118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To place further congressional oversight on any quantitative easing or tightening programs or any emergency lending programs of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to require reports to Congress relating to those programs, to require congressional approval of the extension of those programs, and for other purposes.

————————————————

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

————————————————

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

————————————————

A BILL

To place further congressional oversight on any quantitative easing or tightening programs or any emergency lending programs of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to require reports to Congress relating to those programs, to require congressional approval of the extension of those programs, 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.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "Rein in the Federal

5 Reserve Act".

2

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL RESERVE PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) REPORTING REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN PRO-

3 GRAMS.—

4   (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon initiating any quan-

5   titative easing or tightening program or any emer-

6   gency lending program under the first or third un-

7   designated paragraph of section 13 of the Federal

8   Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 342, 343), the Board of

9   Governors of the Federal Reserve System (referred

10 to in this section as the "Board of Governors") shall

11 submit to Congress, the Committee on Banking,

12 Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate, and the

13 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of

14 Representatives, and make publicly available, a re-

15 port on the program.

16   (2) REPORT FREQUENCY.—With respect to a

17 report under paragraph (1), the Board of Governors

18 shall submit an updated report not less frequently

19 than once every 90 days until—

20   (A) the program to which the report ap-

21   plies ends; and

22   (B) all assets purchased under the pro-

23   gram described in subparagraph (A) have been

24   removed from the balance sheet indicating the

25   total assets of the Board of Governors.

1   (3) REPORT CONTENTS.—A report described in

2   paragraph (1) shall include, with respect to the pro-

3   gram to which the report applies—

4   (A) the rationale for initiating the pro-

5   gram;

6   (B) an estimated projection of—

7   (i) mark-to-market losses;

8   (ii) any addition of funds to the

9   money supply;

10   (iii) any impact on the amount of the

11   public debt of the Federal Government;

12   and

13   (iv) any potential losses to the tax-

14   payers of the United States;

15   (C) if applicable, an economic impact as-

16   sessment and projections on the interaction of

17   the program with domestic and global markets;

18   (D) an outline of the pace, size, and spe-

19   cific financial products purchased and antici-

20   pated to be purchased under the program;

21   (E) a plan with a specific timeline for end-

22   ing the program by a date that is not later than

23   3 years after the date on which the Board of

24   Governors initiates the program, such that the

25   program does not become part of the standard

4

1   operations of the Board of Governors, includ-

2   ing, if applicable, a description of the rationale

3   for why the program should extend beyond 1

4   year; and

5   (F) an assessment of any potential risks to

6   price stability that may result from the pro-

7   gram.

8   (b) LIMITATION ON DURATION AND RENEWAL OF

9 PROGRAMS.—The Board of Governors shall not engage in

10 any program described in subsection (a)(1) for a period

11 longer than 1 year without authorization from Congress.

12   (c) DISAPPROVAL OF STANDING PROGRAMS.—With

13 respect to any program described in subsection (a)(1)—

14   (1) the report submitted under that subsection

15   shall be considered to be the report required under

16   section 801(a)(1)(A) of title 5, United States Code;

17   and

18   (2) the program shall be subject to the proce-

19   dure for congressional disapproval under chapter 8

20   of title 5, United States Code.