

# Union Calendar No. 488

118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6864

**[Report No. 118-588]**

To amend the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act to require the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to testify on an annual basis before the Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2023

Mr. LAWLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

JULY 18, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. ROSE, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. HUIZENGA

JULY 18, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on December 19, 2023]

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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 “HUD Accountability*  
5 *Act of 2024”.*

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO TESTIFY.**

7       *Section 7 of the Department of Housing and Urban*  
8 *Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535) is amended by adding*  
9 *at the end the following new subsection:*

10       “(u) *ANNUAL TESTIMONY.*—*During the 5-year period*  
11 *beginning on the date of the enactment of this subsection,*  
12 *the Secretary shall appear before the Committee on Finan-*  
13 *cial Services of the House of Representatives and the Com-*  
14 *mittee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Sen-*  
15 *ate at an annual hearing and present testimony regarding*  
16 *the operations of the Department during the preceding year,*  
17 *including regarding the following topics:*

18               “(1) *The progress made by the Federal Govern-*  
19 *ment in ending the affordable housing and homeless-*  
20 *ness crises.*

21               “(2) *The current programs and operations of the*  
22 *Department.*

23               “(3) *The physical condition of all public housing*  
24 *and other housing assisted by the Department.*

1           “(4) *The financial health of the mortgage insur-*  
2           *ance funds of the FHA.*”

3           “(5) *Oversight by the Department of grantees*  
4           *and sub-grantees for purposes of preventing waste,*  
5           *fraud, and abuse.*”

6           “(6) *The effects of the changes made in 2017 to*  
7           *the Federal income tax deduction for State and local*  
8           *taxes (known as the SALT deduction) on the cost of*  
9           *homeownership in the United States, except that this*  
10          *paragraph shall not apply at any time that such tax*  
11          *deduction is in effect in the same form and manner*  
12          *as immediately before such 2017 changes.*”

13          “(7) *Other ongoing activities of the Department,*  
14          *as appropriate.*”



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