

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SCOTT of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Regular Order for In-  
5       vestments of the Federal Reserve Act” or the “ROI of  
6       the Federal Reserve Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.**

8       The Federal Reserve Act is amended—

9               (1) in section 2B (12 U.S.C. 225b), by adding

10       at the end the following:

1       “(d) ADDITIONAL ANNUAL REPORTS.—The Board  
2 and each Federal reserve bank shall submit to Congress,  
3 on an annual basis—

4           “(1) a report on the status and health of the  
5 middle class in the United States, including an anal-  
6 ysis of how the policies and programs of the Board  
7 and the Federal reserve banks either positively or  
8 negatively impacted the growth of the middle class  
9 in the United States; and

10          “(2) a report on the impact of the actions of  
11 the Board and the Federal reserve banks on the  
12 availability of small business lending and lines of  
13 credit since 2000, specifically how the balance sheet  
14 of the Federal reserve banks, the lending facilities of  
15 the Board, and interest paid on reserves of the Fed-  
16 eral reserve banks have impacted business credit and  
17 lending.”;

18          (2) in section 14(b)(2) (12 U.S.C. 355(b)(2)),  
19 by inserting before the period at the end the fol-  
20 lowing: “, except that, notwithstanding this para-  
21 graph and paragraph (1), on and after the date of  
22 enactment of the Regular Order for Investments of  
23 the Federal Reserve Act, a Federal reserve bank  
24 may not—

1           “(A) purchase a Treasury bill with a term of  
2           maturity that is more than 3 years;

3           “(B) purchase a mortgage-backed security; or

4           “(C) directly or indirectly hold shares of com-  
5           mon stock acquired on or after the date of enact-  
6           ment of the Regular Order for Investments of the  
7           Federal Reserve Act”; and

8           (3) by adding at the end the following:

9   **“SEC. 33. ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND VALUATIONS.**

10       “(a) ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES.—The accounting  
11       principles applicable to any filings made by the Board, the  
12       Federal Open Market Committee, or a Federal reserve  
13       bank shall be consistent with generally accepted account-  
14       ing principles.

15       “(b) VALUATIONS.—The Board, the Federal Open  
16       Market Committee, and each Federal reserve bank shall  
17       use mark-to-market valuations for each financial estimate  
18       described in a report or audit under the seventh undesig-  
19       nated paragraph of section 10, section 11(a), or section  
20       11B.”.