

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 2905, With Amendments

(The amendments strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text and a new title)

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2905

To require the Attorney General to establish procedures for expedited review of the case of any person who unlawfully solicits personal information for purposes of committing identity theft, while purporting to be acting on behalf of the IRS, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa (for himself and Ms. SINEMA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 require the Attorney General to establish procedures for expedited review of the case of any person who unlawfully solicits personal information for purposes of committing identity theft, while purporting to be acting on behalf of the IRS, 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 “Justice for Victims
3 of IRS Scams and Identity Theft Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

5 (a) **ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT.**—Not later than
6 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the At-
7 torney General shall submit to Congress a report on the
8 status of prosecutions for violations of section 1028(a) or
9 1028A(a) of title 18, United States Code, including—

10 (1) the number of defendants referred to the
11 Attorney General for prosecution during the 5-year
12 period immediately preceding the date of the report
13 by any agency of the Federal Government,
14 disaggregated by the number of defendants referred
15 by each agency;

16 (2) a map of the United States indicating how
17 many cases were referred for prosecution by agen-
18 cies of the Federal Government in each judicial dis-
19 trict;

20 (3) the rate, by year and judicial district, of
21 convictions for cases described in paragraph (1) that
22 were prosecuted; and

23 (4) the Attorney General’s recommendations re-
24 garding—

25 (A) identification of trends in the commis-
26 sion of such offenses;

1 (B) how to improve collaboration with
2 other Federal agencies;

3 (C) how to improve law enforcement deter-
4 rence and prevention of such offenses; and

5 (D) whether such offenses are being com-
6 mitted by individuals or criminal organizations.

7 (b) SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY REPORT.—Not
8 later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this
9 Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall submit a report
10 to Congress detailing—

11 (1) current efforts by the Secretary to assist
12 with the prosecution of violations of section 1028(a)
13 or 1028A(a) of title 18, United States Code, wherein
14 the defendant misrepresented himself or herself to
15 be engaged in lawful activities on behalf of, or car-
16 rying out lawful duties as an officer or employee of
17 the Internal Revenue Service;

18 (2) overall trends in the commission of such of-
19 fenses;

20 (3) the Secretary's recommendations regarding
21 what resources are needed to facilitate improved re-
22 view and prosecution of such cases; and

23 (4) information on what assistance the Internal
24 Revenue Service may offer victims of such offenses.

1 SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF REPORT.

2 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Attorney General shall make the report
4 submitted under section 3(b) publically available on an
5 Internet webpage of the Attorney General.

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to require the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury to report to Congress on efforts to combat identity theft, including by persons purporting to be acting on behalf of the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes.”.