

**Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1640, With An Amendment**

**(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)**

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2015

Mr. WALKER (for himself, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. KATKO, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Ms. McSALLY, and Mr. RATCLIFFE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

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## A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress a report on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Home-  
3 land Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability  
4 Act of 2015”.

5 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECU-  
6 RITY HEADQUARTERS CONSOLIDATION  
7 PROJECT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-  
10 land Security, in coordination with the Administrator of  
11 General Services, shall submit to the appropriate commit-  
12 tees of Congress a report on the Department of Homeland  
13 Security headquarters consolidation project within the Na-  
14 tional Capital Region. Such report shall include each of  
15 the following:

16 (1) A proposed occupancy plan for the consoli-  
17 dation project that includes specific information  
18 about which Department-wide operations, component  
19 operations, and support offices will be located at the  
20 site, the aggregate number of full time equivalent  
21 employees projected to occupy the site, and schedule  
22 estimates for migrating operations to the site.

23 (2) A comprehensive assessment of the current  
24 and future real property needed by the Department  
25 in the National Capital Region in order to carry out  
26 the mission of the Department to secure the home-

1 land and defend the Nation against future acts of  
2 terrorism.

3 (3) An analysis of the difference between the  
4 current and needed capital assets and facilities of  
5 the Department.

6 (4) A current plan for construction of the head-  
7 quarters consolidation at the St. Elizabeths campus  
8 that includes—

9 (A) the estimated costs and schedule for  
10 the current plan; and

11 (B) any estimated costs savings associated  
12 with reducing the scope of the consolidation  
13 project and increasing the use of existing capac-  
14 ity developed under the project.

15 (5) A current plan for the leased portfolio of  
16 the Department in the National Capital Region that  
17 includes—

18 (A) the total rentable square feet, number  
19 of personnel, and proposed utilization rates;

20 (B) the replacement and consolidation  
21 plan, including—

22 (i) an end-state vision that identifies  
23 which Department-wide operations, compo-  
24 nent operations, and support offices do not  
25 migrate to the St. Elizabeths campus and

1 continue to operate at a property in the  
2 leased portfolio;

3 (ii) the number of full time equivalent  
4 employees who are expected to operate at  
5 each property, component, or office; and

6 (iii) timing and anticipated leased  
7 terms, for leased space under the plan re-  
8 ferred to in paragraph (4); and

9 (C) the costs and benefits of leasing and  
10 construction alternatives for the headquarters  
11 consolidation project.

12 (6) A detailed list of alternatives considered by  
13 the Department during the development of the plan  
14 referred to in paragraph (4), including the costs and  
15 benefits of alternatives to such plan.

16 (b) UPDATE OF COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATES.—  
17 Not later than 180 days after date of the submittal of  
18 the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary, in  
19 coordination with the Administrator of General Services,  
20 shall complete the update of the cost and schedule esti-  
21 mates for the portions of the consolidation project that  
22 are not yet complete as of such date based on the informa-  
23 tion contained in the report. Consistent with the rec-  
24 ommendation of the Government Accountability Office in

1 GAO–14–648, such estimates shall conform to relevant  
2 Federal guidance for cost and schedule estimates.

3 (c) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW.—

4 (1) REVIEW REQUIRED.—The Comptroller Gen-  
5 eral of the United States shall review the update of  
6 the cost and schedule estimates under subsection (b)  
7 to evaluate the quality and reliability of such esti-  
8 mates.

9 (2) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 60 days  
10 after the completion of the update of the cost and  
11 schedule estimates under subsection (b), the Comp-  
12 troller General shall report to the appropriate con-  
13 gressional committees on the results of the review  
14 required by paragraph (1).

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16 (1) The term “National Capital Region” has  
17 the meaning given such term under section  
18 2674(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

19 (2) The term “appropriate committees of Con-  
20 gress” means the Committee on Homeland Security  
21 and the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
22 structure of the House of Representatives and the  
23 Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
24 Affairs and the Committee on Environment and  
25 Public Works of the Senate.