

STOP GOVERNMENT ABUSE WEEK BILLS

Keep the IRS Off Your Health Care – The IRS has a role in nearly 50 different aspects of Obamacare. Their involvement is so extensive that they have established an office within the IRS just to implement Obamacare. H.R. 2009, authored by Rep. Tom Price, prevents the IRS from implementing any portion of Obamacare.

Keep Federal Bureaucrats from Ruining the Economy and Lowering Wages – Each year federal agencies issue dozens of economically significant regulations which are estimated to have an impact on the economy of greater than \$100 million. H.R. 367, the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, authored by Rep. Todd Young, requires Congressional approval of regulations that cost over \$100 million.

Citizen Empowerment Act – Federal agencies not only get to write rules, they get to enforce them. In fact, it was recently noted that “a citizen is 10 times more likely to be tried by an agency than by an actual court. In any given year, federal judges conduct roughly 95,000 adjudicatory proceedings, including trials, while federal agencies complete more than 939,000.” In these proceedings, citizens have fewer rights than in a courtroom. The Citizen Empowerment Act, H.R. 2711, authored by Rep. Lynn Jenkins, ensures that individuals have the right to record their meetings and telephone exchanges with federal regulatory officials engaged in enforcement activities and requires that individuals be notified of such right.

Government Employee Accountability Act – Even when a senior federal official is under investigation for serious misconduct, agencies have little disciplinary recourse except to put them on paid leave, where they can continue to collect a paycheck for months and even years. H.R. 2579, authored by Rep. Mike Kelly, allows agencies to place employees on unpaid leave when they are under investigation for certain serious offenses.

Government Customer Service Improvement Act – Government is one of the few areas where entity and personnel reviews are not linked to actual level of service provided. H.R. 1660, sponsored by Rep. Henry Cuellar, requires agencies to adopt customer service standards and to use customer service feedback in agency and personnel reviews.

Government Spending Accountability Act – It seems that every week another federal agency is in the news for wasting taxpayer funds on another lavish conference. H.R. 313, sponsored by Rep. Blake Farenthold, increases transparency with respect to taxpayer-funded conference, places limits on federal conferences, and requires agency head approval for the most expensive conferences.

Common Sense in Compensation Act – Federal agencies routinely award significant annual bonuses to virtually all of their senior managers. H.R. 1541, sponsored by Rep. Mark Meadows, would not only place limits on the size of bonuses but also limit the number of senior agency employees who may receive bonuses in any given year.

Stop Targeting Our Politics IRS Act – H.R. 2565, sponsored by Rep. Jim Renacci, would provide for the termination of employment of IRS employees who use their official position for political purposes.

Stop Playing on Citizen's Cash Act – The IRS continues to hold conferences even though it has failed to adopt the reforms recommended by the independent Inspector General to prevent abuse and protect taxpayer funds. H.R. 2769, sponsored by Rep. Peter Roskam, imposes a moratorium on IRS conferences until the IG's recommendations are implemented.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights – H.R. 2768, sponsored by Rep. Peter Roskam, amends the authorizing law that creates the position of IRS Commissioner to make clear that it is the duty of the Commissioner to ensure that Internal Revenue Service employees are familiar with and act in accord with certain enumerated taxpayer rights, including a right to privacy and confidentiality.



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