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To amend the Federal Reserve Act to increase monetary policy transparency and accountability and to make reforms to the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BARR (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. DAVIDSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Federal Reserve Act to increase monetary policy transparency and accountability and to make reforms to the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes.

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Federal Reserve Reform Act of 2018”.

1 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 2 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Monetary policy transparency and accountability.
- Sec. 3. Independence from credit policy.
- Sec. 4. Congressional accountability for emergency lending programs.
- Sec. 5. Interest rates on balances maintained at a Federal Reserve Bank by depository institutions established by Federal Open Market Committee.
- Sec. 6. Membership of Federal Open Market Committee.
- Sec. 7. Bringing the non-monetary policy related functions of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System into the appropriations process.
- Sec. 8. Amendment to appointment of presidents of Federal Reserve Banks.
- Sec. 9. Federal Open Market Committee blackout period.
- Sec. 10. Salaries, financial disclosures, and office staff of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
- Sec. 11. Vice Chairman for Supervision report requirement.
- Sec. 12. Removal of dual mandate.

3 **SEC. 2. MONETARY POLICY TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNT-**
 4 **ABILITY.**

5 Section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
 6 263) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
 8 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
 10 lowing new subsections:

11 “(b) POLICY TRANSPARENCY.—

12 “(1) MONETARY POLICY STRATEGY.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Committee shall
 14 annually establish exactly 1 monetary policy
 15 strategy, which shall serve as a non-technical
 16 public communication of the Committee’s con-

1 sensus expectation for the conduct of monetary
2 policy during that calendar year.

3 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—Each monetary
4 policy strategy of the Committee shall include
5 the following:

6 “(i) A plain English description of
7 how the Committee would adjust each of
8 the following monetary policy instruments
9 in reaction to changes in a small and well-
10 defined set of publicly available economic
11 indicators:

12 “(I) Short-term interest rate tar-
13 gets established by the Committee.

14 “(II) Open-market operations au-
15 thorized under section 14.

16 “(III) Earnings on balances
17 maintained at a Federal reserve bank
18 by or on behalf of a depository institu-
19 tion under section 19(b)(12).

20 “(ii) An identification of 1 monetary
21 policy instrument from the list in clause (i)
22 that the Committee expects to use as the
23 primary instrument for implementing the
24 monetary policy strategy described under
25 subparagraph (A).

1 “(2) REFERENCE MONETARY POLICY RULES.—

2 In addition to the monetary policy strategy required
3 under paragraph (1), the Committee shall annually
4 adopt at least 1 and not more than 3 reference mon-
5 etary policy rules, each of which shall mathemati-
6 cally express how the primary monetary policy in-
7 strument identified under paragraph (1)(B)(ii) re-
8 acts to changes in a small and well-defined set of
9 publicly available economic indicators.

10 “(3) DEVIATIONS.—Nothing in this subsection
11 shall be construed to prevent the Committee from
12 setting short-term interest rate targets, conducting
13 open-market operations, or paying earnings on bal-
14 ances pursuant to section 19(b)(12) in a manner
15 that deviates from a monetary policy strategy or any
16 reference monetary policy rules established under
17 this subsection.

18 “(c) TESTIMONY AND REPORTS OF THE CHAIR-
19 MAN.—The Chairman shall, concurrent with each semi-an-
20 nual hearing required under section 2B, submit a report
21 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
22 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Serv-
23 ices of the House of Representatives, containing—

24 “(1) a statement as to whether the monetary
25 policy strategy established under subsection (b)(1)

1 qualitatively differs from any of the reference mone-
 2 tary policy rules required under subsection (b)(2)
 3 and, if applicable, a full and non-technical expla-
 4 nation of any such difference;

5 “(2) a statement as to whether the Committee’s
 6 conduct of monetary policy since the previous report
 7 quantitatively differs from any reference monetary
 8 policy rule and, if applicable, a full and non-tech-
 9 nical explanation of any such differences; and

10 “(3) a description of—

11 “(A) the circumstances under which the
 12 Committee’s monetary policy strategy may be
 13 amended from year to year; and

14 “(B) a full and non-technical explanation
 15 of any such actual amendment.”.

16 **SEC. 3. INDEPENDENCE FROM CREDIT POLICY.**

17 (a) RETURNING TO A MONETARY POLICY BALANCE
 18 SHEET.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
 20 the date of the enactment of this Act—

21 (A) the Board of Governors of the Federal
 22 Reserve System shall transfer to the Depart-
 23 ment of the Treasury all covered assets that are
 24 neither gold stock, Treasury currency, nor di-
 25 rect obligations of the United States, foreign

1 central banks, or the International Monetary
2 Fund; and

3 (B) the Secretary of the Treasury shall
4 transfer to the Federal reserve banks direct ob-
5 ligations of the United States of equivalent
6 market value to such covered assets.

7 (2) COVERED ASSETS DEFINED.—In this sub-
8 section, the term “covered assets” means all as-
9 sets—

10 (A) purchased through open-market oper-
11 ations by the Federal reserve banks; or

12 (B) acquired through transactions under
13 the following sections of the Federal Reserve
14 Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.):

15 (i) Section 10A before the date of the
16 enactment of this Act.

17 (ii) Section 10B.

18 (iii) Section 13.

19 (iv) Section 13A.

20 (v) Section 24.

21 (b) OPEN MARKET ASSET PURCHASES.—Section
22 14(b) (12 U.S.C. 355) of the Federal Reserve Act (relat-
23 ing to “Purchase and sale of obligations of United States,
24 States, counties, etc.”) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) To buy and sell in the open market, at home
 2 or abroad, under the direction and regulations of the Fed-
 3 eral Open Market Committee, gold stock, Treasury cur-
 4 rency, or direct obligations of the United States, foreign
 5 central banks, or the International Monetary Fund. Noth-
 6 ing in this subsection shall be construed to limit advances
 7 under section 10B, or discount loans under sections 13,
 8 13A, or 24.”.

9 (c) MAINTAINING A MONETARY POLICY BALANCE
 10 SHEET.—

11 (1) ASSETS ACQUIRED UNDER EMERGENCY
 12 LENDING.—Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve
 13 Act (12 U.S.C. 343(3)) is amended by adding at the
 14 end the following new subparagraph:

15 “(F) Not later than 1 year after a Federal
 16 reserve bank acquires any assets under this
 17 paragraph that are neither gold nor direct obli-
 18 gations of the United States, foreign central
 19 banks, or the International Monetary Fund—

20 “(i) the Board shall transfer such as-
 21 sets of the Federal reserve bank to the De-
 22 partment of the Treasury; and

23 “(ii) the Secretary of the Treasury
 24 shall transfer to the Federal reserve banks
 25 direct obligations of the United States of

1 equivalent market value to the assets de-
2 scribed in clause (i).”.

3 (2) REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE EMER-
4 GENCY ADVANCES TO GROUPS OF MEMBER BANKS.—
5 Section 10A of the Federal Reserve Act is repealed.

6 (3) ASSETS ACQUIRED THROUGH ADVANCES TO
7 MEMBER BANKS.—The second undesignated para-
8 graph of subsection (a) of section 10B of the Fed-
9 eral Reserve Act is amended—

10 (A) by inserting “not” before “secured by
11 mortgage loans”; and

12 (B) by striking “lowest discount rate” and
13 inserting “highest discount rate”.

14 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EMER-**
15 **GENCY LENDING PROGRAMS.**

16 Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
17 343(3)), as amended by section 3, is further amended—

18 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (A) by inserting “that pose a threat to the
20 financial stability of the United States” after
21 “unusual and exigent circumstances”; and

22 (B) by striking “the affirmative vote of not
23 less than five members” and inserting “the
24 prior approval of the Secretary of the Treasury

1 and not less than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members of the
2 Federal Open Market Committee”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (A) in clause (i), by inserting at the end
5 the following: “Federal reserve banks may not
6 accept equity securities issued by the recipient
7 of any loan or other financial assistance under
8 this paragraph as collateral. Not later than 6
9 months after the date of the enactment of this
10 sentence, the Board shall, by rule, establish—

11 “(I) a method for determining
12 the sufficiency of the collateral re-
13 quired under this paragraph;

14 “(II) acceptable classes of collat-
15 eral;

16 “(III) the amount of any dis-
17 count on the value of the collateral
18 that the Federal reserve banks will
19 apply for purposes of calculating the
20 sufficiency of collateral under this
21 paragraph; and

22 “(IV) a method for obtaining
23 independent appraisals of the value of
24 collateral the Federal reserve banks
25 receive.”;

1 (B) in clause (ii)—

2 (i) by striking the second sentence;

3 and

4 (ii) by inserting after the first sen-

5 tence the following: “A borrower shall not

6 be eligible to borrow from any emergency

7 lending program or facility unless the

8 Board and all Federal banking regulators

9 with jurisdiction over the borrower certify

10 that, at the time the borrower initially bor-

11 rows under the program or facility, the

12 borrower is not insolvent.”; and

13 (C) by striking clause (iv);

14 (3) by inserting “financial institution” before

15 “participant” each place such term appears;

16 (4) in subparagraph (D)(i), by inserting “finan-

17 cial institution” before “participants”; and

18 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-

19 paragraphs:

20 “(G) JOINT RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A program or fa-

22 cility created under subparagraph (A) shall

23 terminate on the date that is 30 calendar

24 days after the date on which Congress re-

25 ceives a report described in subparagraph

1 (C) unless there is enacted into law a joint
2 resolution approving the program or facil-
3 ity not later than 30 calendar days after
4 the date on which the report is received.
5 Any loan offered through the program or
6 facility that is outstanding as of the date
7 on which the program or facility is termi-
8 nated shall be repaid in full not later than
9 30 calendar days after the date on which
10 the program or facility is terminated.

11 “(ii) CONTENTS OF JOINT RESOLU-
12 TION.—For the purpose of this subpara-
13 graph, the term ‘joint resolution’ means
14 only a joint resolution—

15 “(I) that is introduced not later
16 than 3 calendar days after the date on
17 which the report described in subpara-
18 graph (C) is received by Congress;

19 “(II) that does not have a pre-
20 amble;

21 “(III) the title of which is as fol-
22 lows: ‘Joint resolution relating to the
23 approval of a program or facility cre-
24 ated by the Board of Governors of the
25 Federal Reserve System’; and

1 “(IV) the matter after the resolv-
2 ing clause of which is as follows:
3 ‘That Congress approves the program
4 or facility created by the Board of
5 Governors of the Federal Reserve Sys-
6 tem on _____.’ (The
7 blank space being appropriately filled
8 in).

9 “(iii) FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION IN
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

11 “(I) RECONVENING.—Upon re-
12 ceipt of a report under subparagraph
13 (C), the Speaker, if the House would
14 otherwise be adjourned, shall notify
15 the Members of the House that, pur-
16 suant to this subparagraph, the
17 House shall convene not later than
18 the second calendar day after receipt
19 of such report.

20 “(II) REPORTING AND DIS-
21 CHARGE.—Any committee of the
22 House of Representatives to which a
23 joint resolution is referred shall report
24 it to the House not later than 5 cal-
25 endar days after the date of receipt of

1 the report described in subparagraph
2 (C). If a committee fails to report the
3 joint resolution within that period, the
4 committee shall be discharged from
5 further consideration of the joint reso-
6 lution and the joint resolution shall be
7 referred to the appropriate calendar.

8 “(III) PROCEEDING TO CONSID-
9 ERATION.—After each committee au-
10 thorized to consider a joint resolution
11 reports it to the House or has been
12 discharged from its consideration, it
13 shall be in order, not later than the
14 sixth day after Congress receives the
15 report described in subparagraph (C),
16 to move to proceed to consider the
17 joint resolution in the House. All
18 points of order against the motion are
19 waived. Such a motion shall not be in
20 order after the House has disposed of
21 a motion to proceed on the joint reso-
22 lution. The previous question shall be
23 considered as ordered on the motion
24 to its adoption without intervening
25 motion. The motion shall not be de-

1 batable. A motion to reconsider the
2 vote by which the motion is disposed
3 of shall not be in order.

4 “(IV) CONSIDERATION.—The
5 joint resolution shall be considered as
6 read. All points of order against the
7 joint resolution and against its consid-
8 eration are waived. The previous ques-
9 tion shall be considered as ordered on
10 the joint resolution to its passage
11 without intervening motion except 2
12 hours of debate equally divided and
13 controlled by the proponent and an
14 opponent. A motion to reconsider the
15 vote on passage of the joint resolution
16 shall not be in order.

17 “(iv) FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION IN
18 SENATE.—

19 “(I) RECONVENING.—Upon re-
20 ceipt of a report under subparagraph
21 (C), if the Senate has adjourned or
22 recessed for more than 2 days, the
23 majority leader of the Senate, after
24 consultation with the minority leader
25 of the Senate, shall notify the Mem-

1 bers of the Senate that, pursuant to
2 this subparagraph, the Senate shall
3 convene not later than the second cal-
4 endar day after receipt of such report.

5 “(II) PLACEMENT ON CAL-
6 ENDAR.—Upon introduction in the
7 Senate, the joint resolution shall be
8 placed immediately on the calendar.

9 “(III) FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

10 “(aa) IN GENERAL.—Not-
11 withstanding Rule XXII of the
12 Standing Rules of the Senate, it
13 is in order at any time during the
14 period beginning on the fourth
15 day after the date on which Con-
16 gress receives a report described
17 in subparagraph (C) and ending
18 on the sixth day after the date on
19 which Congress receives the re-
20 port (even though a previous mo-
21 tion to the same effect has been
22 disagreed to) to move to proceed
23 to the consideration of the joint
24 resolution, and all points of order
25 against the joint resolution (and

1 against consideration of the joint
2 resolution) are waived. The mo-
3 tion to proceed is not debatable.
4 The motion is not subject to a
5 motion to postpone. A motion to
6 reconsider the vote by which the
7 motion is agreed to or disagreed
8 to shall not be in order. If a mo-
9 tion to proceed to the consider-
10 ation of the resolution is agreed
11 to, the joint resolution shall re-
12 main the unfinished business
13 until disposed of.

14 “(bb) DEBATE.—Debate on
15 the joint resolution, and on all
16 debatable motions and appeals in
17 connection therewith, shall be
18 limited to not more than 10
19 hours, which shall be divided
20 equally between the majority and
21 minority leaders or their des-
22 ignees. A motion further to limit
23 debate is in order and not debat-
24 able. An amendment to, or a mo-
25 tion to postpone, or a motion to

1 proceed to the consideration of
2 other business, or a motion to re-
3 commit the joint resolution is not
4 in order.

5 “(cc) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—

6 The vote on passage shall occur
7 immediately following the conclu-
8 sion of the debate on a joint reso-
9 lution, and a single quorum call
10 at the conclusion of the debate if
11 requested in accordance with the
12 rules of the Senate.

13 “(dd) RULINGS OF THE

14 CHAIR ON PROCEDURE.—Appeals
15 from the decisions of the Chair
16 relating to the application of the
17 rules of the Senate, as the case
18 may be, to the procedure relating
19 to a joint resolution shall be de-
20 cided without debate.

21 “(v) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY

22 OTHER HOUSE.—

23 “(I) IN GENERAL.—If, before the

24 passage by one House of a joint reso-
25 lution of that House, that House re-

1 ceives from the other House a joint
2 resolution, then the following proce-
3 dures shall apply:

4 “(aa) The joint resolution of
5 the other House shall not be re-
6 ferred to a committee.

7 “(bb) With respect to a joint
8 resolution of the House receiving
9 the resolution—

10 “(AA) the procedure in
11 that House shall be the
12 same as if no joint resolu-
13 tion had been received from
14 the other House; but

15 “(BB) the vote on pas-
16 sage shall be on the joint
17 resolution of the other
18 House.

19 “(II) TREATMENT OF JOINT RES-
20 OLUTION OF OTHER HOUSE.—If one
21 House fails to introduce or consider a
22 joint resolution under this section, the
23 joint resolution of the other House
24 shall be entitled to expedited floor
25 procedures under this section.

1 “(III) CONSIDERATION AFTER
2 PASSAGE.—If, following passage of
3 the joint resolution in the Senate, the
4 Senate then receives the companion
5 measure from the House of Rep-
6 resentatives, the companion measure
7 shall not be debatable.

8 “(IV) VETOES.—If the President
9 vetoes the joint resolution, the period
10 beginning on the date the President
11 vetoes the joint resolution and ending
12 on the date the Congress receives the
13 veto message with respect to the joint
14 resolution shall be disregarded in com-
15 puting the 30-calendar day period de-
16 scribed in clause (i) and debate on a
17 veto message in the Senate under this
18 section shall be 1 hour equally divided
19 between the majority and minority
20 leaders or their designees.

21 “(V) RULES OF HOUSE OF REP-
22 REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE.—This
23 subparagraph is enacted by Con-
24 gress—

1 “(aa) as an exercise of the
2 rulemaking power of the Senate
3 and House of Representatives,
4 respectively, and as such it is
5 deemed a part of the rules of
6 each House, respectively, but ap-
7 plicable only with respect to the
8 procedure to be followed in that
9 House in the case of a joint reso-
10 lution, and it supersedes other
11 rules only to the extent that it is
12 inconsistent with such rules; and

13 “(bb) with full recognition of
14 the constitutional right of either
15 House to change the rules (so far
16 as relating to the procedure of
17 that House) at any time, in the
18 same manner, and to the same
19 extent as in the case of any other
20 rule of that House.

21 “(H) PENALTY RATE.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6
23 months after the date of enactment of this
24 subparagraph, the Board shall, with re-
25 spect to a recipient of any loan or other fi-

1 nancial assistance under this paragraph,
2 establish by rule a minimum interest rate
3 on the principal amount of any loan or
4 other financial assistance.

5 “(ii) MINIMUM INTEREST RATE DE-
6 FINED.—In this subparagraph, the term
7 ‘minimum interest rate’ shall mean the
8 sum of—

9 “(I) the average of the secondary
10 discount rate of all Federal reserve
11 banks over the most recent 90-day pe-
12 riod; and

13 “(II) the average of the dif-
14 ference between a distressed corporate
15 bond yield index (as defined by rule of
16 the Board) and a bond yield index of
17 debt issued by the United States (as
18 defined by rule of the Board) over the
19 most recent 90-day period.

20 “(I) FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PARTICIPANT
21 DEFINED.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
22 term ‘financial institution participant’—

23 “(i) means a company that is pre-
24 dominantly engaged in financial activities
25 (as defined in section 102(a) of the Finan-

1 cial Stability Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C.
2 5311(a)); and

3 “(ii) does not include an agency de-
4 scribed in subparagraph (W) of section
5 5312(a)(2) of title 31, United States Code,
6 or an entity controlled or sponsored by
7 such an agency.”.

8 **SEC. 5. INTEREST RATES ON BALANCES MAINTAINED AT A**
9 **FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BY DEPOSITORY**
10 **INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL**
11 **OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE.**

12 Subparagraph (A) of section 19(b)(12) of the Federal
13 Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 461(b)(12)(A)) is amended by in-
14 serting “established by the Federal Open Market Com-
15 mittee” after “rate or rates”.

16 **SEC. 6. MEMBERSHIP OF FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COM-**
17 **MITTEE.**

18 Section 12A(a) of the Federal Reserve Act (12
19 U.S.C. 263(a)) is amended—

20 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “five rep-
21 resentatives of the Federal Reserve banks to be se-
22 lected as hereinafter provided” and inserting “one
23 representative from each of the Federal Reserve
24 banks”;

1 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “and,
2 beginning” and all that follows through “San Fran-
3 cisco”; and

4 (3) by striking the third and fourth sentences.

5 **SEC. 7. BRINGING THE NON-MONETARY POLICY RELATED**
6 **FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**
7 **OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM INTO**
8 **THE APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Reserve Act is
10 amended by inserting after section 11B the following:

11 **“SEC. 11C. APPROPRIATIONS REQUIREMENT FOR NON-**
12 **MONETARY POLICY RELATED ADMINISTRA-**
13 **TIVE COSTS.**

14 “(a) APPROPRIATIONS REQUIREMENT.—

15 “(1) RECOVERY OF COSTS OF ANNUAL APPRO-
16 PRIATION.—The Board of Governors of the Federal
17 Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks shall
18 collect assessments and other fees, as provided under
19 this Act, that are designed to recover the costs to
20 the Government of the annual appropriation to the
21 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
22 by Congress. The Board of Governors of the Federal
23 Reserve System and the Federal reserve banks may
24 only incur obligations or allow and pay expenses

1 with respect to non-monetary policy related adminis-
2 trative costs pursuant to an appropriations Act.

3 “(2) OFFSETTING COLLECTIONS.—Assessments
4 and other fees described under paragraph (1) for
5 any fiscal year—

6 “(A) shall be deposited and credited as off-
7 setting collections to the account providing ap-
8 propriations to the Board of Governors of the
9 Federal Reserve System; and

10 “(B) shall not be collected for any fiscal
11 year except to the extent provided in advance in
12 appropriation Acts.

13 “(3) LIMITATION.—This subsection shall only
14 apply to the non-monetary policy related administra-
15 tive costs of the Board of Governors of the Federal
16 Reserve System.

17 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

18 “(1) MONETARY POLICY.—The term ‘monetary
19 policy’ means a strategy for producing a generally
20 acceptable exchange medium that supports the pro-
21 ductive employment of economic resources by reli-
22 ably serving as both a unit of account and store of
23 value.

24 “(2) NON-MONETARY POLICY RELATED ADMIN-
25 ISTRAIVE COSTS.—The term ‘non-monetary policy

1 related administrative costs’ means administrative
2 costs not related to the conduct of monetary policy,
3 and includes—

4 “(A) direct operating expenses for super-
5 vising and regulating entities supervised and
6 regulated by the Board of Governors of the
7 Federal Reserve System, including conducting
8 examinations, conducting stress tests, commu-
9 nicating with the entities regarding supervisory
10 matters and laws, and regulations;

11 “(B) operating expenses for activities inte-
12 gral to carrying out supervisory and regulatory
13 responsibilities, such as training staff in the su-
14 pervisory function, research and analysis func-
15 tions including library subscription services, and
16 collecting and processing regulatory reports
17 filed by supervised institutions; and

18 “(C) support, overhead, and pension ex-
19 penses related to the items described under sub-
20 paragraphs (A) and (B).”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply with respect to expenses paid and
23 fees collected on or after October 1, 2018.

1 **SEC. 8. AMENDMENT TO APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTS OF**
2 **FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS.**

3 The fifth subparagraph of the fourth undesignated
4 paragraph of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act (12
5 U.S.C. 341) is amended by striking “Class B and Class
6 C directors” and inserting “board of directors”.

7 **SEC. 9. FEDERAL OPEN MARKET COMMITTEE BLACKOUT**
8 **PERIOD.**

9 Section 12A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
10 263), as amended by section 2, is further amended by add-
11 ing at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(f) BLACKOUT PERIOD.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—During a blackout period,
14 the only public communications that may be made
15 by members and staff of the Committee with respect
16 to macroeconomic or financial developments or about
17 current or prospective monetary policy issues are the
18 following:

19 “(A) The dissemination of published data,
20 surveys, and reports that have been cleared for
21 publication by the Board of Governors of the
22 Federal Reserve System.

23 “(B) Answers to technical questions spe-
24 cific to a data release.

1 “(C) Communications with respect to the
2 prudential or supervisory functions of the
3 Board of Governors.

4 “(2) BLACKOUT PERIOD DEFINED.—For pur-
5 poses of this subsection, and with respect to a meet-
6 ing of the Committee described under subsection (a),
7 the term ‘blackout period’ means the time period
8 that—

9 “(A) begins immediately after midnight on
10 the day that is one week prior to the date on
11 which such meeting takes place; and

12 “(B) ends at midnight on the day after the
13 date on which such meeting takes place.

14 “(3) EXEMPTION FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE
15 BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—Nothing in this section
16 shall prohibit the Chairman of the Board of Gov-
17 ernors of the Federal Reserve System from partici-
18 pating in or issuing public communications.”.

19 **SEC. 10. SALARIES, FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES, AND OFFICE**
20 **STAFF OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF**
21 **THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 11 of the Federal Reserve
23 Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating the second subsection (s)
2 (relating to “Assessments, Fees, and Other Charges
3 for Certain Companies”) as subsection (t); and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 sections:

6 “(u) PROHIBITED AND RESTRICTED FINANCIAL IN-
7 TERESTS AND TRANSACTIONS.—The members and em-
8 ployees of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve
9 System shall be subject to the provisions under section
10 4401.102 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, to the
11 same extent as such provisions apply to an employee of
12 the Securities and Exchange Commission.

13 “(v) DISCLOSURE OF STAFF SALARIES AND FINAN-
14 CIAL INFORMATION.—The Board of Governors of the Fed-
15 eral Reserve System shall make publicly available, on the
16 website of the Board of Governors, a searchable database
17 that contains the names of all members, officers, and em-
18 ployees of the Board of Governors who receive an annual
19 salary in excess of the annual rate of basic pay for GS-
20 15 of the General Schedule, and—

21 “(1) the yearly salary information for such indi-
22 viduals, along with any nonsalary compensation re-
23 ceived by such individuals; and

24 “(2) any financial disclosures required to be
25 made by such individuals.”.

1 (b) OFFICE STAFF FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE
 2 BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—Subsection (l) of section 11 of
 3 the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended by
 4 adding at the end the following: “Each member of the
 5 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System may
 6 employ, at a minimum, 2 individuals, with such individuals
 7 selected by such member and the salaries of such individ-
 8 uals set by such member. A member may employ addi-
 9 tional individuals as determined necessary by the Board
 10 of Governors.”.

11 **SEC. 11. VICE CHAIRMAN FOR SUPERVISION REPORT RE-**
 12 **QUIREMENT.**

13 Paragraph (12) of section 10 of the Federal Reserve
 14 Act (12 U.S.C. 247(b)) is amended—

15 (1) by redesignating such paragraph as para-
 16 graph (11); and

17 (2) in such paragraph, by adding at the end the
 18 following: “In each such appearance, the Vice Chair-
 19 man for Supervision shall provide written testimony
 20 that includes the status of all pending and antici-
 21 pated rulemakings that are being made by the
 22 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
 23 If, at the time of any appearance described in this
 24 paragraph, the position of Vice Chairman for Super-
 25 vision is vacant, the Vice Chairman for the Board of

1 Governors of the Federal Reserve System (who has
2 the responsibility to serve in the absence of the
3 Chairman) shall appear instead and provide the re-
4 quired written testimony. If, at the time of any ap-
5 pearance described in this paragraph, both Vice
6 Chairman positions are vacant, the Chairman of the
7 Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
8 shall appear instead and provide the required writ-
9 ten testimony.”.

10 **SEC. 12. REMOVAL OF DUAL MANDATE.**

11 Section 2A of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C.
12 225a) is amended by striking “maximum employment, sta-
13 ble prices,” and inserting “stable prices”.

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