

## Calendar No. 157

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 577

[Report No. 115–120]

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### IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2017

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. ROBERTS) introduced the  
following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on  
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

JUNE 28, 2017

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with an amendment

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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 “Providing Account-  
5 ability Through Transparency Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO POST A 100 WORD SUMMARY TO**  
2 **REGULATIONS.GOV.**

3 Section 553(b) of title 5, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the  
6 end;

7 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at  
8 the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(4) the Internet address of a summary of not  
12 more than 100 words in length of the proposed rule,  
13 in plain language, that shall be posted on the Inter-  
14 net website under section 206(d) of the E-Govern-  
15 ment Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3501 note) (commonly  
16 known as regulations.gov).”.



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