusive in connection with the provision of a consumer financial product or service, unless the act or practice—

(1) materially interferes with the ability of a consumer to understand a term or condition of a consumer financial product or service; or

(2) takes unreasonable advantage of—

(A) a lack of understanding on the part of the consumer of the material risks, costs, or conditions of the product or service;

(B) the inability of the consumer to protect the interests of the consumer in selecting or using a consumer financial product or service; or

(C) the reasonable reliance by the consumer on a covered person to act in the interests of the consumer.

(e) CONSULTATION.—In prescribing rules under this section, the Bureau shall consult with the Federal banking agencies, or other Federal agencies, as appropriate, concerning the consistency of the proposed rule with prudential, market, or systemic objectives administered by such agencies.

SEC. 1032. DISCLOSURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau may prescribe rules to ensure that the features of any consumer financial product or service, both initially and over the term of the product or service, are fully, accurately, and effectively disclosed to consumers in a manner that permits consumers to understand the costs, benefits, and risks associated with the product or service, in light of the facts and circumstances.

(b) MODEL DISCLOSURES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any final rule prescribed by the Bureau under this section requiring disclosures may include a model form that may be used at the option of the covered person for provision of the required disclosures.

(2) FORMAT.—A model form issued pursuant to paragraph (1) shall contain a clear and conspicuous disclosure that, at a minimum—

(A) uses plain language comprehensible to consumers;

(B) contains a clear format and design, such as an easily readable type font; and

(C) succinctly explains the information that must be communicated to the consumer.

(3) CONSUMER TESTING.—Any model form issued pursuant to this subsection shall be validated through consumer testing.

(c) BASIS FOR RULEMAKING.—In prescribing rules under this section, the Bureau shall consider available evidence about consumer awareness, understanding of, and responses to disclosures or communications about the risks, costs, and benefits of consumer financial products or services.

(d) SAFE HARBOR.—Any covered person that uses a model form included with a rule issued under this section shall be deemed to be in compliance with the disclosure requirements of this section with respect to such model form.

(e) TRIAL DISCLOSURE PROGRAMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau may permit a covered person to conduct a trial program that is limited in time and scope, subject to specified standards and procedures, for the purpose of providing trial disclosures to consumers that are designed to improve upon any model form issued pursuant to subsection (b)(1), or any other model form issued to implement an enumerated statute, as applicable.

(2) SAFE HARBOR.—The standards and procedures issued by the Bureau shall be designed to encourage covered persons to conduct trial disclosure programs. For the purposes of administering this subsection, the Bureau may establish a limited period during which a covered person conducting a trial disclosure program shall be deemed to be in compliance with, or may be exempted from, a requirement of a rule or an enumerated consumer law.

(3) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.—The rules of the Bureau shall provide for public disclosure of trial disclosure programs, which public disclosure may be limited, to the extent necessary to encourage covered persons to conduct effective trials.

(f) COMBINED MORTGAGE LOAN DISCLOSURE.—Not later than 1 year after the designated transfer date, the Bureau shall propose for public comment rules and model disclosures that combine the disclosures required under the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, into a single, integrated disclosure for mortgage loan transactions covered by those laws, unless the Bureau determines that any proposal issued by the Board of Governors and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development carries out the same purpose.

SEC. 1033. CONSUMER RIGHTS TO ACCESS INFORMATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to rules prescribed by the Bureau, a covered person shall make available to a consumer, upon request, information in the control or possession of the covered person concerning the consumer financial product or service that the consumer obtained from such covered person, including information relating to any transaction, series of transactions, or to the account including costs, charges and usage data. The information shall be made available in an electronic form usable by consumers.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—A covered person may not be required by this section to make available to the consumer—

(1) any confidential commercial information, including an algorithm used to derive credit scores or other risk scores or predictors;

(2) any information collected by the covered person for the purpose of preventing fraud or money laundering, or detecting, or making any report regarding other unlawful or potentially unlawful conduct;

(3) any information required to be kept confidential by any other provision of law; or

(4) any information that the covered person cannot retrieve in the ordinary course of its business with respect to that information.

(c) NO DUTY TO MAINTAIN RECORDS.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to impose any duty on a covered person to maintain or keep any information about a consumer.

(d) STANDARDIZED FORMATS FOR DATA.—The Bureau, by rule, shall prescribe standards applicable to covered persons to promote the development and use of standardized formats for information, including through the use of machine readable files, to be made available to consumers under this section.

(e) CONSULTATION.—The Bureau shall, when prescribing any rule under this section, consult with the Federal banking agencies and the Federal Trade Commission to ensure that the rules—

(1) impose substantively similar requirements on covered persons;

(2) take into account conditions under which covered persons do business both in the United States and in other countries; and

(3) do not require or promote the use of any particular technology in order to develop systems for compliance.

SEC. 1034. RESPONSE TO CONSUMER COMPLAINTS AND INQUIRIES.

(a) TIMELY REGULATOR RESPONSE TO CONSUMERS.—The Bureau shall establish, in consultation with the appropriate Federal regulatory agencies, reasonable procedures to provide a timely response to consumers, in writing where appropriate, to complaints against, or inquiries concerning, a covered person, including—

(1) all steps that have been taken by the regulator in response to the complaint or inquiry of the consumer;

(2) any responses received by the regulator from the covered person; and

(3) any follow-up actions or planned follow-up actions by the regulator in response to the complaint or inquiry of the consumer.

(b) TIMELY RESPONSE TO REGULATOR BY COVERED PERSON.—A covered person subject to supervision and primary enforcement by the Bureau pursuant to section 1025 shall provide a timely response, in writing where appropriate, to the Bureau, the prudential regulators, and any other agency having jurisdiction over such covered person concerning a consumer complaint or inquiry, including—

(1) steps that have been taken by the covered person to respond to the complaint or inquiry of the consumer;

(2) responses received by the covered person from the consumer; and

(3) follow-up actions or planned follow-up actions by the covered person to respond to the complaint or inquiry of the consumer.

(c) PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—A covered person subject to supervision and primary enforcement by the Bureau pursuant to section 1025 shall, in a timely manner, comply with a consumer request for information in the control or possession of such covered person concerning the consumer financial product or service that the consumer obtained from such covered person, including supporting written documentation, concerning the account of the consumer.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—A covered person subject to supervision and primary enforcement by the Bureau pursuant to section 1025, a prudential regulator, and any other agency having jurisdiction over a covered person subject to supervision and primary enforcement by the Bureau pursuant to section 1025 may not be required by this section to make available to the consumer—

(A) any confidential commercial information, including an algorithm used to derive credit scores or other risk scores or predictors;

(B) any information collected by the covered person for the purpose of preventing fraud or money laundering, or detecting or making any report regarding other unlawful or potentially unlawful conduct;

(C) any information required to be kept confidential by any other provision of law; or

(D) any nonpublic or confidential information, including confidential supervisory information.

(d) AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—The Bureau shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with any affected Federal regulatory agency to establish procedures by which any covered person, and the prudential regulators, and any other agency having jurisdiction over a covered person, including the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Education, shall comply with this section.

SEC. 1035. PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN OMBUDSMAN.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Director, shall designate a Private Education Loan Ombudsman (in this section referred to as the ''Ombudsman'') within the Bureau, to provide timely assistance to borrowers of private education loans.

(b) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—The Secretary and the Director shall disseminate information about the availability and functions of the Ombudsman to borrowers and potential borrowers, as well as institutions of higher education, lenders, guaranty agencies, loan servicers, and other participants in private education student loan programs.

(c) FUNCTIONS OF OMBUDSMAN.—The Ombudsman designated under this subsection shall—

(1) in accordance with regulations of the Director, receive, review, and attempt to resolve informally complaints from borrowers of loans described in subsection (a), including, as appropriate, attempts to resolve such complaints in collaboration with the Department of Education and with institutions of higher education, lenders, guaranty agencies, loan servicers, and other participants in private education loan programs;

(2) not later than 90 days after the designated transfer date, establish a memorandum of understanding with the student loan ombudsman established under section 141(f) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1018(f)), to ensure coordination in providing assistance to and serving borrowers seeking to resolve complaints related to their private education or Federal student loans;

(3) compile and analyze data on borrower complaints regarding private education loans; and

(4) make appropriate recommendations to the Director, the Secretary, the Secretary of Education, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

(d) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Ombudsman shall prepare an annual report that describes the activities, and evaluates the effectiveness of the Ombudsman during the preceding year.

(2) SUBMISSION.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted on the same date annually to the Secretary, the Secretary of Education, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms ''private education loan'' and ''institution of higher education'' have the same meanings as in section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1650).

SEC. 1036. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall take effect on the designated transfer date.

Subtitle D—Preservation of State Law

SEC. 1041. RELATION TO STATE LAW.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This title, other than sections 1044 through 1048, may not be construed as annulling, altering, or affecting, or exempting any person subject to the provisions of this title from complying with, the statutes, regulations, orders, or interpretations in effect in any State, except to the extent that any such provision of law is inconsistent with the provisions of this title, and then only to the extent of the inconsistency.

(2) GREATER PROTECTION UNDER STATE LAW.—For purposes of this subsection, a statute, regulation, order, or interpretation in effect in any State is not inconsistent with the provisions of this title if the protection that such statute, regulation, order, or interpretation affords to consumers is greater than the protection provided under this title. A determination regarding whether a statute, regulation, order, or interpretation in effect in any State is inconsistent with the provisions of this title may be made by the Bureau on its own motion or in response to a nonfrivolous petition initiated by any interested person.

(b) RELATION TO OTHER PROVISIONS OF ENUMERATED CONSUMER LAWS THAT RELATE TO STATE LAW.—No provision of this title, except as provided in section 1083, shall be construed as modifying, limiting, or superseding the operation of any provision of an enumerated consumer law that relates to the application of a law in effect in any State with respect to such Federal law.

(c) ADDITIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATIONS IN RESPONSE TO STATE ACTION.—

(1) NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE REQUIRED.—The Bureau shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking whenever a majority of the States has enacted a resolution in support of the establishment or modification of a consumer protection regulation by the Bureau.

(2) BUREAU CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF FINAL REGULATION.—Before prescribing a final regulation based upon a notice issued pursuant to paragraph (1), the Bureau shall take into account whether—

(A) the proposed regulation would afford greater protection to consumers than any existing regulation;

(B) the intended benefits of the proposed regulation for consumers would outweigh any increased costs or inconveniences for consumers, and would not discriminate unfairly against any category or class of consumers; and

(C) a Federal banking agency has advised that the proposed regulation is likely to present an unacceptable safety and soundness risk to insured depository institutions.

(3) EXPLANATION OF CONSIDERATIONS.—The Bureau—

(A) shall include a discussion of the considerations required in paragraph (2) in the Federal Register notice of a final regulation prescribed pursuant to this subsection; and

(B) whenever the Bureau determines not to prescribe a final regulation, shall publish an explanation of such determination in the Federal Register, and provide a copy of such explanation to each State that enacted a resolution in support of the proposed regulation, the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

(4) RESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.—No provision of this subsection shall be construed as limiting or restricting the authority of the Bureau to enhance consumer protection standards established pursuant to this title in response to its own motion or in response to a request by any other interested person.

(5) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No provision of this subsection shall be construed as exempting the Bureau from complying with subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code.

(6) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ''consumer protection regulation'' means a regulation that the Bureau is authorized to prescribe under the Federal consumer financial laws.

SEC. 1042. PRESERVATION OF ENFORCEMENT POWERS OF STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) ACTION BY STATE.—The attorney general (or the equivalent thereof) of any State may bring a civil action in the name of such State, as parens patriae on behalf of natural persons residing in such State, in any district court of the United States in that State or in State court having jurisdiction over the defendant, to enforce provisions of this title or regulations issued thereunder and to secure remedies under provisions of this title or remedies otherwise provided under other law. A State regulator may bring a civil action or other appropriate proceeding to enforce the provisions of this title or regulations issued thereunder with respect to any entity that is State-chartered, incorporated, licensed, or otherwise authorized to do business under State law, and to secure remedies under provisions of this title or remedies otherwise provided under other provisions of law with respect to a State-chartered entity.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No provision of this title shall be construed as modifying, limiting, or superseding the operation of any provision of an enumerated consumer law that relates to the authority of a State attorney general or State regulator to enforce such Federal law.

(b) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—

(1) NOTICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Before initiating any action in a court or other administrative or regulatory proceeding against any covered person to enforce any provision of this title, including any regulation prescribed by the Director under this title, a State attorney general or State regulator shall timely provide a copy of the complete complaint to be filed and written notice describing such action or proceeding to the Bureau and the prudential regulator, if any, or the designee thereof.

(B) EMERGENCY ACTION.—If prior notice is not practicable, the State attorney general or State regulator shall provide a copy of the complete complaint and the notice to the Bureau and the prudential regulator, if any, immediately upon instituting the action or proceeding.

(C) CONTENTS OF NOTICE.—The notification required under this paragraph shall, at a minimum, describe—

(i) the identity of the parties;

(ii) the alleged facts underlying the proceeding; and

(iii) whether there may be a need to coordinate the prosecution of the proceeding so as not to interfere with any action, including any rulemaking, undertaken by the Director, a prudential regulator, or another Federal agency.

(2) BUREAU RESPONSE.—In any action described in paragraph (1), the Bureau may—

(A) intervene in the action as a party;

(B) upon intervening—

(i) remove the action to the appropriate United States district court, if the action was not originally brought there; and

(ii) be heard on all matters arising in the action; and

(C) appeal any order or judgment, to the same extent as any other party in the proceeding may.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Director shall prescribe regulations to implement the requirements of this section and, from time to time, provide guidance in order to further coordinate actions with the State attorneys general and other regulators.

(d) PRESERVATION OF STATE AUTHORITY.—

(1) STATE CLAIMS.—No provision of this section shall be construed as altering, limiting, or affecting the authority of a State attorney general or any other regulatory or enforcement agency or authority to bring an action or other regulatory proceeding arising solely under the law in effect in that State.

(2) STATE SECURITIES REGULATORS.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, limiting, or affecting the authority of a State securities commission (or any agency or office performing like functions) under State law to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by such commission or authority.

(3) STATE INSURANCE REGULATORS.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering, limiting, or affecting the authority of a State insurance commission or State insurance regulator under State law to adopt rules, initiate enforcement proceedings, or take any other action with respect to a person regulated by such commission or regulator.

SEC. 1043. PRESERVATION OF EXISTING CONTRACTS.

This title, and regulations, orders, guidance, and interpretations prescribed, issued, or established by the Bureau, shall not be construed to alter or affect the applicability of any regulation, order, guidance, or interpretation prescribed, issued, and established by the Comptroller of the Currency or the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision regarding the applicability of State law under Federal banking law to any contract entered into on or before the date of the enactment of this title, by national banks, Federal savings associations, or subsidiaries thereof that are regulated and supervised by the Comptroller of the Currency or the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, respectively.

SEC. 1044. STATE LAW PREEMPTION STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL BANKS AND SUBSIDIARIES CLARIFIED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States (12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 5136B the following new section:

"SEC. 5136C. STATE LAW PREEMPTION STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL BANKS AND SUBSIDIARIES CLARIFIED.

''(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

''(1) NATIONAL BANK.—The term 'national bank' includes—

''(A) any bank organized under the laws of the United States; and

''(B) any Federal branch established in accordance with the International Banking Act of 1978.

''(2) STATE CONSUMER FINANCIAL LAWS.—The term 'State consumer financial law' means a State law that does not directly or indirectly discriminate against national banks and that directly and specifically regulates the manner, content, or terms and conditions of any financial transaction (as may be authorized for national banks to engage in), or any account related thereto, with respect to a consumer.

''(3) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—The terms 'affiliate', 'subsidiary', 'includes', and 'including' have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

''(b) PREEMPTION STANDARD.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—State consumer financial laws are preempted, only if—

''(A) application of a State consumer financial law would have a discriminatory effect on national banks, in comparison with the effect of the law on a bank chartered by that State;

''(B) the preemption of the State consumer financial law is in accordance with the legal standard of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in Barnett Bank of Marion County, N.A. v. Nelson, Florida Insurance Commissioner, et al, 517 U.S. 25 (1996), and a preemption determination under this subparagraph may be made by a court or by regulation or order of the Comptroller of the Currency, in accordance with applicable law, on a case-by-case basis, and any such determination by a court shall comply with the standards set forth in subsection (d), with the court making the finding under subsection (d), de novo; or

''(C) the State consumer financial law is preempted by a provision of Federal law other than this title.

''(2) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—This title does not preempt, annul, or affect the applicability of any State law to any subsidiary or affiliate of a national bank (other than a subsidiary or affiliate that is chartered as a national bank).

''(3) CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.—

''(A) DEFINITION.—As used in this section the term 'case-by-case basis' refers to a determination pursuant to this section made by the Comptroller concerning the impact of a particular State consumer financial law on any national bank that is subject to that law, or the law of any other State with substantively equivalent terms.

''(B) CONSULTATION.—When making a determination on a case-by-case basis that a State consumer financial law of another State has substantively equivalent terms as one that the Comptroller is preempting, the Comptroller shall first consult with the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and shall take the views of the Bureau into account when making the determination.

''(4) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This title does not occupy the field in any area of State law.

''(5) STANDARDS OF REVIEW.—

''(A) PREEMPTION.—A court reviewing any determinations made by the Comptroller regarding preemption of a State law by this title shall assess the validity of such determinations, depending upon the thoroughness evident in the consideration of the agency, the validity of the reasoning of the agency, the consistency with other valid determinations made by the agency, and other factors which the court finds persuasive and relevant to its decision.

''(B) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Except as provided in subparagraph (A), nothing in this section shall affect the deference that a court may afford to the Comptroller in making determinations regarding the meaning or interpretation of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States or other Federal laws.

''(6) COMPTROLLER DETERMINATION NOT DELEGABLE.—Any regulation, order, or determination made by the Comptroller of the Currency under paragraph (1)(B) shall be made by the Comptroller, and shall not be delegable to another officer or employee of the Comptroller of the Currency.

''(c) SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.—No regulation or order of the Comptroller of the Currency prescribed under subsection (b)(1)(B), shall be interpreted or applied so as to invalidate, or otherwise declare inapplicable to a national bank, the provision of the State consumer financial law, unless substantial evidence, made on the record of the proceeding, supports the specific finding regarding the preemption of such provision in accordance with the legal standard of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in Barnett Bank of Marion County, N.A. v. Nelson, Florida Insurance Commissioner, et al., 517 U.S. 25 (1996).

''(d) OTHER FEDERAL LAWS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Comptroller of the Currency may not prescribe a regulation or order pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(B) until the Comptroller of the Currency, after consultation with the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, makes a finding, in writing, that a Federal law provides a substantive standard, applicable to a national bank, which regulates the particular conduct, activity, or authority that is subject to such provision of the State consumer financial law.

''(e) PERIODIC REVIEW OF PREEMPTION DETERMINATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller of the Currency shall periodically conduct a review, through notice and public comment, of each determination that a provision of Federal law preempts a State consumer financial law. The agency shall conduct such review within the 5-year period after prescribing or otherwise issuing such determination, and at least once during each 5-year period thereafter. After conducting the review of, and inspecting the comments made on, the determination, the agency shall publish a notice in the Federal Register announcing the decision to continue or rescind the determination or a proposal to amend the determination. Any such notice of a proposal to amend a determination and the subsequent resolution of such proposal shall comply with the procedures set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of section 5244 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (12 U.S.C. 43 (a), (b)).

''(2) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—At the time of issuing a review conducted under paragraph (1), the Comptroller of the Currency shall submit a report regarding such review to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate. The report submitted to the respective committees shall address whether the agency intends to continue, rescind, or propose to amend any determination that a provision of Federal law preempts a State consumer financial law, and the reasons therefor.

''(f) APPLICATION OF STATE CONSUMER FINANCIAL LAW TO SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES.—Notwithstanding any provision of this title, a State consumer financial law shall apply to a subsidiary or affiliate of a national bank (other than a subsidiary or affiliate that is chartered as a national bank) to the same extent that the State consumer financial law applies to any person, corporation, or other entity subject to such State law.

''(g) PRESERVATION OF POWERS RELATED TO CHARGING INTEREST.—No provision of this title shall be construed as altering or otherwise affecting the authority conferred by section 5197 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (12 U.S.C. 85) for the charging of interest by a national bank at the rate allowed by the laws of the State, territory, or district where the bank is located, including with respect to the meaning of 'interest' under such provision.

''(h) TRANSPARENCY OF OCC PREEMPTION DETERMINATIONS.—The Comptroller of the Currency shall publish and update no less frequently than quarterly, a list of preemption determinations by the Comptroller of the Currency then in effect that identifies the activities and practices covered by each determination and the requirements and constraints determined to be preempted.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5136B the following new item:

''Sec. 5136C. State law preemption standards for national banks and subsidiaries clarified.''.

SEC. 1045. CLARIFICATION OF LAW APPLICABLE TO NONDEPOSITORY INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARIES.

Section 5136C of the Revised Statutes of the United States (as added by this subtitle) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(i) CLARIFICATION OF LAW APPLICABLE TO NONDEPOSITORY INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES OF NATIONAL BANKS.—

''(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the terms 'depository institution', 'subsidiary', and 'affiliate' have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

''(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—No provision of this title shall be construed as preempting, annulling, or affecting the applicability of State law to any subsidiary, affiliate, or agent of a national bank (other than

a subsidiary, affiliate, or agent that is chartered as a national bank).''.

SEC. 1046. STATE LAW PREEMPTION STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS AND SUBSIDIARIES CLARIFIED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 5 the following new section:

''SEC. 6. STATE LAW PREEMPTION STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS CLARIFIED.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Any determination by a court or by the Director or any successor officer or agency regarding the relation of State law to a provision of this Act or any regulation or order prescribed under this Act shall be made in accordance with the laws and legal standards applicable to national banks regarding the preemption of State law.

''(b) PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICT PREEMPTION APPLICABLE.—Notwithstanding the authorities granted under sections 4 and 5, this Act does not occupy the field in any area of State law.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) is amended by striking the item relating to section 6 and inserting the following new item:

''Sec. 6.. State law preemption standards for Federal savings associations and subsidiaries clarified.''.

SEC. 1047. VISITORIAL STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL BANKS AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.

(a) NATIONAL BANKS.—Section 5136C of the Revised Statutes of the United States (as added by this subtitle) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(j) VISITORIAL POWERS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this title which relates to visitorial powers to which any national bank is subject shall be construed as limiting or restricting the authority of any attorney general (or other chief law enforcement officer) of any State to bring any action in any court of appropriate jurisdiction, as authorized under section 5240(a)—

''(A) to enforce any applicable provision of Federal or State law, as authorized by such law; or

''(B) on behalf of residents of such State, to enforce any applicable provision of any Federal or nonpreempted State law against a national bank, as authorized by such law, or to seek relief for such residents from any violation of any such law by any national bank.

''(2) PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH OCC REQUIRED.—The attorney general (or other chief law enforcement officer) of any State shall consult with the Comptroller of the Currency before acting under paragraph (1).

''(k) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—The ability of the Comptroller of the Currency to bring an enforcement action under this title or section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act does not preclude any private party from enforcing rights granted under Federal or State law in the courts.''.

(b) SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—Section 6 of the Home Owners' Loan Act (as added by this title) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(c) VISITORIAL POWERS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—No provision of this Act shall be construed as limiting or restricting the authority of any attorney general (or other chief law enforcement officer) of any State to bring any action in any court of appropriate jurisdiction—

''(A) to enforce any applicable provision of Federal or State law, as authorized by such law; or

''(B) on behalf of residents of such State, to enforce any applicable provision of any Federal or nonpreempted State law against a Federal savings association, as authorized by such law, or to seek relief for such residents from any violation of any such law by any Federal savings association.

''(2) PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH OCC REQUIRED.—The attorney general (or other chief law enforcement officer) of any State shall consult with the Comptroller of the Currency before acting under paragraph (1).

''(d) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—The ability of the Comptroller of the Currency to bring an enforcement action under this Act or section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act does not preclude any private party from enforcing rights granted under Federal or State law in the courts.''.

SEC. 1048. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

Subtitle E—Enforcement Powers

SEC. 1051. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) BUREAU INVESTIGATION.—The term ''Bureau investigation'' means any inquiry conducted by a Bureau investigator for the purpose of ascertaining whether any person is or has been engaged in any conduct that is a violation, as defined in this section.

(2) BUREAU INVESTIGATOR.—The term ''Bureau investigator'' means any attorney or investigator employed by the Bureau who is charged with the duty of enforcing or carrying into effect any Federal consumer financial law.

(3) CIVIL INVESTIGATIVE DEMAND AND DEMAND.—The terms ''civil investigative demand'' and ''demand'' mean any demand issued by the Bureau.

(4) CUSTODIAN.—The term ''custodian'' means the custodian or any deputy custodian designated by the Bureau.

(5) DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL.—The term ''documentary material'' includes the original or any copy of any book, document, record, report, memorandum, paper, communication, tabulation, chart, logs, electronic files, or other data or data compilations stored in any medium.

(6) VIOLATION.—The term ''violation'' means any act or omission that, if proved, would constitute a violation of any provision of Federal consumer financial law.

SEC. 1052. INVESTIGATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DISCOVERY.

(a) JOINT INVESTIGATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau or, where appropriate, a Bureau investigator, may engage in joint investigations and requests for information, as authorized under this title.

(2) FAIR LENDING.—The authority under paragraph (1) includes matters relating to fair lending, and where appropriate, joint investigations with, and requests for information from, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Attorney General of the United States, or both.

(b) SUBPOENAS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau or a Bureau investigator may issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant papers, books, documents, or other material in connection with hearings under this title.

(2) FAILURE TO OBEY.—In the case of contumacy or refusal to obey a subpoena issued pursuant to this paragraph and served upon any person, the district court of the United States for any district in which such person is found, resides, or transacts business, upon application by the Bureau or a Bureau investigator and after notice to such person, may issue an order requiring such person to appear and give testimony or to appear and produce documents or other material.

(3) CONTEMPT.—Any failure to obey an order of the court under this subsection may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof.

(c) DEMANDS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Bureau has reason to believe that any person may be in possession, custody, or control of any documentary material or tangible things, or may have any information, relevant to a violation, the Bureau may, before the institution of any proceedings under the Federal consumer financial law, issue in writing, and cause to be served upon such person, a civil investigative demand requiring such person to—

(A) produce such documentary material for inspection and copying or reproduction in the form or medium requested by the Bureau;

(B) submit such tangible things;

(C) file written reports or answers to questions;

(D) give oral testimony concerning documentary material, tangible things, or other information; or

(E) furnish any combination of such material, answers, or testimony.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Each civil investigative demand shall state the nature of the conduct constituting the alleged violation which is under investigation and the provision of law applicable to such violation.

(3) PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS.—Each civil investigative demand for the production of documentary material shall—

(A) describe each class of documentary material to be produced under the demand with such definiteness and certainty as to permit such material to be fairly identified;

(B) prescribe a return date or dates which will provide a reasonable period of time within which the material so demanded may be assembled and made available for inspection and copying or reproduction; and

(C) identify the custodian to whom such material shall be made available.

(4) PRODUCTION OF THINGS.—Each civil investigative demand for the submission of tangible things shall—

(A) describe each class of tangible things to be submitted under the demand with such definiteness and certainty as to permit such things to be fairly identified;

(B) prescribe a return date or dates which will provide a reasonable period of time within which the things so demanded may be assembled and submitted; and

(C) identify the custodian to whom such things shall be submitted.

(5) DEMAND FOR WRITTEN REPORTS OR ANSWERS.—Each civil investigative demand for written reports or answers to questions shall—

(A) propound with definiteness and certainty the reports to be produced or the questions to be answered;

(B) prescribe a date or dates at which time written reports or answers to questions shall be submitted; and

(C) identify the custodian to whom such reports or answers shall be submitted.

(6) ORAL TESTIMONY.—Each civil investigative demand for the giving of oral testimony shall—

(A) prescribe a date, time, and place at which oral testimony shall be commenced; and

(B) identify a Bureau investigator who shall conduct the investigation and the custodian to whom the transcript of such investigation shall be submitted.

(7) SERVICE.—Any civil investigative demand and any enforcement petition filed under this section may be served—

(A) by any Bureau investigator at any place within the territorial jurisdiction of any court of the United States; and

(B) upon any person who is not found within the territorial jurisdiction of any court of the United States—

(i) in such manner as the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure prescribe for service in a foreign nation; and

(ii) to the extent that the courts of the United States have authority to assert jurisdiction over such person, consistent with due process, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia shall have the same jurisdiction to take any action respecting compliance with this section by such person that such district court would have if such person were personally within the jurisdiction of such district court.

(8) METHOD OF SERVICE.—Service of any civil investigative demand or any enforcement petition filed under this section may be made upon a person, including any legal entity, by—

(A) delivering a duly executed copy of such demand or petition to the individual or to any partner, executive officer, managing agent, or general agent of such person, or to any agent of such person authorized by appointment or by law to receive service of process on behalf of such person;

(B) delivering a duly executed copy of such demand or petition to the principal office or place of business of the person to be served; or

(C) depositing a duly executed copy in the United States mails, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, duly addressed to such person at the principal office or place of business of such person.

(9) PROOF OF SERVICE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A verified return by the individual serving any civil investigative demand or any enforcement petition filed under this section setting forth the manner of such service shall be proof of such service.

(B) RETURN RECEIPTS.—In the case of service by registered or certified mail, such return shall be accompanied by the return post office receipt of delivery of such demand or enforcement petition.

(10) PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL.—The production of documentary material in response to a civil investigative demand shall be made under a sworn certificate, in such form as the demand designates, by the person, if a natural person, to whom the demand is directed or, if not a natural person, by any person having knowledge of the facts and circumstances relating to such production, to the effect that all of the documentary material required by the demand and in the possession, custody, or control of the person to whom the demand is directed has been produced and made available to the custodian.

(11) SUBMISSION OF TANGIBLE THINGS.—The submission of tangible things in response to a civil investigative demand shall be made under a sworn certificate, in such form as the demand designates, by the person to whom the demand is directed or, if not a natural person, by any person having knowledge of the facts and circumstances relating to such production, to the effect that all of the tangible things required by the demand and in the possession, custody, or control of the person to whom the demand is directed have been submitted to the custodian.

(12) SEPARATE ANSWERS.—Each reporting requirement or question in a civil investigative demand shall be answered separately and fully in writing under oath, unless it is objected to, in which event the reasons for the objection shall be stated in lieu of an answer, and it shall be submitted under a sworn certificate, in such form as the demand designates, by the person, if a natural person, to whom the demand is directed or, if not a natural person, by any person responsible for answering each reporting requirement or question, to the effect that all information required by the demand and in the possession, custody, control, or knowledge of the person to whom the demand is directed has been submitted.

(13) TESTIMONY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—

(i) OATH OR AFFIRMATION.—Any Bureau investigator before whom oral testimony is to be taken shall put the witness under oath or affirmation, and shall personally, or by any individual acting under the direction of and in the presence of the Bureau investigator, record the testimony of the witness.

(ii) TRANSCRIPTION.—The testimony shall be taken stenographically and transcribed.

(iii) TRANSMISSION TO CUSTODIAN.—After the testimony is fully transcribed, the Bureau investigator before whom the testimony is taken shall promptly transmit a copy of the transcript of the testimony to the custodian.

(B) PARTIES PRESENT.—Any Bureau investigator before whom oral testimony is to be taken shall exclude from the place where the testimony is to be taken all other persons, except the person giving the testimony, the attorney of that person, the officer before whom the testimony is to be taken, and any stenographer taking such testimony.

(C) LOCATION.—The oral testimony of any person taken pursuant to a civil investigative demand shall be taken in the judicial district of the United States in which such person resides, is found, or transacts business, or in such other place as may be agreed upon by the Bureau investigator before whom the oral testimony of such person is to be taken and such person.

(D) ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Any person compelled to appear under a civil investigative demand for oral testimony pursuant to this section may be accompanied, represented, and advised by an attorney.

(ii) AUTHORITY.—The attorney may advise a person described in clause (i), in confidence, either upon the request of such person or upon the initiative of the attorney, with respect to any question asked of such person.

(iii) OBJECTIONS.—A person described in clause (i), or the attorney for that person, may object on the record to any question, in whole or in part, and such person shall briefly state for the record the reason for the objection. An objection may properly be made, received, and entered upon the record when it is claimed that such person is entitled to refuse to answer the question on grounds of any constitutional or other legal right or privilege, including the privilege against self-incrimination, but such person shall not otherwise object to or refuse to answer any question, and such person or attorney shall not otherwise interrupt the oral examination.

(iv) REFUSAL TO ANSWER.—If a person described in clause (i) refuses to answer any question—

(I) the Bureau may petition the district court of the United States pursuant to this section for an order compelling such person to answer such question; and

(II) on grounds of the privilege against self-incrimination, the testimony of such person may be compelled in accordance with the provisions of section 6004 of title 18, United States Code.

(E) TRANSCRIPTS.—For purposes of this subsection—

(i) after the testimony of any witness is fully transcribed, the Bureau investigator shall afford the witness (who may be accompanied by an attorney) a reasonable opportunity to examine the transcript;

(ii) the transcript shall be read to or by the witness, unless such examination and reading are waived by the witness;

(iii) any changes in form or substance which the witness desires to make shall be entered and identified upon the transcript by the Bureau investigator, with a statement of the reasons given by the witness for making such changes;

(iv) the transcript shall be signed by the witness, unless the witness in writing waives the signing, is ill, cannot be found, or refuses to sign; and

(v) if the transcript is not signed by the witness during the 30-day period following the date on which the witness is first afforded a reasonable opportunity to examine the transcript, the Bureau investigator shall sign the transcript and state on the record the fact of the waiver, illness, absence of the witness, or the refusal to sign, together with any reasons given for the failure to sign.

(F) CERTIFICATION BY INVESTIGATOR.—The Bureau investigator shall certify on the transcript that the witness was duly sworn by him or her and that the transcript is a true record of the testimony given by the witness, and the Bureau investigator shall promptly deliver the transcript or send it by registered or certified mail to the custodian.

(G) COPY OF TRANSCRIPT.—The Bureau investigator shall furnish a copy of the transcript (upon payment of reasonable charges for the transcript) to the witness only, except that the Bureau may for good cause limit such witness to inspection of the official transcript of his testimony.

(H) WITNESS FEES.—Any witness appearing for the taking of oral testimony pursuant to a civil investigative demand shall be entitled to the same fees and mileage which are paid to witnesses in the district courts of the United States.

(d) CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF DEMAND MATERIAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Documentary materials and tangible things received as a result of a civil investigative demand shall be subject to requirements and procedures regarding confidentiality, in accordance with rules established by the Bureau.

(2) DISCLOSURE TO CONGRESS.—No rule established by the Bureau regarding the confidentiality of materials submitted to, or otherwise obtained by, the Bureau shall be intended to prevent disclosure to either House of Congress or to an appropriate committee of the Congress, except that the Bureau is permitted to adopt rules allowing prior notice to any party that owns or otherwise provided the material to the Bureau and had designated such material as confidential.

(e) PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever any person fails to comply with any civil investigative demand duly served upon him under this section, or whenever satisfactory copying or reproduction of material requested pursuant to the demand cannot be accomplished and such person refuses to surrender such material, the Bureau, through such officers or attorneys as it may designate, may file, in the district court of the United States for any judicial district in which such person resides, is found, or transacts business, and serve upon such person, a petition for an order of such court for the enforcement of this section.

(2) SERVICE OF PROCESS.—All process of any court to which application may be made as provided in this subsection may be served in any judicial district.

(f) PETITION FOR ORDER MODIFYING OR SETTING ASIDE DEMAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 20 days after the service of any civil investigative demand upon any person under subsection

(b), or at any time before the return date specified in the demand, whichever period is shorter, or within such period exceeding 20 days after service or in excess of such return date as may be prescribed in writing, subsequent to service, by any Bureau investigator named in the demand, such person may file with the Bureau a petition for an order by the Bureau modifying or setting aside the demand.

(2) COMPLIANCE DURING PENDENCY.—The time permitted for compliance with the demand in whole or in part, as determined proper and ordered by the Bureau, shall not run during the pendency of a petition under paragraph (1) at the Bureau, except that such person shall comply with any portions of the demand not sought to be modified or set aside.

(3) SPECIFIC GROUNDS.—A petition under paragraph (1) shall specify each ground upon which the petitioner relies in seeking relief, and may be based upon any failure of the demand to comply with the provisions of this section, or upon any constitutional or other legal right or privilege of such person.

(g) CUSTODIAL CONTROL.—At any time during which any custodian is in custody or control of any documentary material, tangible things, reports, answers to questions, or transcripts of oral testimony given by any person in compliance with any civil investigative demand, such person may file, in the district court of the United States for the judicial district within which the office of such custodian is situated, and serve upon such custodian, a petition for an order of such court requiring the performance by such custodian of any duty imposed upon him by this section or rule promulgated by the Bureau.

(h) JURISDICTION OF COURT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever any petition is filed in any district court of the United States under this section, such court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine the matter so presented, and to enter such order or orders as may be required to carry out the provisions of this section.

(2) APPEAL.—Any final order entered as described in paragraph (1) shall be subject to appeal pursuant to section 1291 of title 28, United States Code.

SEC. 1053. HEARINGS AND ADJUDICATION PROCEEDINGS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau is authorized to conduct hearings and adjudication proceedings with respect to any person in the manner prescribed by chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code in order to ensure or enforce compliance with—

(1) the provisions of this title, including any rules prescribed by the Bureau under this title; and

(2) any other Federal law that the Bureau is authorized to enforce, including an enumerated consumer law, and any regulations or order prescribed thereunder, unless such Federal law specifically limits the Bureau from conducting a hearing or adjudication proceeding and only to the extent of such limitation.

(b) SPECIAL RULES FOR CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) ORDERS AUTHORIZED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If, in the opinion of the Bureau, any covered person or service provider is engaging or has engaged in an activity that violates a law, rule, or any condition imposed in writing on the person by the Bureau, the Bureau may, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, issue and serve upon the covered person or service provider a notice of charges in respect thereof.

(B) CONTENT OF NOTICE.—The notice under subparagraph (A) shall contain a statement of the facts constituting the alleged violation or violations, and shall fix a time and place at which a hearing will be held to determine whether an order to cease and desist should issue against the covered person or service provider, such hearing to be held not earlier than 30 days nor later than 60 days after the date of service of such notice, unless an earlier or a later date is set by the Bureau, at the request of any party so served.

(C) CONSENT.—Unless the party or parties served under subparagraph (B) appear at the hearing personally or by a duly authorized representative, such person shall be deemed to have consented to the issuance of the cease-and-desist order.

(D) PROCEDURE.—In the event of consent under subparagraph (C), or if, upon the record, made at any such hearing, the Bureau finds that any violation specified in the notice of charges has been established, the Bureau may issue and serve upon the covered person or service provider an order to cease and desist from the violation or practice. Such order may, by provisions which may be mandatory or otherwise, require the covered person or service provider to cease and desist from the subject activity, and to take affirmative action to correct the conditions resulting from any such violation.

(2) EFFECTIVENESS OF ORDER.—A cease-and-desist order shall become effective at the expiration of 30 days after the date of service of an order under paragraph (1) upon the covered person or service provider concerned (except in the case of a cease-and-desist order issued upon consent, which shall become effective at the time specified therein), and shall remain effective and enforceable as provided therein, except to such extent as the order is stayed, modified, terminated, or set aside by action of the Bureau or a reviewing court.

(3) DECISION AND APPEAL.—Any hearing provided for in this subsection shall be held in the Federal judicial district or in the territory in which the residence or principal office or place of business of the person is located unless the person consents to another place, and shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 5 of title 5 of the United States Code. After such hearing, and within 90 days after the Bureau has notified the parties that the case has been submitted to the Bureau for final decision, the Bureau shall render its decision (which shall include findings of fact upon which its decision is predicated) and shall issue and serve upon each party to the proceeding an order or orders consistent with the provisions of this section. Judicial review of any such order shall be exclusively as provided in this subsection. Unless a petition for review is timely filed in a court of appeals of the United States, as provided in paragraph (4), and thereafter until the record in the proceeding has been filed as provided in paragraph (4), the Bureau may at any time, upon such notice and in such manner as the Bureau shall determine proper, modify, terminate, or set aside any such order. Upon filing of the record as provided, the Bureau may modify, terminate, or set aside any such order with permission of the court.

(4) APPEAL TO COURT OF APPEALS.—Any party to any proceeding under this subsection may obtain a review of any order served pursuant to this subsection (other than an order issued with the consent of the person concerned) by the filing in the court of appeals of the United States for the circuit in which the principal office of the covered person is located, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, within 30 days after the date of service of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Bureau be modified, terminated, or set aside. A copy of such petition shall be forthwith transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Bureau, and thereupon the Bureau shall file in the court the record in the proceeding, as provided in section 2112 of title 28 of the United States Code. Upon the filing of such petition, such court shall have jurisdiction, which upon the filing of the record shall except as provided in the last sentence of paragraph (3) be exclusive, to affirm, modify, terminate, or set aside, in whole or in part, the order of the Bureau. Review of such proceedings shall be had as provided in chapter 7 of title 5 of the United States Code. The judgment and decree of the court shall be final, except that the same shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court of the United States, upon certiorari, as provided in section 1254 of title 28 of the United States Code.

(5) NO STAY.—The commencement of proceedings for judicial review under paragraph (4) shall not, unless specifically ordered by the court, operate as a stay of any order issued by the Bureau.

(c) SPECIAL RULES FOR TEMPORARY CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the Bureau determines that the violation specified in the notice of charges served upon a person, including a service provider, pursuant to subsection (b), or the continuation thereof, is likely to cause the person to be insolvent or otherwise prejudice the interests of consumers before the completion of the proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (b), the Bureau may issue a temporary order requiring the person to cease and desist from any such violation or practice and to take affirmative action to prevent or remedy such insolvency or other condition pending completion of such proceedings. Such order may include any requirement authorized under this subtitle. Such order shall become effective upon service upon the person and, unless set aside, limited, or suspended by a court in proceedings authorized by paragraph (2), shall remain effective and enforceable pending the completion of the administrative proceedings pursuant to such notice and until such time as the Bureau shall dismiss the charges specified in such notice, or if a cease-and-desist order is issued against the person, until the effective date of such order.

(2) APPEAL.—Not later than 10 days after the covered person or service provider concerned has been served with a temporary cease-and-desist order, the person may apply to the United States district court for the judicial district in which the residence or principal office or place of business of the person is located, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for an injunction setting aside, limiting, or suspending the enforcement, operation, or effectiveness of such order pending the completion of the administrative proceedings pursuant to the notice of charges served upon the person under subsection (b), and such court shall have jurisdiction to issue such injunction.

(3) INCOMPLETE OR INACCURATE RECORDS.—

(A) TEMPORARY ORDER.—If a notice of charges served under subsection (b) specifies, on the basis of particular facts and circumstances, that the books and records of a covered person or service provider are so incomplete or inaccurate that the Bureau is unable to determine the financial condition of that person or the details or purpose of any transaction or transactions that may have a material effect on the financial condition of that person, the Bureau may issue a temporary order requiring—

(i) the cessation of any activity or practice which gave rise, whether in whole or in part, to the incomplete or inaccurate state of the books or records; or

(ii) affirmative action to restore such books or records to a complete and accurate

state, until the completion of the proceedings under subsection (b)(1).

(B) EFFECTIVE PERIOD.—Any temporary order issued under subparagraph (A)—

(i) shall become effective upon service; and

(ii) unless set aside, limited, or suspended by a court in proceedings under paragraph (2), shall remain in effect and enforceable until the earlier of—

(I) the completion of the proceeding initiated under subsection (b) in connection with the notice of charges; or

(II) the date the Bureau determines, by examination or otherwise, that the books and records of the covered person or service provider are accurate and reflect the financial condition thereof.

(d) SPECIAL RULES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF ORDERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau may in its discretion apply to the United States district court within the jurisdiction of which the principal office or place of business of the person is located, for the enforcement of any effective and outstanding notice or order issued under this section, and such court shall have jurisdiction and power to order and require compliance herewith.

(2) EXCEPTION.—Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no court shall have jurisdiction to affect by injunction or otherwise the issuance or enforcement of any notice or order or to review, modify, suspend, terminate, or set aside any such notice or order.

(e) RULES.—The Bureau shall prescribe rules establishing such procedures as may be necessary to carry out this section.

SEC. 1054. LITIGATION AUTHORITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—If any person violates a Federal consumer financial law, the Bureau may, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, commence a civil action against such person to impose a civil penalty or to seek all appropriate legal and equitable relief including a permanent or temporary injunction as permitted by law.

(b) REPRESENTATION.—The Bureau may act in its own name and through its own attorneys in enforcing any provision of this title, rules thereunder, or any other law or regulation, or in any action, suit, or proceeding to which the Bureau is a party.

(c) COMPROMISE OF ACTIONS.—The Bureau may compromise or settle any action if such compromise is approved by the court.

(d) NOTICE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—When commencing a civil action under Federal consumer financial law, or any rule thereunder, the Bureau shall notify the Attorney General and, with respect to a civil action against an insured depository institution or insured credit union, the appropriate prudential regulator.

(e) APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT.—The Bureau may represent itself in its own name before the Supreme Court of the United States, provided that the Bureau makes a written request to the Attorney General within the 10-day period which begins on the date of entry of the judgment which would permit any party to file a petition for writ of certiorari, and the Attorney General concurs with such request or fails to take action within 60 days of the request of the Bureau.

(f) FORUM.—Any civil action brought under this title may be brought in a United States district court or in any court of competent jurisdiction of a state in a district in which the defendant is located or resides or is doing business, and such court shall have jurisdiction to enjoin such person and to require compliance with any Federal consumer financial law.

(g) TIME FOR BRINGING ACTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise permitted by law or equity, no action may be brought under this title more than 3 years after the date of discovery of the violation to which an action relates.

(2) LIMITATIONS UNDER OTHER FEDERAL LAWS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this subsection, an action arising under this title does not include claims arising solely under enumerated consumer laws.

(B) BUREAU AUTHORITY.—In any action arising solely under an enumerated consumer law, the Bureau may commence, defend, or intervene in the action in accordance with the requirements of that provision of law, as applicable.

(C) TRANSFERRED AUTHORITY.—In any action arising solely under laws for which authorities were transferred under subtitles F and H, the Bureau may commence, defend, or intervene in the action in accordance with the requirements of that provision of law, as applicable.

SEC. 1055. RELIEF AVAILABLE.

(a) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS OR COURT ACTIONS.—

(1) JURISDICTION.—The court (or the Bureau, as the case may be) in an action or adjudication proceeding brought under Federal consumer financial law, shall have jurisdiction to grant any appropriate legal or equitable relief with respect to a violation of Federal consumer financial law, including a violation of a rule or order prescribed under a Federal consumer financial law.

(2) RELIEF.—Relief under this section may include, without limitation—

(A) rescission or reformation of contracts;

(B) refund of moneys or return of real property;

(C) restitution;

(D) disgorgement or compensation for unjust enrichment;

(E) payment of damages or other monetary relief;

(F) public notification regarding the violation, including the costs of notification;

(G) limits on the activities or functions of the person; and

(H) civil money penalties, as set forth more fully in subsection (c).

(3) NO EXEMPLARY OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the imposition of exemplary or punitive damages.

(b) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—In any action brought by the Bureau, a State attorney general, or any State regulator to enforce any Federal consumer financial law, the Bureau, the State attorney general, or the State regulator may recover its costs in connection with prosecuting such action if the Bureau, the State attorney general, or the State regulator is the prevailing party in the action.

(c) CIVIL MONEY PENALTY IN COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person that violates, through any act or omission, any provision of Federal consumer financial law shall forfeit and pay a civil penalty pursuant to this subsection.

(2) PENALTY AMOUNTS.—

(A) FIRST TIER.—For any violation of a law, rule, or final order or condition imposed in writing by the Bureau, a civil penalty may not exceed $5,000 for each day during which such violation or failure to pay continues.

(B) SECOND TIER.—Notwithstanding paragraph (A), for any person that recklessly engages in a violation of a Federal consumer financial law, a civil penalty may not exceed $25,000 for each day during which such violation continues.

(C) THIRD TIER.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), for any person that knowingly violates a Federal consumer financial law, a civil penalty may not exceed $1,000,000 for each day during which such violation continues.

(3) MITIGATING FACTORS.—In determining the amount of any penalty assessed under paragraph (2), the Bureau or the court shall take into account the appropriateness of the penalty with respect to—

(A) the size of financial resources and good faith of the person charged;

(B) the gravity of the violation or failure to pay;

(C) the severity of the risks to or losses of the consumer, which may take into account the number of products or services sold or provided;

(D) the history of previous violations; and

(E) such other matters as justice may require.

(4) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY OR REMIT PENALTY.—The Bureau may compromise, modify, or remit any penalty which may be assessed or had already been assessed under paragraph (2). The amount of such penalty, when finally determined, shall be exclusive of any sums owed by the person to the United States in connection with the costs of the proceeding, and may be deducted from any sums owing by the United States to the person charged.

(5) NOTICE AND HEARING.—No civil penalty may be assessed under this subsection with respect to a violation of any Federal consumer financial law, unless—

(A) the Bureau gives notice and an opportunity for a hearing to the person accused of the violation; or

(B) the appropriate court has ordered such assessment and entered judgment in favor of the Bureau.

SEC. 1056. REFERRALS FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

If the Bureau obtains evidence that any person, domestic or foreign, has engaged in conduct that may constitute a violation of Federal criminal law, the Bureau shall have the power to transmit such evidence to the Attorney General of the United States, who may institute criminal proceedings under appropriate law. Nothing in this section affects any other authority of the Bureau to disclose information.

SEC. 1057. EMPLOYEE PROTECTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No covered person or service provider shall terminate or in any other way discriminate against, or cause to be terminated or discriminated against, any covered employee or any authorized representative of covered employees by reason of the fact that such employee or representative, whether at the initiative of the employee or in the ordinary course of the duties of the employee (or any person acting pursuant to a request of the employee), has—

(1) provided, caused to be provided, or is about to provide or cause to be provided, information to the employer, the Bureau, or any other State, local, or Federal, government authority or law enforcement agency relating to any violation of, or any act or omission that the employee reasonably believes to be a violation of, any provision of this title or any other provision of law that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau, or any rule, order, standard, or prohibition prescribed by the Bureau;

(2) testified or will testify in any proceeding resulting from the administration or enforcement of any provision of this title or any other provision of law that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau, or any rule, order, standard, or prohibition prescribed by the Bureau;

(3) filed, instituted, or caused to be filed or instituted any proceeding under any Federal consumer financial law; or

(4) objected to, or refused to participate in, any activity, policy, practice, or assigned task that the employee (or other such person) reasonably believed to be in violation of

any law, rule, order, standard, or prohibition, subject to the jurisdiction of, or enforceable by, the Bureau.

(b) DEFINITION OF COVERED EMPLOYEE.—For the purposes of this section, the term ''covered employee'' means any individual performing tasks related to the offering or provision of a consumer financial product or service.

(c) PROCEDURES AND TIMETABLES.—

(1) COMPLAINT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—A person who believes that he or she has been discharged or otherwise discriminated against by any person in violation of subsection (a) may, not later than 180 days after the date on which such alleged violation occurs, file (or have any person file on his or her behalf) a complaint with the Secretary of Labor alleging such discharge or discrimination and identifying the person responsible for such act.

(B) ACTIONS OF SECRETARY OF LABOR.—Upon receipt of such a complaint, the Secretary of Labor shall notify, in writing, the person named in the complaint who is alleged to have committed the violation, of —

(i) the filing of the complaint;

(ii) the allegations contained in the complaint;

(iii) the substance of evidence supporting the complaint; and

(iv) opportunities that will be afforded to such person under paragraph (2).

(2) INVESTIGATION BY SECRETARY OF LABOR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of receipt of a complaint filed under paragraph (1), and after affording the complainant and the person named in the complaint who is alleged to have committed the violation that is the basis for the complaint an opportunity to submit to the Secretary of Labor a written response to the complaint and an opportunity to meet with a representative of the Secretary of Labor to present statements from witnesses, the Secretary of Labor shall—

(i) initiate an investigation and determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe that the complaint has merit; and

(ii) notify the complainant and the person alleged to have committed the violation of subsection (a), in writing, of such determination.

(B) NOTICE OF RELIEF AVAILABLE.—If the Secretary of Labor concludes that there is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, the Secretary of Labor shall, together with the notice under subparagraph (A)(ii), issue a preliminary order providing the relief prescribed by paragraph (4)(B).

(C) REQUEST FOR HEARING.—Not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of notification of a determination of the Secretary of Labor under this paragraph, either the person alleged to have committed the violation or the complainant may file objections to the findings or preliminary order, or both, and request a hearing on the record. The filing of such objections shall not operate to stay any reinstatement remedy contained in the preliminary order. Any such hearing shall be conducted expeditiously, and if a hearing is not requested in such 30-day period, the preliminary order shall be deemed a final order that is not subject to judicial review.

(3) GROUNDS FOR DETERMINATION OF COMPLAINTS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall dismiss a complaint filed under this subsection, and shall not conduct an investigation otherwise required under paragraph (2), unless the complainant makes a prima facie showing that any behavior described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) was a contributing factor in the unfavorable personnel action alleged in the complaint.

(B) REBUTTAL EVIDENCE.—Notwithstanding a finding by the Secretary of Labor that the complainant has made the showing required under subparagraph (A), no investigation otherwise required under paragraph (2) shall be conducted, if the employer demonstrates, by clear and convincing evidence, that the employer would have taken the same unfavorable personnel action in the absence of that behavior.

(C) EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS.—The Secretary of Labor may determine that a violation of subsection (a) has occurred only if the complainant demonstrates that any behavior described in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a) was a contributing factor in the unfavorable personnel action alleged in the complaint. Relief may not be ordered under subparagraph (A) if the employer demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the employer would have taken the same unfavorable personnel action in the absence of that behavior.

(4) ISSUANCE OF FINAL ORDERS; REVIEW PROCEDURES.—

(A) TIMING.—Not later than 120 days after the date of conclusion of any hearing under paragraph (2), the Secretary of Labor shall issue a final order providing the relief prescribed by this paragraph or denying the complaint. At any time before issuance of a final order, a proceeding under this subsection may be terminated on the basis of a settlement agreement entered into by the Secretary of Labor, the complainant, and the person alleged to have committed the violation.

(B) PENALTIES.—

(i) ORDER OF SECRETARY OF LABOR.—If, in response to a complaint filed under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Labor determines that a violation of subsection (a) has occurred, the Secretary of Labor shall order the person who committed such violation—

(I) to take affirmative action to abate the violation;

(II) to reinstate the complainant to his or her former position, together with compensation (including back pay) and restore the terms, conditions, and privileges associated with his or her employment; and

(III) to provide compensatory damages to the complainant.

(ii) PENALTY.—If an order is issued under clause (i), the Secretary of Labor, at the request of the complainant, shall assess against the person against whom the order is issued, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of all costs and expenses (including attorney fees and expert witness fees) reasonably incurred, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, by the complainant for, or in connection with, the bringing of the complaint upon which the order was issued.

(C) PENALTY FOR FRIVOLOUS CLAIMS.—If the Secretary of Labor finds that a complaint under paragraph (1) is frivolous or has been brought in bad faith, the Secretary of Labor may award to the prevailing employer a reasonable attorney fee, not exceeding $1,000, to be paid by the complainant.

(D) DE NOVO REVIEW.—

(i) FAILURE OF THE SECRETARY TO ACT.—If the Secretary of Labor has not issued a final order within 210 days after the date of filing of a complaint under this subsection, or within 90 days after the date of receipt of a written determination, the complainant may bring an action at law or equity for de novo review in the appropriate district court of the United States having jurisdiction, which shall have jurisdiction over such an action without regard to the amount in controversy, and which action shall, at the request of either party to such action, be tried by the court with a jury.

(ii) PROCEDURES.—A proceeding under clause (i) shall be governed by the same legal burdens of proof specified in paragraph (3). The court shall have jurisdiction to grant all relief necessary to make the employee whole, including injunctive relief and compensatory damages, including—

(I) reinstatement with the same seniority status that the employee would have had, but for the discharge or discrimination;

(II) the amount of back pay, with interest; and

(III) compensation for any special damages sustained as a result of the discharge or discrimination, including litigation costs, expert witness fees, and reasonable attorney fees.

(E) OTHER APPEALS.—Unless the complainant brings an action under subparagraph (D), any person adversely affected or aggrieved by a final order issued under subparagraph (A) may file a petition for review of the order in the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the violation with respect to which the order was issued, allegedly occurred or the circuit in which the complainant resided on the date of such violation, not later than 60 days after the date of the issuance of the final order of the Secretary of Labor under subparagraph (A). Review shall conform to chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code. The commencement of proceedings under this subparagraph shall not, unless ordered by the court, operate as a stay of the order. An order of the Secretary of Labor with respect to which review could have been obtained under this subparagraph shall not be subject to judicial review in any criminal or other civil proceeding.

(5) FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORDER.—

(A) ACTIONS BY THE SECRETARY.—If any person has failed to comply with a final order issued under paragraph (4), the Secretary of Labor may file a civil action in the United States district court for the district in which the violation was found to have occurred, or in the United States district court for the District of Columbia, to enforce such order. In actions brought under this paragraph, the district courts shall have jurisdiction to grant all appropriate relief including injunctive relief and compensatory damages.

(B) CIVIL ACTIONS TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE.—A person on whose behalf an order was issued under paragraph (4) may commence a civil action against the person to whom such order was issued to require compliance with such order. The appropriate United States district court shall have jurisdiction, without regard to the amount in controversy or the citizenship of the parties, to enforce such order.

(C) AWARD OF COSTS AUTHORIZED.—The court, in issuing any final order under this paragraph, may award costs of litigation (including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees) to any party, whenever the court determines such award is appropriate.

(D) MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS.—Any nondiscretionary duty imposed by this section shall be enforceable in a mandamus proceeding brought under section 1361 of title 28, United States Code.

(d) UNENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—

(1) NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.—Except as provided under paragraph (3), and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the rights and remedies provided for in this section may not be waived by any agreement, policy, form, or condition of employment, including by any predispute arbitration agreement.

(2) NO PREDISPUTE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS.—Except as provided under paragraph (3), and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no predispute arbitration agreement shall be valid or enforceable to the extent

that it requires arbitration of a dispute arising under this section.

(3) EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), an arbitration provision in a collective bargaining agreement shall be enforceable as to disputes arising under subsection (a)(4), unless the Bureau determines, by rule, that such provision is inconsistent with the purposes of this title.

SEC. 1058. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

Subtitle F—Transfer of Functions and Personnel; Transitional Provisions

SEC. 1061. TRANSFER OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION FUNCTIONS.

(a) DEFINED TERMS.—For purposes of this subtitle—

(1) the term ''consumer financial protection functions'' means research, rulemaking, issuance of orders or guidance, supervision, examination, and enforcement activities, powers, and duties relating to the offering or provision of consumer financial products or services; and

(2) the terms ''transferor agency'' and ''transferor agencies'' mean, respectively—

(A) the Board of Governors (and any Federal reserve bank, as the context requires), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the heads of those agencies; and

(B) the agencies listed in subparagraph (A), collectively.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (c), consumer financial protection functions are transferred as follows:

(1) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the Board of Governors are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORITY.—The Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Board of Governors, relating to consumer financial protection functions, on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the Comptroller of the Currency are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) COMPTROLLER AUTHORITY.—The Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Comptroller of the Currency, relating to consumer financial protection functions, on the day before the designated transfer date.

(3) DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) DIRECTOR AUTHORITY.—The Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, relating to consumer financial protection functions, on the day before the designated transfer date.

(4) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) CORPORATION AUTHORITY.—The Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, relating to consumer financial protection functions, on the day before the designated transfer date.

(5) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), all consumer financial protection functions of the Federal Trade Commission are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) COMMISSION AUTHORITY.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Federal Trade Commission relating to consumer financial protection functions on the day before the designated transfer date.

(C) CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN COMMISSION AUTHORITIES.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the Federal Trade Commission shall continue to have authority to enforce, and issue rules with respect to—

(i) the Credit Repair Organizations Act (15 U.S.C. 1679 et seq.);

(ii) section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45); and

(iii) the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (15 U.S.C. 6101 et seq.).

(6) NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer financial protection functions of the National Credit Union Administration are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY.—The Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the National Credit Union Administration, relating to consumer financial protection functions, on the day before the designated transfer date.

(7) DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—

(A) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—All consumer protection functions of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development relating to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) and the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5102 et seq.) are transferred to the Bureau.

(B) AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—The Bureau shall have all powers and duties that were vested in the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development relating to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), and the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.), on the day before the designated transfer date.

(c) TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY REMAINING WITH TRANSFEROR AGENCIES.—The transfers of functions in subsection (b) do not affect the authority of the agencies identified in subsection (b) from conducting examinations or initiating and maintaining enforcement proceedings, including performing appropriate supervisory and support functions relating thereto, in accordance with sections 1024, 1025, and 1026.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (b) and (c) shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

SEC. 1062. DESIGNATED TRANSFER DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

(1) in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Chairperson of the Corporation, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, designate a single calendar date for the transfer of functions to the Bureau under section 1061; and

(2) publish notice of that designated date in the Federal Register.

(b) CHANGING DESIGNATION.—The Secretary—

(1) may, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, the Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration Board, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, change the date designated under subsection (a); and

(2) shall publish notice of any changed designated date in the Federal Register.

(c) PERMISSIBLE DATES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), any date designated under this section shall be not earlier than 180 days, nor later than 18 months, after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) EXTENSION OF TIME.—The Secretary may designate a date that is later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act if the Secretary transmits to appropriate committees of Congress—

(A) a written determination that orderly implementation of this title is not feasible before the date that is 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) an explanation of why an extension is necessary for the orderly implementation of this title; and

(C) a description of the steps that will be taken to effect an orderly and timely implementation of this title within the extended time period.

(3) EXTENSION LIMITED.—In no case may any date designated under this section be later than 24 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1063. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.

(a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(1) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Board of Governors (or any Federal reserve bank), or any other person that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the Board of Governors transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this Act shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Board of Governors (or any Federal reserve bank) before the designated transfer date with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Board of Governors (or any Federal reserve bank) transferred to the Bureau by this title, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the Board of Governors (or Federal reserve bank) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(b) FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(4) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Board of Directors of that Corporation, or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this Act shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (or the Board of Directors of that Corporation) before the designated transfer date with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation transferred to the Bureau by this title, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (or Board of Directors) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(c) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(5) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Federal Trade Commission, or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the Federal Trade Commission transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this Act shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Federal Trade Commission before the designated transfer date with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Federal Trade Commission transferred to the Bureau by this title, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the Federal Trade Commission as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(d) NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(6) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the National Credit Union Administration, the National Credit Union Administration Board, or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the National Credit Union Administration transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this Act shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the National Credit Union Administration (or the National Credit Union Administration Board) before the designated transfer date with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the National Credit Union Administration transferred to the Bureau by this title, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the National Credit Union Administration (or National Credit Union Administration Board) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(e) OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(2) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the Comptroller of the Currency transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this Act shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Comptroller of the Currency (or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency) with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Comptroller of the Currency transferred to the Bureau by this title before the designated transfer date, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the Comptroller of the Currency (or the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(f) OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(3) does not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Office of Thrift Supervision, or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any consumer financial protection function of the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) that existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No provision of this Act shall abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision (or the Office of Thrift Supervision) with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision transferred to the Bureau by this title before the designated transfer date, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the Director (or the Office of Thrift Supervision) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(g) DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.—

(1) EXISTING RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND OBLIGATIONS NOT AFFECTED.—Section 1061(b)(7) shall not affect the validity of any right, duty, or obligation of the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (or the Department of Housing and Urban Development), or any other person, that—

(A) arises under any provision of law relating to any function of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development with respect to the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) or the Secure and Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5102 et seq.) transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(B) existed on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—This title shall not abate any proceeding commenced by or against the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (or the Department of Housing and Urban Development) with respect to any consumer financial protection function of the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development transferred to the Bureau by this title before the designated transfer date, except that the Bureau, subject to sections 1024, 1025, and 1026, shall be substituted for the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (or the Department of Housing and Urban Development) as a party to any such proceeding as of the designated transfer date.

(h) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING ORDERS, RULES, DETERMINATIONS, AGREEMENTS, AND RESOLUTIONS.—All orders, resolutions, determinations, agreements, and rules that have been issued, made, prescribed, or allowed to become effective by any transferor agency or by a court of competent jurisdiction, in the performance of consumer financial protection functions that are transferred by this title and that are in effect on the day before the designated transfer date, shall continue in effect according to the terms of those orders, resolutions, determinations, agreements, and rules, and shall not be enforceable by or against the Bureau.

(i) IDENTIFICATION OF RULES CONTINUED.—Not later than the designated transfer date, the Bureau—

(1) shall, after consultation with the head of each transferor agency, identify the rules continued under subsection (h) that will be enforced by the Bureau; and

(2) shall publish a list of such rules in the Federal Register.

(j) STATUS OF RULES PROPOSED OR NOT YET EFFECTIVE.—

(1) PROPOSED RULES.—Any proposed rule of a transferor agency which that agency, in performing consumer financial protection functions transferred by this title, has proposed before the designated transfer date, but has not been published as a final rule before that date, shall be deemed to be a proposed rule of the Bureau.

(2) RULES NOT YET EFFECTIVE.—Any interim or final rule of a transferor agency which that agency, in performing consumer financial protection functions transferred by this title, has published before the designated transfer date, but which has not become effective before that date, shall become effective as a rule of the Bureau according to its terms.

SEC. 1064. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) CERTAIN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Bureau and the Board of Governors shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of the Board of Governors necessary to perform or support the consumer financial protection functions of the Board of Governors that are transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the Board of Governors for transfer to the Bureau, in a manner that the Bureau and the Board of Governors, in their sole discretion, determine equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the Board of Governors identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Bureau for employment.

(C) FEDERAL RESERVE BANK EMPLOYEES.—Employees of any Federal reserve bank who, on the day before the designated transfer date, are performing consumer financial protection functions on behalf of the Board of Governors shall be treated as employees of the Board of Governors for purposes of subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(2) CERTAIN FDIC EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Bureau and the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of that Corporation necessary to perform or support the consumer financial protection functions of the Corporation that are transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the Corporation for transfer to the Bureau, in a manner that the Bureau and the Board of Directors of the Corporation, in their sole discretion, determine equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the Corporation identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Bureau for employment.

(3) CERTAIN NCUA EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Bureau and the National Credit Union Administration Board shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of the National Credit Union Administration necessary to perform or support the consumer financial protection functions of the National Credit Union Administration that are transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the National Credit Union Administration for transfer to the Bureau, in a manner that the Bureau and the National Credit Union Administration Board, in their sole discretion, determine equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the National Credit Union Administration identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Bureau for employment.

(4) CERTAIN OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Bureau and the Comptroller of the Currency shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency necessary to perform or support the consumer financial protection functions of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency that are transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency for transfer to the Bureau, in a manner that the Bureau and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, in their sole discretion, determine equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Bureau for employment.

(5) CERTAIN OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Bureau and the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of the Office of Thrift Supervision necessary to perform or support the consumer financial protection functions of the Office of Thrift Supervision that are transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the Office of Thrift Supervision for transfer to the Bureau, in a manner that the Bureau and the Office of Thrift Supervision, in their sole discretion, determine equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the Office of Thrift Supervision identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Bureau for employment.

(6) CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IDENTIFYING EMPLOYEES FOR TRANSFER.—The Bureau and the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall—

(i) jointly determine the number of employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development necessary to perform or support the consumer protection functions of the Department that are transferred to the Bureau by this title; and

(ii) consistent with the number determined under clause (i), jointly identify employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for transfer to the Bureau in a manner that the Bureau and the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in their sole discretion, deem equitable.

(B) IDENTIFIED EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED.—All employees of the Department of Housing and Urban Development identified under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be transferred to the Bureau for employment.

(7) APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY FOR EXCEPTED SERVICE AND SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE TRANSFERRED.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an employee occupying a position in the excepted service or the Senior Executive Service, any appointment authority established pursuant to law or regulations of the Office of Personnel Management for filling such positions shall be transferred, subject to subparagraph (B).

(B) DECLINING TRANSFERS ALLOWED.—An agency or entity may decline to make a transfer of authority under subparagraph (A) (and the employees appointed pursuant thereto) to the extent that such authority relates to positions excepted from the competitive service because of their confidential, policy-making, policy-determining, or policy-advocating character, and non-career positions in the Senior Executive Service (within the meaning of section 3132(a)(7) of title 5, United States Code).

(b) TIMING OF TRANSFERS AND POSITION ASSIGNMENTS.—Each employee to be transferred under this section shall—

(1) be transferred not later than 90 days after the designated transfer date; and

(2) receive notice of a position assignment not later than 120 days after the effective date of his or her transfer.

(c) TRANSFER OF FUNCTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the transfer of employees shall be deemed a transfer of functions for the purpose of section 3503 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) PRIORITY OF THIS TITLE.—If any provisions of this title conflict with any protection provided to transferred employees under section 3503 of title 5, United States Code, the provisions of this title shall control.

(d) EQUAL STATUS AND TENURE POSITIONS.—

(1) EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM FDIC, FTC, HUD, NCUA, OCC, AND OTS.—Each employee transferred from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development shall be placed in a position at the Bureau with the same status and tenure as that employee held on the day before the designated transfer date.

(2) EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.—

(A) COMPARABILITY.—Each employee transferred from the Board of Governors or from a Federal reserve bank shall be placed in a position with the same status and tenure as that of an employee transferring to the Bureau from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency who perform similar functions and have similar periods of service.

(B) SERVICE PERIODS CREDITED.—For purposes of this paragraph, periods of service with the Board of Governors or a Federal reserve bank shall be credited as periods of service with a Federal agency.

(e) ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS LIMITED.—Examiners transferred to the Bureau are not subject to any additional certification requirements before being placed in a comparable examiner position at the Bureau examining the same types of institutions as they examined before they were transferred.

(f) PERSONNEL ACTIONS LIMITED.—

(1) 2-YEAR PROTECTION.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each transferred employee holding a permanent position on the day before the designated transfer date may not, during the 2-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, be involuntarily separated, or involuntarily reassigned outside his or her locality pay area, as defined by the Office of Personnel Management.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not limit the right of the Bureau—

(A) to separate an employee for cause or for unacceptable performance;

(B) to terminate an appointment to a position excepted from the competitive service because of its confidential policy-making, policy-determining, or policy-advocating character; or

(C) to reassign a supervisory employee outside his or her locality pay area, as defined by the Office of Personnel Management, when the Bureau determines that the reassignment is necessary for the efficient operation of the Bureau.

(g) PAY.—

(1) 2-YEAR PROTECTION.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each transferred employee shall, during the 2-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, receive pay at a rate equal to not less than the basic rate of pay (including any geographic differential) that the employee received during the pay period immediately preceding the date of transfer.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Paragraph (1) does not limit the right of the Bureau to reduce the rate of basic pay of a transferred employee—

(A) for cause;

(B) for unacceptable performance; or

(C) with the consent of the employee.

(3) PROTECTION ONLY WHILE EMPLOYED.—Paragraph (1) applies to a transferred employee only while that employee remains employed by the Bureau.

(4) PAY INCREASES PERMITTED.—Paragraph (1) does not limit the authority of the Bureau to increase the pay of a transferred employee.

(h) REORGANIZATION.—

(1) BETWEEN 1ST AND 3RD YEAR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Bureau determines, during the 2-year period beginning 1 year after the designated transfer date, that a reorganization of the staff of the Bureau is required—

(i) that reorganization shall be deemed a ''major reorganization'' for purposes of affording affected employees retirement under section 8336(d)(2) or 8414(b)(1)(B) of title 5, United States Code;

(ii) before the reorganization occurs, all employees in the same locality pay area as defined by the Office of Personnel Management shall be placed in a uniform position classification system; and

(iii) any resulting reduction in force shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, except that the Bureau shall—

(I) establish competitive areas (as that term is defined in regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management) to include at a minimum all employees in the same locality pay area as defined by the Office of Personnel Management;

(II) establish competitive levels (as that term is defined in regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management) without regard to whether the particular employees have been appointed to positions in the competitive service or the excepted service; and

(III) afford employees appointed to positions in the excepted service (other than to a position excepted from the competitive service because of its confidential policy-making, policy-determining, or policy-advocating character) the same assignment rights to positions within the Bureau as employees appointed to positions in the competitive service.

(B) SERVICE CREDIT FOR REDUCTIONS IN FORCE.—For purposes of this paragraph, periods of service with a Federal home loan bank, a joint office of the Federal home loan banks, the Board of Governors, a Federal reserve bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration shall be credited as periods of service with a Federal agency.

(2) AFTER 3RD YEAR.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If the Bureau determines, at any time after the 3-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, that a reorganization of the staff of the Bureau is required, any resulting reduction in force shall be governed by the provisions of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, except that the Bureau shall establish competitive levels (as that term is defined in regulations issued by the Office of Personnel Management) without regard to types of appointment held by particular employees transferred under this section.

(B) SERVICE CREDIT FOR REDUCTIONS IN FORCE.—For purposes of this paragraph, periods of service with a Federal home loan bank, a joint office of the Federal home loan banks, the Board of Governors, a Federal reserve bank, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the National Credit Union Administration shall be credited as periods of service with a Federal agency.

(i) BENEFITS.—

(1) RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—

(i) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING RETIREMENT PLAN.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), each transferred employee shall remain enrolled in his or her existing retirement plan, through any period of continuous employment with the Bureau.

(ii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION.—The Bureau shall pay any employer contributions to the existing retirement plan of each transferred employee, as required under that plan.

(B) OPTION FOR EMPLOYEES TRANSFERRED FROM FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM TO BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM.—

(i) ELECTION.—Any transferred employee who was enrolled in a Federal Reserve System retirement plan on the day before his or her transfer to the Bureau may, during the 1-year period beginning 6 months after the designated transfer date, elect to be subject to the Federal employee retirement program.

(ii) EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE.—For any employee making an election under clause (i), coverage by the Federal employee retirement program shall begin 1 year after the designated transfer date.

(C) BUREAU PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN.—

(i) SEPARATE ACCOUNT IN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN ESTABLISHED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and subject to the terms and conditions of this section, a separate account in the Federal Reserve System retirement plan shall be established for Bureau employees who do not make the election under subparagraph (B).

(ii) FUNDS ATTRIBUTABLE TO TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES REMAINING IN FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM RETIREMENT PLAN TRANSFERRED.—The proportionate share of funds in the Federal Reserve System retirement plan, including the proportionate share of any funding surplus in that plan, attributable to a transferred employee who does not make the election under subparagraph (B), shall be transferred to the account established under clause (i).

(iii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED.—The Bureau shall deposit into the account established under clause (i) the employer contributions that the Bureau makes on behalf of employees who do not make the election under subparagraph (B).

(iv) ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION.—The Bureau shall administer the account established under clause (i) as a participating employer in the Federal Reserve System retirement plan.

(D) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this paragraph—

(i) the term ''existing retirement plan'' means, with respect to any employee transferred under this section, the particular retirement plan (including the Financial Institutions Retirement Fund) and any associated thrift savings plan of the agency or Federal reserve bank from which the employee was transferred, in which the employee was enrolled on the day before the designated transfer date; and

(ii) the term ''Federal employee retirement program'' means the retirement program for Federal employees established by chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code.

(2) BENEFITS OTHER THAN RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR TRANSFERRED EMPLOYEES.—

(A) DURING 1ST YEAR.—

(i) EXISTING PLANS CONTINUE.—Each transferred employee may, for 1 year after the designated transfer date, retain membership in any other employee benefit program of the agency or bank from which the employee transferred, including a dental, vision, long term care, or life insurance program, to which the employee belonged on the day before the designated transfer date.

(ii) EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION.—The Bureau shall reimburse the agency or bank from which an employee was transferred for any cost incurred by that agency or bank in continuing to extend coverage in the benefit program to the employee, as required under that program or negotiated agreements.

(B) DENTAL, VISION, OR LIFE INSURANCE AFTER 1ST YEAR.—If, after the 1-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, the Bureau decides not to continue participation in any dental, vision, or life insurance program of an agency or bank from which an employee transferred, a transferred employee who is a member of such a program may, before the decision of the Bureau takes effect, elect to enroll, without regard to any regularly scheduled open season, in—

(i) the enhanced dental benefits established by chapter 89A of title 5, United States Code;

(ii) the enhanced vision benefits established by chapter 89B of title 5, United States Code; or

(iii) the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance Program established by chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, without regard to any requirement of insurability.

(C) LONG TERM CARE INSURANCE AFTER 1ST YEAR.—If, after the 1-year period beginning on the designated transfer date, the Bureau decides not to continue participation in any long term care insurance program of an agency or bank from which an employee transferred, a transferred employee who is a member of such a program may, before the decision of the Bureau takes effect, elect to apply for coverage under the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program established by chapter 90 of title 5, United States Code, under the underwriting requirements applicable to a new active workforce member (as defined in part 875, title 5, Code of Federal Regulations).

(D) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION.—An individual enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program shall pay any employee contribution required by the plan.

(E) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—The Bureau shall transfer to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Fund established under section 8909 of title 5, United States Code, an amount determined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after consultation with the Bureau and the Office of Management and Budget, to be necessary to reimburse the Fund for the cost to the Fund of providing benefits under this paragraph.

(F) CREDIT FOR TIME ENROLLED IN OTHER PLANS.—For employees transferred under this title, enrollment in a health benefits plan administered by a transferor agency or a Federal reserve bank, as the case may be, immediately before enrollment in a health benefits plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, shall be considered as enrollment in a health benefits plan under that chapter for purposes of section 8905(b)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code.

(G) SPECIAL PROVISIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—An annuitant (as defined in section 8901(3) of title 5, United States Code) who is enrolled in a life insurance plan administered by a transferor agency on the day before the designated transfer date shall be eligible for coverage by a life insurance plan under sections 8706(b), 8714a, 8714b, and 8714c of title 5, United States Code, or in a life insurance plan established by the Bureau, without regard to any regularly scheduled open season and requirement of insurability.

(ii) EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION.—An individual enrolled in a life insurance plan under this subparagraph shall pay any employee contribution required by the plan.

(iii) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—The Bureau shall transfer to the Employees' Life Insurance Fund established under section 8714 of title 5, United States Code, an amount determined by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, after consultation with the Bureau and the Office of Management and Budget, to be necessary to reimburse the Fund for the cost to the Fund of providing benefits under this subparagraph not otherwise paid for by the employee under clause (ii).

(iv) CREDIT FOR TIME ENROLLED IN OTHER PLANS.—For employees transferred under this title, enrollment in a life insurance plan administered by a transferor agency immediately before enrollment in a life insurance plan under chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, shall be considered as enrollment in a life insurance plan under that chapter for purposes of section 8706(b)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code.

(3) OPM RULES.—The Office of Personnel Management shall issue such rules as are necessary to carry out this subsection.

(j) IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORM PAY AND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM.—Not later than 2 years after the designated transfer date, the Bureau shall implement a uniform pay and classification system for all employees transferred under this title.

(k) EQUITABLE TREATMENT.—In administering the provisions of this section, the Bureau—

(1) shall take no action that would unfairly disadvantage transferred employees relative to each other based on their prior employment by the Board of Governors, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, a Federal reserve bank, a Federal home loan bank, or a joint office of the Federal home loan banks; and

(2) may take such action as is appropriate in individual cases so that employees transferred under this section receive equitable treatment, with respect to the status, tenure, pay, benefits (other than benefits under programs administered by the Office of Personnel Management), and accrued leave or vacation time of those employees, for prior periods of service with any Federal agency,

including the Board of Governors, the Corporation, the Federal Trade Commission, the National Credit Union Administration, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Office of Thrift Supervision, a Federal reserve bank, a Federal home loan bank, or a joint office of the Federal home loan banks.

(l) IMPLEMENTATION.—In implementing the provisions of this section, the Bureau shall coordinate with the Office of Personnel Management and other entities having expertise in matters related to employment to ensure a fair and orderly transition for affected employees.

SEC. 1065. INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.

(a) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED.—The Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Secretary, shall make such additional incidental transfers and dispositions of assets and liabilities held, used, arising from, available, or to be made available, in connection with the functions transferred by this title, as the Director may determine necessary to accomplish the purposes of this title.

(b) SUNSET.—The authority provided in this section shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1066. INTERIM AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary is authorized to perform the functions of the Bureau under this subtitle until the Director of the Bureau is confirmed by the Senate in accordance with section 1011.

(b) INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.—The Department of the Treasury may provide administrative services necessary to support the Bureau before the designated transfer date.

SEC. 1067. TRANSITION OVERSIGHT.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to ensure that the Bureau—

(1) has an orderly and organized startup;

(2) attracts and retains a qualified workforce; and

(3) establishes comprehensive employee training and benefits programs.

(b) REPORTING REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that includes the plans described in paragraph (2).

(2) PLANS.—The plans described in this paragraph are as follows:

(A) TRAINING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.—The Bureau shall submit a training and workforce development plan that includes, to the extent practicable—

(i) identification of skill and technical expertise needs and actions taken to meet those requirements;

(ii) steps taken to foster innovation and creativity;

(iii) leadership development and succession planning; and

(iv) effective use of technology by employees.

(B) WORKPLACE FLEXIBILITIES PLAN.—The Bureau shall submit a workforce flexibility plan that includes, to the extent practicable—

(i) telework;

(ii) flexible work schedules;

(iii) phased retirement;

(iv) reemployed annuitants;

(v) part-time work;

(vi) job sharing;

(vii) parental leave benefits and childcare assistance;

(viii) domestic partner benefits;

(ix) other workplace flexibilities; or

(x) any combination of the items described in clauses (i) through (ix).

(C) RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PLAN.—The Bureau shall submit a recruitment and retention plan that includes, to the extent practicable, provisions relating to—

(i) the steps necessary to target highly qualified applicant pools with diverse backgrounds;

(ii) streamlined employment application processes;

(iii) the provision of timely notification of the status of employment applications to applicants; and

(iv) the collection of information to measure indicators of hiring effectiveness.

(c) EXPIRATION.—The reporting requirement under subsection (b) shall terminate 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to affect—

(1) a collective bargaining agreement, as that term is defined in section 7103(a)(8) of title 5, United States Code, that is in effect on the date of enactment of this Act; or

(2) the rights of employees under chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code.

Subtitle G—Regulatory Improvements

SEC. 1071. GAO STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS AND IMPACT OF VARIOUS APPRAISAL METHODS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Government Accountability Office shall conduct a study on the effectiveness and impact of various appraisal methods, including the cost approach, the comparative sales approach, the income approach, and others that may be available.

(b) STUDY.—Not later than—

(1) 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Government Accountability Office shall submit a study to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives;

(2) 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Government Accountability Office shall provide a report on the status of the study and any preliminary findings to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives.

(c) CONTENT OF STUDY.—The study required by this section shall include an examination of—

(1) the prevalence, alone or in combination, of these approaches in purchase-money and refinance mortgage transactions;

(2) the accuracy of the various approaches in assessing the property as collateral;

(3) whether and how the approaches contributed to price speculation in the previous cycle;

(4) the costs to consumers of these approaches;

(5) the disclosure of fees to consumers in the appraisal process;

(6) to what extent such approaches may be influenced by a conflict of interest between the mortgage lender and the appraiser and the mechanism by which the lender selects and compensates the appraiser; and

(7) the suitability of appraisal approaches in rural versus urban areas.

SEC. 1072. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PREPAYMENT PENALTIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 2 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1631 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 129A (15 U.S.C. 1639a) the following new section:

"SEC. 129B. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN PREPAYMENT PENALTIES.

''(a) PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN LOANS.—A residential mortgage loan that is not a qualified mortgage may not contain terms under which a consumer is required to pay a prepayment penalty for paying all or part of the principal after the loan is consummated.

''(b) PHASED-OUT PENALTIES ON QUALIFIED MORTGAGES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A qualified mortgage may not contain terms under which a consumer is required to pay a prepayment penalty for paying all or part of the principal after the loan is consummated in excess of—

''(A) during the 1-year period beginning on the date on which the loan is consummated, an amount equal to 3 percent of the outstanding balance on the loan;

''(B) during the 1-year period beginning immediately after the end of the period described in subparagraph (A), an amount equal to 2 percent of the outstanding balance on the loan; and

''(C) during the 1-year period beginning immediately after the end of the 1-year period described in subparagraph (B), an amount equal to 1 percent of the outstanding balance on the loan.

''(2) PROHIBITION.—After the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the loan is consummated, no prepayment penalty may be imposed on a qualified mortgage.

''(c) OPTION FOR NO PREPAYMENT PENALTY REQUIRED.—A creditor may not offer a consumer a residential mortgage loan product that has a prepayment penalty for paying all or part of the principal after the loan is consummated as a term of the loan, without offering to the consumer a residential mortgage loan product that does not have a prepayment penalty as a term of the loan.

''(d) PROHIBITIONS ON EVASIONS, STRUCTURING OF TRANSACTIONS, AND RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS.—A creditor may not take any action in connection with a residential mortgage loan—

''(1) to structure a loan transaction as an open end consumer credit plan or another form of loan for the purpose and with the intent of evading the provisions of this section; or

''(2) to divide any loan transaction into separate parts for the purpose and with the intent of evading provisions of this section.

''(e) PUBLICATION OF AVERAGE PRIME OFFER RATE AND APR THRESHOLDS.—The Board—

''(1) shall publish, and update at least weekly, average prime offer rates;

''(2) may publish multiple rates based on varying types of mortgage transactions; and

''(3) shall adjust the thresholds of 1.50 percentage points in subsection (g)(3)(A)(v)(I), 2.50 percentage points in subsection (g)(3)(A)(v)(II), and 3.50 percentage points in subsection (g)(3)(A)(v)(III), as necessary to reflect significant changes in market conditions and to effectuate the purposes of this section.

''(f) REGULATIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

''(2) REVISION OF SAFE HARBOR CRITERIA.—The Bureau may prescribe regulations that revise, add to, or subtract from the criteria that define a qualified mortgage, upon a finding that such regulations are necessary or appropriate—

''(A) to ensure that responsible, affordable mortgage credit remains available to consumers in a manner consistent with the purposes of this section;

''(B) to effectuate the purposes of this section;

''(C) to prevent circumvention or evasion thereof; or

''(D) to facilitate compliance with this section.

''(3) INTERAGENCY HARMONIZATION.—

''(A) DETERMINATION OF QUALIFYING MORTGAGE TREATMENT.—The agencies and officials described in subparagraph (B) shall, in consultation with the Bureau, prescribe rules defining the types of loans they insure, guarantee, or administer, as the case may be,

that are qualified mortgages for purposes of this section, upon a finding that such rules are consistent with the purposes of this section or are appropriate to prevent circumvention or evasion thereof or to facilitate compliance with this section.

''(B) AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS.—The agencies and officials described in this subparagraph are—

''(i) the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, with regard to mortgages insured under title II of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1707 et seq.);

''(ii) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with regard to a loan made or guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;

''(iii) the Secretary of Agriculture, with regard to loans guaranteed by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to section 502 of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1472(h));

''(iv) the Federal Housing Finance Agency, with regard to loans meeting the conforming loan standards of the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation; and

''(v) the Rural Housing Service, with regard to loans insured by the Rural Housing Service.

''(4) IMPLEMENTATION.—Regulations required or authorized to be prescribed under this subsection—

''(A) shall be prescribed in final form before the end of the 12-month period beginning on the date of enactment of this section; and

''(B) shall take effect not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section.

''(g) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

''(1) AVERAGE PRIME OFFER RATE.—The term 'average prime offer rate' means an annual percentage rate that is derived from average interest rates, points, and other loan pricing terms currently offered to consumers by a representative sample of creditors for mortgage transactions that have low-risk pricing characteristics.

''(2) PREPAYMENT PENALTY.—The term 'prepayment penalty' means any penalty for paying all or part of the principal on an extension of credit before the date on which the principal is due, including a computation of a refund of unearned interest by a method that is less favorable to the consumer than the actuarial method, as defined in section 933(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (15 U.S.C. 1615(d)).

''(3) QUALIFIED MORTGAGE.—The term 'qualified mortgage' means—

''(A) any residential mortgage loan—

''(i) that does not have an adjustable rate;

''(ii) that does not allow a consumer to defer repayment of principal or interest, or is not otherwise deemed a 'non-traditional mortgage' under guidance, advisories, or regulations prescribed by the Bureau;

''(iii) that does not provide for a repayment schedule that results in negative amortization at any time;

''(iv) for which the terms are fully amortizing and which does not result in a balloon payment, where a 'balloon payment' is a scheduled payment that is more than twice as large as the average of earlier scheduled payments;

''(v) which has an annual percentage rate that does not exceed the average prime offer rate for a comparable transaction, as of the date on which the interest rate is set—

''(I) by 1.5 or more percentage points, in the case of a first lien residential mortgage loan having an original principal obligation amount that is equal to or less than the amount of the maximum limitation on the original principal obligation of a mortgage in effect for a residence of the applicable size, as of the date on which such interest rate is set, pursuant to the sixth sentence of section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2));

''(II) by 2.5 or more percentage points, in the case of a first lien residential mortgage loan having an original principal obligation amount that is more than the amount of the maximum limitation on the original principal obligation of a mortgage in effect for a residence of the applicable size, as of the date on which such interest rate is set, pursuant to the sixth sentence of section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)); or

''(III) by 3.5 or more percentage points, in the case of a subordinate lien residential mortgage loan;

''(vi) for which the income and financial resources relied upon to qualify the obligors on the loan are verified and documented;

''(vii) for which the underwriting process is based on a payment schedule that fully amortizes the loan over the loan term and takes into account all applicable taxes, insurance, and assessments;

''(viii) that does not cause the total monthly debts of the consumer, including amounts under the loan, to exceed a percentage established by regulation of the monthly gross income of the consumer, or such other maximum percentage of such income, as may be prescribed by regulation under subsection (g), which rules shall take into consideration the income of the consumer available to pay regular expenses after payment of all installment and revolving debt;

''(ix) for which the total points and fees payable in connection with the loan do not exceed 2 percent of the total loan amount, where the term 'points and fees' means points and fees as defined by Section 103(aa)(4) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602(aa)(4)); and

''(x) for which the term of the loan does not exceed 30 years, except as such term may be extended under subsection (g); and

''(B) any reverse mortgage that is insured by the Federal Housing Administration or complies with the condition established in subparagraph (A)(v).

''(4) RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term 'residential mortgage loan' means any consumer credit transaction that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent consensual security interest on a dwelling or on residential real property that includes a dwelling, other than a consumer credit transaction under an open end credit plan or an extension of credit relating to a plan described in section 101(53D) of title 11, United States Code.''.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 129(c) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1639(c)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (2);

(2) by striking ''(1) IN GENERAL.—''; and

(3) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively.

SEC. 1073. ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.

(a) HERA AMENDMENTS.—Section 1132 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 1701x note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting in each of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) ''or economically vulnerable individuals and families'' after ''homebuyers'' each place that term appears;

(2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting ''or economically vulnerable individuals and families'' after ''homebuyers'';

(3) in subsection (c)(1)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''or'' at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(C) a nonprofit corporation that—

''(i) is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

''(ii) specializes or has expertise in working with economically vulnerable individuals and families, but whose primary purpose is not provision of credit counseling services.''; and

(4) in subsection (d)(1), by striking ''not more than 5''.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Amendments made by subsection (a) shall not apply to programs authorized by section 1132 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 1701x note) that are funded with appropriations prior to fiscal year 2011.

SEC. 1074. REMITTANCE TRANSFERS.

(a) TREATMENT OF REMITTANCE TRANSFERS.—The Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 902(b) (15 U.S.C. 1693(b)), by inserting ''and remittance'' after ''electronic fund'';

(2) by redesignating sections 919, 920, 921, and 922 as sections 920, 921, 922, and 923, respectively; and

(3) by inserting after section 918 the following:

''SEC. 919. REMITTANCE TRANSFERS.

''(a) DISCLOSURES REQUIRED FOR REMITTANCE TRANSFERS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Each remittance transfer provider shall make disclosures as required under this section and in accordance with rules prescribed by the Board.

''(2) STOREFRONT DISCLOSURES.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—At every physical storefront location owned or controlled by a remittance transfer provider (with respect to remittance transfer activities), the remittance transfer provider shall prominently post, and update daily, a notice describing a model transfer for the amounts of $100 and $200 (in United States dollars) showing the amount of currency that will be received by the designated recipient, using the values of the currency into which the funds will be exchanged for the 3 currencies to which that particular storefront sends the greatest number of remittance transfer payments, measured irrespective of the value of such payments. The values shall include all fees charged by the remittance transfer provider, taken out of the $100 and $200 amounts.

''(B) ELECTRONIC DISCLOSURE.—Subject to the rules prescribed by the Board, a remittance transfer provider shall prominently post, and update daily, a notice describing a model transfer, as described in subparagraph (A), on the Internet site owned or controlled by the remittance transfer provider which senders use to electronically conduct remittance transfer transactions.

''(3) SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES.—In addition to any other disclosures applicable under this title, and subject to paragraph (4), a remittance transfer provider shall provide, in writing and in a form that the sender may keep, to each sender requesting a remittance transfer, as applicable to the transaction—

''(A) at the time at which the sender requests a remittance transfer to be initiated, and prior to the sender making any payment in connection with the remittance transfer, a disclosure describing the amount of currency that will be sent to the designated recipient, using the values of the currency into which the funds will be exchanged; and

''(B) at the time at which the sender makes payment in connection with the remittance transfer—

''(i) a receipt showing—

''(I) the information described in subparagraph (A);

''(II) the promised date of delivery to the designated recipient; and

''(III) the name and either the telephone number or the address of the designated recipient; and

''(ii) a statement containing—

''(I) information about the rights of the sender under this section regarding the resolution of errors; and

''(II) appropriate contact information for—

''(aa) the remittance transfer provider; and

''(bb) each State or Federal agency supervising the remittance transfer provider, including its State licensing authority or Federal regulator, as applicable.

''(4) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO DISCLOSURES.—With respect to each disclosure required to be provided under paragraph (3), and subject to paragraph (5), a remittance transfer provider shall—

''(A) provide an initial notice and receipt, as required by subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3), and an error resolution statement, as required by subsection (c), that clearly and conspicuously describe the information required to be disclosed therein; and

''(B) with respect to any transaction that a sender conducts electronically, comply with the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. 7001 et seq.).

''(5) EXEMPTION AUTHORITY.—The Board may, by rule, permit a remittance transfer provider to satisfy the requirements of—

''(A) paragraph (3)(A) orally, if the transaction is conducted entirely by telephone;

''(B) paragraph (3)(B), by mailing the documents required under such subparagraph to the sender, not later than 1 business day after the date on which the transaction is conducted, if the transaction is conducted entirely by telephone;

''(C) subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (3) together in one written disclosure, but only to the extent that the information provided in accordance with paragraph (3)(A) is accurate at the time at which payment is made in connection with the subject remittance transfer;

''(D) paragraph (3)(A), if a sender initiates a transaction to one of those countries displayed, in the exact amount of the transfers displayed pursuant to paragraph (2), if the Board finds it to be appropriate; and

''(E) paragraph (3)(A), without compliance with section 101(c) of the Electronic Signatures in Global Commerce Act, if a sender initiates the transaction electronically and the information is displayed electronically in a manner that the sender can keep.

''(b) FOREIGN LANGUAGE DISCLOSURES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The disclosures required under this section shall be made in English and in each of the same foreign languages principally used by the remittance transfer provider, or any of its agents, to advertise, solicit, or market, either orally or in writing, at that office.

''(2) ACCOUNTS.—In the case of a sender who holds a demand deposit, savings deposit, or other asset account with the remittance transfer provider (other than an occasional or incidental credit balance under an open end credit plan, as defined in section 103(i) of the Truth in Lending Act), the disclosures required under this section shall be made in the language or languages principally used by the remittance transfer provider to communicate to the sender with respect to the account.

''(c) REMITTANCE TRANSFER ERRORS.—

''(1) ERROR RESOLUTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—If a remittance transfer provider receives oral or written notice from the sender within 180 days of the promised date of delivery that an error occurred with respect to a remittance transfer, including the amount of currency designated in subsection (a)(3)(A) that was to be sent to the designated recipient of the remittance transfer, using the values of the currency into which the funds should have been exchanged, but was not made available to the designated recipient in the foreign country, the remittance transfer provider shall resolve the error pursuant to this subsection and investigate the reason for the error.

''(B) REMEDIES.—Not later than 90 days after the date of receipt of a notice from the sender pursuant to subparagraph (A), the remittance transfer provider shall, as applicable to the error and as designated by the sender—

''(i) refund to the sender the total amount of funds tendered by the sender in connection with the remittance transfer which was not properly transmitted;

''(ii) make available to the designated recipient, without additional cost to the designated recipient or to the sender, the amount appropriate to resolve the error;

''(iii) provide such other remedy, as determined appropriate by rule of the Board for the protection of senders; or

''(iv) provide written notice to the sender that there was no error with an explanation responding to the specific complaint of the sender.

''(2) RULES.—The Board shall establish, by rule issued not later than 1 calendar year after the date of enactment of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, clear and appropriate standards for remittance transfer providers with respect to error resolution relating to remittance transfers, to protect senders from such errors. Standards prescribed under this paragraph shall include appropriate standards regarding record keeping, as required, including documentation—

''(A) of the complaint of the sender;

''(B) that the sender provides the remittance transfer provider with respect to the alleged error; and

''(C) of the findings of the remittance transfer provider regarding the investigation of the alleged error that the sender brought to their attention.

''(d) APPLICABILITY OF THIS TITLE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—A remittance transfer that is not an electronic fund transfer, as defined in section 903, shall not be subject to any of the provisions of sections 905 through 913. A remittance transfer that is an electronic fund transfer, as defined in section 903, shall be subject to all provisions of this title, except for section 908, that are otherwise applicable to electronic fund transfers under this title.

''(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed—

''(A) to affect the application to any transaction, to any remittance provider, or to any other person of any of the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code, section 21 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1829b), or chapter 2 of title I of Public Law 91–508 (12 U.S.C. 1951–1959), or any regulations promulgated thereunder; or

''(B) to cause any fund transfer that would not otherwise be treated as such under paragraph (1) to be treated as an electronic fund transfer, or as otherwise subject to this title, for the purposes of any of the provisions referred to in subparagraph (A) or any regulations promulgated thereunder.

''(e) ACTS OF AGENTS.—A remittance transfer provider shall be liable for any violation of this section by any agent, authorized delegate, or person affiliated with such provider, when such agent, authorized delegate, or affiliate acts for that remittance transfer provider.

''(f) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

''(1) the term 'designated recipient' means any person located in a foreign country and identified by the sender as the authorized recipient of a remittance transfer to be made by a remittance transfer provider, except that a designated recipient shall not be deemed to be a consumer for purposes of this Act;

''(2) the term 'remittance transfer' means the electronic (as defined in section 106(2) of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. 7006(2))) transfer of funds requested by a sender located in any State to a designated recipient that is initiated by a remittance transfer provider, whether or not the sender holds an account with the remittance transfer provider or whether or not the remittance transfer is also an electronic fund transfer, as defined in section 903;

''(3) the term 'remittance transfer provider' means any person or financial institution that provides remittance transfers for a consumer in the normal course of its business, whether or not the consumer holds an account with such person or financial institution; and

''(4) the term 'sender' means a consumer who requests a remittance provider to send a remittance transfer for the consumer to a designated recipient.''.

(b) AUTOMATED CLEARINGHOUSE SYSTEM.—

(1) EXPANSION OF SYSTEM.—The Board of Governors shall work with the Federal reserve banks to expand the use of the automated clearinghouse system for remittance transfers to foreign countries, with a focus on countries that receive significant remittance transfers from the United States, based on—

(A) the number, volume, and size of such transfers;

(B) the significance of the volume of such transfers relative to the external financial flows of the receiving country, including—

(i) the total amount transferred; and

(ii) the total volume of payments made by United States Government agencies to beneficiaries and retirees living abroad;

(C) the feasibility of such an expansion; and

(D) the ability of the Federal Reserve System to establish payment gateways in different geographic regions and currency zones to receive remittance transfers and route them through the payments systems in the destination countries.

(2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one calendar year after the date of enactment of this Act, and on April 30 biennially thereafter during the 10-year period beginning on that date of enactment, the Board of Governors shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives on the status of the automated clearinghouse system and its progress in complying with the requirements of this subsection. The report shall include an analysis of adoption rates of International ACH Transactions rules and formats, the efficacy of increasing adoption rates, and potential recommendations to increase adoption.

(c) EXPANSION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PROVISION OF REMITTANCE TRANSFERS.—

(1) PROVISION OF GUIDELINES TO INSTITUTIONS.—Each of the Federal banking agencies and the National Credit Union Administration shall provide guidelines to financial institutions under the jurisdiction of the agency regarding the offering of low-cost remittance transfers and no-cost or low-cost basic consumer accounts, as well as agency services to remittance transfer providers.

(2) ASSISTANCE TO FINANCIAL LITERACY COMMISSION.—As part of its duties as members of the Financial Literacy and Education Commission, the Bureau, the Federal banking

agencies, and the National Credit Union Administration shall assist the Financial Literacy and Education Commission in executing the Strategy for Assuring Financial Empowerment (or the ''SAFE Strategy''), as it relates to remittances.

(d) FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (12) of section 107 of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1757) is amended to read as follows:

''(12) in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board—

''(A) to sell, to persons in the field of membership, negotiable checks (including travelers checks), money orders, and other similar money transfer instruments (including international and domestic electronic fund transfers);

''(B) to provide remittance transfers, as defined in section 919 of the Electronic Fund Transfer Act, to persons in the field of membership; and

''(C) to cash checks and money orders for persons in the field of membership for a fee;''.

Subtitle H—Conforming Amendments

SEC. 1081. AMENDMENTS TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT.

Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App. 3) is amended—

(1) in section 8G(a)(2), by inserting ''and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection'' after ''Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System'';

(2) in section 8G(c), by adding at the end the following: ''For purposes of implementing this section, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System shall appoint the Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. The Inspector General of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall have all of the authorities and responsibilities provided by this Act with respect to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, as if the Bureau were part of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.''; and

(3) in section 8G(g)(3), by inserting ''and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection'' after ''Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System'' the first place that term appears.

SEC. 1082. AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974.

Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 552a of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(w) APPLICABILITY TO BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION.—Except as provided in the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, this section shall apply with respect to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''.

SEC. 1083. AMENDMENTS TO THE ALTERNATIVE MORTGAGE TRANSACTION PARITY ACT OF 1982.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Alternative Mortgage Transaction Parity Act of 1982 (12 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 803 (12 U.S.C. 3802(1)), by striking ''1974'' and all that follows through ''described and defined'' and inserting the following: ''1974), in which the interest rate or finance charge may be adjusted or renegotiated, described and defined''; and

(2) in section 804 (12 U.S.C. 3803)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in each of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), by inserting after ''transactions made'' each place that term appears ''on or before the designated transfer date, as determined under section 1062 of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010,'';

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(4) with respect to transactions made after the designated transfer date, only in accordance with regulations governing alternative mortgage transactions, as issued by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for federally chartered housing creditors, in accordance with the rulemaking authority granted to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with regard to federally chartered housing creditors under provisions of law other than this section.'';

(B) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) PREEMPTION OF STATE LAW.—An alternative mortgage transaction may be made by a housing creditor in accordance with this section, notwithstanding any State constitution, law, or regulation that prohibits an alternative mortgage transaction. For purposes of this subsection, a State constitution, law, or regulation that prohibits an alternative mortgage transaction does not include any State constitution, law, or regulation that regulates mortgage transactions generally, including any restriction on prepayment penalties or late charges.''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(d) BUREAU ACTIONS.—The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall—

''(1) review the regulations identified by the Comptroller of the Currency and the National Credit Union Administration, (as those rules exist on the designated transfer date), as applicable under paragraphs (1) through (3) of subsection (a);

''(2) determine whether such regulations are fair and not deceptive and otherwise meet the objectives of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010; and

''(3) promulgate regulations under subsection (a)(4) after the designated transfer date.

''(e) DESIGNATED TRANSFER DATE.—As used in this section, the term 'designated transfer date' means the date determined under section 1062 of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010.''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall not affect any transaction covered by the Alternative Mortgage Transaction Parity Act of 1982 (12 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.) and entered into on or before the designated transfer date.

SEC. 1084. AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER ACT.

The Electronic Fund Transfer Act (15 U.S.C. 1693 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'', except in section 918 (as so designated by the Credit Card Act of 2009) (15 U.S.C. 1693o);

(2) in section 903 (15 U.S.C. 1693a), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

''(3) the term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection;'';

(3) in section 916(d) (as so designated by section 401 of the Credit CARD Act of 2009) (15 U.S.C. 1693m)—

(A) by striking ''FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM'' and inserting ''BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION''; and

(B) by striking ''Federal Reserve System'' and inserting ''Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection''; and

(4) in section 918 (as so designated by the Credit CARD Act of 2009) (15 U.S.C. 1693o)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking ''Compliance'' and inserting ''Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance''; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau;''; and

(B) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) OVERALL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—Except to the extent that enforcement of the requirements imposed under this title is specifically committed to some other Government agency under subsection (a), and subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, the Federal Trade Commission shall enforce such requirements. For the purpose of the exercise by the Federal Trade Commission of its functions and powers under the Federal Trade Commission Act, a violation of any requirement imposed under this title shall be deemed a violation of a requirement imposed under that Act. All of the functions and powers of the Federal Trade Commission under the Federal Trade Commission Act are available to the Federal Trade Commission to enforce compliance by any person subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade Commission with the requirements imposed under this title, irrespective of whether that person is engaged in commerce or meets any other jurisdictional tests under the Federal Trade Commission Act.''.

SEC. 1085. AMENDMENTS TO THE EQUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITY ACT.

The Equal Credit Opportunity Act (15 U.S.C. 1691 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(2) in section 702 (15 U.S.C. 1691a), by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.'';

(3) in section 703 (15 U.S.C. 1691b)—

(A) by striking the section heading and inserting the following:

''SEC. 703. PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS BY THE BUREAU.'';

(B) by striking ''(a) REGULATIONS.—'';

(C) by striking subsection (b);

(D) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (5) as subsections (a) through (e), respectively; and

(E) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by striking ''paragraph (2)'' and inserting ''subsection (b)'';

(4) in section 704 (15 U.S.C. 1691c)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking ''Compliance'' and inserting ''Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Protection Financial Protection Act of 2010''; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) Subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau.'';

(B) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) OVERALL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—Except to the extent that enforcement of the requirements imposed under this title is specifically committed to some other Government agency under subsection (a), and subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, the Federal Trade Commission shall enforce such requirements. For the purpose of the exercise by the Federal Trade Commission of its functions and powers under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.), a violation of any requirement imposed under this subchapter shall be deemed a violation of a requirement imposed under that Act. All of the functions and powers of the Federal Trade Commission under

the Federal Trade Commission Act are available to the Federal Trade Commission to enforce compliance by any person with the requirements imposed under this title, irrespective of whether that person is engaged in commerce or meets any other jurisdictional tests under the Federal Trade Commission Act, including the power to enforce any rule prescribed by the Bureau under this title in the same manner as if the violation had been a violation of a Federal Trade Commission trade regulation rule.''; and

(C) in subsection (d), by striking ''Board'' and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(5) in section 706(e) (15 U.S.C. 1691e(e))—

(A) in the subsection heading—

(i) by striking ''BOARD'' each place that term appears and inserting ''BUREAU''; and

(ii) by striking ''FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM'' and inserting ''BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION''; and

(B) by striking ''Federal Reserve System'' and inserting ''Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection''.

SEC. 1086. AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY ACT.

(a) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 603.—Section 603(d)(1) of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4002) is amended by inserting after ''Board'' the following '', jointly with the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection,''.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 604.—Section 604 of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4003) is amended—

(1) by inserting after ''Board'' each place that term appears, other than in subsection (f), the following: '', jointly with the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection,''; and

(2) in subsection (f), by striking ''Board.'' each place that term appears and inserting the following: ''Board, jointly with the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''.

(c) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 605.—Section 605 of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4004) is amended—

(1) by inserting after ''Board'' each place that term appears, other than in the heading for section 605(f)(1), the following: '', jointly with the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection,''; and

(2) in subsection (f)(1), in the paragraph heading, by inserting ''AND BUREAU'' after ''BOARD''.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 609.—Section 609 of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4008) is amended:

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting after ''Board'' the following '', jointly with the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection,''; and

(2) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

''(e) CONSULTATIONS.—In prescribing regulations under subsections (a) and (b), the Board and the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, in the case of subsection (a), and the Board, in the case of subsection (b), shall consult with the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the National Credit Union Administration Board.''.

(e) EXPEDITED FUNDS AVAILABILITY IMPROVEMENTS.—Section 603 of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4002) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)(D), by striking ''$100'' and inserting ''$200''; and

(2) in subsection (b)(3)(C), in the subparagraph heading, by striking ''$100'' and inserting ''$200''; and

(3) in subsection (c)(1)(B)(iii), in the clause heading, by striking ''$100'' and inserting ''$200''.

(f) REGULAR ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—Section 607 of the Expedited Funds Availability Act (12 U.S.C. 4006) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f) ADJUSTMENTS TO DOLLAR AMOUNTS FOR INFLATION.—The dollar amounts under this title shall be adjusted every 5 years after December 31, 2011, by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest multiple of $25.''.

SEC. 1087. AMENDMENTS TO THE FAIR CREDIT BILLING ACT.

The Fair Credit Billing Act (15 U.S.C. 1666–1666j) is amended by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau''.

SEC. 1088. AMENDMENTS TO THE FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT AND THE FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT.

(a) FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT.—The Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 603 (15 U.S.C. 1681a)—

(A) by redesignating subsections (w) and (x) as subsections (x) and (y), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (v) the following:

''(w) The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''; and

(2) except as otherwise specifically provided in this subsection—

(A) by striking ''Federal Trade Commission'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(B) by striking ''FTC'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(C) by striking ''the Commission'' each place that term appears and inserting ''the Bureau''; and

(D) by striking ''The Federal banking agencies, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Commission shall jointly'' each place that term appears and inserting ''The Bureau shall'';

(3) in section 603(k)(2) (15 U.S.C. 1681a(k)(2)), by striking ''Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System'' and inserting ''Bureau'';

(4) in section 604(g) (15 U.S.C. 1681b(g))—

(A) in paragraph (3), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

''(C) as otherwise determined to be necessary and appropriate, by regulation or order, by the Bureau (consistent with the enforcement authorities prescribed under section 621(b)), or the applicable State insurance authority (with respect to any person engaged in providing insurance or annuities).'';

(B) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

''(5) REGULATIONS AND EFFECTIVE DATE FOR PARAGRAPH (2).—

''(A) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Bureau may, after notice and opportunity for comment, prescribe regulations that permit transactions under paragraph (2) that are determined to be necessary and appropriate to protect legitimate operational, transactional, risk, consumer, and other needs (and which shall include permitting actions necessary for administrative verification purposes), consistent with the intent of paragraph (2) to restrict the use of medical information for inappropriate purposes.''; and

(C) by striking paragraph (6);

(5) in section 611(e)(2) (15 U.S.C. 1681i(e)), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) EXCLUSION.—Complaints received or obtained by the Bureau pursuant to its investigative authority under the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 shall not be subject to paragraph (1).'';

(6) in section 615(h)(6) (15 U.S.C. 1681m(h)(6)), by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

''(A) RULES REQUIRED.—The Bureau shall prescribe rules to carry out this subsection.'';

(7) in section 621 (15 U.S.C. 1681s)—

(A) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(a) ENFORCEMENT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance with the requirements imposed under this title shall be enforced under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) by the Federal Trade Commission, with respect to consumer reporting agencies and all other persons subject thereto, except to the extent that enforcement of the requirements imposed under this title is specifically committed to some other Government agency under subsection (b). For the purpose of the exercise by the Federal Trade Commission of its functions and powers under the Federal Trade Commission Act, a violation of any requirement or prohibition imposed under this title shall constitute an unfair or deceptive act or practice in commerce, in violation of section 5(a) of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 45(a)), and shall be subject to enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission under section 5(b) of that Act with respect to any consumer reporting agency or person that is subject to enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission pursuant to this subsection, irrespective of whether that person is engaged in commerce or meets any other jurisdictional tests under the Federal Trade Commission Act. The Federal Trade Commission shall have such procedural, investigative, and enforcement powers (except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010), including the power to issue procedural rules in enforcing compliance with the requirements imposed under this title and to require the filing of reports, the production of documents, and the appearance of witnesses, as though the applicable terms and conditions of the Federal Trade Commission Act were part of this title. Any person violating any of the provisions of this title shall be subject to the penalties and entitled to the privileges and immunities provided in the Federal Trade Commission Act as though the applicable terms and provisions of such Act are part of this title.

''(2) PENALTIES.—

''(A) KNOWING VIOLATIONS.—Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, in the event of a knowing violation, which constitutes a pattern or practice of violations of this title, the Federal Trade Commission may commence a civil action to recover a civil penalty in a district court of the United States against any person that violates this title. In such action, such person shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than $2,500 per violation.

''(B) DETERMINING PENALTY AMOUNT.—In determining the amount of a civil penalty under subparagraph (A), the court shall take into account the degree of culpability, any history of such prior conduct, ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, and such other matters as justice may require.

''(C) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), a court may not impose any civil penalty on a person for a violation of section 623(a)(1), unless the person has been enjoined from committing the violation, or ordered not to commit the violation, in an action or proceeding brought by or on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission, and has violated the injunction or order, and the court may

not impose any civil penalty for any violation occurring before the date of the violation of the injunction or order.'';

(8) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) ENFORCEMENT BY OTHER AGENCIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance with the requirements imposed under this title with respect to consumer reporting agencies, persons who use consumer reports from such agencies, persons who furnish information to such agencies, and users of information that are subject to section 615(d) shall be enforced under—

''(A) section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818), in the case of—

''(i) any national bank, and any Federal branch or Federal agency of a foreign bank, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency;

''(ii) any member bank of the Federal Reserve System (other than a national bank), a branch or agency of a foreign bank (other than a Federal branch, Federal agency, or insured State branch of a foreign bank), a commercial lending company owned or controlled by a foreign bank, and any organization operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act, by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and

''(iii) any bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (other than a member of the Federal Reserve System) and any insured State branch of a foreign bank, by the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

''(B) subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau;

''(C) the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), by the Administrator of the National Credit Union Administration with respect to any Federal credit union;

''(D) subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, by the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to all carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Surface Transportation Board;

''(E) the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (49 U.S.C. App. 1301 et seq.), by the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to any air carrier or foreign air carrier subject to that Act;

''(F) the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (7 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) (except as provided in section 406 of that Act), by the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to any activities subject to that Act;

''(G) the Commodity Exchange Act, with respect to a person subject to the jurisdiction of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; and

''(H) the Federal securities laws, and any other laws that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission, with respect to a person that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

''(2) INCORPORATED DEFINITIONS.—The terms used in paragraph (1) that are not defined in this title or otherwise defined in section 3(s) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(s)) have the same meanings as in section 1(b) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3101).'';

(9) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

''(e) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The Bureau shall prescribe such regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. The regulations prescribed by the Bureau under this subsection shall apply to any person that is subject to this Act, notwithstanding the enforcement authorities granted to other agencies under this section.''; and

(10) in section 623 (15 U.S.C. 1681s–2)—

(A) in subsection (a)(7), by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

''(D) MODEL DISCLOSURE.—

''(i) DUTY OF BUREAU.—The Bureau shall prescribe a brief model disclosure that a financial institution may use to comply with subparagraph (A), which shall not exceed 30 words.

''(ii) USE OF MODEL NOT REQUIRED.—No provision of this paragraph may be construed to require a financial institution to use any such model form prescribed by the Bureau.

''(iii) COMPLIANCE USING MODEL.—A financial institution shall be deemed to be in compliance with subparagraph (A) if the financial institution uses any model form prescribed by the Bureau under this subparagraph, or the financial institution uses any such model form and rearranges its format.''; and

(B) by striking subsection (e) and inserting the following:

''(e) ACCURACY GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—

''(1) GUIDELINES.—The Bureau shall, with respect to persons or entities that are subject to the enforcement authority of the Bureau under section 621—

''(A) establish and maintain guidelines for use by each person that furnishes information to a consumer reporting agency regarding the accuracy and integrity of the information relating to consumers that such entities furnish to consumer reporting agencies, and update such guidelines as often as necessary; and

''(B) prescribe regulations requiring each person that furnishes information to a consumer reporting agency to establish reasonable policies and procedures for implementing the guidelines established pursuant to subparagraph (A).

''(2) CRITERIA.—In developing the guidelines required by paragraph (1)(A), the Bureau shall—

''(A) identify patterns, practices, and specific forms of activity that can compromise the accuracy and integrity of information furnished to consumer reporting agencies;

''(B) review the methods (including technological means) used to furnish information relating to consumers to consumer reporting agencies;

''(C) determine whether persons that furnish information to consumer reporting agencies maintain and enforce policies to ensure the accuracy and integrity of information furnished to consumer reporting agencies; and

''(D) examine the policies and processes that persons that furnish information to consumer reporting agencies employ to conduct reinvestigations and correct inaccurate information relating to consumers that has been furnished to consumer reporting agencies.''.

(b) FAIR AND ACCURATE CREDIT TRANSACTIONS ACT OF 2003.—Section 214(b)(1) of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003 (15 U.S.C. 1681s–3 note) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Regulations to carry out section 624 of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681s–3), shall be prescribed, as described in paragraph (2), by—

''(A) the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, with respect to entities subject to its enforcement authorities;

''(B) the Securities and Exchange Commission, with respect to entities subject to its enforcement authorities; and

''(C) the Bureau, with respect to other entities subject to this Act.''.

SEC. 1089. AMENDMENTS TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT.

The Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C. 1692 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Commission'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(2) in section 803 (15 U.S.C. 1692a)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.'';

(3) in section 814 (15 U.S.C. 1692l)—

(A) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(a) FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance with this title shall be enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, except to the extent that enforcement of the requirements imposed under this title is specifically committed to another Government agency under subsection (b). For purpose of the exercise by the Federal Trade Commission of its functions and powers under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.), a violation of this title shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of that Act. All of the functions and powers of the Federal Trade Commission under the Federal Trade Commission Act are available to the Federal Trade Commission to enforce compliance by any person with this title, irrespective of whether that person is engaged in commerce or meets any other jurisdictional tests under the Federal Trade Commission Act, including the power to enforce the provisions of this title, in the same manner as if the violation had been a violation of a Federal Trade Commission trade regulation rule.''; and

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking ''Compliance'' and inserting ''Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance''; and

(ii) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau;''; and

(4) in subsection (d), by striking ''Neither the Commission'' and all that follows through the end of the subsection and inserting the following: ''The Bureau may prescribe rules with respect to the collection of debts by debt collectors, as defined in this Act.''.

SEC. 1090. AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 8(t) (12 U.S.C. 1818(t)), by adding at the end the following:

''(6) REFERRAL TO BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION.—Subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, each appropriate Federal banking agency shall make a referral to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection when the Federal banking agency has a reasonable belief that a violation of an enumerated consumer law, as defined in the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, has been committed by any insured depository institution or institution-affiliated party within the jurisdiction of that appropriate Federal banking agency.''; and

(2) in section 43 (12 U.S.C. 1831t)—

(A) in subsection (c), by striking ''Federal Trade Commission'' and inserting ''Bureau'';

(B) in subsection (d), by striking ''Federal Trade Commission'' and inserting ''Bureau'';

(C) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (2), by striking ''Federal Trade Commission'' and inserting ''Bureau''; and

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

''(5) BUREAU.—The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''; and

(D) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) LIMITED ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—Compliance with the requirements of subsections (b), (c), and (e), and any regulation prescribed or order issued under such subsection, shall be enforced under the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau, subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, and under the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.) by the Federal Trade Commission.''; and

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (C) and inserting the following:

''(C) LIMITATION ON STATE ACTION WHILE FEDERAL ACTION PENDING.—If the Bureau or Federal Trade Commission has instituted an enforcement action for a violation of this section, no appropriate State supervisory agency may, during the pendency of such action, bring an action under this section against any defendant named in the complaint of the Bureau or Federal Trade Commission for any violation of this section that is alleged in that complaint.''.

SEC. 1091. AMENDMENTS TO THE GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT.

Title V of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (15 U.S.C. 6801 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 504(a)(1) (15 U.S.C. 6804(a)(1))—

(A) by striking ''The Federal banking agencies, the National Credit Union Administration, the Secretary of the Treasury,'' and inserting ''The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection and''; and

(B) by striking '', and the Federal Trade Commission'';

(2) in section 505(a) (15 U.S.C. 6805(a))—

(A) by striking ''This subtitle'' and all that follows through ''as follows:'' and inserting ''Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, this subtitle and the regulations prescribed thereunder shall be enforced by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, the Federal functional regulators, the State insurance authorities, and the Federal Trade Commission with respect to financial institutions and other persons subject to their jurisdiction under applicable law, as follows:'';

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ''and'' after the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking ''; and'' and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(8) Under the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, in the case of any financial institution and other covered person or service provider that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau under that Act, but not with respect to the standards under section 501.''; and

(3) in section 505(b)(1) (15 U.S.C. 6805(b)(1)), by inserting '', other than the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection,'' after ''subsection (a)''.

SEC. 1092. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME MORTGAGE DISCLOSURE ACT.

The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act of 1975 (12 U.S.C. 2801 et seq.) is amended—

(1) except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(2) in section 303 (12 U.S.C. 2802)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (6) as paragraphs (2) through (7), respectively; and

(B) by inserting before paragraph (2) the following:

''(1) the term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection;'';

(3) in section 304 (12 U.S.C. 2803)—

(A) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraph (4), by inserting ''age,'' before ''and gender'';

(ii) in paragraph (3), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(iii) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(iv) by adding at the end the following:

''(5) the number and dollar amount of mortgage loans grouped according to measurements of—

''(A) the total points and fees payable at origination in connection with the mortgage as determined by the Bureau, taking into account 15 U.S.C. 1602(aa)(4);

''(B) the difference between the annual percentage rate associated with the loan and a benchmark rate or rates for all loans;

''(C) the term in months of any prepayment penalty or other fee or charge payable on repayment of some portion of principal or the entire principal in advance of scheduled payments; and

''(D) such other information as the Bureau may require; and

''(6) the number and dollar amount of mortgage loans and completed applications grouped according to measurements of—

''(A) the value of the real property pledged or proposed to be pledged as collateral;

''(B) the actual or proposed term in months of any introductory period after which the rate of interest may change;

''(C) the presence of contractual terms or proposed contractual terms that would allow the mortgagor or applicant to make payments other than fully amortizing payments during any portion of the loan term;

''(D) the actual or proposed term in months of the mortgage loan;

''(E) the channel through which application was made, including retail, broker, and other relevant categories;

''(F) as the Bureau may determine to be appropriate, a unique identifier that identifies the loan originator as set forth in section 1503 of the S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008;

''(G) as the Bureau may determine to be appropriate, a universal loan identifier;

''(H) as the Bureau may determine to be appropriate, the parcel number that corresponds to the real property pledged or proposed to be pledged as collateral;

''(I) the credit score of mortgage applicants and mortgagors, in such form as the Bureau may prescribe, except that the Bureau shall modify or require modification of credit score data that is or will be available to the public to protect the compelling privacy interest of the mortgage applicant or mortgagors; and

''(J) such other information as the Bureau may require.'';

(B) in subsection (i), by striking ''subsection (b)(4)'' and inserting ''subsections (b)(4), (b)(5), and (b)(6)'';

(C) in subsection (j)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking ''(as'' and inserting ''(containing loan-level and application-level information relating to disclosures required under subsections (a) and (b) and as otherwise'';

(ii) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

''(3) CHANGE OF FORM NOT REQUIRED.—A depository institution meets the disclosure requirement of paragraph (1) if the institution provides the information required under such paragraph in such formats as the Bureau may require''; and

(iii) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking ''in the format in which such information is maintained by the institution'' and inserting ''in such formats as the Bureau may require'';

(D) in subsection (m), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

''(2) FORM OF INFORMATION.—In complying with paragraph (1), a depository institution shall provide the person requesting the information with a copy of the information requested in such formats as the Bureau may require'';

(E) by striking subsection (h) and inserting the following:

''(h) SUBMISSION TO AGENCIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The data required to be disclosed under subsection (b) shall be submitted to the Bureau or to the appropriate agency for the institution reporting under this title, in accordance with rules prescribed by the Bureau. Notwithstanding the requirement of subsection (a)(2)(A) for disclosure by census tract, the Bureau, in cooperation with other appropriate regulators described in paragraph (2), shall develop regulations that—

''(A) prescribe the format for such disclosures, the method for submission of the data to the appropriate regulatory agency, and the procedures for disclosing the information to the public;

''(B) require the collection of data required to be disclosed under subsection (b) with respect to loans sold by each institution reporting under this title;

''(C) require disclosure of the class of the purchaser of such loans; and

''(D) permit any reporting institution to submit in writing to the Bureau or to the appropriate agency such additional data or explanations as it deems relevant to the decision to originate or purchase mortgage loans.

''(2) OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.—The appropriate regulators described in this paragraph are—

''(A) the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (hereafter referred to in this Act as 'Comptroller') for national banks and Federal branches, Federal agencies of foreign banks, and savings associations;

''(B) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (other than members of the Federal Reserve System), mutual savings banks, insured State branches of foreign banks, and any other depository institution described in section 303(2)(A) which is not otherwise referred to in this paragraph;

''(C) the National Credit Union Administration Board for credit unions; and

''(D) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for other lending institutions not regulated by the agencies referred to in subparagraphs (A) through (C).''; and

(F) by adding at the end the following:

''(n) TIMING OF CERTAIN DISCLOSURES.—The data required to be disclosed under subsection (b) shall be submitted to the Bureau or to the appropriate agency for any institution reporting under this title, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Bureau. Institutions shall not be required to report new data under paragraph (5) or (6) of subsection (b) before the first January 1 that occurs after the end of the 9-month period beginning on the date on which regulations are issued by the Bureau in final form with respect to such disclosures.'';

(4) in section 305 (12 U.S.C. 2804)—

(A) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) POWERS OF CERTAIN OTHER AGENCIES.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance with the requirements of this title shall be enforced—

''(A) under section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, in the case of—

''(i) any national bank, and any Federal branch or Federal agency of a foreign bank,

by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency;

''(ii) any member bank of the Federal Reserve System (other than a national bank), branch or agency of a foreign bank (other than a Federal branch, Federal agency, and insured State branch of a foreign bank), commercial lending company owned or controlled by a foreign bank, and any organization operating under section 25 or 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, by the Board; and

''(iii) any bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (other than a member of the Federal Reserve System), any mutual savings bank as, defined in section 3(f) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(f)), any insured State branch of a foreign bank, and any other depository institution not referred to in this paragraph or subparagraph (B) or (C), by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

''(B) under subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau;

''(C) under the Federal Credit Union Act, by the Administrator of the National Credit Union Administration with respect to any insured credit union; and

''(D) with respect to other lending institutions, by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

''(2) INCORPORATED DEFINITIONS.—The terms used in paragraph (1) that are not defined in this title or otherwise defined in section 3(s) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(s)) shall have the same meanings as in section 1(b) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3101).''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(d) OVERALL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION.—Subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, enforcement of the requirements imposed under this title is committed to each of the agencies under subsection (b). The Bureau may exercise its authorities under the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to exercise principal authority to examine and enforce compliance by any person with the requirements of this title.'';

(5) in section 306 (12 U.S.C. 2805(b)), by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) EXEMPTION AUTHORITY.—The Bureau may, by regulation, exempt from the requirements of this title any State-chartered depository institution within any State or subdivision thereof, if the agency determines that, under the law of such State or subdivision, that institution is subject to requirements that are substantially similar to those imposed under this title, and that such law contains adequate provisions for enforcement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, compliance with the requirements imposed under this subsection shall be enforced by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency under section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, in the case of national banks and savings associations, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.''; and

(6) by striking section 307 (12 U.S.C. 2806) and inserting the following:

''SEC. 307. COMPLIANCE IMPROVEMENT METHODS.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—

''(1) CONSULTATION REQUIRED.—The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, with the assistance of the Secretary, the Director of the Bureau of the Census, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and such other persons as the Bureau deems appropriate, shall develop or assist in the improvement of, methods of matching addresses and census tracts to facilitate compliance by depository institutions in as economical a manner as possible with the requirements of this title.

''(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subsection.

''(3) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection is authorized to utilize, contract with, act through, or compensate any person or agency in order to carry out this subsection.

''(b) RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.—The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall recommend to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives, such additional legislation as the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection deems appropriate to carry out the purpose of this title.''.

SEC. 1093. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOMEOWNERS PROTECTION ACT OF 1998.

Section 10 of the Homeowners Protection Act of 1998 (12 U.S.C. 4909) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking ''Compliance'' and inserting ''Except as otherwise provided by subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance'';

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(C) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

''(4) subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting before the period at the end the following: '', subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010''.

SEC. 1094. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME OWNERSHIP AND EQUITY PROTECTION ACT OF 1994.

The Home Ownership and Equity Protection Act of 1994 (15 U.S.C. 1601 note) is amended—

(1) in section 158(a), by striking ''Consumer Advisory Council of the Board'' and inserting ''Advisory Board to the Bureau''; and

(2) by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau''.

SEC. 1095. AMENDMENTS TO THE OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009.

Section 626 of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (15 U.S.C. 1638 note) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(a)(1) The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall have authority to prescribe rules with respect to mortgage loans in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code. Such rulemaking shall relate to unfair or deceptive acts or practices regarding mortgage loans, which may include unfair or deceptive acts or practices involving loan modification and foreclosure rescue services. Any violation of a rule prescribed under this paragraph shall be treated as a violation of a rule prohibiting unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices under the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 and a violation of a rule under section 18 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices.

''(2) The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection shall enforce the rules issued under paragraph (1) in the same manner, by the same means, and with the same jurisdiction, powers, and duties, as though all applicable terms and provisions of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 were incorporated into and made part of this subsection.''; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) Except as provided in paragraph (6), in any case in which the attorney general of a State has reason to believe that an interest of the residents of the State has been or is threatened or adversely affected by the engagement of any person subject to a rule prescribed under subsection (a) in practices that violate such rule, the State, as parens patriae, may bring a civil action on behalf of its residents in an appropriate district court of the United States or other court of competent jurisdiction—

''(A) to enjoin that practice;

''(B) to enforce compliance with the rule;

''(C) to obtain damages, restitution, or other compensation on behalf of the residents of the State; or

''(D) to obtain penalties and relief provided under the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, the Federal Trade Commission Act, and such other relief as the court deems appropriate.'';

(B) in paragraphs (2) and (3), by striking ''the primary Federal regulator'' each time the term appears and inserting ''the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection or the Commission, as appropriate'';

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting ''and subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010,'' after ''paragraph (2),''; and

(D) in paragraph (6), by striking ''the primary Federal regulator'' each place that term appears and inserting ''the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection or the Commission''.

SEC. 1096. AMENDMENTS TO THE REAL ESTATE SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES ACT.

The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 (12 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 3 (12 U.S.C. 2602)—

(A) in paragraph (7), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (8), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(9) the term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.'';

(2) in section 4 (12 U.S.C. 2603)—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''The Bureau shall publish a single, integrated disclosure for mortgage loan transactions (including real estate settlement cost statements) which includes the disclosure requirements of this title, in conjunction with the disclosure requirements of the Truth in Lending Act that, taken together, may apply to a transaction that is subject to both or either provisions of law. The purpose of such model disclosure shall be to facilitate compliance with the disclosure requirements of this title and the Truth in Lending Act, and to aid the borrower or lessee in understanding the transaction by utilizing readily understandable language to simplify the technical nature of the disclosures.'';

(B) by striking ''Secretary'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(C) by striking ''form'' each place that term appears and inserting ''forms'';

(3) in section 5 (12 U.S.C. 2604)—

(A) by striking ''Secretary'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(B) in subsection (a), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''The Bureau shall prepare and distribute booklets jointly addressing compliance with the requirements of the Truth in Lending Act and the provisions of this title, in order to help

persons borrowing money to finance the purchase of residential real estate better to understand the nature and costs of real estate settlement services.'';

(4) in section 6(j)(3) (12 U.S.C. 2605(j)(3))—

(A) by striking ''Secretary'' and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(B) by striking '', by regulations that shall take effect not later than April 20, 1991,'';

(5) in section 7(b) (12 U.S.C. 2606(b)) by striking ''Secretary'' and inserting ''Bureau'';

(6) in section 8(d) (12 U.S.C. 2607(d))—

(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting ''BUREAU AND'' before ''SECRETARY''; and

(B) by striking paragraph (4), and inserting the following:

''(4) The Bureau, the Secretary, or the attorney general or the insurance commissioner of any State may bring an action to enjoin violations of this section. Except, to the extent that a person is subject to the jurisdiction of the Bureau, the Secretary, or the attorney general or the insurance commissioner of any State, the Bureau shall have primary authority to enforce or administer this section, subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010.''.

(7) in section 10(c) (12 U.S.C. 2609(c) and (d)), by striking ''Secretary'' and inserting ''Bureau'';

(8) in section 16 (12 U.S.C. 2614), by inserting ''the Bureau,'' before ''the Secretary'';

(9) in section 18 (12 U.S.C. 2616), by striking ''Secretary'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(10) in section 19 (12 U.S.C. 2617)—

(A) in the section heading by striking ''**SECRETARY**'' and inserting ''**BUREAU**'';

(B) by striking ''Secretary'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(C) in subsection (b), by inserting ''the Bureau'' before ''the Secretary''; and

(D) in subsection (c), by inserting ''or the Bureau'' after ''the Secretary'' each time that term appears.

SEC. 1097. AMENDMENTS TO THE RIGHT TO FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT OF 1978.

The Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 1101—

(A) in paragraph (6)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ''and'' after the semicolon;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''and'' at the end; and

(iii) by striking subparagraph (C); and

(B) in paragraph (7), by striking subparagraph (E), and inserting the following:

''(E) the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection;'';

(2) in section 1112(e) (12 U.S.C. 3412(e)), by striking ''and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission is permitted'' and inserting ''the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection is permitted''; and

(3) in section 1113 (12 U.S.C. 3413), by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(r) DISCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION.—Nothing in this title shall apply to the examination by or disclosure to the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection of financial records or information in the exercise of its authority with respect to a financial institution.''.

SEC. 1098. AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURE AND FAIR ENFORCEMENT FOR MORTGAGE LICENSING ACT OF 2008.

The S.A.F.E. Mortgage Licensing Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking ''a Federal banking agency'' each place that term appears, other than in paragraphs (7) and (11) of section 1503 and section 1507(a)(1), and inserting ''the Bureau'';

(2) by striking ''Federal banking agencies'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(3) by striking ''Secretary'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Director'';

(4) in section 1503 (12 U.S.C. 5102)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (12) as (3) through (13), respectively;

(B) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) BUREAU.—The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

''(2) FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY.—The term 'Federal banking agency' means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.''; and

(C) by striking paragraph (10), as so designated by this section, and inserting the following:

''(10) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''; and

(5) in section 1507 (12 U.S.C. 5106)—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau shall develop and maintain a system for registering employees of a depository institution, employees of a subsidiary that is owned and controlled by a depository institution and regulated by a Federal banking agency, or employees of an institution regulated by the Farm Credit Administration, as registered loan originators with the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry. The system shall be implemented before the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010.''; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking ''appropriate Federal banking agency and the Farm Credit Administration'' and inserting ''Bureau''; and

(II) by striking ''employees's identity'' and inserting ''identity of the employee''; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking ''through the Financial Institutions Examination Council, and the Farm Credit Administration'', and inserting ''and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection'';

(6) in section 1508 (12 U.S.C. 5107)—

(A) by striking the section heading and inserting the following: ''**SEC. 1508. BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BACKUP AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH LOAN ORIGINATOR LICENSING SYSTEM.**''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(f) REGULATION AUTHORITY.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Bureau is authorized to promulgate regulations setting minimum net worth or surety bond requirements for residential mortgage loan originators and minimum requirements for recovery funds paid into by loan originators.

''(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In issuing regulations under paragraph (1), the Bureau shall take into account the need to provide originators adequate incentives to originate affordable and sustainable mortgage loans, as well as the need to ensure a competitive origination market that maximizes consumer access to affordable and sustainable mortgage loans.'';

(7) by striking section 1510 (12 U.S.C. 5109) and inserting the following:

''SEC. 1510. FEES.

''The Bureau, the Farm Credit Administration, and the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry may charge reasonable fees to cover the costs of maintaining and providing access to information from the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry, to the extent that such fees are not charged to consumers for access to such system and registry.'';

(8) by striking section 1513 (12 U.S.C. 5112) and inserting the following:

''SEC. 1513. LIABILITY PROVISIONS.

''The Bureau, any State official or agency, or any organization serving as the administrator of the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry or a system established by the Director under section 1509, or any officer or employee of any such entity, shall not be subject to any civil action or proceeding for monetary damages by reason of the good faith action or omission of any officer or employee of any such entity, while acting within the scope of office or employment, relating to the collection, furnishing, or dissemination of information concerning persons who are loan originators or are applying for licensing or registration as loan originators.''; and

(9) in section 1514 (12 U.S.C. 5113) in the section heading, by striking ''**UNDER HUD BACKUP LICENSING SYSTEM**'' and inserting ''**BY THE BUREAU**''.

SEC. 1099. AMENDMENTS TO THE TRUTH IN LENDING ACT.

The Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 103 (5 U.S.C. 1602)—

(A) by redesignating subsections (b) through (bb) as subsections (c) through (cc), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

''(b) BUREAU.—The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.'';

(2) by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears, other than in section 140(d) and section 108(a), as amended by this section, and inserting ''Bureau'';

(3) by striking ''Federal Trade Commission'' each place that term appears, other than in section 108(c) and section 129(m), as amended by this Act, and other than in the context of a reference to the Federal Trade Commission Act, and inserting ''Bureau'';

(4) in section 105(a) (15 U.S.C. 1604(a)), in the second sentence—

(A) by striking ''Except in the case of a mortgage referred to in section 103(aa), these regulations may contain such'' and inserting ''Except with respect to the provisions of section 129 that apply to a mortgage referred to in section 103(aa), such regulations may contain such additional requirements,''; and

(B) by inserting ''all or'' after ''exceptions for'';

(5) in section 105(b) (15 U.S.C. 1604(b)), by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: ''The Bureau shall publish a single, integrated disclosure for mortgage loan transactions (including real estate settlement cost statements) which includes the disclosure requirements of this title in conjunction with the disclosure requirements of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 that, taken together, may apply to a transaction that is subject to both or either provisions of law. The purpose of such model disclosure shall be to facilitate compliance with the disclosure requirements of this title and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, and to aid the borrower or lessee in understanding the transaction by utilizing readily understandable language to simplify the technical nature of the disclosures.'';

(6) in section 105(f)(1) (15 U.S.C. 1604(f)(1)), by inserting ''all or'' after ''from all or part of this title'';

(7) in section 108 (15 U.S.C. 1607)—

(A) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(a) ENFORCING AGENCIES.—Except as otherwise provided in subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance with the requirements imposed under this title shall be enforced under—

''(1) section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, in the case of—

''(A) any national bank, and Federal branch or Federal agency of a foreign bank, by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency;

''(B) any member bank of the Federal Reserve System (other than a national bank), any branch or agency of a foreign bank (other than a Federal branch, Federal agency, or insured State branch of a foreign bank), any commercial lending company owned or controlled by a foreign bank, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, by the Board; and

''(C) any bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (other than a member of the Federal Reserve System) and an insured State branch of a foreign bank, by the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;

''(2) subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau;

''(3) the Federal Credit Union Act, by the Director of the National Credit Union Administration, with respect to any Federal credit union;

''(4) the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, by the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to any air carrier or foreign air carrier subject to that Act;

''(5) the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921 (except as provided in section 406 of that Act), by the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to any activities subject to that Act; and

''(6) the Farm Credit Act of 1971, by the Farm Credit Administration with respect to any Federal land bank, Federal land bank association, Federal intermediate credit bank, or production credit association.''; and

(B) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) OVERALL ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION.—Except to the extent that enforcement of the requirements imposed under this title is specifically committed to some other Government agency under subsection (a), and subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, the Federal Trade Commission shall enforce such requirements. For the purpose of the exercise by the Federal Trade Commission of its functions and powers under the Federal Trade Commission Act, a violation of any requirement imposed under this title shall be deemed a violation of a requirement imposed under that Act. All of the functions and powers of the Federal Trade Commission under the Federal Trade Commission Act are available to the Federal Trade Commission to enforce compliance by any person with the requirements under this title, irrespective of whether that person is engaged in commerce or meets any other jurisdictional tests under the Federal Trade Commission Act.'';

(8) in section 129 (15 U.S.C. 1639), by striking subsection (m) and inserting the following:

''(m) CIVIL PENALTIES IN FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—For purposes of enforcement by the Federal Trade Commission, any violation of a regulation issued by the Bureau pursuant to subsection (l)(2) shall be treated as a violation of a rule promulgated under section 18 of the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 57a) regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices.''; and

(9) in chapter 5 (15 U.S.C. 1667 et seq.)—

(A) by striking ''the Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''the Bureau''; and

(B) by striking ''The Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''The Bureau''.

SEC. 1100. AMENDMENTS TO THE TRUTH IN SAVINGS ACT.

The Truth in Savings Act (12 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''Bureau'';

(2) in section 270(a) (12 U.S.C. 4309)—

(A) by striking ''Compliance'' and inserting ''Except as otherwise provided in subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, compliance'';

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''and'' at the end; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (C);

(C) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

''(3) subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, by the Bureau.'';

(3) in section 272(b) (12 U.S.C. 4311(b)), by striking ''regulation prescribed by the Board'' each place that term appears and inserting ''regulation prescribed by the Bureau''; and

(4) in section 274 (12 U.S.C. 4313), by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

''(4) BUREAU.—The term 'Bureau' means the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.''.

SEC. 1101. AMENDMENTS TO THE TELEMARKETING AND CONSUMER FRAUD AND ABUSE PREVENTION ACT.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3.—Section 3 of the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (15 U.S.C. 6102) is amended by striking subsections (b) and (c) and inserting the following:

''(b) RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—The Commission shall have authority to prescribe rules under subsection (a), in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code. In prescribing a rule under this section that relates to the provision of a consumer financial product or service that is subject to the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, including any enumerated consumer law thereunder, the Commission shall consult with the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection regarding the consistency of a proposed rule with standards, purposes, or objectives administered by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

''(c) VIOLATIONS.—Any violation of any rule prescribed under subsection (a)—

''(1) shall be treated as a violation of a rule under section 18 of the Federal Trade Commission Act regarding unfair or deceptive acts or practices; and

''(2) that is committed by a person subject to the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 shall be treated as a violation of a rule under section 1031 of that Act regarding unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices.''.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 4.—Section 4(d) of the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (15 U.S.C. 6103(d)) is amended by inserting after ''Commission'' each place that term appears the following: ''or the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection''.

(c) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 5.—Section 5(c) of the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (15 U.S.C. 6104(c)) is amended by inserting after ''Commission'' each place that term appears the following: ''or the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection''.

(d) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6.—Section 6 of the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act (15 U.S.C. 6105) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(d) ENFORCEMENT BY BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION.—Except as otherwise provided in sections 3(d), 3(e), 4, and 5, and subject to subtitle B of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010, this Act shall be enforced by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection under subtitle E of the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010.''.

SEC. 1102. AMENDMENTS TO THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT.

(a) DESIGNATION AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY.—Section 2(5) of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3502(5)) is amended by inserting ''the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, the Office of Financial Research,'' after ''the Securities and Exchange Commission,''.

(b) COMPARABLE TREATMENT.—Section 3513 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(c) COMPARABLE TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director shall treat or review a rule or order prescribed or proposed by the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection on the same terms and conditions as apply to any rule or order prescribed or proposed by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.''.

SEC. 1103. ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION IN THE TRUTH IN LENDING ACT.

(a) CAPS.—

(1) CREDIT TRANSACTIONS.—Section 104(3) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1603(3)) is amended by striking ''$25,000'' and inserting ''$50,000''.

(2) CONSUMER LEASES.—Section 181(1) of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1667(1)) is amended by striking ''$25,000'' and inserting ''$50,000''.

(b) ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—On and after December 31, 2011, the Bureau may adjust annually the dollar amounts described in sections 104(3) and 181(1) of the Truth in Lending Act (as amended by this section), by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, rounded to the nearest multiple of $100, or $1,000, as applicable.

SEC. 1104. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle, this subtitle and the amendments made by this subtitle, other than sections 1081 and 1082, shall become effective on the designated transfer date.

SA 3832. Mr. SESSIONS (for himself, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ENSIGN, and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail,'' to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike title II and insert the following:

TITLE II—BANKRUPTCY INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''Bankruptcy Integrity and Accountability Act of 2010''.

SEC. 202. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 28 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

Title 28, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1408, by striking ''section 1410'' and inserting ''sections 1409A and 1410'';

(2) by inserting after section 1409 the following:

''§ 1409A. Venue of cases involving non-bank financial institutions

''A case under chapter 14 may be commenced in the district court of the United States for the district—

''(1) in which the debtor has its domicile, principal place of business in the United States, principal assets in the United States, or in which there is pending a case under title 11 concerning the debtor's affiliate or subsidiary, if a Federal Reserve Bank is located in that district;

''(2) if venue does not exist under paragraph (1), in which there is a Federal Reserve Bank and in a Federal Reserve district in which the debtor has its domicile, principal place of business in the United States, principal assets in the United States, or in which there is pending a case under title 11 concerning the debtor's affiliate or subsidiary; or

''(3) if venue does not exist under paragraph (1) or (2), in which there is a Federal Reserve Bank and in a Federal circuit adjacent to the Federal circuit in which the debtor has its domicile, principal place of business or principal assets in the United States.'', and

(3) by amending the table of sections for chapter 87, by inserting after the item relating to section 1408 the following:

''1409A. Venue of cases involving non-bank financial institutions.''.

SEC. 203. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 11 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting after paragraph (26) the following:

''(26A) The term 'functional regulator' means the Federal regulatory agency with the primary Federal regulatory authority over the debtor, such as an agency listed in section 509 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.'';

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (38A) and (38B) as paragraphs (38B) and (38C), respectively;

(3) by inserting after paragraph (38) the following:

''(38A) the term 'Financial Stability Oversight Council' means the entity established in section 111 of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010''; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (40) the following:

''(40A) The term 'non-bank financial institution' means an institution the business of which is primarily engaged in financial activities that is not an insured depository institution.''.

(b) APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTERS.—Section 103 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking ''13'' and inserting ''13, and 14'';

(2) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (l); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (j) the following:

''(k) Chapter 14 applies only in a case under such chapter.''.

(c) WHO MAY BE A DEBTOR.—Section 109 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking ''or'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(4) a non-bank financial institution that has not been a debtor under chapter 14 of this title.''; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking ''or commodity broker'' and inserting '', commodity broker, or a non-bank financial institution''.

(d) INVOLUNTARY CASES.—Section 303 of title 11, the United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a) by striking ''or 11'' and inserting '', 11, or 14''; and

(2) in subsection (b) by striking ''or 11'' and inserting '', 11, or 14''.

(e) OBTAINING CREDIT.—Section 364 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the trustee may not, and the court may not authorize the trustee to, obtain credit, if the source of that credit either directly or indirectly is the United States. Nor shall any Federal funds be made available through the Federal Reserve System, including through the authority of the third undesignated paragraph of section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343).''.

(f) CHAPTER 14.—Title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting the following after chapter 13:

''CHAPTER 14—ADJUSTMENT TO THE DEBTS OF A NON-BANK FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

''1401. Inapplicability of other sections.
''1402. Applicability of chapter 11 to cases under this chapter.
''1403. Prepetition consultation.
''1404. Appointment of trustee.
''1405. Right to be heard.
''1406. Right to communicate.
''1407. Exemption with respect to certain contracts or agreements.
''1408. Conversion or dismissal.

''§ 1401. Inapplicability of other sections

''Except as provided in section 1407, sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(7), 362(b)(17), 546(e), 546(f), 546(g), 555, 556, 559, 560, and 561 do not apply in a case under this chapter.

''§ 1402. Applicability of chapter 11 to cases under this chapter

''With the exception of sections 1104(d), 1109, 1112(a), 1115, and 1116, subchapters I, II, and III of chapter 11 apply in a case under this chapter.

''§ 1403. Prepetition consultation

''(a) Subject to subsection (b)—

''(1) a non-bank financial institution may not be a debtor under this chapter unless that institution has, at least 10 days prior to the date of the filing of the petition by such institution, taken part in the consultation described in subsection (c); and

''(2) a creditor may not commence an involuntary case under this chapter unless, at least 10 days prior to the date of the filing of the petition by such creditor, the creditor notifies the non-bank financial institution, the functional regulator, and the Financial Stability Oversight Council of its intent to file a petition and requests a consultation as described in subsection (c).

''(b) If the non-bank financial institution, the functional regulator, and the Financial Stability Oversight Council, in consultation with any agency charged with administering a nonbankruptcy insolvency regime for any component of the debtor, certify that the immediate filing of a petition under section 301 or 303 is necessary, or that an immediate filing would be in the interests of justice, a petition may be filed notwithstanding subsection (a).

''(c) The non-bank financial institution, the functional regulator, the Financial Stability Oversight Council, and any agency charged with administering a nonbankruptcy insolvency regime for any component of the debtor shall engage in prepetition consultation in order to attempt to avoid the need for the non-bank financial institution's liquidation or reorganization in bankruptcy, to make any liquidation or reorganization of the non-bank financial institution under this title more orderly, or to aid in the nonbankruptcy resolution of any of the non-bank financial institution's components under its nonbankruptcy insolvency regime. Such consultation shall specifically include the attempt to negotiate forbearance of claims between the non-bank financial institution and its creditors if such forbearance would likely help to avoid the commencement of a case under this title, would make any liquidation or reorganization under this title more orderly, or would aid in the nonbankruptcy resolution of any of the non-bank financial institution's components under its nonbankruptcy insolvency regime. Additionally, the consultation shall consider whether, if a petition is filed under section 301 or 303, the debtor should file a motion for an exemption authorized by section 1407.

''(d) The court may allow the consultation process to continue for 30 days after the petition, upon motion by the debtor or a creditor. Any post-petition consultation proceedings authorized should be facilitated by the court's mediation services, under seal, and exclude ex parte communications.

''(e) The Financial Stability Oversight Council and the functional regulator shall publish and transmit to Congress a report documenting the course of any consultation. Such report shall be published and transmitted to Congress within 30 days of the conclusion of the consultation.

''(f) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to set aside any of the limitations on the use of Federal funds set forth in the Bankruptcy Integrity and Accountability Act of 2010 or the amendments made by such Act. Nor shall any Federal funds be made available through the Federal Reserve System, including through the authority of the third undesignated paragraph of section 13 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 343).

''§ 1404. Appointment of trustee

''In applying section 1104 to a case under this chapter, if the court orders the appointment of a trustee or an examiner, if the trustee or an examiner dies or resigns during the case or is removed under section 324, or if a trustee fails to qualify under section 322, the functional regulator, in consultation with the Financial Stability Oversight Council, shall submit a list of five disinterested persons that are qualified and willing to serve as trustees in the case and the United States trustee shall appoint, subject to the court's approval, one of such persons to serve as trustee in the case.

''§ 1405. Right to be heard

''(a) The functional regulator, the Financial Stability Oversight Council, the Federal Reserve, the Department of the Treasury, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and any domestic or foreign agency charged with administering a nonbankruptcy insolvency regime for any component of the debtor may raise and may appear and be heard on any issue in a case under this chapter, but may not appeal from any judgment, order, or decree entered in the case.

''(b) A party in interest, including the debtor, the trustee, a creditors' committee, an equity security holders' committee, a creditor, an equity security holder, or any indenture trustee may raise, and may appear and be heard on, any issue in a case under this chapter.

''§ 1406. Right to communicate

''The court is entitled to communicate directly with, or to request information or assistance directly from, the functional regulator, the Financial Stability Oversight

Council, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Department of the Treasury, or any agency charged with administering a nonbankruptcy insolvency regime for any component of the debtor, subject to the rights of a party in interest to notice and participation.

"§ 1407. Exemption with respect to certain contracts or agreements

''(a) Subject to subsection (b)—

''(1) upon motion of the debtor, consented to by the Financial Stability Oversight Council—

''(A) the debtor and the estate shall be exempt from the operation of sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(7), 362(b)(17), 546(e), 546(f), 546(g), 555, 556, 559, 560, and 561;

''(B) if the Financial Stability Oversight Council consents to the filing of such motion by the debtor, the Board shall inform the court of its reasons for consenting; and

''(C) the debtor may limit its motion, or the board may limit its consent, to exempt the debtor and the estate from the operation of section 362(b)(6), 362(b)(7), 362(b)(17), 546(e), 546(f), 546(g), 555, 556, 559, 560, or 561, or any combination thereof; and

''(2) if the Financial Stability Oversight Council does not consent to the filing of a motion by the debtor under paragraph (1), the debtor may file a motion to exempt the debtor and the estate from the operation of sections 362(b)(6), 362(b)(7), 362(b)(17), 546(e), 546(f), 546(g), 555, 556, 559, 560, and 561, or any combination thereof.

''(b) The court shall commence a hearing on a motion under subsection (a) not later than 5 days after the filing of the motion to determine whether to maintain, terminate, annul, modify, or condition the exemption under subsection (a)(1) or, in the case of a motion under subsection (a)(2), grant the exemption. The court shall request the filing or briefs by the functional regulator and the Financial Stability Oversight Council. The court shall decide the motion not later than 5 days after commencing such hearing unless—

''(1) the parties in interest consent to a extension for a specific period of time; or

''(2) except with respect to an exemption from the operation of section 559, the court sua sponte extends for 5 additional days the period for decision if such extension would be in the interests of justice or is required by compelling circumstances.

''(c) The court shall maintain, terminate, annul, modify, or condition the exemption under subsection (a)(1), or, in the case of a motion under subsection (a)(2), grant the exemption only upon showing of good cause. In determining whether good cause has been shown, the court shall balance the interests of both debtor and creditors while attempting to preserve the debtor's assets for repayment and reorganization of the debtors obligations, or to provide for a more orderly liquidation.

''(d) For purposes of timing under section 562 of this title, if a motion is filed under subsection (a)(1) or if a motion is granted under subsection (a)(2), the date or dates of liquidation, termination, or acceleration shall be measured from the earlier of—

''(1) the actual date or dates of liquidation, termination, or acceleration; or

''(2) the date on which a forward contract merchant, stockbroker, financial institution, securities clearing agency, repo participant, financial participant, master netting agreement participant, or swap participant files a notice with the court that it would have liquidated, terminated, or accelerated a contract or agreement covered by section 562 of this title had a stay under this section not been in place.

''(e) The provisions of this section shall apply only with respect to contracts and agreements covered by this section entered into on or after the date of enactment of this chapter.

"§ 1408. Conversion or dismissal

''In applying section 1112 to a case under this chapter, the debtor may convert a case under this chapter to a case under chapter 7 of this title if the debtor may be a debtor under such chapter unless the debtor is not a debtor in possession.'', and

(2) by amending the table of chapters of such title by adding at the end the following:

''14. Adjustment to the Debts of a Non-Bank Financial Institution .. 1401''.

SA 3833. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. __. SHAREHOLDER REGISTRATION THRESHOLD.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—

(1) SECTION 12.—Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 781(g)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

''(A) in the case of an issuer that is a bank, as such term is defined in section 3(a)(6) of this title, or a bank holding company, as such term is defined in section (2) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841), 2000 persons or more; and

''(B) in the case of an issuer that is not a bank or bank holding company, 500 persons or more,''; and

(ii) by striking ''commerce shall'' and inserting ''commerce shall, not later than 120 days after the last day of its first fiscal year ended after the effective date of this subsection, on which the issuer has total assets exceeding $10,000,000 and a class of equity security (other than an exempted security) held of record by''; and

(B) in paragraph (4), by striking ''three hundred'' and inserting ''300 persons, or, in the case of a bank, as such term is defined in section 3(a)(6) of this title, or a bank holding company, as such term is defined in section (2) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841), 1200''.

(2) SECTION 15.—Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o(d)) is amended, in the third sentence, by striking ''three hundred'' and inserting ''300 persons, or, in the case of bank, as such term is defined in section 3(a)(6) of this title, or a bank holding company, as such term is defined in section (2) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841), 1200''.

(b) STUDY OF REGISTRATION THRESHOLDS.—

(1) STUDY.—

(A) ANALYSIS REQUIRED.—The Chief Economist and Director of the Division of Corporation Finance of the Commission shall jointly conduct a study, including a cost-benefit analysis, of shareholder registration thresholds.

(B) COSTS AND BENEFITS.—The cost-benefit analysis under subparagraph (A) shall take into account—

(i) the incremental benefits to investors of the increased disclosure that results from registration;

(ii) the incremental costs to issuers associated with registration and reporting requirements; and

(iii) the incremental administrative costs to the Commission associated with different thresholds.

(C) THRESHOLDS.—The cost-benefit analysis under subparagraph (A) shall evaluate whether it is advisable to—

(i) increase the asset threshold;

(ii) index the asset threshold to a measure of inflation;

(iii) increase the shareholder threshold;

(iv) change the shareholder threshold to be based on the number of beneficial owners; and

(v) create new thresholds based on other criteria.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Chief Economist and the Director of the Division of Corporation Finance of the Commission shall jointly submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(A) the findings of the study required under paragraph (1); and

(B) recommendations for statutory changes to improve the shareholder registration thresholds.

(c) RULEMAKING.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall issue final regulations to implement this section and the amendments made by this section.

SA 3834. Mr. CORKER (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. LEMIEUX) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1045, strike line 12 and all that follows through ''**SEC. 942.**'' on page 1052, line 3, and insert the following:

(b) STUDY ON RISK RETENTION.—

(1) STUDY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board of Governors, in coordination and consultation with the Comptroller of the Currency, the Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and the Commission, shall conduct a study of the asset-backed securitization process.

(B) ISSUES TO BE STUDIED.—In conducting the study under subparagraph (A), the Board of Governors shall evaluate—

(i) the separate and combined impact of—

(I) requiring loan originators or securitizers to retain an economic interest in a portion of the credit risk for any asset that the securitizer, through the issuance of an asset-backed security, transfers, sells, or conveys to a third party; including—

(aa) whether existing risk retention requirements such as contractual representations and warranties, and statutory and regulatory underwriting and consumer protection requirements are sufficient to ensure the long-term accountability of originators for loans they originate; and

(bb) methodologies for establishing additional statutory credit risk retention requirements;

(II) the Financial Accounting Statements 166 and 167 issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, as well as any other statements issued before or after the date of enactment of this section the Federal banking agencies determine to be relevant;

(ii) the impact of the factors described under subsection (i) of this section on—

(I) different classes of assets, such as residential mortgages, commercial mortgages, commercial loans, auto loans, and other classes of assets;

(II) loan originators;

(III) securitizers;

(IV) access of consumers and businesses to credit on reasonable terms.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this section, the Board of Governors shall submit to Congress a report on the study conducted under paragraph (1). Such report shall include statutory and regulatory recommendations for eliminating any negative impacts on the continued viability of the asset-backed securitization markets and on the availability of credit for new lending identified by the study conducted under paragraph (1).

SEC. 942. RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE UNDERWRITING STANDARDS.

(a) STANDARDS ESTABLISHED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other provision of Federal, State, or local law, the Federal banking agencies, in consultation with the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, shall jointly establish specific minimum standards for mortgage underwriting, including—

(1) a requirement that the mortgagee verify and document the income and assets relied upon to qualify the mortgagor on the residential mortgage, including the previous employment and credit history of the mortgagor;

(2) a down payment requirement that—

(A) is equal to not less than 5 percent of the purchase price of the property securing the residential mortgage; and

(B) in the case of a first lien residential mortgage loan with an initial loan to value ratio that is more than 80 percent and not more than 95 percent, includes a requirement for credit enhancements, as defined by the Federal banking agencies, until the loan to value ratio of the residential mortgage loan amortizes to a value that is less than 80 percent of the purchase price;

(3) a method for determining the ability of the mortgagor to repay the residential mortgage that is based on factors including—

(A) all terms of the residential mortgage, including principal payments that fully amortize the balance of the residential mortgage over the term of the residential mortgage; and

(B) the debt to income ratio of the mortgagor; and

(4) any other specific standards the Federal banking agencies jointly determine are appropriate to ensure prudent underwriting of residential mortgages.

(b) UPDATES TO STANDARDS.—The Federal banking agencies, in consultation with the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development—

(1) shall review the standards established under this section not less frequently than every 5 years; and

(2) based on the review under paragraph (1), may revise the standards established under this section, as the Federal banking agencies, in consultation with the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, determine to be necessary.

(c) COMPLIANCE.—It shall be a violation of Federal law—

(1) for any mortgage loan originator to fail to comply with the minimum standards for mortgage underwriting established under subsection (a) in originating a residential mortgage loan;

(2) for any company to maintain an extension of credit on a revolving basis to any person to fund a residential mortgage loan, unless the company reasonably determines that the residential mortgage loan funded by such credit was subject to underwriting standards no less stringent than the minimum standards for mortgage underwriting established under subsection (a); or

(3) for any company to purchase, fund by assignment, or guarantee a residential mortgage loan, unless the company reasonably determines that the residential mortgage loan was subject to underwriting standards no less stringent than the minimum standards for mortgage underwriting established under subsection (a).

(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(1) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The Federal banking agencies, in consultation with the Federal Housing Finance Agency, shall issue regulations to implement subsections (a) and (c), which shall take effect not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—If the Federal banking agencies have not issued final regulations under subsections (a) and (c) before the date that is 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal banking agencies shall jointly submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report that—

(A) explains why final regulations have not been issued under subsections (a) and (c); and

(B) provides a timeline for the issuance of final regulations under subsections (a) and (c).

(e) ENFORCEMENT.—Compliance with the rules issued under this section shall be enforced by—

(1) the primary financial regulatory agency of an entity, with respect to an entity subject to the jurisdiction of a primary financial regulatory agency, in accordance with the statutes governing the jurisdiction of the primary financial regulatory agency over the entity and as if the action of the primary financial regulatory agency were taken under such statutes; and

(2) the Bureau, with respect to a company that is not subject to the jurisdiction of a primary financial regulatory agency.

(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to permit the Federal National Mortgage Association or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to make or guarantee a residential mortgage loan that does not meet the minimum underwriting standards established under this section.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) COMPANY.—The term ''company''—

(A) has the same meaning as in section 2(b) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841(b)); and

(B) includes a sole proprietorship.

(2) MORTGAGE LOAN ORIGINATOR.—The term ''mortgage loan originator'' means any company that takes residential mortgage loan applications and offers or negotiates terms of residential mortgage loans.

(3) RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN.—The term ''residential mortgage loan''—

(A) means any extension of credit primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent security interest in a dwelling or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling; and

(B) does not include a mortgage loan for which mortgage insurance is provided by the Veterans Administration, the Federal Housing Administration, or the Rural Housing Administration.

(4) EXTENSION OF CREDIT; DWELLING.—The terms ''extension of credit'' and ''dwelling'' shall have the same meaning as in section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602).

SEC. 943.

SA 3835. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1290, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

(s) NO AUTHORITY OVER UNDERWRITING STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS.—

(1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title may be construed as conferring authority on the Bureau to exercise any rulemaking or other authority for matters pertaining to underwriting standards with respect to residential mortgage loans, except as otherwise authorized under section 1024.

(2) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the term ''residential mortgage loan'' means any extension of credit primarily for personal, family, or household use that is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other equivalent security interest in a dwelling or residential real estate upon which is constructed or intended to be constructed a dwelling; and

(B) the terms ''credit'' and ''dwelling'' have the same meanings as in section 103 of the Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1602).

SA 3836. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 61, after line 24, add the following:

SEC. 122. COUNCIL REVIEW OF MEMBER AGENCY RULES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Council shall conduct a review of each rule or regulation that a member agency intends to propose relating to capital, liquidity, or leverage requirements for, or restrictions on the activities of, an entity regulated by the member agency. The Council shall consider international regulatory rules in conducting a review under this subsection.

(b) PROCESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each member agency shall submit to the Council for a binding decision an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking and any other proposed or final rule or regulation that proposes changes to capital, liquidity, or leverage requirements or activity restrictions for a financial company that is subject to regulation by the member agency.

(2) STANDARD FOR REVIEW.—In making a determination under this subsection, the members of the Council shall consider the safety and soundness of financial institutions and the stability of the financial system of the United States.

(c) TIMING.—Not later than 60 days after the date on which the Council receives a notice under subsection (b), the Council shall make a determination of whether to approve the issuance of the proposed rule or regulation that is the subject of the notice.

(d) APPROVAL REQUIRED.—No rule or regulation described in subsection (b) may become effective or enforceable, unless approved by the Council under this section.

(e) PUBLIC NOTICE.—The Council shall make public any notice of proposed rulemaking or other notice of a rule or regulation submitted by a member agency under this section.

SA 3837. Mr. CORKER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1236, line 4 strike ''(3)'' and insert the following:

''(3) FFIEC REVIEW OF BUREAU REGULATIONS.—The Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council shall review each regulation prescribed by the Bureau prior to its effective date, and unless approved by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, by majority vote, such regulation shall not become effective.

''(4)''.

SA 3838. Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, and Mr. GREGG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 295, between lines 19 and 20, insert the following:

(s) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN NONBANK FINANCIAL COMPANIES NOT SUBJECT TO ORDERLY LIQUIDATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (n) and (o) shall not apply to any nonbank financial company that is subject to liquidation or rehabilitation under State law, unless such company—

(A) is determined to be a nonbank financial company supervised by the Board of Governors pursuant to section 113; or

(B) is determined by the Corporation to have benefitted financially from the orderly liquidation of a covered financial company and the use of the Fund under this title by receiving payments or credit pursuant to subsection (b)(4), (d)(4), or (h)(5)(E).

(2) EXCLUSION OF ASSETS.—Any assets of a nonbank financial company described in paragraph (1) shall be excluded for purposes of calculating a financial company's total consolidated assets under subsection (o).

SA 3839. Mr. MCCAIN (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CORKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of the bill, add the following:

TITLE XIII—ENHANCED REGULATION OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED ENTERPRISES

Subtitle A—GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection

SECTION 1311. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the ''GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection Act''.

SEC. 1312. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) CHARTER.—The term ''charter'' means—

(A) with respect to the Federal National Mortgage Association, the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1716 et seq.); and

(B) with respect to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.).

(2) DIRECTOR.—The term ''Director'' means the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

(3) ENTERPRISE.—The term ''enterprise'' means—

(A) the Federal National Mortgage Association; and

(B) the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

(4) GUARANTEE.—The term ''guarantee'' means, with respect to an enterprise, the credit support of the enterprise that is provided by the Federal Government through its charter as a government-sponsored enterprise.

SEC. 1313. TERMINATION OF CURRENT CONSERVATORSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the expiration of the period referred to in subsection (b), the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall determine, with respect to each enterprise, if the enterprise is financially viable at that time and—

(1) if the Director determines that the enterprise is financially viable, immediately take all actions necessary to terminate the conservatorship for the enterprise that is in effect pursuant to section 1367 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617); or

(2) if the Director determines that the enterprise is not financially viable, immediately appoint the Federal Housing Finance Agency as receiver under section 1367 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 and carry out such receivership under the authority of such section.

(b) TIMING.—The period referred to in this subsection is, with respect to an enterprise—

(1) except as provided in paragraph (2), the 24-month beginning upon the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) if the Director determines before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (1) that the financial markets would be adversely affected without the extension of such period under this paragraph with respect to that enterprise, and upon making such determination notifies the Congress in writing of such determination, the 30-month period beginning upon the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) FINANCIAL VIABILITY.—The Director may not determine that an enterprise is financially viable for purposes of subsection (a) if the Director determines that any of the conditions for receivership set forth in paragraph (3) or (4) of section 1367(a) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(a)) exists at the time with respect to the enterprise.

SEC. 1314. LIMITATION OF ENTERPRISE AUTHORITY UPON EMERGENCE FROM CONSERVATORSHIP.

(a) REVISED AUTHORITY.—Upon the expiration of the period referred to in section 1113(b), if the Director makes the determination under section 1113(a)(1), the following provisions shall take effect:

(1) REPEAL OF HOUSING GOALS.—

(A) REPEAL.—The Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 is amended by striking sections 1331 through 1336 (12 U.S.C. 4561–6).

(B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 is amended—

(i) in section 1303(28) (12 U.S.C. 4502(28)), by striking ''and, for the purposes'' and all that follows through ''designated disaster areas'';

(ii) in section 1324(b)(1)(A) (12 U.S.C. 4544(b)(1)(A))—

(I) by striking clauses (i), (ii), and (iv);

(II) in clause (iii), by inserting ''and'' after the semicolon at the end; and

(III) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (v) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

(iii) in section 1338(c)(10) (12 U.S.C. 4568(c)(10)), by striking subparagraph (E);

(iv) in section 1339(h) (12 U.S.C. 4569), by striking paragraph (7);

(v) in section 1341 (12 U.S.C. 4581)—

(I) in subsection (a)—

(aa) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''or'' after the semicolon at the end;

(bb) in paragraph (2), by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period; and

(cc) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and

(II) in subsection (b)(2)—

(aa) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ''or'' after the semicolon at the end;

(bb) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

(cc) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B);

(vi) in section 1345(a) (12 U.S.C. 4585(a))—

(I) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''or'' after the semicolon at the end;

(II) in paragraph (2), by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period; and

(III) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and

(vii) in section 1371(a)(2) (12 U.S.C. 4631(a)(2))—

(I) by striking ''with any housing goal established under subpart B of part 2 of subtitle A of this title,''; and

(II) by striking ''section 1336 or''.

(2) PORTFOLIO LIMITATIONS.—Subtitle B of title XIII of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4611 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 1369E. RESTRICTION ON MORTGAGE ASSETS OF ENTERPRISES.

''(a) RESTRICTION.—No enterprise shall own, as of any applicable date in this subsection or thereafter, mortgage assets in excess of—

''(1) upon the expiration of the period referred to in section 1113(b) of the GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection Act or thereafter, 95 percent of the aggregate amount of mortgage assets that the regulated entity owned on December 31 of the previous year, provided, that in no event shall the regulated entity be required under this paragraph to own less than $250,000,000,000 in mortgage assets;

''(2) upon the expiration of the 1-year period that begins on the date described in paragraph (1) or thereafter, 75 percent of the aggregate amount of mortgage assets that the regulated entity owned in section 1113(b) of the GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection Act, provided, that in no event shall the regulated entity be required under this paragraph to own less than $250,000,000,000 in mortgage assets;

''(3) upon the expiration of the 2-year period that begins on the date described in paragraph (1) or thereafter, 75 percent of the aggregate amount of mortgage assets that the regulated entity owned upon the expiration of the 1-year period that begins on the date described in paragraph (1), provided, that in no event shall the regulated entity be required under this paragraph to own less than $250,000,000,000 in mortgage assets; and

''(4) upon the expiration of the 3-year period that begins on the date described in paragraph (1), $250,000,000,000.

''(b) DEFINITION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS.—For purposes of this section, the term 'mortgage assets' means, with respect to an enterprise, assets of such enterprise consisting of mortgages, mortgage loans, mortgage-related securities, participation certificates, mortgage-backed commercial paper, obligations of real estate mortgage investment conduits and similar assets, in each case to the extent such assets would appear on the balance sheet of such enterprise in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect in the United States as of September 7, 2008 (as set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board from time to time; and without giving any effect to any change that may be made after September 7, 2008, in respect of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 140 or any similar accounting standard).''.

(3) INCREASE IN MINIMUM CAPITAL REQUIREMENT.—Section 1362 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4612), as amended by section 1111 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289), is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking ''For purposes of this subtitle, the minimum capital level for each enterprise shall be'' and inserting ''The minimum capital level established under subsection (g) for each enterprise may not be lower than'';

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) by striking ''subsections (a) and'' and inserting ''subsection'';

(ii) by striking ''regulated entities'' the first place such term appears and inserting ''Federal Home Loan Banks'';

(iii) by striking ''for the enterprises,'';

(iv) by striking '', or for both the enterprises and the banks,'';

(v) by striking ''the level specified in subsection (a) for the enterprises or''; and

(vi) by striking ''the regulated entities operate'' and inserting ''such banks operate'';

(C) in subsection (d)(1)—

(i) by striking ''subsections (a) and'' and inserting ''subsection''; and

(ii) by striking ''regulated entity'' each place such term appears and inserting ''Federal home loan bank'';

(D) in subsection (e), by striking ''regulated entity'' each place such term appears and inserting ''Federal home loan bank'';

(E) in subsection (f)—

(i) by striking ''the amount of core capital maintained by the enterprises,''; and

(ii) by striking ''regulated entities'' and inserting ''banks''; and

(F) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) ESTABLISHMENT OF REVISED MINIMUM CAPITAL LEVELS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall cause the enterprises to achieve and maintain adequate capital by establishing minimum levels of capital for such the enterprises and by using such other methods as the Director deems appropriate.

''(2) AUTHORITY.—The Director shall have the authority to establish such minimum level of capital for an enterprise in excess of the level specified under subsection (a) as the Director, in the Director's discretion, deems to be necessary or appropriate in light of the particular circumstances of the enterprise.

''(h) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN REVISED MINIMUM CAPITAL LEVELS.—

''(1) UNSAFE AND UNSOUND PRACTICE OR CONDITION.—Failure of a enterprise to maintain capital at or above its minimum level as established pursuant to subsection (g) of this section may be deemed by the Director, in his discretion, to constitute an unsafe and unsound practice or condition within the meaning of this title.

''(2) DIRECTIVE TO ACHIEVE CAPITAL LEVEL.—

''(A) AUTHORITY.—In addition to, or in lieu of, any other action authorized by law, including paragraph (1), the Director may issue a directive to an enterprise that fails to maintain capital at or above its required level as established pursuant to subsection (g) of this section.

''(B) PLAN.—Such directive may require the enterprise to submit and adhere to a plan acceptable to the Director describing the means and timing by which the enterprise shall achieve its required capital level.

''(C) ENFORCEMENT.—Any such directive issued pursuant to this paragraph, including plans submitted pursuant thereto, shall be enforceable under the provisions of subtitle C of this title to the same extent as an effective and outstanding order issued pursuant to subtitle C of this title which has become final.

''(3) ADHERENCE TO PLAN.—

''(A) CONSIDERATION.—The Director may consider such enterprise's progress in adhering to any plan required under this subsection whenever such enterprise seeks the requisite approval of the Director for any proposal which would divert earnings, diminish capital, or otherwise impede such enterprise's progress in achieving its minimum capital level.

''(B) DENIAL.—The Director may deny such approval where it determines that such proposal would adversely affect the ability of the enterprise to comply with such plan.''.

(4) REPEAL OF INCREASES TO CONFORMING LOAN LIMITS.—

(A) REPEAL OF TEMPORARY INCREASES.—

(i) CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2010.—Section 167 of the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2010 (as added by section 104 of division B of Public Law 111–88; 123 Stat. 2973) is hereby repealed.

(ii) AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.—Section 1203 of division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–5; 123 Stat. 225) is hereby repealed.

(iii) ECONOMIC STIMULUS ACT OF 2008.—Section 201 of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–185; 122 Stat. 619) is hereby repealed.

(B) REPEAL OF GENERAL LIMIT AND PERMANENT HIGH-COST AREA INCREASE.—Paragraph (2) of section 302(b) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1717(b)(2)) and paragraph (2) of section 305(a) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)) are each amended to read as such sections were in effect immediately before the enactment of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289).

(C) REPEAL OF NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX.—Section 1322 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992, as added by section 1124(d) of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289), is hereby repealed.

(D) REPEAL.—Section 1124 of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289) is hereby repealed.

(E) ESTABLISHMENT OF CONFORMING LOAN LIMIT.—For the year in which the expiration of the period referred to in section 1113(b) occurs, the limitations governing the maximum original principal obligation of conventional mortgages that may be purchased by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, referred to in section 302(b)(2) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1717(b)(2)) and section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)), respectively, shall be considered to be—

(i) $417,000 for a mortgage secured by a single-family residence,

(ii) $533,850 for a mortgage secured by a 2-family residence,

(iii) $645,300 for a mortgage secured by a 3-family residence, and

(iv) $801,950 for a mortgage secured by a 4-family residence,

and such limits shall be adjusted effective each January 1 thereafter in accordance with such sections 302(b)(2) and 305(a)(2).

(F) PROHIBITION OF PURCHASE OF MORTGAGES EXCEEDING MEDIAN AREA HOME PRICE.—

(i) FANNIE MAE.—Section 302(b)(2) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1717(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: ''Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the corporation may not purchase any mortgage asset for a property having a principal obligation that exceeds the median home price, for properties of the same size, for the area in which such property subject to the mortgage is located.''.

(ii) FREDDIE MAC.—Section 305(a)(2) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: ''Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the Corporation may not purchase any mortgage for a property having a principal obligation that exceeds the median home price, for properties of the same size, for the area in which such property subject to the mortgage is located.''.

(5) REQUIREMENT OF MINIMUM DOWN PAYMENT FOR MORTGAGES PURCHASED.—

(A) FANNIE MAE.—Subsection (b) of section 302 of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1717(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the corporation may not newly purchase any mortgage asset, unless the mortgagor has paid, in cash or its equivalent on account of the property securing repayment such mortgage, in accordance with regulations issued by the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, not less than—

''(A) for any mortgage purchased during the 12-month period beginning upon the expiration of the period referred to in section 1113(b) of the GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection Act, 5 percent of the appraised value of the property;

''(B) for any mortgage purchased during the 12-month period beginning upon the expiration of the 12-month period referred to in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, 7.5 percent of the appraised value of the property; and

''(C) for any mortgage purchased during the 12-month period beginning upon the expiration of the 12-month period referred to in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, 10 percent of the appraised value of the property.''.

(B) FREDDIE MAC.—Subsection (a) of section 305 of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1454(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(6) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Corporation may not newly purchase any mortgage asset, unless the mortgagor has paid, in cash or its equivalent on account of the property securing repayment such mortgage, in accordance with regulations issued by the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, not less than—

''(A) for any mortgage purchased during the 12-month period beginning upon the expiration of the period referred to in section 1113(b) of the GSE Bailout Elimination and Taxpayer Protection Act, 5 percent of the appraised value of the property;

''(B) for any mortgage purchased during the 12-month period beginning upon the expiration of the 12-month period referred to in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, 7.5 percent of the appraised value of the property; and

''(C) for any mortgage purchased during the 12-month period beginning upon the expiration of the 12-month period referred to in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, 10 percent of the appraised value of the property.''.

(6) MINIMUM PRUDENT UNDERWRITING STANDARDS.—The Federal Housing Finance Agency shall, not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, issue regulations specifying minimum prudent underwriting standards for residential mortgage loans eligible for purchase by an enterprise, which regulations shall include minimum requirements for—

(A) verification and documentation of income and assets relied upon to qualify the obligor on the loan;

(B) determination of the ability of the obligor to repay, based on all terms of the loan, including principal payments that fully amortize the balance over the term of the loan; and

(C) any other standards that the Federal Housing Finance Agency determines appropriate to ensure prudent underwriting and which effect the safety and soundness of the regulated entities.

(7) REQUIREMENT TO PAY STATE AND LOCAL TAXES.—

(A) FANNIE MAE.—Paragraph (2) of section 309(c) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1723a(c)(2)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''shall be exempt from'' and inserting ''shall be subject to''; and

(ii) by striking ''except that any'' and inserting ''and any''.

(B) FREDDIE MAC.—Section 303(e) of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1452(e)) is amended—

(i) by striking ''shall be exempt from'' and inserting ''shall be subject to''; and

(ii) by striking ''except that any'' and inserting ''and any''.

(8) REPEALS RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES.—

(A) FANNIE MAE.—

(i) MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES.—Section 304(d) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1719(d)) is amended by striking the fourth sentence.

(ii) SUBORDINATE OBLIGATIONS.—Section 304(e) of the Federal National Mortgage Association Charter Act (12 U.S.C. 1719(e)) is amended by striking the fourth sentence.

(B) FREDDIE MAC.—Section 306 of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Act (12 U.S.C. 1455) is amended by striking subsection (g).

(9) RECOUPMENT OF COSTS FOR FEDERAL GUARANTEE.—

(A) ASSESSMENTS.—The Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency shall establish and collect from each enterprise assessments in the amount determined under subparagraph (B). In determining the method and timing for making such assessments, the Director shall take into consideration the determinations and conclusions of the study under subsection (b) of this section.

(B) DETERMINATION OF COSTS OF GUARANTEE.—Assessments under subparagraph (A) with respect to an enterprise shall be in such amount as the Director determines necessary to recoup to the Federal Government the full value of the benefit the enterprise receives from the guarantee provided by the Federal Government for the obligations and financial viability of the enterprise, based upon the dollar value of such benefit in the market to such enterprise when not operating under conservatorship or receivership. To determine such amount, the Director shall establish a risk-based pricing mechanism as the Director considers appropriate, taking into consideration the determinations and conclusions of the study under subsection (b).

(C) TREATMENT OF RECOUPED AMOUNTS.—The Director shall cover into the general fund of the Treasury any amounts received from assessments made under this paragraph.

(b) GAO STUDY REGARDING RECOUPMENT OF COSTS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to determine a risk-based pricing mechanism to accurately determine the value of the benefit the enterprises receive from the guarantee provided by the Federal Government for the obligations and financial viability of the enterprises. Such study shall establish a dollar value of such benefit in the market to each enterprise when not operating under conservatorship or receivership, shall analyze various methods of the Federal Government assessing a charge for such value received (including methods involving an annual fee or a fee for each mortgage purchased or securitized), and shall make a recommendation of the best such method for assessing such charge. Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress a report setting forth the determinations and conclusions of such study.

SEC. 1315. REQUIRED WIND DOWN OF OPERATIONS AND DISSOLUTION OF ENTERPRISE.

(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply to an enterprise upon the expiration of the 3-year period referred to in section 1113(b).

(b) REPEAL OF CHARTER.—Upon the applicability of this section to an enterprise, the charter for the enterprise is repealed and the enterprise shall have no authority to conduct new business under such charter, except that the provisions of such charter in effect immediately before such repeal shall continue to apply with respect to the rights and obligations of any holders of outstanding debt obligations and mortgage-backed securities of the enterprise.

(c) WIND DOWN.—Upon the applicability of this section to an enterprise, the Director and the Secretary of the Treasury shall jointly take such action, and may prescribe such regulations and procedures, as may be necessary to wind down the operations of an enterprise as an entity chartered by the United States Government over the duration of the 10-year period beginning upon the applicability of this section to the enterprise (pursuant to subsection (a)) in an orderly manner consistent with this subtitle and the ongoing obligations of the enterprise.

(d) DIVISION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH HOLDING CORPORATION AND DISSOLUTION TRUST FUND.—The action and procedures required under subsection (c)—

(1) shall include the establishment and execution of plans to provide for an equitable division and distribution of assets and liabilities of the enterprise, including any liability of the enterprise to the United States Government or a Federal reserve bank that may continue after the end of the period described in subsection (a); and

(2) may provide for establishment of—

(A) a holding corporation organized under the laws of any State of the United States or the District of Columbia for the purposes of the reorganization and restructuring of the enterprise; and

(B) one or more trusts to which to transfer—

(i) remaining debt obligations of the enterprise, for the benefit of holders of such remaining obligations; or

(ii) remaining mortgages held for the purpose of backing mortgage-backed securities, for the benefit of holders of such remaining securities.

Subtitle B—Inspector General for Regulated Entities in Conservatorship

SEC. 1321. SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE CONSERVATORSHIP OF REGULATED ENTITIES.

(a) OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There is established in the General Accountability Office the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Conservatorship of Regulated Entities.

(b) APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(1) LEADERSHIP.—The head of the Office established under subsection (a) shall be the Special Inspector General for the Conservatorship of Regulated Entities (in this section referred to as the ''Special Inspector General''), who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) APPOINTMENT.—The appointment of the Special Inspector General shall be made on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations.

(3) TIMING.—The nomination of an individual as Special Inspector General shall be made as soon as is practicable following the date of enactment of this Act, but not later than 30 days after that date of enactment.

(4) REMOVABLE FOR CAUSE.—The Special Inspector General shall be removable from office, in accordance with the provisions of section 3(b) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(5) STATUS.—For purposes of section 7324 of title 5, United States Code, the Special Inspector General shall not be considered an employee who determines policies to be pursued by the United States in the nationwide administration of Federal law.

(6) COMPENSATION.—The annual rate of basic pay of the Special Inspector General shall be the annual rate of basic pay for an Inspector General under section 3(e) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

(c) DUTIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the duty of the Special Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the purchase, management, and sale of assets by regulated entities, so long as the entities remain in conservatorship under section 1367 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617) (in this section referred to as ''regulated entities''), including by collecting and summarizing—

(A) a description of the categories of mortgage assets purchased or otherwise procured by regulated entities;

(B) an explanation of the reasons why the Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (in this section referred to as the ''Director'') deemed it necessary to purchase each such mortgage asset;

(C) a listing of each institution from which such mortgage assets were purchased;

(D) a current estimate of the total amount of mortgage assets purchased since the date of appointment of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (in this section referred to as the ''Agency'') as conservator and the profit and loss, projected or realized, of each such mortgage asset;

(E) a description of the categories of mortgage loans modified by regulated entities;

(F) an explanation of the reasons why the Director deemed it necessary to modify each such mortgage loan;

(G) an explanation of the risk analysis procedures in place within regulated entities and the Council in respect to the modification process, as well as the loans accepted into the modification process;

(H) an explanation of the effect of continuing the affordable housing goals of the regulated entities on the financial standing of the regulated entities;

(I) the impact on any funding requested and accepted as a part of the Amended and Restated Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated September 26, 2008, amended May 6, 2009, amended December 24, 2009, and amended further at any point following the date of enactment of this Act;

(J) an assessment of whether the budgetary treatment of the assets and liabilities of the entities is correct, as it relates to the budget proposed by the President, as required under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code;

(K) an explanation of troubled assets owned by the regulated entities and acquired prior to the conservatorship; and

(L) a description of any changes to the structure of the regulated entities made by the Director and an explanation of how the changes will better enable the regulated entities to be successful during and post conservatorship.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.—The Special Inspector General shall establish, maintain, and oversee such systems, procedures, and controls as the Special Inspector General considers appropriate to discharge the duty under paragraph (1).

(3) OTHER DUTIES.—In addition to the duties specified in paragraphs (1) and (2), the Inspector General shall have the duties and responsibilities of inspectors general under the Inspector General Act of 1978, including sections 4(b)(1) and 6 of that Act.

(d) PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, AND OTHER RESOURCES.—

(1) AUTHORITY FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.—The Special Inspector General may select, appoint, and employ such officers and employees as may be necessary for carrying out the duties of the Special Inspector General, subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing appointments in the competitive service, and the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title, relating to classification and General Schedule pay rates.

(2) SERVICES.—The Special Inspector General may obtain services, as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at daily rates not to exceed the equivalent rate prescribed for grade GS–15 of the General Schedule by section 5332 of such title.

(3) CONTRACTS.—The Special Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Inspector General.

(4) AGENCY COOPERATION.—

(A) REQUESTS.—Upon request of the Special Inspector General for information or assistance from any department, agency, or other entity of the Federal Government, the head of such entity shall, in so far as is practicable and not in contravention of any other provision of law, furnish such information or assistance to the Special Inspector General, or an authorized designee thereof.

(B) REPORTS OF UNREASONABLE DENIALS.—Whenever information or assistance requested by the Special Inspector General is, in the judgment of the Special Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not provided, the Special Inspector General shall report the circumstances to the appropriate committees of Congress, without delay.

(e) REPORTS.—

(1) QUARTERLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days after the confirmation of the Special Inspector General, and every calendar quarter thereafter, the Special Inspector General shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report summarizing the activities of the Special Inspector General during the 120-day period ending on the date of such report. Each report shall include, for the period covered by such report, a detailed statement of all information collected under subsection (c)(1).

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the public disclosure of information that is—

(A) specifically prohibited from disclosure by any other provision of law;

(B) specifically required by Executive Order to be protected from disclosure in the interest of national defense or national security or in the conduct of foreign affairs; or

(C) a part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

(f) FUNDING.—Of the amounts made available to the Secretary, under section 118 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5228), $5,000,000 shall be available to the Special Inspector General to carry out this section, which amount shall remain available until expended.

(g) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of the Special Inspector General shall terminate 90 days after the date of the emergence of all regulated entities from conservatorship and receivership under section 1367 of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617).

(2) FINAL REPORT.—The Office of the Special Inspector General shall prepare and submit a final report to Congress not later than the end of the 90-day period referred to in paragraph (1).

Subtitle C—Limiting Further Bailouts of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

SEC. 1331. SHORT TITLE.

This subtitle may be cited as the ''Ending Bailouts of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Act''.

SEC. 1332. REESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE AMOUNT PERMITTED TO BE PROVIDED BY THE TAXPAYERS TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(L) REESTABLISHMENT OF TAXPAYER FUNDING CAPS.—The Agency, as conservator, shall prevent a regulated entity from requesting or receiving any funds from the United States Department of the Treasury, as part of the Amended and Restated Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 26, 2008, amended May 6, 2009, and further amended December 24, 2009, between the United State Department of the Treasury and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, or the Federal National Mortgage Association, that exceeds a maximum aggregate amount of $200,000,000,000.''.

SEC. 1333. REESTABLISHING SCHEDULED REDUCTION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS OWNED BY FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(M) REDUCTION OF OWNED MORTGAGE ASSETS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The Agency, as conservator, shall ensure that a regulated entity does not own, as of any applicable date, mortgage assets in excess of 90.0 percent of the aggregate amount of mortgage assets that the regulated entity owned on December 31 of each of the previous year, provided, that in no event shall the regulated entity be required under this subparagraph to own less than $250,000,000,000 in mortgage assets.

''(ii) DEFINITION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'mortgage assets' means with respect to a regulated entity, assets of such entity consisting of mortgages, mortgage loans, mortgage-related securities, participation certificates, mortgage-backed commercial paper, obligations of real estate mortgage investment conduits and similar assets, in each case to the extent such assets would appear on the balance sheet of such entity in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.''.

SEC. 1334. ENSURING CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW FOR AGREEMENTS INCREASING TAXPAYER RISK.

Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)), as amended by sections 1203 and 1204, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(N) AGREEMENTS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The Agency, as conservator or receiver, may enter into agreements that are consistent with its appointment as conservator or receiver with the regulated entity and that expire prior to, or upon, the regulated entity's emergence from conservatorship or receivership provided—

''(I) the agreement does not expose the United States taxpayers to additional risk; and

''(II) the agreement was approved by Congress pursuant to clause (ii).

''(ii) PROCEDURE FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.—

''(I) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding clause (i), the Agency may enter into, on an interim basis, an agreement, even if the agreement exposes the taxpayer to additional risk, including if such agreement exceeds the limitations established under subparagraphs (L) and (M), if such an agreement—

''(aa) is deemed necessary by the Agency, based upon the Agency's duties as conservator or receiver; and

''(bb) is approved by Congress through adoption of a concurrent resolution of approval, not more than 120 days after the later of—

''(AA) the signing of the agreement; or

''(BB) the date of enactment of the Ending Bailouts of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Act.

''(II) REQUIRED SUBMISSIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—During the 120-day period described under subclause (I), the Director shall submit to Congress—

''(aa) the text of the agreement;

''(bb) a certification and justification of how the agreement is consistent with the Agency's duties as conservator or receiver;

''(cc) budgetary projections demonstrating the cost to the taxpayer in a 1, 5, and 10-year window;

''(dd) independent risk analysis from the Government Accountability Office of the agreement, considering the risk to the short and long-term viability of the regulated entity and the United States taxpayer; and

''(ee) a time table for the expiration of the agreement.''.

Subtitle D—Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in the Federal Budget

SEC. 1341. ON-BUDGET STATUS OF FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the receipts and disbursements, including the administrative expenses, of the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation shall be counted as new budget authority, outlays, receipts, or deficit or surplus for purposes of—

(1) the Budget of the United States Government as submitted by the President;

(2) the congressional budget;

(3) the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010; and

(4) the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (or any successor statute).

(b) EXPIRATION.—The budgetary treatment of the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any functional replacements under subsection (a) shall continue with respect to such entities until such entities are no longer under Federal conservatorship or receivership as authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289) or any successor statute.

SEC. 1342. BUDGETARY TREATMENT OF FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

All costs to the Government of the activities of or under the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and any functional replacements or any modification of such entities shall be determined on a fair value basis.

SEC. 1343. FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC DEBT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 3101(b) of chapter 31 of title 31, United States Code, the face amount of obligations issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association and by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any functional replacements and outstanding shall be treated as issued by the United States Government under that section.

(b) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC DEBT LIMIT.—The limit on the obligation in section 3101(b) of title 31, United States Code, shall be increased by the face amount of obligations issued by the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and outstanding on April 15, 2010.

(c) EXPIRATION.—

(1) OBLIGATIONS.—The obligations of Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any functional replacements shall continue to be treated as issued by the United States Government with respect to such entities until such entities no longer have in place an agreement with the Secretary of the Treasury for the purchase of obligations and securities authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289) or any successor statute.

(2) DEBT LIMIT.—Any temporary increase in the public debt limit authorized in subsection (b) with respect to the obligations of Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation shall be reversed with respect to such entities when Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any functional replacements no longer have in place an agreement with the Secretary of the Treasury for the purchase of obligations and securities authorized by the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–289) or any successor statute.

SEC. 1344. DEFINITIONS.

In this subtitle, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) FAIR VALUE.—The term ''fair value'' shall have the same meaning as the definition of fair value outlined in Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, or any successor thereto, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board.

(2) FUNCTIONAL REPLACEMENTS.—The term ''functional replacements'' means any organization, agreement, or other arrangement that would perform the public functions of Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.

(3) MODIFICATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ''modification'' means any government action that alters the estimated fair value of the activities of the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any functional replacements.

(B) COST.—The cost of a modification is the difference between the current estimate of the fair value of the activities of the Federal National Mortgage Association or Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or any functional replacements and the estimate of the fair value of such activities as modified.

SA 3840. Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 977, line 19, strike ''The Securities'' and insert the following:

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Securities

On page 994, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(b) PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES OF NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STATISTICAL RATING ORGANIZATIONS.—Section 1514A(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting ''or nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as defined in section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c),'' after ''78*o*(d)),''; and

(2) by inserting ''or nationally recognized statistical rating organization'' after ''such company''.

SA 3841. Mr. MENENDEZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 977, line 19, strike ''The'' and insert ''(a) **SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**.—The''.

On page 994, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(b) SECTION 1514A OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.—

(1) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; JURY TRIAL.—Section 1514A(b)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) by striking ''90'' and inserting ''180''; and

(ii) by striking the period at the end and inserting '', or after the date on which the employee became aware of the violation.''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(E) JURY TRIAL.—A party to an action brought under paragraph (1)(B) shall be entitled to trial by jury.''.

(2) COMPENSATORY DAMAGES.—Section 1514A(c)(2)(C) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''compensatory damages, including'' before ''compensation''.

(3) PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION WITNESSES; NONENFORCEABILITY; INFORMATION.—Section 1514A of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(e) PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION.—No employer may discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass, directly or indirectly, or in any other manner discriminate against, an individual in the terms and conditions of employment because of any lawful act done by the individual in providing information, or assisting in any investigation or judicial or administrative action, relating to a private securities litigation action under section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u–4).

''(f) NONENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS WAIVING RIGHTS AND REMEDIES OR REQUIRING ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES.—

''(1) WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.—Except as provided under paragraph (3), the rights and remedies provided for in this section may not be waived by any agreement, policy form, or condition of employment, including by a predispute arbitration agreement.

''(2) PREDISPUTE ARBITRATION AGREEMENTS.—Except as provided under paragraph

(3), no predispute arbitration agreement shall be valid or enforceable, if the agreement requires arbitration of a dispute arising under this section.

''(3) EXCEPTION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.—An arbitration provision in a collective bargaining agreement shall be enforceable as to disputes arising under the collective bargaining agreement.''.

(4) UNDISCLOSED LIABILITIES.—Section 1514A(a)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''(1) to provide information, cause information to be provided, or otherwise assist in an investigation regarding any conduct which the employee reasonably believes constitutes a violation of section 1341, 1343, 1344, or 1348, any rule or regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any provision of Federal law relating to fraud against shareholders, or any information which has not been disclosed to shareholders that relates to a potential liability of the company that, if incurred, could affect the value of shareholder investments, when the information or assistance is provided to or the investigation is conducted by—

''(A) a Federal regulatory or law enforcement agency;

''(B) any Member of Congress or any committee of Congress; or

''(C) a person with supervisory authority over the employee (or such other person working for the employer who has the authority to investigate, discover, or terminate misconduct); or''.

(5) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1514A(b)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting ''or (e)'' after ''subsection (a)''.

SA 3842. Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 780, strike lines 1 through 3 and insert the following:

(B) in the matter following subsection (b)—

(i) by striking ''(but not'' and all that follows through ''insider trading)''; and

(ii) by striking ''(as defined in section 206B of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act)'';

SA 3843. Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 122. INCREASE IN DEPOSIT AND SHARE INSURANCE AMOUNTS.

(a) PERMANENT INCREASE IN DEPOSIT INSURANCE.—

(1) INSURANCE AMOUNT.—Section 11(a)(1)(E) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(a)(1)(E)) is amended by striking ''$100,000'' and inserting ''$250,000''.

(2) BORROWING AUTHORITY.—The Board of Directors of the Corporation may request from the Secretary, and the Secretary shall approve, a loan or loans in an amount or amounts necessary to carry out this subsection, without regard to the limitations on such borrowing under section 14(a) and 15(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1824(a), 1825(c)).

(b) PERMANENT INCREASE IN SHARE INSURANCE.—

(1) INSURANCE AMOUNT.—Section 207(k)(5) of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1787(k)(5)) is amended by striking ''$100,000'' and inserting ''$250,000''.

(2) BORROWING AUTHORITY.—The National Credit Union Administration Board may request from the Secretary, and the Secretary shall approve, a loan or loans in an amount or amounts necessary to carry out this subsection, without regard to the limitations on such borrowing under section 203(d)(1) of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1783(d)(1)).

(c) REPEAL.—Section 136 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5241) is repealed, effective on the date of enactment of this Act.

SA 3844. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1565, after line 23, add the following:

TITLE XIII—CONGO CONFLICT MINERALS

SEC. 1301. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON EXPLOITATION AND TRADE OF COLUMBITE-TANTALITE, CASSITERITE, GOLD, AND WOLFRAMITE ORIGINATING IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

It is the sense of Congress that the exploitation and trade of columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, gold, and wolframite in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is helping to finance extreme levels of violence in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, particularly sexual and gender-based violence, and contributing to an emergency humanitarian situation therein, warranting the provisions of section 13(o) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as added by section 1302.

SEC. 1302. DISCLOSURE TO SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RELATING TO COLUMBITE-TANTALITE, CASSITERITE, GOLD, AND WOLFRAMITE ORIGINATING IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.

Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m), as amended by section 763 of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(o) DISCLOSURES TO COMMISSION RELATING TO COLUMBITE-TANTALITE, CASSITERITE, GOLD, AND WOLFRAMITE ORIGINATING IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Commission shall promulgate rules requiring any person described in paragraph (2)—

''(A) to disclose annually to the Commission in a report—

''(i) whether the columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, gold, or wolframite that was necessary as described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii) in the year for which such report is submitted originated or may have originated in the Democratic Republic of Congo or an adjoining country; and

''(ii) a description of the measures taken by the person, which may include an independent audit, to exercise due diligence on the source and chain of custody of such columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, gold, or wolframite, or derivatives of such minerals, in order to ensure that the activities of such person that involve such minerals or derivatives did not directly or indirectly finance or benefit armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo or an adjoining country; and

''(B) make the information disclosed under subparagraph (A) available to the public on the Internet website of the person.

''(2) PERSON DESCRIBED.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—A person is described in this paragraph if—

''(i) the person is required to file reports to the Commission under subsection (a)(2); and

''(ii) columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, gold, or wolframite is necessary to the functionality or production of a product of such person.

''(B) DERIVATIVES.—For purposes of this paragraph, if a derivative of a mineral is necessary to the functionality or production of a product of a person, such mineral shall also be considered necessary to the functionality or production of a product of the person.

''(3) REVISIONS AND WAIVERS.—The Commission shall revise or temporarily waive the requirements described in paragraph (1) if the President determines that such revision or waiver is in the public interest.

''(4) TERMINATION OF DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the requirements of paragraph (1) shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this subsection.

''(B) EXTENSION BY SECRETARY OF STATE.—The date described in subparagraph (A) shall be extended by 1 year for each year in which the Secretary of State certifies that armed parties to the ongoing armed conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo or adjoining countries continue to be directly involved and benefitting from commercial activity involving columbite-tantalite, cassiterite, gold, or wolframite.

''(5) ADJOINING COUNTRY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'adjoining country', with respect to the Democratic Republic of Congo, means a country that shares an internationally recognized border with the Democratic Republic of Congo.''.

SEC. 1303. REPORT.

Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes the following:

(1) An assessment of the effectiveness of section 13(o) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as added by section 1302, in promoting peace and security in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

(2) A description of the problems, if any, encountered by the Securities and Exchange Commission in carrying out the provisions of such section 13(o).

(3) A description of the adverse impacts of carrying out the provisions of such section 13(o), if any, on communities in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.

(4) Recommendations for legislative or regulatory actions that can be taken—

(A) to improve the effectiveness of the provisions of such section 13(o) to promote peace and security in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo;

(B) to resolve the problems described pursuant to paragraph (2), if any; and

(C) to mitigate the adverse impacts described pursuant paragraph (3), if any.

SA 3845. Mr. KAUFMAN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY), submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 728, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

SEC. 760. IMPROVED TRANSPARENCY.

(a) SECURITIES.—Section 11A(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(E) Promoting transparency of all markets for securities through dissemination of quotations and orders to all brokers, dealers, and investors, and minimizing conditions under which quotations and orders are hidden or selectively disseminated, will—

''(i) foster efficiency;

''(ii) enhance competition;

''(iii) increase the information available to brokers, dealers, and investors;

''(iv) facilitate the offsetting of investors' orders; and

''(v) contribute to best execution of such orders.''.

(b) COMMODITIES.—Section 3(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 5(b)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''and'' following ''customer assets;'';

(2) by striking the period at the end of the second sentence; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: ''; to promote transparency of all markets through dissemination of quotations and orders to all market participants and market professionals; and to minimize conditions under which quotations and orders are hidden or selectively disseminated. Furthering the purposes of this Act will foster efficiency, enhance competition, increase the information available to market participants, facilitate the offsetting of market participants' orders, and contribute to best execution of such orders.''.

SA 3846. Mrs. MCCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle C of title III, add the following:

SEC. 333. DEPOSIT RESTRICTED QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 18 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(y) DEPOSIT RESTRICTED QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAMS.—

''(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

''(A) DEPOSIT RESTRICTED QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM.—The term 'deposit restricted qualified tuition program' means a qualified tuition program in which—

''(i) the cash provided by a contributor to such a qualified tuition program may be invested only in deposits insured by the Corporation;

''(ii) the contributor may become a participant in the program by depositing funds through the program into an account at a depository institution participating in the program; and

''(iii) the program may include multiple depository institutions, subject to the requirements of section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

''(B) QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM.—The term 'qualified tuition program' has the same meaning as in section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

''(2) TREATMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, the following provisions shall apply with respect to any deposit restricted qualified tuition program:

''(A) A deposit restricted qualified tuition program shall be deemed to be an 'identified banking product' (as defined in Section 206 of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999) for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

''(B) None of the following shall be treated as a security, as defined in section 2(a)(1) the Securities Act of 1933, section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or section 2(a)(36) of the Investment Company Act of 1940:

''(i) The deposits of cash at an insured depository institution relating to a deposit restricted tuition program.

''(ii) Any certificate of deposit or other instrument of an insured depository institution evidencing any such deposit.

''(iii) The rights and obligations of participants in a deposit restricted qualified tuition program arising from section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

''(C) In no event shall a deposit restricted qualified tuition program, the State entity designated by statute to oversee such program, the administrator appointed to operate the program on behalf of the State or a participating depository institution, be deemed to be an issuer of a security or to be an investment company (as defined in section 3(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940).''.

(b) BUDGET COMPLIANCE.—The budgetary effects of this section, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled ''Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation'' for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

SA 3847. Mr. DODD (for Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CORNYN)) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 3111, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays; as follows:

On page 6, line 5, strike ''The Comptroller General of the United States'' and insert ''The Archivist of the United States''.

On page 7, strike lines 1 through 3, and insert the following:

(j) TRANSPARENCY.—All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public, except that a meeting, or any portion of it, may be closed to the public if it concerns matters or information described in chapter 552b(c) of title 5, United States Code. Interested persons shall be permitted to appear at open meetings and present oral or written statements on the subject matter of the meeting. The Commission may administer oaths or affirmations to any person appearing before the Commission.

SA 3848. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 122. CERTIFICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall, not later than February 28, 2011, and annually thereafter, certify in writing to Congress that the risks to the financial stability of the United States that could arise from the material financial distress or failure of a financial company are sufficiently mitigated by actions authorized to be taken by the Council or the individual members of the Council, in order to ensure than no such financial company will be considered ''too big to fail''.

(b) INABILITY TO CERTIFY.—If the Secretary is unable to make a certification to Congress as required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

(1) inform Congress of the reasons for such inability; and

(2) make recommendations to Congress, to the members of the Council, and to the President that would, if implemented, enable the Secretary to provide such certification.

SA 3849. Mr. WYDEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

SEC. 1077. CREDIT CARD RATINGS.

(a) RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the research unit established by the Director under section 1013(b) shall conduct a study of the credit card industry and the efficacy of establishing a rating system for credit cards, so that consumers are able to compare the terms of credit card accounts for purposes of comparing the level of safety and financial risk with respect to such accounts.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall issue a report based on the study required in subsection (a), and shall determine, based on the report, whether establishing a

ratings system for credit cards would meaningfully improve the ability of consumers to compare the terms of credit card accounts.

(c) RULEMAKING.—If the Director determines, pursuant to subsection (b), that establishing a ratings system for credit cards would meaningfully improve the ability of consumers to compare the terms of credit card accounts, then not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall issue final rules to establish and disclose to the public the ratings for credit card accounts. Such rules shall include consideration in such ratings of credit practices, including—

(1) terms of arbitration between the consumer and the credit card account holder;

(2) the imposition and amounts of fees;

(3) the ability of the consumer to opt out of a proposed change in the terms of the credit card agreement;

(4) the manner and methods in which materials and information are presented to consumers, and the degree of conspicuousness with which key terms of the agreement are presented;

(5) methods for the accrual of interest;

(6) reading level required to understand the terms of the agreement; and

(7) such other factors as the Director determines are appropriate with respect to such ratings.

(d) CONSIDERATION OF NHTSA PROGRAM.—In carrying out subsection (c), the Director shall consider establishing a 5-star ratings system similar to the New Car Assessment Program administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation.

SA 3850. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 43, insert between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

(3) APPLICABILITY TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of subsections (b) and (f) shall apply with respect to the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation in the same manner and to the same extent as those provisions apply to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies.

At the end of title II, add the following new section and designate accordingly:

SEC. ____.: APPLICABILITY TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this title shall apply with respect to the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation in the same manner and to the same extent as those provisions apply to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies.

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 122. ENHANCED TAXPAYER PROTECTION FROM FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

(a) REESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM TAXPAYER EXPOSURE TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.— Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)) is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

''(L) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN FUNDING.—The Agency, as conservator, shall prohibit the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association from receiving more than $200,000,000,000 through the Amended and Restated Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 26, 2008, amended May 6, 2009, and further amended December 24, 2009, between the United States Department of the Treasury and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.''.

(b) REESTABLISHING SCHEDULED REDUCTION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS OWNED BY FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(M) REDUCTION OF OWNED MORTGAGE ASSETS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The Agency, as conservator, shall ensure that a regulated entity does not own, as of any applicable date, mortgage assets in excess of 90.0 percent of the aggregate amount of mortgage assets that the regulated entity owned on December 31 of each of the previous year, provided, that in no event shall the regulated entity be required under this subparagraph to own less than $250,000,000,000 in mortgage assets.

''(ii) DEFINITION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'mortgage assets' means with respect to a regulated entity, assets of such entity consisting of mortgages, mortgage loans, mortgage-related securities, participation certificates, mortgage-backed commercial paper, obligations of real estate mortgage investment conduits and similar assets, in each case to the extent such assets would appear on the balance sheet of such entity in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.''.

(c) AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS.—

REPEAL.—The Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 is amended by striking sections 1331 through 1336 (12 U.S.C. 4561–6).

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 is amended—

(A) in section 1303(28) (12 U.S.C. 4502(28)), by striking ''and, for the purposes'' and all that follows through ''designated disaster areas'';

(B) in section 1324(b)(1)(A) (12 U.S.C. 4544(b)(1)(A))—

(i) by striking clauses (i), (ii), and (iv);

(ii) in clause (iii), by inserting ''and'' after the semicolon at the end; and

(iii) by redesignating clauses (iii) and (v) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

(C) in section 1338(c)(10) (12 U.S.C. 4568(c)(10)), by striking subparagraph (E);

(D) in section 1339(h) (12 U.S.C. 4569), by striking paragraph (7);

(E) in section 1341 (12 U.S.C. 4581)—

(i) in subsection (a)—

(I) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''or'' after the semicolon at the end;

(II) in paragraph (2), by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period; and

(III) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and

(ii) in subsection (b)(2)—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by inserting ''or'' after the semicolon at the end;

(II) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

(III) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (B);

(F) in section 1345(a) (12 U.S.C. 4585(a))—

(i) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''or'' after the semicolon at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (2), by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4); and

(G) in section 1371(a)(2) (12 U.S.C. 4631(a)(2))—

(i) by striking ''with any housing goal established under subpart B of part 2 of subtitle A of this title,''; and

(ii) by striking ''section 1336 or''.

SA 3851. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by REID for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail,'' to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 43, insert between lines 6 and 7, insert the following:

(3) APPLICABILITY TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of subsections (b) through (f) shall apply with respect to the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation in the same manner and to the same extent as those provisions apply to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies.

At the end of title II, add the following new section and designate accordingly:

SEC. ____.:APPLICABILITY TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this title shall apply will respect to the Federal National Mortgage Association and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation in the same manner and to the same extent as those provisions apply to nonbank financial companies supervised by the Board of Governors and large, interconnected bank holding companies.

At the end of subtitle A of title I, add the following:

SEC. 122. ENHANCED TAXPAYER PROTECTION FROM FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.

(a) REESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM TAXPAYER EXPOSURE TO FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)) is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:

''(L) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN FUNDING.—The Agency, as conservator, shall prohibit the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association from receiving more than $200,000,000,000 through the Amended and Restated Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of September 26, 2008, amended May 6, 2009, and further amended December 24, 2009, between the United States Department of the Treasury and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.''.

(b) REESTABLISHING SCHEDULED REDUCTION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS OWNED BY FANNIE MAE AND FREDDIE MAC.—Section 1367(b)(2) of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4617(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(M) REDUCTION OF OWNED MORTGAGE ASSETS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The Agency, as conservator, shall ensure that a regulated entity

does not own, as of any applicable date, mortgage assets in excess of 90.0 percent of the aggregate amount of mortgage assets that the regulated entity owned on December 31 of each of the previous year, provided, that in no event shall the regulated entity be required under this subparagraph to own less than $250,000,000,000 in mortgage assets.

''(ii) DEFINITION OF MORTGAGE ASSETS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the term 'mortgage assets' means with respect to a regulated entity, assets of such entity consisting of mortgages, mortgage loans, mortgage-related securities, participation certificates, mortgage-backed commercial paper, obligations of real estate mortgage investment conduits and similar assets, in each case to the extent such assets would appear on the balance sheet of such entity in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.''

SA 3852. Mr. DEMINT (for himself and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ___. BORDER FENCE COMPLETION.

(a) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.—Section 102(b)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end the following: ''Fencing that does not effectively restrain pedestrian traffic (such as vehicle barriers and virtual fencing) may not be used to meet the 700-mile fence requirement under this subparagraph.'';

(2) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

''(iii) not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, complete the construction of all the reinforced fencing and the installation of the related equipment described in subparagraph (A).''; and

(3) in subparagraph (C), by adding at the end the following:

''(iii) FUNDING NOT CONTINGENT ON CONSULTATION.—Amounts appropriated to carry out this paragraph may not be impounded or otherwise withheld for failure to fully comply with the consultation requirement under clause (i).''.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall submit a report to Congress that describes—

(1) the progress made in completing the reinforced fencing required under section 102(b)(1) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1103 note), as amended by this section; and

(2) the plans for completing such fencing not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SA 3853. Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself and Mr. KAUFMAN), submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 92, strike lines 8 through 12 and insert the following:

(ii) liquidity requirements;

(iii) resolution plan and credit exposure report requirements; and

(iv) concentration limits.

On page 105, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

(i) LEVERAGE RATIO FOR BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''SEC. 13. LIMITS ON LEVERAGE.

''(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions shall apply:

''(1) FINANCIAL COMPANY.—The term 'financial company' means any nonbank financial company, as that term is defined in section 102 of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, that is supervised by the Board.

''(2) INCORPORATED TERMS.—The terms 'average total consolidated assets' and 'tier 1 capital' have the meanings given those terms in part 225 of title 12, Code of Federal Regulations, or any successor thereto.

''(b) LEVERAGE RATIO REQUIREMENTS FOR BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—

''(1) LEVERAGE RATIO.—A bank holding company or financial company may not maintain tier 1 capital in an amount that is less than 6 percent of the average total consolidated assets of the bank holding company or financial holding company.

''(2) BALANCE SHEET LEVERAGE RATIO.—A bank holding company or financial company may not maintain less than 6 percent of tier 1 capital for all outstanding balance sheet liabilities, as required to be recorded under section 13(o) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

''(c) EXEMPTIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may adjust the leverage ratio requirements under subsection (b) for any class of institutions, based upon the size or activity of such class of institutions. No adjustment made under this paragraph may allow an institution to carry less capital than is required under subsection (b).

''(2) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—Consistent with this subsection, the Board may adjust the leverage ratio requirements under subsection (b), as necessary to harmonize such ratios with official international agreements regarding capital standards, if the Board determines that the capital standards under such international agreements are commensurate with the credit, market, operational, or other risks posed by the bank holding companies or financial companies to which such international agreements apply.

''(3) TEMPORARY EMERGENCY EXEMPTION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The appropriate Federal banking agency may, in a manner consistent with this subsection, grant any bank holding company a temporary emergency exemption from the leverage ratio requirements under subsection (b), if the appropriate Federal banking agency determines such an exemption is necessary to prevent an imminent threat to the financial stability of the United States.

''(B) PUBLICATION.—

''(i) PUBLICATION REQUIRED.—The appropriate Federal banking agency shall publish a notice of any exemption granted under this paragraph in the Federal Register within a reasonable period after granting the exemption, and in no case later than 90 days after the date on which the exemption is granted.

''(ii) CONTENTS.—The notice under clause (i) shall include—

''(I) the name of the bank holding company or financial company that is granted an exemption;

''(II) the reason for the exemption; and

''(III) a plan detailing the manner by which the bank holding company will be brought into compliance with subsection (b).

''(d) LEVERAGE RATIO REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES OF BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND FINANCIAL COMPANIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law applicable to insured depository institutions, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, the Board shall promulgate regulations establishing leverage ratio requirements under subsection (b) for the operating subsidiaries of bank holding companies and financial companies.

''(e) PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION.—

''(1) AUTHORITIES.—The Board shall require a bank holding company or financial company that violates subsection (b) to comply with the leverage ratio requirements under subsection (b) by—

''(A) selling or otherwise transferring assets or off-balance sheet items to unaffiliated firms;

''(B) terminating 1 or more activities of the bank holding company or financial company; or

''(C) imposing conditions on the manner in which the bank holding company or financial company conducts an activity of the bank holding company or financial company.

''(2) CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after the Board determines that a bank holding company or financial holding company has violated subsection (b), the Board shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a plan detailing the manner by which the bank holding company or financial company will be brought into compliance with subsection (b).

''(3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

''(A) WRITTEN REPORTS.—At the end of each 60-day period following the date on which the Board submits a plan under paragraph (2) during which a bank holding company or financial company remains in violation of subsection (b), the Board shall submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives a report on the compliance of the bank holding company or financial holding company with the plan.

''(B) TESTIMONY.—At the end of each 120-day period following the date on which the Board submits a plan under paragraph (2) during which a bank holding company or financial company remains in violation of subsection (b), the Board shall testify before the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives with respect to the compliance of the bank holding company or financial holding company with the plan.''.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

On page 497, line 14, strike ''**SEC. 13**'' and insert ''**SEC. 14**''.

On page 976, between lines 4 and 5, insert the following:

SEC. 919C. FINANCIAL REPORTING.

Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m), as amended by this Act, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(o) STANDARD BALANCE SHEET CALCULATION FOR REPORTS.—

''(1) STANDARD ESTABLISHED.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Restoring American Financial Stability Act of 2010, the Commission, or a standard setter designated by and under the oversight of the Commission, shall establish a standard requiring each that each issuer that is required to submit reports to the Commission under this section record all assets and liabilities of the issuer on the balance sheet of the issuer.

''(2) CONTENTS.—The standard established under paragraph (1) shall require that—

''(A) the recorded amount of assets and liabilities reflect a reasonable assessment by the issuer of the most likely outcomes with respect to the amount of assets and liabilities, given information available at the time of the report;

''(B) each issuer record any financing of assets for which the issuer has more than minimal economic risks or rewards; and

''(C) if an issuer cannot determine the amount of a particular liability, the issuer may exclude that liability from the balance sheet of the issuer only if the issuer discloses an explanation of—

''(i) the nature of the liability and purpose for incurring the liability;

''(ii) the most likely loss and the maximum loss the issuer may incur from the liability;

''(iii) whether any other person has recourse against the issuer with respect to the liability and, if so, the conditions under which such recourse may occur; and

''(iv) whether the issuer has any continuing involvement with an asset financed by the liability or any beneficial interest in the liability.

''(3) COMPLIANCE.—The Commission shall issue rules to ensure compliance with this subsection that allow for enforcement by the Commission and civil liability under this title and the Securities Act of 1933.''.

SA 3854. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1187, line 9, strike ''effective.'' and insert the following: ''effective.

Subtitle K—Additional Amendments to the Securities Laws

SEC. 992. STRENGTHENING ENFORCEMENT BY THE COMMISSION.

(a) NATIONWIDE SERVICE OF SUBPOENAS.—

(1) SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 22(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77v(a)) is amended by inserting after the second sentence the following: ''In any action or proceeding instituted by the Commission under this title in a United States district court for any judicial district, a subpoena issued to compel the attendance of a witness or the production of documents or tangible things (or both) at a hearing or trial may be served at any place within the United States. Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply to a subpoena issued under the preceding sentence.''.

(2) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78aa) is amended by inserting after the third sentence the following: ''In any action or proceeding instituted by the Commission under this title in a United States district court for any judicial district, a subpoena issued to compel the attendance of a witness or the production of documents or tangible things (or both) at a hearing or trial may be served at any place within the United States. Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply to a subpoena issued under the preceding sentence.''.

(3) INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.—Section 44 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–43) is amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following: ''In any action or proceeding instituted by the Commission under this title in a United States district court for any judicial district, a subpoena issued to compel the attendance of a witness or the production of documents or tangible things (or both) at a hearing or trial may be served at any place within the United States. Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply to a subpoena issued under the preceding sentence.''.

(4) INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.—Section 214 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–14) is amended by inserting after the third sentence the following: ''In any action or proceeding instituted by the Commission under this title in a United States district court for any judicial district, a subpoena issued to compel the attendance of a witness or the production of documents or tangible things (or both) at a hearing or trial may be served at any place within the United States. Rule 45(c)(3)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall not apply to a subpoena issued under the preceding sentence.''.

(b) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CIVIL PENALTIES IN CEASE AND DESIST PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 8A of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77h–1) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE MONEY PENALTIES.—

''(1) GROUNDS.—In any cease-and-desist proceeding under subsection (a), the Commission may impose a civil penalty on a person if the Commission finds, on the record, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that—

''(A) such person—

''(i) is violating or has violated any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title; or

''(ii) is or was a cause of the violation of any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation thereunder; and

''(B) such penalty is in the public interest.

''(2) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PENALTY.—

''(A) FIRST TIER.—The maximum amount of a penalty for each act or omission described in paragraph (1) shall be $7,500 for a natural person or $75,000 for any other person.

''(B) SECOND TIER.—Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), the maximum amount of penalty for each such act or omission shall be $75,000 for a natural person or $375,000 for any other person, if the act or omission described in paragraph (1) involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of a regulatory requirement.

''(C) THIRD TIER.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs (A) and (B), the maximum amount of penalty for each such act or omission shall be $150,000 for a natural person or $725,000 for any other person, if—

''(i) the act or omission described in paragraph (1) involved fraud, deceit, manipulation, or deliberate or reckless disregard of a regulatory requirement; and

''(ii) such act or omission directly or indirectly resulted in—

''(I) substantial losses or created a significant risk of substantial losses to other persons; or

''(II) substantial pecuniary gain to the person who committed the act or omission.

''(3) EVIDENCE CONCERNING ABILITY TO PAY.—In any proceeding in which the Commission may impose a penalty under this section, a respondent may present evidence of the ability of the respondent to pay such penalty. The Commission may, in its discretion, consider such evidence in determining whether such penalty is in the public interest. Such evidence may relate to the extent of the ability of the respondent to continue in business and the collectability of a penalty, taking into account any other claims of the United States or third parties upon the assets of the respondent and the amount of the assets of the respondent.''.

(2) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 21B(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u–2(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking the matter following paragraph (4);

(B) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting after ''opportunity for hearing,'' the following: ''that such penalty is in the public interest and'';

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(D) by striking ''In any proceeding'' and inserting the following:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—In any proceeding''; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

''(2) CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS.—In any proceeding instituted under section 21C against any person, the Commission may impose a civil penalty, if the Commission finds, on the record after notice and opportunity for hearing, that such person—

''(A) is violating or has violated any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title; or

''(B) is or was a cause of the violation of any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title.''.

(3) UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.—Section 9(d)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–9(d)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking the matter following subparagraph (C);

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting after ''opportunity for hearing,'' the following: ''that such penalty is in the public interest, and'';

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(D) by striking ''In any proceeding'' and inserting the following:

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In any proceeding''; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

''(B) CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS.—In any proceeding instituted pursuant to subsection (f) against any person, the Commission may impose a civil penalty if the Commission finds, on the record, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that such person—

''(i) is violating or has violated any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title; or

''(ii) is or was a cause of the violation of any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title.''.

(4) UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.—Section 203(i)(1) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–3(i)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking the matter following subparagraph (D);

(B) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting after ''opportunity for hearing,'' the following: ''that such penalty is in the public interest and'';

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (D) as clauses (i) through (iv), respectively, and adjusting the margins accordingly;

(D) by striking ''In any proceeding'' and inserting the following:

''(A) IN GENERAL.—In any proceeding''; and

(E) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(B) CEASE-AND-DESIST PROCEEDINGS.—In any proceeding instituted pursuant to subsection (k) against any person, the Commission may impose a civil penalty if the Commission finds, on the record, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that such person—

''(i) is violating or has violated any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title; or

''(ii) is or was a cause of the violation of any provision of this title, or any rule or regulation issued under this title.''.

(c) FORMERLY ASSOCIATED PERSONS.—

(1) MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD.—Section 15B(c)(8) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–4(c)(8)) is amended by striking ''any member or employee'' and inserting ''any person who is, or at the time of the alleged violation or abuse was, a member or employee''.

(2) PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH A GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BROKER OR DEALER.—Section 15C(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o–5(c)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking ''any person associated, or seeking to become associated,'' and inserting ''any person who is, or at the time of the alleged misconduct was, associated or seeking to become associated''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting '', seeking to become associated, or, at the time of the alleged misconduct, associated or seeking to become associated'' after ''any person associated''; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting '', seeking to become associated, or, at the time of the alleged misconduct, associated or seeking to become associated'' after ''any person associated''.

(3) PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH A MEMBER OF A NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE OR REGISTERED SECURITIES ASSOCIATION.—Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u(a)(1)) is amended, in the first sentence, by inserting '', or, as to any act or practice, or omission to act, while associated with a member, formerly associated'' after ''member or a person associated''.

(4) PARTICIPANT OF A REGISTERED CLEARING AGENCY.—Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u(a)(1)) is amended, in the first sentence, by inserting ''or, as to any act or practice, or omission to act, while a participant, was a participant,'' after ''in which such person is a participant,''.

(5) OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF A SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION.—Section 19(h)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78s(h)(4)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''any officer or director'' and inserting ''any person who is, or at the time of the alleged misconduct was, an officer or director''; and

(B) by striking ''such officer or director'' and inserting ''such person''.

(6) OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF AN INVESTMENT COMPANY.—Section 36(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–35(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking ''a person serving or acting'' and inserting ''a person who is, or at the time of the alleged misconduct was, serving or acting''; and

(B) by striking ''such person so serves or acts'' and inserting ''such person so serves or acts, or at the time of the alleged misconduct, so served or acted''.

(7) PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM.—

(A) SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002 AMENDMENT.—Section 2(a)(9) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7201(9)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(C) INVESTIGATIVE AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.—For purposes of sections 3(c), 101(c), 105, and 107(c) and the rules of the Board and Commission issued thereunder, except to the extent specifically excepted by such rules, the terms defined in subparagraph (A) shall include any person associated, seeking to become associated, or formerly associated with a public accounting firm, except that—

''(i) the authority to conduct an investigation of such person under section 105(b) shall apply only with respect to any act or practice, or omission to act, by the person while such person was associated or seeking to become associated with a registered public accounting firm; and

''(ii) the authority to commence a disciplinary proceeding under section 105(c)(1), or impose sanctions under section 105(c)(4), against such person shall apply only with respect to—

''(I) conduct occurring while such person was associated or seeking to become associated with a registered public accounting firm; or

''(II) non-cooperation, as described in section 105(b)(3), with respect to a demand in a Board investigation for testimony, documents, or other information relating to a period when such person was associated or seeking to become associated with a registered public accounting firm.''.

(B) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 AMENDMENT.—Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78u(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''or a person associated with such a firm'' and inserting '', a person associated with such a firm, or, as to any act, practice, or omission to act, while associated with such firm, a person formerly associated with such a firm''.

(8) SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF AN AUDIT FIRM.—Section 105(c)(6) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7215(c)(6)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''the supervisory personnel'' and inserting ''any person who is, or at the time of the alleged failure reasonably to supervise was, a supervisory person''; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking ''No associated person'' and inserting ''No current or former supervisory person''; and

(ii) by striking ''any other person'' and inserting ''any associated person''.

(9) MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC COMPANY ACCOUNTING OVERSIGHT BOARD.—Section 107(d)(3) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7217(d)(3)) is amended by striking ''any member'' and inserting ''any person who is, or at the time of the alleged misconduct was, a member''.

(d) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE ANTIFRAUD PROVISIONS OF THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS.—

(1) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 22 of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77v(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(c) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—The district courts of the United States and the United States courts of any Territory shall have jurisdiction of an action or proceeding brought or instituted by the Commission or the United States alleging a violation of section 17(a) involving—

''(1) conduct within the United States that constitutes significant steps in furtherance of the violation, even if the securities transaction occurs outside the United States and involves only foreign investors; or

''(2) conduct occurring outside the United States that has a foreseeable substantial effect within the United States.''.

(2) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78aa) is amended—

(A) by striking ''The district'' and inserting the following:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The district''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—The district courts of the United States and the United States courts of any Territory shall have jurisdiction of an action or proceeding brought or instituted by the Commission or the United States alleging a violation of the antifraud provisions of this title involving—

''(1) conduct within the United States that constitutes significant steps in furtherance of the violation, even if the securities transaction occurs outside the United States and involves only foreign investors; or

''(2) conduct occurring outside the United States that has a foreseeable substantial effect within the United States.''.

(3) UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.—Section 214 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–14) is amended—

(A) by striking ''The district'' and inserting the following:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The district''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(b) EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.—The district courts of the United States and the United States courts of any Territory shall have jurisdiction of an action or proceeding brought or instituted by the Commission or the United States alleging a violation of section 206 involving—

''(1) conduct within the United States that constitutes significant steps in furtherance of the violation, even if the violation is committed by a foreign adviser and involves only foreign investors; or

''(2) conduct occurring outside the United States that has a foreseeable substantial effect within the United States.''.

(e) CONTROL PERSON LIABILITY UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78t(a)) is amended by inserting after ''controlled person is liable'' the following: ''(including to the Commission in any action brought under paragraph (1) or (3) of section 21(d))''.

(f) AIDING AND ABETTING UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS.—

(1) UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 15 of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77o) is amended—

(A) by striking ''Every person who'' and inserting ''(a) CONTROLLING PERSONS.—Every person who''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(b) PROSECUTION OF PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET VIOLATIONS.—For purposes of any action brought by the Commission under subparagraph (b) or (d) of section 20, any person

that knowingly or recklessly provides substantial assistance to another person in violation of a provision of this Act, or of any rule or regulation issued under this Act, shall be deemed to be in violation of such provision to the same extent as the person to whom such assistance is provided.''.

(2) UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.—Section 48 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–48) is amended by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and inserting after subsection (a) the following:

''(b) For purposes of any action brought by the Commission under subsection (d) or (e) of section 42, any person that knowingly or recklessly provides substantial assistance to another person in violation of a provision of this Act, or of any rule or regulation issued under this Act, shall be deemed to be in violation of such provision to the same extent as the person to whom such assistance is provided.''.

(3) UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT.—Section 209 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–9) is amended by inserting at the end the following new subsection:

''(f) AIDING AND ABETTING.—For purposes of any action brought by the Commission under subsection (e), any person that knowingly or recklessly has aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured a violation of any provision of this Act, or of any rule, regulation, or order hereunder, shall be deemed to be in violation of such provision, rule, regulation, or order to the same extent as the person that committed such violation.''.

(4) UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 20(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78t(e)) is amended by inserting ''or recklessly'' after ''knowingly''.

SEC. 993. ADDRESSING ISSUES REVEALED BY THE MADOFF FRAUD.

(a) REVISION TO RECORDKEEPING RULE.—

(1) INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AMENDMENTS.—Section 31 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–30) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end the following: ''Each person having custody or use of the securities, deposits, or credits of a registered investment company shall maintain and preserve all records that relate to the custody or use by such person of the securities, deposits, or credits of the registered investment company for such period or periods as the Commission, by rule or regulation, may prescribe, as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.''; and

(B) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

''(4) RECORDS OF PERSONS WITH CUSTODY OR USE.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Records of persons having custody or use of the securities, deposits, or credits of a registered investment company that relate to such custody or use, are subject at any time, or from time to time, to such reasonable periodic, special, or other examinations and other information and document requests by representatives of the Commission, as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

''(B) CERTAIN PERSONS SUBJECT TO OTHER REGULATION.—Any person that is subject to regulation and examination by a Federal financial institution regulatory agency (as such term is defined under section 212(c)(2) of title 18, United States Code) may satisfy any examination request, information request, or document request described under subparagraph (A), by providing to the Commission a detailed listing, in writing, of the securities, deposits, or credits of the registered investment company within the custody or use of such person.''.

(2) INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940 AMENDMENT.—Section 204 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–4) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(d) RECORDS OF PERSONS WITH CUSTODY OR USE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Records of persons having custody or use of the securities, deposits, or credits of a client, that relate to such custody or use, are subject at any time, or from time to time, to such reasonable periodic, special, or other examinations and other information and document requests by representatives of the Commission, as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

''(2) CERTAIN PERSONS SUBJECT TO OTHER REGULATION.—Any person that is subject to regulation and examination by a Federal financial institution regulatory agency (as such term is defined under section 212(c)(2) of title 18, United States Code) may satisfy any examination request, information request, or document request described under paragraph (1), by providing the Commission with a detailed listing, in writing, of the securities, deposits, or credits of the client within the custody or use of such person.''.

(b) STREAMLINED HIRING AUTHORITY FOR MARKET SPECIALISTS.—

(1) APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.—Section 3114 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the section heading and all that follows through the end of subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''§ 3114. Appointment of candidates to certain positions in the competitive service by the Securities and Exchange Commission

''(a) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies with respect to any position of accountant, economist, and securities compliance examiner at the Commission that is in the competitive service, and any position at the Commission in the competitive service that requires specialized knowledge of financial and capital market formation or regulation, financial market structures or surveillance, or information technology.''.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 3114 and inserting the following:

''3114. Appointment of candidates to positions in the competitive service by the Securities and Exchange Commission.''.

(3) PAY AUTHORITY.—The Commission may set the rate of pay for experts and consultants appointed under the authority of section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, in the same manner in which it sets the rate of pay for employees of the Commission.

(c) SIPC REFORMS.—

(1) REMOVING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN CLAIMS FOR CASH AND CLAIMS FOR SECURITIES.—The Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 78aaa et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 8(e)(4)(B) (15 U.S.C. 78fff-2(e)(4)(B)), by striking ''for cash or securities'';

(B) in section 9(a) (15 U.S.C. 78fff–3(a))—

(i) by striking paragraph (1); and

(ii) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively; and

(C) in section 16(2)(B) (15 U.S.C. 78lll(2)(B)), by striking ''for cash or securities''.

(2) LIQUIDATION OF A CARRYING BROKER-DEALER.—Section 5(a)(3) of the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 78eee(a)(3)) is amended—

(A) by striking the undesignated matter following subparagraph (B);

(B) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''any member of SIPC'' and inserting ''the member'';

(C) in subparagraph (B), by striking the comma at the end and inserting a period;

(D) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking ''If SIPC'' and inserting the following:

''(A) IN GENERAL.—SIPC may, upon notice to a member of SIPC, file an application for a protective decree with any court of competent jurisdiction specified in section 21(e) or 27 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that no such application shall be filed with respect to a member, the only customers of which are persons whose claims could not be satisfied by SIPC advances pursuant to section 9, if SIPC''; and

(E) by adding at the end the following:

''(B) CONSENT REQUIRED.—No member of SIPC that has a customer may enter into an insolvency, receivership, or bankruptcy proceeding, under Federal or State law, without the specific consent of SIPC.''.

SEC. 994. ENHANCED ABILITY OF COMMISSION TO OBTAIN NEEDED INFORMATION.

(a) INVESTMENT COMPANY EXAMINATION.—Section 31(b)(1) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–30(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The following records shall be subject, at any time, or from time to time, to such reasonable periodic, special, or other examinations by representatives of the Commission as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors:

''(A) All records of a registered investment company.

''(B) All records of a underwriter, broker, dealer, or investment adviser that is a majority-owned subsidiary of a registered investment company.

''(C) All records required to be maintained and preserved by a investment adviser that is not a majority-owned subsidiary of a registered investment company.

''(D) All records required to be maintained and preserved by a depositor of a registered investment company.

''(E) All records required to be maintained and preserved by a principal underwriter for a registered investment company (other than a closed-end company).''.

(b) EXPANDED ACCESS TO GRAND JURY INFORMATION.—Chapter 215 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''§ 3323. Access to grand jury information

''(a) DISCLOSURE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Upon motion of an attorney for the government, a court may direct disclosure of matters occurring before a grand jury during an investigation of conduct that may constitute a violation of any provision of the securities laws to the Securities and Exchange Commission for use in relation to any matter within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

''(2) SUBSTANTIAL NEED REQUIRED.—A court may issue an order under paragraph (1) only upon a finding of a substantial need in the public interest.

''(b) USE OF MATTER.—A person to whom a matter has been disclosed under this section shall not use such matter, other than for the purpose for which such disclosure was authorized.

''(c) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

''(1) the terms 'attorney for the government' and 'grand jury information' have the meanings given to those terms in section 3322 of title 18, United States Code; and

''(2) the term 'securities laws' has the same meaning as in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.''.

(c) ENHANCED AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT.—

(1) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 17(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(5) SURVEILLANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT.—All persons described in subsection (a) are subject, at any time, or from time to time, to such reasonable periodic, special, or other information and document requests by representatives of the Commission as the Commission, by rule or order, deems necessary or appropriate to conduct surveillance or risk assessments of the securities markets, persons registered with the Commission under this title, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of this title.''.

(2) INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.—Section 31(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–30(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(5) SURVEILLANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT.—All persons described in subsection (a) are subject at any time, or from time to time, to such reasonable periodic, special, or other information and document requests by representatives of the Commission as the Commission, by rule or order, deems necessary or appropriate to conduct surveillance or risk assessments of the securities markets, persons registered with the Commission under this title, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of this title.''.

(3) DOCUMENT REQUESTS.—Section 204 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b–4) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(e) SURVEILLANCE AND RISK ASSESSMENT.—All persons described in subsection (a) are subject at any time, or from time to time, to such reasonable periodic, special, or other information and document requests by representatives of the Commission as the Commission, by rule or order, deems necessary or appropriate to conduct surveillance or risk assessments of the securities markets, persons registered with the Commission under this title, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of this title.''.

(d) PROTECTING CONFIDENTIALITY OF MATERIALS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION.—

(1) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 24 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78x) is amended—

(A) in subsection (d), by striking ''subsection (e)'' and inserting ''subsection (f)'';

(B) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f); and

(C) by inserting after subsection (d) the following:

''(e) RECORDS OBTAINED FROM REGISTERED PERSONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (f), the Commission shall not be compelled to disclose records or information obtained pursuant to section 17(b), or records or information based upon or derived from such records or information, if such records or information have been obtained by the Commission for use in furtherance of the purposes of this title, including surveillance, risk assessments, or other regulatory and oversight activities.

''(2) TREATMENT OF INFORMATION.—For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subsection shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552. Collection of information pursuant to section 17 shall be an administrative action involving an agency against specific individuals or agencies pursuant to section 3518(c)(1) of title 44, United States Code.''.

(2) INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.—Section 31 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-30) is amended—

(A) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) LIMITATIONS ON DISCLOSURE BY COMMISSION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission shall not be compelled to disclose any records or information provided to the Commission under this section, or records or information based upon or derived from such records or information, if such records or information have been obtained by the Commission for use in furtherance of the purposes of this title, including surveillance, risk assessments, or other regulatory and oversight activities. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the Commission to withhold information from the Congress or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting the information for purposes within the scope of jurisdiction of that department or agency, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this section shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552. Collection of information pursuant to section 31 shall be an administrative action involving an agency against specific individuals or agencies pursuant to section 3518(c)(1) of title 44, United States Code.'';

(B) by striking subsection (d); and

(C) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively.

(3) INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.—Section 210 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-10) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(d) LIMITATIONS ON DISCLOSURE BY THE COMMISSION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission shall not be compelled to disclose any records or information provided to the Commission under this section, or records or information based upon or derived from such records or information, if such records or information have been obtained by the Commission for use in furtherance of the purposes of this title, including surveillance, risk assessments, or other regulatory and oversight activities. Nothing in this subsection authorizes the Commission to withhold information from the Congress or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency requesting the information for purposes within the scope of jurisdiction of that department or agency, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this section shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552. Collection of information pursuant to section 31 shall be an administrative action involving an agency against specific individuals or agencies pursuant to section 3518(c)(1) of title 44, United States Code.''.

(e) EXPANSION OF AUDIT INFORMATION TO BE PRODUCED AND EXCHANGED.—Section 106 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7216) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

''(b) PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS.—

''(1) PRODUCTION BY FOREIGN FIRMS.—If a foreign public accounting firm performs material services upon which a registered public accounting firm relies in the conduct of an audit or interim review, or issues an audit report, performs audit work, or conducts interim reviews, the foreign public accounting firm shall—

''(A) produce the audit work papers of the foreign public accounting firm and all other documents of the firm related to any such audit work or interim review to the Commission or the Board, upon the request of the Commission or the Board; and

''(B) be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States for purposes of enforcement of any request for such documents.

''(2) OTHER PRODUCTION.—Any registered public accounting firm that relies, in whole or in part, on the work of a foreign public accounting firm in issuing an audit report, performing audit work, or conducting an interim review, shall—

''(A) produce the audit work papers of the foreign public accounting firm and all other documents related to any such work in response to a request for production by the Commission or the Board; and

''(B) secure the agreement of any foreign public accounting firm to such production, as a condition of the reliance by the registered public accounting firm on the work of that foreign public accounting firm.'';

(2) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (g); and

(3) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

''(d) SERVICE OF REQUESTS OR PROCESS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Any foreign public accounting firm that performs work for a domestic registered public accounting firm shall furnish to the domestic registered public accounting firm a written irrevocable consent and power of attorney that designates the domestic registered public accounting firm as an agent upon whom may be served any request by the Commission or the Board under this section and any process, pleadings, or other papers in any action brought to enforce this section.

''(2) SPECIFIC AUDIT WORK.—Any foreign public accounting firm that performs material services upon which a registered public accounting firm relies in the conduct of an audit or interim review, or issues an audit report, performs audit work, or performs interim reviews, shall designate to the Commission or the Board an agent in the United States upon whom may be served any request by the Commission or the Board under this section and any process, pleading, or other papers in any action brought to enforce this section.

''(e) SANCTIONS.—A willful refusal to comply, in whole in or in part, with any request by the Commission or the Board under this section, shall be deemed a violation of this Act.

''(f) OTHER MEANS OF SATISFYING PRODUCTION OBLIGATIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, the staff of the Commission or the Board may allow a foreign public accounting firm that is subject to this section to meet production obligations under this section through alternate means, such as through foreign counterparts of the Commission or the Board.''.

(f) SHARING PRIVILEGED INFORMATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES.—Section 24 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78x) is amended—

(1) in subsection (d), as amended by subsection (d)(1)(A), by striking ''subsection (f)'' and inserting ''subsection (g)'';

(2) in subsection (e), as added by subsection (d)(1)(C), by striking ''subsection (f)'' and inserting ''subsection (g)'';

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

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

''(f) SHARING PRIVILEGED INFORMATION WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES.—

''(1) PRIVILEGED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION.—The Commission shall not be deemed to have waived any privilege applicable to any information by transferring

that information to or permitting that information to be used by—

''(A) any agency (as defined in section 6 of title 18, United States Code);

''(B) the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board;

''(C) any self-regulatory organization;

''(D) any foreign securities authority;

''(E) any foreign law enforcement authority; or

''(F) any State securities or law enforcement authority.

''(2) NONDISCLOSURE OF PRIVILEGED INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION.—The Commission shall not be compelled to disclose privileged information obtained from any foreign securities authority, or foreign law enforcement authority, if the authority has in good faith determined and represented to the Commission that the information is privileged.

''(3) NONWAIVER OF PRIVILEGED INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Federal agencies, State securities and law enforcement authorities, self-regulatory organizations, and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board shall not be deemed to have waived any privilege applicable to any information by transferring that information to or permitting that information to be used by the Commission.

''(B) EXCEPTION.—The provisions of subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a self-regulatory organization or the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board with respect to information used by the Commission in an action against such organization.

''(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

''(A) the term 'privilege' includes any work-product privilege, attorney-client privilege, governmental privilege, or other privilege recognized under Federal, State, or foreign law;

''(B) the term 'foreign law enforcement authority' means any foreign authority that is empowered under foreign law to detect, investigate or prosecute potential violations of law; and

''(C) the term 'State securities or law enforcement authority' means the authority of any State or territory that is empowered under State or territory law to detect, investigate, or prosecute potential violations of law.''.

(g) CONFORMING AMENDMENT WITH RESPECT TO REGISTRATION.—Section 102(b)(3)(A) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7212(b)(3)(A)) is amended by striking ''by the Board'' and inserting ''by the Commission or the Board''.

SEC. 995. MODERNIZATION OF INVESTOR PROTECTIONS.

(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP AND SHORT-SWING PROFIT REPORTING.—

(1) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING.—Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m) is amended—

(A) in subsection (d)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by inserting after ''within ten days after such acquisition,'' the following: ''or within such shorter period as the Commission may establish, by rule,''; and

(II) by striking ''send to the issuer of the security at its principal executive office, by registered or certified mail, send to each exchange on which the security is traded, and''; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking ''in the statements to the issuer and the exchange, and''; and

(II) by striking ''shall be transmitted to the issuer and the exchange and''; and

(B) in subsection (g)—

(i) in paragraph (1), by striking ''shall send to the issuer of the security and''; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking ''sent to the issuer and''; and

(II) by striking ''shall be transmitted to the issuer and''.

(2) SHORT-SWING PROFIT REPORTING.—Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78p(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''(and, if such security is registered on a national securities exchange, also with the exchange)''; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting after ''officer'' the following: '', or within such shorter period as the Commission may establish, by rule''.

(b) ENHANCED APPLICATION OF ANTIFRAUD PROVISIONS.—The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 9—

(A) by striking ''registered on a national securities exchange'' each place that term appears and inserting ''other than a government security'';

(B) in subsection (b), by striking ''by use of any facility of a national securities exchange,''; and

(C) in subsection (c), by inserting after ''unlawful for any'' the following: ''broker, dealer, or'';

(2) in section 10(a)(1), by striking ''registered on a national securities exchange'' and inserting ''other than a government security''; and

(3) in section 15(c)(1)(A), by striking ''otherwise than on a national securities exchange of which it is a member''.

(c) DEFINITION OF ''INTERESTED PERSON''.—Section 2(a)(19)(A) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–2(a)(19)(A)) is amended—

(1) in clause (vii), by striking the colon at the end and inserting a comma;

(2) by inserting before ''*Provided*,'' the following:

''(viii) any natural person who is a member of a class of persons who the Commission, by rule or regulation, determines are unlikely to exercise an appropriate degree of independence as a result of—

''(I) a material business or professional relationship with such company or any affiliated person of such company; or

''(II) a close familial relationship with any natural person who is an affiliated person of such company:''; and

(3) in clause (vii), by striking ''two'' and inserting ''5''.

(d) LOST AND STOLEN SECURITIES.—Section 17(f)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities'' and inserting ''securities that are missing, lost, counterfeit, stolen, cancelled, or any other category of securities as the Commission, by rule, may prescribe''; and

(2) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''or stolen'' and inserting ''stolen, cancelled, or reported in such other manner as the Commission, by rule, may prescribe''.

(e) FINGERPRINTING.—Section 17(f)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q(f)(2)) is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by striking ''and registered clearing agency,'' and inserting ''registered clearing agency, registered securities information processor, national securities exchange, and national securities association''; and

(2) in the second sentence, by striking ''or clearing agency,'' and inserting ''clearing agency, securities information processor, national securities exchange, or national securities association,''.

SEC. 996. COMMISSION ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY AND REFORM.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Securities and Exchange Commission (in this section referred to as the ''Commission'') shall hire an independent consultant of high caliber who has expertise in organizational restructuring and the operations of capital markets to examine the internal operations, structure, funding, and the need for comprehensive reform of the Commission, as well as the relationship of the Commission with and the reliance by the Commission on self-regulatory organizations and other entities relevant to the regulation of securities and the protection of securities investors that are under the oversight of the Commission.

(2) SPECIFIC AREAS FOR STUDY.—The study required under paragraph (1) shall, at a minimum, include the study of—

(A) the possible elimination of unnecessary or redundant units at the Commission;

(B) improving communications between offices and divisions of the Commission;

(C) the need to put in place a clear chain-of-command structure, particularly for enforcement examinations and compliance inspections;

(D) the effect of high-frequency trading and other technological advances on the market and what the Commission requires to monitor the effect of such trading and advances on the market;

(E) the hiring authorities, workplace policies, and personal practices of the Commission, including—

(i) whether there is a need to further streamline hiring authorities for those who are not lawyers, accountants, compliance examiners, or economists;

(ii) whether there is a need for further pay reforms;

(iii) the diversity of skill sets of Commission employees and whether the present skill set diversity efficiently and effectively fosters the mission of the Commission of investor protection; and

(iv) the application of civil service laws by the Commission;

(F) whether the oversight by the Commission of, and reliance by the Commission on, self-regulatory organizations promotes efficient and effective governance for the securities markets; and

(G) whether adjusting the reliance by the Commission on self-regulatory organizations is necessary to promote more efficient and effective governance for the securities markets.

(b) CONSULTANT REPORT.—Not later than 150 days after the independent consultant is retained under subsection (a), the independent consultant shall submit a report to the Commission and to Congress containing—

(1) a detailed description of any findings and conclusions made while carrying out the study required under subsection (a)(1); and

(2) recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or administrative action that the independent consultant determines appropriate to enable the Commission and other entities on which the independent consultant reports to perform the missions of the Commission, whether mandated by statute or otherwise.

(c) COMMISSION REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date on which the consultant submits the report under subsection (b), and every 6 months thereafter during the 2-year period following the date on which the consultant submits the report under subsection (b), the Commission shall submit a report to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the

House of Representatives describing the implementation by the Commission of the regulatory and administrative recommendations contained in the report of the independent consultant under subsection (b).

SEC. 997. MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD.

Section 975(b)(1) of this Act is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

''(B) by striking the second sentence and inserting the following 'The members of the Board shall serve as members for a term of 3 years or for such other terms as specified by rules of the Board pursuant to paragraph (2)(B), and shall consist of (A) 8 independent individuals, at least 1 of whom shall be representative of institutional or retail investors in municipal securities, at least 1 of whom shall be representative of municipal entities, and at least 1 of whom shall be a member of the public with knowledge of or experience in the municipal industry (which members are hereinafter referred to as ''public representatives''); and (B) 7 individuals who are associated with a broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, or municipal advisor, including at least 1 individual who is associated with and representative of brokers, dealers, or municipal securities dealers that are not banks or subsidiaries or departments or divisions of banks (which members are hereinafter referred to as ''broker-dealer representatives''), at least 1 individual who is associated with and representative of municipal securities dealers which are banks or subsidiaries or departments or divisions of banks (which members are hereinafter referred to as ''bank representatives''), and at least 1 individual who is associated with a municipal advisor (which member is hereinafter referred to as the ''advisor representative'').' ''.

SA 3855. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1055, after line 22, add the following:

(c) LIABILITY FOR SALE OF SECURITIES.—Section 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77l) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) by inserting after ''subsection (a) thereof'' the following: '', and whether or not exempted by the provisions of section 4''; and

(B) by inserting after ''prospectus'' the following: '', other offering document,''; and

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting after ''prospectus'' the following: '', other offering document,''.

SA 3856. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1055, after line 22, add the following:

(c) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS.—

(1) AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED.—Section 4 of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77d) is amended—

(A) by striking ''The provisions of section 5'' and inserting the following:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of section 5''; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

''(b) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS.—The Commission may, by rules and regulations, condition the availability of any of the exemptions under subsection (a) on such disclosure, filing, or other requirements as the Commission may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.''.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—The Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.) is amended—

(i) in section 16(a)(3) (15 U.S.C. 77p(a)(3)) is amended by striking ''section 4(2)'' and inserting ''section 4(a)(2)''; and

(ii) in section 18(b)(4) (15 U.S.C. 77r(b)(4))—

(I) in subparagraph (A), by striking ''section 4'' and inserting ''section 4(a)'';

(II) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''section 4(4)'' and inserting ''section 4(a)(4)''; and

(III) in subparagraph (D), by striking ''section 4(2)'' each place that term appears and inserting ''section 4(a)(2)''.

(B) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.) is amended—

(i) in section 15A(j) (15 U.S.C. 78o-3(j)), by striking ''4(2), or 4(6)'' and inserting ''4(a)(2), or 4(a)(6)''; and

(ii) in section 28(f)(5)(E) (15 U.S.C. 778bb(f)) by striking ''section 4(2)'' and inserting ''section 4(a)(2)''.

(C) REVISED STATUTES.—Section 5136 of the Revised Statutes (12 U.S.C. 24) is amended, in the seventh paragraph, by striking ''section 4(5) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77d(5))'' and inserting ''section 4(a)(5) of the Securities Act of 1933''.

(D) HOME OWNERS' LOAN ACT.—Section 5(c)(1)(R)(i) of the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1464(c)(1)(R)(i)) by striking ''section 4(5)'' and inserting ''section 4(a)(5)''.

(E) FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ACT.—Section 107(15)(A) of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1757(15)(A)) is amended by striking ''section 4(5) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77d(5))'' and inserting ''section 4(a)(5) of the Securities Act of 1933''.

(F) SECONDARY MORTGAGE MARKET ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 1984.—Section 106(a)(1) of the Secondary Mortgage Market Enhancement Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 77r-1(a)(1)) is amended by striking ''section 4(5)'' each place that term appears and inserting ''section 4(a)(5)''.

SA 3857. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Page 1268, strike line 24 and all that follows through page 1270, line 10, and insert the following:

(c) EXAMINATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The prudential regulator shall, on a periodic basis, examine, or require reports from, each institution referred to in subsection (a) for purposes of ensuring and enforcing compliance with the requirements of Federal consumer financial law.

(2) BUREAU ROLE IN SUPERVISION.—

(A) AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The prudential regulator shall provide all reports, records, and documentation related to the examination process to the Bureau on a timely and ongoing basis.

(B) BUREAU INVOLVEMENT.—The Bureau may, at its discretion, include an examiner on any examination conducted under paragraph (1). The prudential regulator shall involve such Bureau examiner in the entire examination process, including setting the scope of an examination, participating in the examination, and providing input on the examination report, matters requiring attention and examination ratings.

(d) ENFORCEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the prudential regulator shall have primary authority to enforce compliance with any Federal consumer financial law by institutions referred to in subsection (a) of any of the consumer financial laws.

(2) COORDINATION WITH PRUDENTIAL REGULATOR.—

(A) REFERRAL.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—When the Bureau has reason to believe that an institution described in subsection (a) has engaged in a material violation of a Federal consumer financial law, the Bureau may recommend in writing to the appropriate agency that the appropriate agency initiate an enforcement proceeding to the extent the appropriate agency is authorized by that Federal law or by this title.

(ii) EXPLANATION.—Any recommendation under clause (i) shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the concerns giving rise to the recommendation.

(B) BACKSTOP ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE BUREAU.—If the appropriate agency does not, before the end of the 120-day period beginning on the date on which the appropriate agency receives a recommendation under subparagraph (A), initiate an enforcement proceeding, the Bureau may initiate an enforcement proceeding as permitted by Federal law.

SA 3858. Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. AKAKA) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3739 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD (for himself and Mrs. LINCOLN)) to the bill S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 1243, strike line 15, and all that follows through page 1248, line 18.

SA 3859. Mr. REED submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3217, to promote the

financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end ''too big to fail'', to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 1044 and insert the following:

SEC. 1044. STATE LAW PREEMPTION STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL BANKS AND SUBSIDIARIES CLARIFIED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter One of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States (12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 5136B the following new section:

''SEC. 5136C. STATE LAW PREEMPTION STANDARDS FOR NATIONAL BANKS AND SUBSIDIARIES CLARIFIED.

''(a) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

''(1) the term 'national bank' includes—

''(A) any bank organized under the laws of the United States;

''(B) any affiliate of a national bank;

''(C) any subsidiary of a national bank; and

''(D) any Federal branch established in accordance with the International Banking Act of 1978;

''(2) the terms 'affiliate', 'subsidiary', 'includes', and 'including' have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; and

''(3) the term 'State consumer law' means any law of a State that regulates the manner, content, or terms and conditions of any financial transaction (as may be authorized for national banks to engage in), or any account related thereto, with respect to a consumer.

''(b) STATE CONSUMER LAWS OF GENERAL APPLICATION.—Except as provided in subsection (c), and notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, any consumer protection provision of a State consumer law of general application, shall apply to a national bank operating within the jurisdiction of that State, including any law relating to—

''(1) unfair or deceptive acts or practices;

''(2) consumer fraud; and

''(3) repossession, foreclosure, and debt collections.

''(c) EXCEPTIONS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) shall not apply with respect to any State consumer law, if—

''(A) the State consumer law discriminates against national banks; or

''(B) the State consumer law is inconsistent with provisions of Federal law, other than this title, but only to the extent of the inconsistency (as determined in accordance with the provision of the other Federal law).

''(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of paragraph (1), a State consumer law is not inconsistent with Federal law, if the protection that the State consumer law affords consumers is greater than the protection provided under Federal law, as determined by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

''(d) STATE BANKING LAWS ENACTED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL LAW.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), and notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law, any State consumer law shall apply to a national bank operating within the jurisdiction of that State, if such State consumer law—

''(A) is applicable to State banks; and

''(B) was enacted pursuant to or in accordance with, and is not inconsistent with, an Act of Congress, including the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Consumer Credit Protection Act, and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, that explicitly or by implication, permits States to exceed or supplement the requirements of any comparable Federal law.

''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to any State law, if—

''(i) the State consumer law discriminates against national banks; or

''(ii) the State consumer law is inconsistent with provisions of Federal law, other than this title, but only to the extent of the inconsistency (as determined in accordance with the provision of the other Federal law).

''(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), a State consumer law is not inconsistent with Federal law, if the protection that the State consumer law affords consumers is greater than the protection provided under Federal law, as determined Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

''(e) NO NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR APPLICABILITY OF OTHER STATE LAWS.—No provision of this section shall be construed as altering or affecting the applicability to national banks of any State law which is not described in this section.

''(f) EFFECT OF TRANSFER OF TRANSACTION.—State consumer law applicable to a transaction at the inception of the transaction may not be preempted under Federal law solely because a national bank subsequently acquires the asset or instrument that is the subject of the transaction.

''(g) DENIAL OF PREEMPTION NOT A DEPRIVATION OF A CIVIL RIGHT.—The preemption of any provision of the law of any State with respect to any national bank shall not be treated as a right, privilege, or immunity for purposes of section 1979 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (42 U.S.C. 1983).''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5136B the following new item:

''5136C. State law preemption standards for national banks and subsidiaries clarified.''.

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, at 10 a.m., in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose is to receive testimony from the Administration on issues related to offshore oil and gas exploration including the accident involving the Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510–6150, or by email to Abigail_Campbell@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Linda Lance at (202) 224–7556 or Abigail Campbell at (202) 224–1219.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2010, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled ''Terrorists and Guns: The Nature of the Threat and Proposed Reforms.''

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

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 5, 2010, at 10 a.m. in room SD–226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled ''The Increased Importance of the Violence Against Women Act in a Time of Economic Crisis.''

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

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Rules and Administration be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2010, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled ''Voting By Mail: An Examination of State and Local Experiences.''

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

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2010, to conduct a hearing entitled ''TBI: Progress in Treating the Signature Wounds of the Current Conflicts.'' The Committee will meet in room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2010, at 10 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Office Building.

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

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 5, 2010, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD–366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

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