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H. R. 2571

To provide the Director of the Congressional Research Service with the authority to obtain information directly from agencies of the Federal Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK (for himself and Mr. QUIGLEY) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “Transparency and Ac-
5 countability in Government Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS OF CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE**
2 **TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION.**

3 (a) DIRECT ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—Section 203
4 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
5 166) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (j) as sub-
7 section (k); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (i) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(j) In carrying out the duties and functions of the
11 Congressional Research Service in response to a request
12 made by a Member of Congress, the Director is authorized
13 to secure such information, data, estimates, and statistics
14 directly from the various departments, agencies, and es-
15 tablishments of the executive branch of the Government
16 and the regulatory agencies and commissions of the Gov-
17 ernment as the Director determines (with the approval of
18 the Member making the request) to be necessary to carry
19 out the request, and all such departments, agencies, estab-
20 lishments, and regulatory agencies and commissions shall
21 furnish the Director with all such available material (other
22 than material the disclosure of which would be a violation
23 of law).”.

24 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 203(d)(1)
25 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 166(d)(1)) is amended in the matter
26 following subparagraph (C) by striking “and in the per-

- 1 formance of this duty” and all that follows through “com-
- 2 ply with such request;”.

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