Amendment to Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 2514 Offered by Mr. Loudermilk of Georgia

At the end of title II, add the following:

1SEC. 215. UPDATING THRESHOLDS FOR CERTAIN CUR-2RENCY TRANSACTION REPORTS AND SUS-3PICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTS.

4 (a) THRESHOLDS FOR CERTAIN CURRENCY TRANS5 ACTION REPORTS.—

6	(1) GAO STUDY.—
7	(A) Study.—The Comptroller General of
8	the United States shall carry out a study of
9	currency transaction reports. Such study shall
10	include—
11	(i) a review (carried out in consulta-
12	tion with the Secretary of the Treasury,
13	the Financial Crimes Enforcement Net-
14	work, the United States Attorney General,
15	the State Attorneys General, and State
16	and local law enforcement) of the effective-
17	ness of the current currency transaction
18	reporting regime;

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1	(ii) an analysis of the importance of
2	currency transaction reports to law en-
3	forcement; and
4	(iii) an analysis of the effects of rais-
5	ing the currency transaction report thresh-
6	old.
7	(B) REPORT.—Not later than the end of
8	the 1-year period beginning on the date of en-
9	actment of this Act, the Comptroller General
10	shall issue a report to the Secretary of the
11	Treasury and the Congress containing—
12	(i) all findings and determinations
13	made in carrying out the study required
14	under subparagraph (A); and
15	(ii) recommendations for improving
16	the current currency transaction reporting
17	regime.
18	(2) INITIAL RAISING OF THRESHOLD.—On the
19	date that is the end of the 18-month period begin-
20	ning on the date of enactment of this Act, section
21	5313(a) of title 31, United States Code, is amend-
22	ed—
23	(A) by inserting "(or 2 or more related
24	transactions)" after "in a transaction"; and

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1	(B) by striking "in an amount, denomina-
2	tion, or amount and denomination, or under cir-
3	cumstances the Secretary prescribes by regula-
4	tion" and inserting "in an amount equal to or
5	more than \$20,000"; and
6	(3) SUBSEQUENT RAISING OF THRESHOLD.—
7	On the date that is the end of the 30-month period
8	beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, sec-
9	tion 5313(a) of title 31, United States Code, is
10	amended by striking "\$20,000" and inserting
11	·· \$ 30,000''.
12	(b) GAO STUDY OF THRESHOLDS FOR SUSPICIOUS
13	ACTIVITY REPORTS.—
14	(1) Study.—The Comptroller General of the
15	United States shall carry out a study of suspicious
16	activity reports. Such study shall include—
17	(A) an analysis of the effectiveness of sus-
18	picious activity reports for law enforcement in
19	general, and particularly the usefulness of sus-
20	picious activity reports for combating high risk
21	activities versus more routine "structuring"
22	suspicious activity reports; and
23	(B) an analysis of whether it would be ap-
24	propriate to raise the suspicious activity report-
25	ing threshold.

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1	(2) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 1-
2	year period beginning on the date of enactment of
3	this Act, the Comptroller General shall issue a re-
4	port to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Con-
5	gress containing—
6	(A) all findings and determinations made
7	in carrying out the study required under para-
8	graph (1) ; and
9	(B) recommendations for improving the
10	suspicious activity reporting regime.

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