

the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. MCCOLLUM (for himself, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BOYD, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. FOLEY, Mrs. FOWLER, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOSS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. HOBSON, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. MCCREARY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. MOAKLEY, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. NEY, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OLVER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PORTER, Mr. REGULA, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SHAW, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. WEXLER):

H.R. 3523. A bill to amend the false claims provisions of title 31, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut):

H.R. 3524. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the standard deduction for joint filers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MORAN of Virginia:

H.R. 3525. A bill to amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 to specify the number and use of vehicle lanes on any replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. SHAYS (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. LUTHER, Mr. BILBRAY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MINGE, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 3526. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Government Reform and Oversight, and the Judiciary, 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.

By Mr. SISISKY:

H.R. 3527. A bill to amend the Act entitled "An Act to establish a national military park at the battle fields of the siege of Petersburg, Virginia", approved July 3, 1926, to limit the authority of the Department of the Interior to impose fees for entrance to the City Point Unit of Petersburg National Battlefield; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma (for himself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia):

H. Con. Res. 247. Concurrent resolution recognizing the contributions of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the civil society of the United States and the world and to the cause of nonviolent social and political change to advance social justice and equality for all races and calling on the people of the United States to study, reflect on, and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on the thirtieth anniversary of his death; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 127: Mr. HUTCHINSON and Mr. THUNE.
H.R. 218: Mr. CLEMENT.
H.R. 371: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.
H.R. 442: Mr. PAUL.
H.R. 453: Mr. RANGEL and Mrs. KELLY.
H.R. 493: Mrs. CAPPS.
H.R. 620: Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 758: Mr. OXLEY.
H.R. 789: Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.
H.R. 863: Mr. TIERNEY.
H.R. 934: Ms. DANNER.
H.R. 981: Mr. PAYNE, Mr. TORRES, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. HORN, and Mr. RUSH.
H.R. 991: Mr. LEVIN.
H.R. 1054: Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. WELLER, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.
H.R. 1134: Mr. MOAKLEY.
H.R. 1151: Mr. ROGAN and Mr. ENGEL.
H.R. 1241: Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon.
H.R. 1356: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GREEN, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. BEREUTER.
H.R. 1415: Mr. DIXON and Mr. BASS.
H.R. 1823: Mr. GUTIERREZ.
H.R. 1891: Mr. LEVIN, Mr. KLUG, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BASS, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. BLUMENAUER.
H.R. 2124: Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. HILL.
H.R. 2130: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. BALDACCIO, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. GEJDENSON.
H.R. 2409: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. HALL of Ohio, and Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania.
H.R. 2499: Mr. WATKINS, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. BECERRA, and Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.
H.R. 2541: Mr. WELDON of Florida.
H.R. 2568: Mr. CLYBURN.
H.R. 2609: Mr. HOEKSTRA and Mr. BLUNT.
H.R. 2708: Mr. DREIER, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mrs. NORTHUP, and Mr. BRADY.
H.R. 2734: Mr. NETHERCUTT.
H.R. 2758: Mr. ROYCE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. JOHN. Mr. COBURN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. FILNER, Mr. LUCAS of Oklahoma, Mr. NEY, Mr. KLUG, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. CAMP.
H.R. 2774: Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 2786: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut.
H.R. 2798: Mr. RUSH, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. YATES, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WELLER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. EWING, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. POSHARD, and Mr. SHIMKUS.
H.R. 2799: Mr. RUSH, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. HYDE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. YATES, Mr. PORTER, Mr. WELLER, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. FAWELL, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. EWING, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. POSHARD, and Mr. SHIMKUS.
H.R. 2817: Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. FURSE, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.
H.R. 2819: Mr. LEVIN and Mr. BROWN of California.
H.R. 2829: Mr. CLEMENT, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. SHAW, and Mr. SOUDER.
H.R. 2850: Mr. WAXMAN.
H.R. 2884: Mr. RAMSTAD and Mr. KING of New York.
H.R. 2914: Mr. BERRY.
H.R. 2931: Mr. LAMPSON and Mr. GOODLING.
H.R. 2960: Mr. BARCIA of Michigan.
H.R. 3027: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3028: Ms. LOFGREN.
H.R. 3050: Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

H.R. 3055: Mr. DIAZ-BALART and Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

H.R. 3081: Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. HORN, Mr. LEACH, Mr. FOLEY, and Mr. KLECZKA.

H.R. 3093: Mr. HUTCHINSON.

H.R. 3134: Mr. BORSKI and Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 3149: Mr. KOLBE.

H.R. 3151: Mr. KOLBE.

H.R. 3156: Mr. HOBSON, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. HORN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. COYNE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. BROWN of California, and Mr. LUTHER.

H.R. 3159: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Ms. LOFGREN, and Mr. SOLOMON.

H.R. 3168: Mrs. CHENOWETH.

H.R. 3206: Mr. WELLER and Mr. CAMPBELL.

H.R. 3217: Mr. KLECZKA and Mr. KLINK.

H.R. 3243: Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 3248: Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. SOUDER.

H.R. 3259: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H.R. 3265: Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, and Mr. WATKINS.

H.R. 3269: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 3276: Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 3290: Mr. NEY, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. EHRlich, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mrs. MORELLA.

H.R. 3300: Mr. MATSUI and Mr. MANTON.

H.R. 3331: Mr. SANFORD.

H.R. 3335: Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 3464: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida and Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

H.J. Res. 114: Mr. GANSKE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. TRAFICANT, and Mr. HUNTER.

H. Con. Res. 47: Mr. TIERNEY.

H. Con. Res. 186: Mr. CALVERT.

H. Con. Res. 211: Mrs. MYRICK and Mr. NEY.

H. Con. Res. 219: Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H. Con. Res. 246: Mr. SUNUNU, Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia.

H. Res. 37: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

H. Res. 380: Mr. RIGGS.

DELETIONS OF SPONSORS FROM PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, sponsors were deleted from public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 94: Mr. DELAHUNT.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 10

OFFERED BY: MR. LEACH

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT No. 1.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSES; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Financial Services Act of 1998".

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are as follows:

(1) To enhance competition in the financial services industry, in order to foster innovation and efficiency.

(2) To ensure the continued safety and soundness of depository institutions.

(3) To provide necessary and appropriate protections for investors and ensure fair and honest markets in the delivery of financial services.

(4) To provide for appropriate functional regulation of insurance activities.

(5) To reduce and, to the maximum extent practicable, to eliminate the legal barriers preventing affiliation among depository institutions, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers and to provide a prudential framework for achieving that result.

(6) To enhance the availability of financial services to citizens of all economic circumstances and in all geographic areas.

(7) To enhance the competitiveness of United States financial service providers internationally.

(8) To ensure compliance by depository institutions with the provisions of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 and enhance the ability of depository institutions to meet the capital and credit needs of all citizens and communities, including underserved communities and populations.

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; purposes; table of contents.

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- Sec. 103. Financial holding companies.
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- Sec. 105. Mutual bank holding companies authorized.
- Sec. 106. Prohibition on deposit production offices.
- Sec. 107. Clarification of branch closure requirements.
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- Sec. 111. Streamlining financial holding company supervision.
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- Sec. 113. Authority of State insurance regulator and Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Sec. 114. Prudential safeguards.
- Sec. 115. Examination of investment companies.
- Sec. 116. Limitation on rulemaking, prudential, supervisory, and enforcement authority of the Board.

Subtitle C—Subsidiaries of National Banks

- Sec. 121. Permissible activities for subsidiaries of national banks.
- Sec. 122. Misrepresentations regarding depository institution liability for obligations of affiliates.
- Sec. 123. Repeal of stock loan limit in Federal reserve act.

Subtitle D—Wholesale Financial Holding Companies; Wholesale Financial Institutions CHAPTER 1—WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES

- Sec. 131. Wholesale financial holding companies established.
- Sec. 132. Authorization to release reports.
- Sec. 133. Conforming amendments.

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- Sec. 136. Wholesale financial institutions.

Subtitle E—Streamlining Antitrust Review of Bank Acquisitions and Mergers

- Sec. 141. Amendments to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.
- Sec. 142. Amendments to the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to vest in the Attorney General sole responsibility for antitrust review of depository institution mergers.
- Sec. 143. Information filed by depository institutions; interagency data sharing.
- Sec. 144. Applicability of antitrust laws.
- Sec. 145. Clarification of status of subsidiaries and affiliates.
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Subtitle F—Applying the Principles of National Treatment and Equality of Competitive Opportunity to Foreign Banks and Foreign Financial Institutions

- Sec. 151. Applying the principles of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity to foreign banks that are financial holding companies.
- Sec. 152. Applying the principles of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity to foreign banks and foreign financial institutions that are wholesale financial institutions.

Subtitle G—Federal Home Loan Bank System

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- Sec. 201. Definition of broker.
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- Sec. 215. Definition of broker under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
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- Sec. 304. Insurance underwriting in national banks.
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- Sec. 306. Title insurance activities of national banks and their affiliates.
- Sec. 307. Expedited and equalized dispute resolution for financial regulators.
- Sec. 308. Consumer protection regulations.
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- Sec. 309. Certain State affiliation laws preempted for insurance companies and affiliates.

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- Sec. 311. General application.
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- Sec. 314. Other provisions.
- Sec. 315. Definitions.
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Subtitle C—National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers

- Sec. 321. State flexibility in multistate licensing reforms.
- Sec. 322. National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers.
- Sec. 323. Purpose.
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- Sec. 329. Assessments.
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- Sec. 331. Liability of the Association and the directors, officers, and employees of the Association.
- Sec. 332. Elimination of NAIC oversight.
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- Sec. 421. State savings associations treated as State banks under Federal banking law.
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- Sec. 431. Prohibition of merger or consolidation repealed.
- Sec. 432. Secretary of the Treasury required to formulate plans for combining Office of Thrift Supervision with Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.
- Sec. 433. Office of Thrift Supervision and position of Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision abolished.
- Sec. 434. Reconfiguration of board of directors of FDIC as a result of removal of Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision.
- Sec. 435. Continuation provisions.

TITLE I—FACILITATING AFFILIATION AMONG SECURITIES FIRMS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS

Subtitle A—Affiliations

SEC. 101. GLASS-STEAGALL ACT REFORMED.

(a) SECTION 20 REPEALED.—Section 20 (12 U.S.C. 377) of the Banking Act of 1933 (commonly referred to as the "Glass-Steagall Act") is repealed.

(b) SECTION 32 REPEALED.—Section 32 (12 U.S.C. 78) of the Banking Act of 1933 is repealed.

SEC. 102. ACTIVITY RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO BANK HOLDING COMPANIES WHICH ARE NOT FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4(c)(8) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(c)(8)) is amended to read as follows:

"(8) shares of any company the activities of which had been determined by the Board by regulation under this paragraph as of the day before the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, to be so closely related to banking as to be a proper incident thereto (subject to such terms and conditions contained in such regulation, unless modified by the Board);"

(b) CONFORMING CHANGES TO OTHER STATUTES.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO THE BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1970.—Section 105 of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 (12 U.S.C. 1850) is amended by striking " , to engage directly or indirectly in a nonbanking activity pursuant to section 4 of such Act,".

(2) AMENDMENT TO THE BANK SERVICE COMPANY ACT.—Section 4(f) of the Bank Service Company Act (12 U.S.C. 1864(f)) is amended by striking the period and adding at the end the following: "as of the day before the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998.".

SEC. 103. FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 is amended by inserting

after section 5 (12 U.S.C. 1844) the following new section:

"SEC. 6. FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

"(a) FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term 'financial holding company' means a bank holding company which meets the requirements of subsection (b).

"(b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—No bank holding company may engage in any activity or directly or indirectly acquire or retain shares of any company under this section unless the bank holding company meets the following requirements:

"(A) All of the subsidiary depository institutions of the bank holding company are well capitalized.

"(B) All of the subsidiary depository institutions of the bank holding company are well managed.

"(C) All of the subsidiary depository institutions of the bank holding company have achieved a rating of 'satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs', or better, at the most recent examination of each such institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977.

"(D) All of the subsidiary insured depository institutions of the bank holding company (other than any such depository institution which does not, in the ordinary course of the business of the depository institution, offer consumer transaction accounts to the general public) offer and maintain low-cost basic banking accounts.

"(E) The company has filed with the Board a declaration that the company elects to be a financial holding company and certifying that the company meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (D).

"(2) FOREIGN BANKS AND COMPANIES.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the Board shall establish and apply comparable capital standards to a foreign bank that operates a branch or agency or owns or controls a bank or commercial lending company in the United States, and any company that owns or controls such foreign bank, giving due regard to the principle of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity.

"(3) LIMITED EXCLUSIONS FROM COMMUNITY NEEDS REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWLY ACQUIRED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—If the requirements of subparagraph (B) are met, any depository institution acquired by a bank holding company during the 24-month period preceding the submission of a declaration under paragraph (1)(E) and any depository institution acquired after the submission of such declaration may be excluded for purposes of paragraph (1)(C) until the later of—

"(i) the end of the 24-month period beginning on the date the acquisition of the depository institution by such company is consummated; or

"(ii) the date of completion of the 1st examination of such depository institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 which is conducted after the date of the acquisition of the depository institution.

"(B) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements of this subparagraph are met with respect to any bank holding company referred to in subparagraph (A) if—

"(i) the bank holding company has submitted an affirmative plan to the appropriate Federal banking agency to take such action as may be necessary in order for such institution to achieve a rating of 'satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs', or better, at the next examination of the institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977; and

"(ii) the plan has been approved by such agency.

"(c) ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES FINANCIAL IN NATURE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 4(a), a financial holding company and a wholesale financial holding company may engage in any activity, and acquire and retain the shares of any company engaged in any activity, which the Board has determined (by regulation or order) to be financial in nature or incidental to such financial activities.

"(2) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED.—In determining whether an activity is financial in nature or incidental to financial activities, the Board shall take into account—

"(A) the purposes of this Act and the Financial Services Act of 1998;

"(B) changes or reasonably expected changes in the marketplace in which bank holding companies compete;

"(C) changes or reasonably expected changes in the technology for delivering financial services; and

"(D) whether such activity is necessary or appropriate to allow a bank holding company and the affiliates of a bank holding company to—

"(i) compete effectively with any company seeking to provide financial services in the United States;

"(ii) use any available or emerging technological means, including any application necessary to protect the security or efficacy of systems for the transmission of data or financial transactions, in providing financial services; and

"(iii) offer customers any available or emerging technological means for using financial services.

"(3) ACTIVITIES THAT ARE FINANCIAL IN NATURE.—The following activities shall be considered to be financial in nature:

"(A) Lending, exchanging, transferring, investing for others, or safeguarding money or securities.

"(B) Insuring, guaranteeing, or indemnifying against loss, harm, damage, illness, disability, or death, or providing and issuing annuities, and acting as principal, agent, or broker for purposes of the foregoing.

"(C) Providing financial, investment, or economic advisory services, including advising an investment company (as defined in section 3 of the Investment Company Act of 1940).

"(D) Issuing or selling instruments representing interests in pools of assets permissible for a bank to hold directly.

"(E) Underwriting, dealing in, or making a market in securities.

"(F) Engaging in any activity that the Board has determined, by order or regulation that is in effect on the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, to be so closely related to banking or managing or controlling banks as to be a proper incident thereto (subject to the same terms and conditions contained in such order or regulation, unless modified by the Board).

"(G) Engaging, in the United States, in any activity that—

"(i) a bank holding company may engage in outside the United States; and

"(ii) the Board has determined, under regulations issued pursuant to section 4(c)(13) of this Act (as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998) to be usual in connection with the transaction of banking or other financial operations abroad.

"(H) Directly or indirectly acquiring or controlling, whether as principal, on behalf of 1 or more entities (including entities, other than a depository institution or subsidiary of a depository institution, that the bank holding company controls) or otherwise, shares, assets, or ownership interests (including without limitation debt or equity

securities, partnership interests, trust certificates or other instruments representing ownership) of a company or other entity, whether or not constituting control of such company or entity, engaged in any activity not authorized pursuant to this section if—

“(i) the shares, assets, or ownership interests are not acquired or held by a depository institution or subsidiary of a depository institution;

“(ii) such shares, assets, or ownership interests are acquired and held by a securities affiliate or an affiliate thereof as part of a bona fide underwriting or merchant banking activity, including investment activities engaged in for the purpose of appreciation and ultimate resale or disposition of the investment;

“(iii) such shares, assets, or ownership interests, are held only for such a period of time as will permit the sale or disposition thereof on a reasonable basis consistent with the nature of the activities described in clause (ii); and

“(iv) during the period such shares, assets, or ownership interests are held, the bank holding company does not actively participate in the day to day management or operation of such company or entity, except insofar as necessary to achieve the objectives of clause (ii).

“(I) Directly or indirectly acquiring or controlling, whether as principal, on behalf of 1 or more entities (including entities, other than a depository institution or subsidiary of a depository institution, that the bank holding company controls) or otherwise, shares, assets, or ownership interests (including without limitation debt or equity securities, partnership interests, trust certificates or other instruments representing ownership) of a company or other entity, whether or not constituting control of such company or entity, engaged in any activity not authorized pursuant to this section if—

“(i) the shares, assets, or ownership interests are not acquired or held by a depository institution or a subsidiary of a depository institution;

“(ii) such shares, assets, or ownership interests are acquired and held by an insurance company that is predominantly engaged in underwriting life, accident and health, or property and casualty insurance (other than credit-related insurance);

“(iii) such shares, assets, or ownership interests represent an investment made in the ordinary course of business of such insurance company in accordance with relevant State law governing such investments; and

“(iv) during the period such shares, assets, or ownership interests are held, the bank holding company does not directly or indirectly participate in the day-to-day management or operation of the company or entity except insofar as necessary to achieve the objectives of clauses (ii) and (iii).

“(4) ACTIONS REQUIRED.—The Board shall, by regulation or order, define, consistent with the purposes of this Act, the following activities as, and the extent to which such activities are, financial in nature or incidental to activities which are financial in nature:

“(A) Lending, exchanging, transferring, investing for others, or safeguarding financial assets other than money or securities.

“(B) Providing any device or other instrumentality for transferring money or other financial assets;

“(C) Arranging, effecting, or facilitating financial transactions for the account of third parties.

“(5) POST CONSUMMATION NOTIFICATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A financial holding company and a wholesale financial holding company that acquires any company, or commences any activity, pursuant to this

subsection shall provide written notice to the Board describing the activity commenced or conducted by the company acquired no later than 30 calendar days after commencing the activity or consummating the acquisition.

“(B) APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.—Except as provided in section 4(j) with regard to the acquisition of a savings association, a financial holding company and a wholesale financial holding company may commence any activity, or acquire any company, pursuant to paragraph (3) or any regulation prescribed or order issued under paragraph (4), without prior approval of the Board.

“(d) PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES THAT FAIL TO MEET REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Board finds that a financial holding company is not in compliance with the requirements of subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (b)(1), the Board shall give notice of such finding to the company.

“(2) AGREEMENT TO CORRECT CONDITIONS REQUIRED.—Within 45 days of receipt by a financial holding company of a notice given under paragraph (1) (or such additional period as the Board may permit), the company shall execute an agreement acceptable to the Board to comply with the requirements applicable to a financial holding company.

“(3) BOARD MAY IMPOSE LIMITATIONS.—Until the conditions described in a notice to a financial holding company under paragraph (1) are corrected, the Board may impose such limitations on the conduct or activities of the company or any affiliate of the company as the Board determines to be appropriate under the circumstances.

“(4) FAILURE TO CORRECT.—If, after receiving a notice under paragraph (1), a financial holding company does not—

“(A) execute and implement an agreement in accordance with paragraph (2);

“(B) comply with any limitations imposed under paragraph (3);

“(C) in the case of a notice of failure to comply with subsection (b)(1)(A), restore each depository institution subsidiary to well capitalized status before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date such notice is received by the company (or such other period permitted by the Board); or

“(D) in the case of a notice of failure to comply with subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (b)(1), restore compliance with any such subparagraph by the date the next examination of the depository institution subsidiary is completed or by the end of such other period as the Board determines to be appropriate,

the Board may require such company, under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Board and subject to such extension of time as may be granted in the Board's discretion, to divest control of any depository institution subsidiary or, at the election of the financial holding company, instead to cease to engage in any activity conducted by such company or its subsidiaries pursuant to this section.

“(5) CONSULTATION.—In taking any action under this subsection, the Board shall consult with all relevant Federal and State regulatory agencies.

“(e) SAFEGUARDS FOR BANK SUBSIDIARIES.—A financial holding company shall assure that—

“(1) the procedures of the holding company for identifying and managing financial and operational risks within the company, and the subsidiaries of such company, adequately protect the subsidiaries of such company which are insured depository institutions from such risks;

“(2) the holding company has reasonable policies and procedures to preserve the separate corporate identity and limited liability of such company and the subsidiaries of such company, for the protection of the company's subsidiary insured depository institutions; and

“(3) the holding company complies with this section.

“(f) NONFINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 4(a), a financial holding company may engage in activities which are not (or have not been determined to be) financial in nature or incidental to activities which are financial in nature, or acquire and retain ownership and control of the shares of a company engaged in such activities, if—

“(A) the aggregate annual gross revenues derived from all such activities and all such companies does not exceed the lesser of—

“(i) 5 percent of the consolidated annual gross revenues of the financial holding company; or

“(ii) \$500,000,000;

“(B) the consolidated total assets of any company the shares of which are acquired by the financial holding company pursuant to this paragraph are less than \$750,000,000 at the time the shares are acquired by the holding company; and

“(C) the holding company provides notice to the Board within 30 days of commencing the activity or acquiring the ownership or control.

“(2) INCLUSION OF GRANDFATHERED ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of determining the limits contained in paragraph (1)(A), the gross revenues derived from all activities conducted, and companies the shares of which are held, under subsection (g) shall be considered to be derived or held under this subsection.

“(3) FOREIGN BANKS.—In lieu of the limitation contained in paragraph (1)(A) in the case of a foreign bank or a company that owns or controls a foreign bank which engages in any activity or acquires or retains ownership or control of shares of any company pursuant to paragraph (1), the aggregate annual gross revenues derived from all such activities and all such companies in the United States shall not exceed the lesser of—

“(A) 5 percent of the consolidated annual gross revenues of the foreign bank or company in the United States derived from any branch, agency, commercial lending company, or depository institution controlled by the foreign bank or company and any subsidiary engaged in the United States in activities permissible under section 4 or 6; or

“(B) \$500,000,000.

“(4) INDEXING REVENUE TEST.—After December 31, 1998, the Board shall annually adjust the dollar amount contained in paragraphs (1)(A) and (3) by the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“(5) NONAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER EXEMPTION.—Any foreign bank or company that owns or controls a foreign bank which engages in any activity or acquires or retains ownership or control of shares of any company pursuant to this subsection shall not be eligible for any exception described in section 2(h).

“(g) AUTHORITY TO RETAIN LIMITED NON-FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND AFFILIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (f)(1) and section 4(a), a company that is not a bank holding company or a foreign bank (as defined in section 1(b)(7) of the International Banking Act of 1978) and becomes a financial holding company after the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998 may continue to engage in any activity and retain direct or indirect

ownership or control of shares of a company engaged in any activity if—

“(A) the holding company lawfully was engaged in the activity or held the shares of such company on September 30, 1997;

“(B) the holding company is predominantly engaged in financial activities as defined in paragraph (2); and

“(C) the company engaged in such activity continues to engage only in the same activities that such company conducted on September 30, 1997, and other activities permissible under this Act.

“(2) **PREDOMINANTLY FINANCIAL.**—For purposes of this subsection, a company is predominantly engaged in financial activities if, as of the day before the company becomes a financial holding company, the annual gross revenues derived by the holding company and all subsidiaries of the holding company, on a consolidated basis, from engaging in activities that are financial in nature or are incidental to activities that are financial in nature under subsection (c) represent at least 85 percent of the consolidated annual gross revenues of the company.

“(3) **NO EXPANSION OF GRANDFATHERED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION.**—A financial holding company that engages in activities or holds shares pursuant to this subsection, or a subsidiary of such financial holding company, may not acquire, in any merger, consolidation, or other type of business combination, assets of any other company which is engaged in any activity which the Board has not determined to be financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature under subsection (c).

“(4) **CONTINUING REVENUE LIMITATION ON GRANDFATHERED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, a financial holding company may continue to engage in activities or hold shares in companies pursuant to this subsection only to the extent that the aggregate annual gross revenues derived from all such activities and all such companies does not exceed 15 percent of the consolidated annual gross revenues of the financial holding company.

“(5) **CROSS MARKETING RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.**—A depository institution controlled by a financial holding company shall not—

“(A) offer or market, directly or through any arrangement, any product or service of a company whose activities are conducted or whose shares are owned or controlled by the financial holding company pursuant to this subsection, subsection (f), or subparagraph (H) or (I) of subsection (c)(3); or

“(B) permit any of its products or services to be offered or marketed, directly or through any arrangement, by or through any company described in subparagraph (A).

“(6) **TRANSACTIONS WITH NONFINANCIAL AFFILIATES.**—An insured depository institution controlled by a financial holding company may not engage in a covered transaction (as defined by section 23A(b)(7) of the Federal Reserve Act) with any affiliate controlled by the company pursuant to this subsection, subsection (f), or subparagraph (H) or (I) of subsection (c)(3).

“(h) **DEVELOPING ACTIVITIES.**—A financial holding company and a wholesale financial holding company may engage directly or indirectly, or acquire shares of any company engaged, in any activity that the Board has not determined to be financial in nature or incidental to financial activities under subsection (c) if—

“(1) the holding company reasonably concludes that the activity is financial in nature or incidental to financial activities;

“(2) the gross revenues from all activities conducted under this subsection represent

less than 5 percent of the consolidated gross revenues of the holding company;

“(3) the aggregate total assets of all companies the shares of which are held under this subsection do not exceed 5 percent of the holding company's consolidated total assets;

“(4) the total capital invested in activities conducted under this subsection represents less than 5 percent of the consolidated total capital of the holding company;

“(5) the Board has not determined that the activity is not financial in nature or incidental to financial activities under subsection (c); and

“(6) the holding company provides written notification to the Board describing the activity commenced or conducted by the company acquired no later than 10 business days after commencing the activity or consummating the acquisition.”.

SEC. 104. CERTAIN STATE LAWS PREEMPTED.

(a) **AFFILIATIONS.**—No State may by statute, regulation, order, interpretation, or otherwise, prevent or restrict an insured depository institution or a wholesale financial institution from being affiliated with an entity (including an entity engaged in insurance activities) as authorized by this Act or any other provision of Federal law.

(b) **ACTIVITIES.**

(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) and subject to section 18(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, no State may by statute, regulation, order, interpretation, or otherwise, prevent or restrict an insured depository institution or a wholesale financial institution from engaging, directly or indirectly or in conjunction with an affiliate, in any activity authorized under this Act or any other provision of Federal law.

(2) As stated by the United States Supreme Court in *Barnett Bank of Marion County, N.A. v. Nelson*, 116 S.Ct. 1103 (1996), no State may, by statute, regulation, order, interpretation, or otherwise, prevent or significantly interfere with the ability of an insured depository institution or wholesale financial institution to engage, directly or indirectly, or in conjunction with an affiliate, in any insurance sales or solicitation activity, except that—

(A) State statutes and regulations governing insurance sales and solicitations which are no more restrictive than provisions in the Illinois “Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Insurance by Financial Institutions, Public Act 90-41” (215 ILCS 5/1400-1416), as in effect on October 1, 1997, shall not be deemed to prevent or significantly interfere with the ability of an insured depository institution or wholesale financial institution to engage, directly or indirectly, or in conjunction with an affiliate, in any insurance sales or solicitation activity; and

(B) subparagraph (A) shall not create any inference regarding State statutes, and regulations governing insurance sales and solicitations which are more restrictive than any provision in the Illinois “Act Authorizing and Regulating the Sale of Insurance by Financial Institutions”, (Public Act 90-41; 215 ILCS 5/1400-1416), as in effect on October 1, 1997.

(3) State statutes, regulations, orders, and interpretations which are applicable to and are applied in the same manner with respect to insurance underwriting activities of an affiliate of an insured depository institution or a wholesale financial institution as they are applicable to and are applied to an insurance underwriter which is not affiliated with an insured depository institution or a wholesale financial institution shall not be preempted under paragraph (1).

SEC. 105. MUTUAL BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AUTHORIZED.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 3(g)(2) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842(g)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

“(2) **REGULATIONS.**—A bank holding company organized as a mutual holding company shall be regulated on terms, and shall be subject to limitations, comparable to those applicable to any other bank holding company.”.

SEC. 106. PROHIBITION ON DEPOSIT PRODUCTION OFFICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 109(d) of the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 1835a(d)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, the Financial Services Act of 1998,” after “pursuant to this title”; and

(2) by inserting “or such Act” after “made by this title”.

(b) **TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 109(e)(4) of the Riegle-Neal Interstate Banking and Branching Efficiency Act of 1994 (12 U.S.C. 1835a(e)(4)) is amended by inserting “and any branch of a bank controlled by an out-of-State bank holding company (as defined in section 2(o)(7) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956)” before the period.

SEC. 107. CLARIFICATION OF BRANCH CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.

Section 42(d)(4)(A) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831r-1(d)(4)(A)) is amended by inserting “and any bank controlled by an out-of-State bank holding company (as defined in section 2(o)(7) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956)” before the period.

SEC. 108. AMENDMENTS RELATING TO LIMITED PURPOSE BANKS.

Section 4(f) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1843(f)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii)—

(A) by striking “and” at the end of subclause (IX);

(B) by inserting “and” after the semicolon at the end of subclause (X); and

(C) by inserting after subclause (X) the following new subclause:

“(XI) assets that are derived from, or are incidental to, activities in which institutions described in section 2(c)(2)(F) are permitted to engage.”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following new subparagraphs:

“(B) any bank subsidiary of such company engages in any activity in which the bank was not lawfully engaged as of March 5, 1987, unless the bank is well managed and well capitalized;

“(C) any bank subsidiary of such company both—

“(i) accepts demand deposits or deposits that the depositor may withdraw by check or similar means for payment to third parties; and

“(ii) engages in the business of making commercial loans (and, for purposes of this clause, loans made in the ordinary course of a credit card operation shall not be treated as commercial loans); or

“(D) after the date of the enactment of the Competitive Equality Amendments of 1987, any bank subsidiary of such company permits any overdraft (including any intraday overdraft), or incurs any such overdraft in such bank's account at a Federal reserve bank, on behalf of an affiliate, other than an overdraft described in paragraph (3).”; and

(3) by striking paragraphs (3) and (4) and inserting the following new paragraphs:

“(3) **PERMISSIBLE OVERDRAFTS DESCRIBED.**—For purposes of paragraph (2)(D), an overdraft is described in this paragraph if—

“(A) such overdraft results from an inadvertent computer or accounting error that is beyond the control of both the bank and the affiliate; or

“(B) such overdraft—

“(i) is permitted or incurred on behalf of an affiliate which is monitored by, reports to, and is recognized as a primary dealer by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; and

“(ii) is fully secured, as required by the Board, by bonds, notes, or other obligations which are direct obligations of the United States or on which the principal and interest are fully guaranteed by the United States or by securities and obligations eligible for settlement on the Federal Reserve book entry system.

“(4) DIVESTITURE IN CASE OF LOSS OF EXEMPTION.—If any company described in paragraph (1) fails to qualify for the exemption provided under such paragraph by operation of paragraph (2), such exemption shall cease to apply to such company and such company shall divest control of each bank it controls before the end of the 180-day period beginning on the date that the company receives notice from the Board that the company has failed to continue to qualify for such exemption, unless before the end of such 180-day period, the company has—

“(A) corrected the condition or ceased the activity that caused the company to fail to continue to qualify for the exemption; and

“(B) implemented procedures that are reasonably adapted to avoid the reoccurrence of such condition or activity.”

Subtitle B—Streamlining Supervision of Financial Holding Companies

SEC. 111. STREAMLINING FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANY SUPERVISION.

Section 5(c) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1844(c)) is amended to read as follows:

“(c) REPORTS AND EXAMINATIONS.—

“(1) REPORTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board from time to time may require any bank holding company and any subsidiary of such company to submit reports under oath to keep the Board informed as to—

“(i) its financial condition, systems for monitoring and controlling financial and operating risks, and transactions with depository institution subsidiaries of the holding company; and

“(ii) compliance by the company or subsidiary with applicable provisions of this Act.

“(B) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, accept reports in fulfillment of the Board's reporting requirements under this paragraph that a bank holding company or any subsidiary of such company has provided or been required to provide to other Federal and State supervisors or to appropriate self-regulatory organizations.

“(ii) AVAILABILITY.—A bank holding company or a subsidiary of such company shall provide to the Board, at the request of the Board, a report referred to in clause (i).

“(iii) REQUIRED USE OF PUBLICLY REPORTED INFORMATION.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, accept in fulfillment of any reporting or recordkeeping requirements under this Act information that is otherwise required to be reported publicly and externally audited financial statements.

“(iv) REPORTS FILED WITH OTHER AGENCIES.—In the event the Board requires a report from a functionally regulated nondepository institution subsidiary of a bank holding company of a kind that is not required by another Federal or State regulator or appropriate self-regulatory organization, the Board shall request that the appropriate regulator or self-regulatory organization obtain such report. If the report is not made available to the Board, and the report is necessary to assess a material risk to the bank holding company or its subsidiary depository

institution or compliance with this Act, the Board may require such subsidiary to provide such a report to the Board.

“(C) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘functionally regulated nondepository institution’ means—

“(i) a broker or dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

“(ii) an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, with respect to the investment advisory activities of such investment adviser and activities incidental to such investment advisory activities;

“(iii) an insurance company subject to supervision by a State insurance commission, agency, or similar authority; and

“(iv) an entity subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, with respect to the commodities activities of such entity and activities incidental to such commodities activities.

“(2) EXAMINATIONS.—

“(A) EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board may make examinations of each bank holding company and each subsidiary of a bank holding company.

“(ii) FUNCTIONALLY REGULATED NONDEPOSITORY INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARIES.—Notwithstanding clause (i), the Board may make examinations of a functionally regulated nondepository institution subsidiary of a bank holding company only if—

“(I) the Board has reasonable cause to believe that such subsidiary is engaged in activities that pose a material risk to an affiliated depository institution, or

“(II) based on reports and other available information, the Board has reasonable cause to believe that a subsidiary is not in compliance with this Act or with provisions relating to transactions with an affiliated depository institution and the Board cannot make such determination through examination of the affiliated depository institution or bank holding company.

“(B) LIMITATIONS ON EXAMINATION AUTHORITY FOR BANK HOLDING COMPANIES AND SUBSIDIARIES.—Subject to subparagraph (A)(ii), the Board may make examinations under subparagraph (A)(i) of each bank holding company and each subsidiary of such holding company in order to—

“(i) inform the Board of the nature of the operations and financial condition of the holding company and such subsidiaries;

“(ii) inform the Board of—

“(I) the financial and operational risks within the holding company system that may pose a threat to the safety and soundness of any subsidiary depository institution of such holding company; and

“(II) the systems for monitoring and controlling such risks; and

“(iii) monitor compliance with the provisions of this Act and those governing transactions and relationships between any subsidiary depository institution and its affiliates.

“(C) RESTRICTED FOCUS OF EXAMINATIONS.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, limit the focus and scope of any examination of a bank holding company to—

“(i) the bank holding company; and

“(ii) any subsidiary of the holding company that, because of—

“(I) the size, condition, or activities of the subsidiary;

“(II) the nature or size of transactions between such subsidiary and any depository institution which is also a subsidiary of such holding company; or

“(III) the centralization of functions within the holding company system,

could have a materially adverse effect on the safety and soundness of any depository institution affiliate of the holding company.

“(D) DEFERENCE TO BANK EXAMINATIONS.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, use, for the purposes of this paragraph, the reports of examinations of depository institutions made by the appropriate Federal and State depository institution supervisory authority.

“(E) DEFERENCE TO OTHER EXAMINATIONS.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, address the circumstances which might otherwise permit or require an examination by the Board by forgoing an examination and instead reviewing the reports of examination made of—

“(i) any registered broker or dealer or registered investment adviser by or on behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission;

“(ii) any licensed insurance company by or on behalf of any state regulatory authority responsible for the supervision of insurance companies; and

“(iii) any other subsidiary that the Board finds to be comprehensively supervised by a Federal or State authority.

“(3) CAPITAL.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall not, by regulation, guideline, order or otherwise, prescribe or impose any capital or capital adequacy rules, guidelines, standards, or requirements on any subsidiary of a financial holding company that is not a depository institution and—

“(i) is in compliance with applicable capital requirements of another Federal regulatory authority (including the Securities and Exchange Commission) or State insurance authority; or

“(ii) is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

“(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subparagraph (A) shall not be construed as preventing the Board from imposing capital or capital adequacy rules, guidelines, standards, or requirements with respect to activities of a registered investment adviser other than investment advisory activities or activities incidental to investment advisory activities.

“(4) TRANSFER OF BOARD AUTHORITY TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of any bank holding company which is not significantly engaged in nonbanking activities, the Board, in consultation with the appropriate Federal banking agency, may designate the appropriate Federal banking agency of the lead insured depository institution subsidiary of such holding company as the appropriate Federal banking agency for the bank holding company.

“(B) AUTHORITY TRANSFERRED.—An agency designated by the Board under subparagraph (A) shall have the same authority as the Board under this Act to—

“(i) examine and require reports from the bank holding company and any affiliate of such company (other than a depository institution) under section 5;

“(ii) approve or disapprove applications or transactions under section 3;

“(iii) take actions and impose penalties under subsections (e) and (f) of section 5 and section 8; and

“(iv) take actions regarding the holding company, any affiliate of the holding company (other than a depository institution), or any institution-affiliated party of such company or affiliate under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and any other statute which the Board may designate.

“(C) AGENCY ORDERS.—Section 9 (of this Act) and section 105 of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 shall apply to orders issued by an agency designated under subparagraph (A) in the same manner such sections apply to orders issued by the Board.

"(5) FUNCTIONAL REGULATION OF SECURITIES AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES.—The Board shall defer to—

"(A) the Securities and Exchange Commission with regard to all interpretations of, and the enforcement of, applicable Federal securities laws relating to the activities, conduct, and operations of registered brokers, dealers, investment advisers, and investment companies; and

"(B) the relevant State insurance authorities with regard to all interpretations of, and the enforcement of, applicable State insurance laws relating to the activities, conduct, and operations of insurance companies and insurance agents."

SEC. 112. ELIMINATION OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

(a) PREVENTION OF DUPLICATIVE FILINGS.—Section 5(a) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1844(a)) is amended by adding the following new sentence at the end: "A declaration filed in accordance with section 6(b)(1)(E) shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection with regard to the registration of a bank holding company but not any requirement to file an application to acquire a bank pursuant to section 3."

(b) DIVESTITURE PROCEDURES.—Section 5(e)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1844(e)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking "Financial Institutions Supervisory Act of 1966, order" and inserting "Financial Institutions Supervisory Act of 1966, at the election of the bank holding company—

"(A) order"; and

(2) by striking "shareholders of the bank holding company. Such distribution" and inserting "shareholders of the bank holding company; or

"(B) order the bank holding company, after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and after consultation with the bank's primary supervisor, which shall be the Comptroller of the Currency in the case of a national bank, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the appropriate State supervisor in the case of an insured nonmember bank, to terminate (within 120 days or such longer period as the Board may direct) the ownership or control of any such bank by such company.

"The distribution referred to in subparagraph (A)".

SEC. 113. AUTHORITY OF STATE INSURANCE REGULATOR AND SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

Section 5 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1844) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) AUTHORITY OF STATE INSURANCE REGULATOR AND THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any regulation, order, or other action of the Board which requires a bank holding company to provide funds or other assets to a subsidiary insured depository institution shall not be effective nor enforceable if—

"(A) such funds or assets are to be provided by—

"(i) a bank holding company that is an insurance company or is a broker or dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or

"(ii) an affiliate of the depository institution which is an insurance company or a broker or dealer registered under such Act; and

"(B) the State insurance authority for the insurance company or the Securities and Exchange Commission for the registered broker or dealer, as the case may be, determines in writing sent to the holding company and the

Board that the holding company shall not provide such funds or assets because such action would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the insurance company or the broker or dealer, as the case may be.

"(2) NOTICE TO STATE INSURANCE AUTHORITY OR SEC REQUIRED.—If the Board requires a bank holding company, or an affiliate of a bank holding company, which is an insurance company or a broker or dealer described in paragraph (1)(A) to provide funds or assets to an insured depository institution subsidiary of the holding company pursuant to any regulation, order, or other action of the Board referred to in paragraph (1), the Board shall promptly notify the State insurance authority for the insurance company or the Securities and Exchange Commission, as the case may be, of such requirement.

"(3) DIVESTITURE IN LIEU OF OTHER ACTION.—If the Board receives a notice described in paragraph (1)(B) from a State insurance authority or the Securities and Exchange Commission with regard to a bank holding company or affiliate referred to in such paragraph, the Board may order the bank holding company to divest the insured depository institution within 180 days of receiving notice or such longer period as the Board determines consistent with the safe and sound operation of the insured depository institution.

"(4) CONDITIONS BEFORE DIVESTITURE.—During the period beginning on the date an order to divest is issued by the Board under paragraph (3) to a bank holding company and ending on the date the divestiture is completed, the Board may impose any conditions or restrictions on the holding company's ownership or operation of the insured depository institution, including restricting or prohibiting transactions between the insured depository institution and any affiliate of the institution, as are appropriate under the circumstances."

SEC. 114. PRUDENTIAL SAFEGUARDS.

Section 5 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1844) is amended by inserting after subsection (g) (as added by section 113 of this subtitle) the following new subsection:

"(h) PRUDENTIAL SAFEGUARDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may, by regulation or order, impose restrictions or requirements on relationships or transactions between a depository institution subsidiary of a bank holding company and any affiliate of such depository institution (other than a subsidiary of such institution) which the Board finds is consistent with the public interest, the purposes of this Act, the Financial Services Act of 1998, the Federal Reserve Act, and other Federal law applicable to depository institution subsidiaries of bank holding companies and the standards in paragraph (2).

"(2) STANDARDS.—The Board may exercise authority under paragraph (1) if the Board finds that such action will have any of the following effects:

"(A) Avoid any significant risk to the safety and soundness of depository institutions or any Federal deposit insurance fund.

"(B) Enhance the financial stability of bank holding companies.

"(C) Avoid conflicts of interest or other abuses.

"(D) Enhance the privacy of customers of depository institutions.

"(E) Promote the application of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity between nonbank affiliates owned or controlled by domestic bank holding companies and nonbank affiliates owned or controlled by foreign banks operating in the United States.

"(3) REVIEW.—The Board shall regularly—

"(A) review all restrictions or requirements established pursuant to paragraph (1) to determine whether there is a continuing need for any such restriction or requirement to carry out the purposes of the Act, including any purpose described in paragraph (2); and

"(B) modify or eliminate any restriction or requirement the Board finds is no longer required for such purposes."

SEC. 115. EXAMINATION OF INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

(a) EXCLUSIVE COMMISSION AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be the sole Federal agency with authority to inspect and examine any registered investment company that is not a bank holding company.

(2) PROHIBITION ON BANKING AGENCIES.—A Federal banking agency may not inspect or examine any registered investment company that is not a bank holding company.

(b) EXAMINATION RESULTS AND OTHER INFORMATION.—The Commission shall provide to any Federal banking agency, upon request, the results of any examination, reports, records, or other information with respect to any registered investment company to the extent necessary for the agency to carry out its statutory responsibilities.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—The term "bank holding company" has the meaning given to such term in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

(2) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(3) FEDERAL BANKING AGENCY.—The term "Federal banking agency" has the meaning given to such term in section 3(z) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(4) REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY.—The term "registered investment company" means an investment company which is registered with the Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

SEC. 116. LIMITATION ON RULEMAKING, PRUDENTIAL, SUPERVISORY, AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD.

The Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 10 the following new section:

"SEC. 10A. LIMITATION ON RULEMAKING, PRUDENTIAL, SUPERVISORY, AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD.

"(a) LIMITATION ON DIRECT ACTION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may not prescribe regulations, issue or seek entry of orders, impose restraints, restrictions, guidelines, requirements, safeguards, or standards, or otherwise take any action under or pursuant to any provision of this Act or section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act against or with respect to a regulated subsidiary of a bank holding company unless the action is necessary to prevent or redress an unsafe or unsound practice or breach of fiduciary duty by such subsidiary that poses a material risk to—

"(A) the financial safety, soundness, or stability of an affiliated depository institution; or

"(B) the domestic or international payment system.

"(2) CRITERIA FOR BOARD ACTION.—The Board shall not take action otherwise permitted under paragraph (1) unless the Board finds that it is not reasonably possible to effectively protect against the material risk at issue through action directed at or against the affiliated depository institution or against depository institutions generally.

"(b) LIMITATION ON INDIRECT ACTION.—The Board may not prescribe regulations, issue

or seek entry of orders, impose restraints, restrictions, guidelines, requirements, safeguards, or standards, or otherwise take any action under or pursuant to any provision of this Act or section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act against or with respect to a financial holding company or a wholesale financial holding company where the purpose or effect of doing so would be to take action indirectly against or with respect to a regulated subsidiary that may not be taken directly against or with respect to such subsidiary in accordance with subsection (a).

“(c) ACTIONS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Board may take action under this Act or section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to enforce compliance by a regulated subsidiary with Federal law that the Board has specific jurisdiction to enforce against such subsidiary.”

“(d) REGULATED SUBSIDIARY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘regulated subsidiary’ means any company that is not a bank holding company and is—

“(1) a broker or dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

“(2) an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, with respect to the investment advisory activities of such investment adviser and activities incidental to such investment advisory activities;

“(3) an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

“(4) an insurance company or an insurance agency subject to supervision by a State insurance commission, agency, or similar authority; or

“(5) an entity subject to regulation by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, with respect to the commodities activities of such entity and activities incidental to such commodities activities.”

Subtitle C—Subsidiaries of National Banks

SEC. 121. PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR SUBSIDIARIES OF NATIONAL BANKS.

(a) FINANCIAL SUBSIDIARIES OF NATIONAL BANKS.—Chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of United States (12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 5136A as section 5136C; and

(2) by inserting after section 5136 (12 U.S.C. 24) the following new section:

“SEC. 5136A. SUBSIDIARIES OF NATIONAL BANKS.

“(a) SUBSIDIARIES OF NATIONAL BANKS AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES.—

“(1) EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY.—No provision of section 5136 or any other provision of this title LXII of the Revised Statutes shall be construed as authorizing a subsidiary of a national bank to engage in, or own any share of or any other interest in any company engaged in, any activity that—

“(A) is not permissible for a national bank to engage in directly; or

“(B) is conducted under terms or conditions other than those that would govern the conduct of such activity by a national bank, unless a national bank is specifically authorized by the express terms of a Federal statute and not by implication or interpretation to acquire shares of or an interest in, or to control, such subsidiary, such as by paragraph (2) of this subsection and section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act.

“(2) SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT AGENCY ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE FINANCIAL IN NATURE.—A national bank may control a company that engages in agency activities that have been determined to be financial in nature or incidental to such financial activities pursuant to and in accordance with section 6(c) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 if—

“(A) the company engages in such activities solely as agent and not directly or indirectly as principal,

“(B) the national bank is well capitalized and well managed, and has achieved a rating of satisfactory or better at the most recent examination of the bank under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977;

“(C) all depository institution affiliates of the national bank are well capitalized and well managed, and have achieved a rating of satisfactory or better at the most recent examination of each such depository institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977; and

“(D) the bank has received the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

“(3) DEFINITIONS.—

“(A) COMPANY; CONTROL; SUBSIDIARY.—The terms ‘company’, ‘control’, and ‘subsidiary’ have the meanings given to such terms in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

“(B) WELL CAPITALIZED.—The term ‘well capitalized’ has the same meaning as in section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and, for purposes of this section, the Comptroller shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine whether a national bank is well capitalized.

“(C) WELL MANAGED.—The term ‘well managed’ means—

“(i) in the case of a bank that has been examined, unless otherwise determined in writing by the Comptroller—

“(I) the achievement of a composite rating of 1 or 2 under the Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System (or an equivalent rating under an equivalent rating system) in connection with the most recent examination or subsequent review of the bank; and

“(II) at least a rating of 2 for management, if that rating is given; or

“(ii) in the case of any national bank that has not been examined, the existence and use of managerial resources that the Comptroller determines are satisfactory.

“(b) LIMITED EXCLUSIONS FROM COMMUNITY NEEDS REQUIREMENTS FOR NEWLY ACQUIRED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.—Any depository institution which becomes affiliated with a national bank during the 24-month period preceding the submission of an application to acquire a subsidiary under subsection (a)(2), and any depository institution which becomes so affiliated after the approval of such application, may be excluded for purposes of subsection (a)(2)(B) during the 24-month period beginning on the date of such acquisition if—

“(1) the depository institution has submitted an affirmative plan to the appropriate Federal banking agency (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) to take such action as may be necessary in order for such institution to achieve a ‘satisfactory record of meeting community credit needs’, or better, at the next examination of the institution under the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977; and

“(2) the plan has been approved by the appropriate Federal banking agency.”

(b) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES IN SUBSIDIARIES.—Section 21(a)(1) of the Banking Act of 1933 (12 U.S.C. 378(a)(1)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “, or to be a subsidiary of any person, firm, corporation, association, business trust, or similar organization engaged (unless such subsidiary (A) was engaged in such securities activities as of September 15, 1997, or (B) is a nondepository subsidiary of a foreign bank and is not also a subsidiary of a domestic depository institution),” after “to engage at the same time”; and

(2) by inserting “or any subsidiary of such bank, company, or institution” after “or private bankers”.

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) ANTIITYING.—Section 106(a) of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970 is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “For purposes of this section, a subsidiary of a national bank which engages in activities as an agent pursuant to section 5136A(a)(2) shall be deemed to be a subsidiary of a bank holding company, and not a subsidiary of a bank.”

(2) SECTION 23B.—Section 23B(a) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 371c-1(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) SUBSIDIARY OF NATIONAL BANK.—For purposes of this section, a subsidiary of a national bank which engages in activities as an agent pursuant to section 5136A(a)(2) shall be deemed to be an affiliate of the national bank and not a subsidiary of the bank.”

(d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States is amended—

(1) by redesignating the item relating to section 5136A as section 5136C; and

(2) by inserting after the item relating to section 5136 the following new item:

“5136A. Financial subsidiaries of national banks.”

SEC. 122. MISREPRESENTATIONS REGARDING DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION LIABILITY FOR OBLIGATIONS OF AFFILIATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1007 the following new section:

“§ 1008. Misrepresentations regarding financial institution liability for obligations of affiliates

“(a) IN GENERAL.—No institution-affiliated party of an insured depository institution or institution-affiliated party of a subsidiary or affiliate of an insured depository institution shall fraudulently represent that the institution is or will be liable for any obligation of a subsidiary or other affiliate of the institution.

“(b) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—Whoever violates subsection (a) shall be fined under this title, imprisoned for not more than 1 year, or both.

“(c) INSTITUTION-AFFILIATED PARTY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘institution-affiliated party’ with respect to a subsidiary or affiliate has the same meaning as in section 3 except references to an insured depository institution shall be deemed to be references to a subsidiary or affiliate of an insured depository institution.

“(d) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms ‘affiliate’, ‘insured depository institution’, and ‘subsidiary’ have same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.”

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 47 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1007 the following new item:

“1008. Misrepresentations regarding financial institution liability for obligations of affiliates.”

SEC. 123. REPEAL OF STOCK LOAN LIMIT IN FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.

Section 11 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 248) is amended by striking the paragraph designated as “(m)” and inserting “(m) [Repealed]”.

Subtitle D—Wholesale Financial Holding Companies; Wholesale Financial Institutions

CHAPTER 1—WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES

SEC. 131. WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES ESTABLISHED.

(a) DEFINITION AND SUPERVISION.—Section 10 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

“(a) COMPANIES THAT CONTROL WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

“(1) WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANY DEFINED.—The term ‘wholesale financial holding company’ means any company that—

“(A) is registered as a bank holding company;

“(B) is predominantly engaged in financial activities as defined in section 6(g)(2);

“(C) controls 1 or more wholesale financial institutions;

“(D) does not control—

“(i) a bank other than a wholesale financial institution;

“(ii) an insured bank other than an institution permitted under subparagraph (D), (F), or (G) of section 2(c)(2); or

“(iii) a savings association; and

“(E) is not a foreign bank (as defined in section 1(b)(7) of the International Banking Act of 1978).

“(2) SAVINGS ASSOCIATION TRANSITION PERIOD.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(C)(iii), the Board may permit a company that controls a savings association and that otherwise meets the requirements of paragraph (1) to become supervised under paragraph (1), if the company divests control of any such savings association within such period not to exceed 5 years after becoming supervised under paragraph (1) as permitted by the Board.

“(b) SUPERVISION BY THE BOARD.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of this section shall govern the reporting, examination, and capital requirements of wholesale financial holding companies.

“(2) REPORTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Board from time to time may require any wholesale financial holding company and any subsidiary of such company to submit reports under oath to keep the Board informed as to—

“(i) the company's or subsidiary's activities, financial condition, policies, systems for monitoring and controlling financial and operational risks, and transactions with depository institution subsidiaries of the holding company; and

“(ii) the extent to which the company or subsidiary has complied with the provisions of this Act and regulations prescribed and orders issued under this Act.

“(B) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, accept reports in fulfillment of the Board's reporting requirements under this paragraph that the wholesale financial holding company or any subsidiary of such company has provided or been required to provide to other Federal and State supervisors or to appropriate self-regulatory organizations.

“(ii) AVAILABILITY.—A wholesale financial holding company or a subsidiary of such company shall provide to the Board, at the request of the Board, a report referred to in clause (i).

“(C) EXEMPTIONS FROM REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Board may, by regulation or order, exempt any company or class of companies, under such terms and conditions and for such periods as the Board shall

provide in such regulation or order, from the provisions of this paragraph and any regulation prescribed under this paragraph.

“(ii) CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION.—In making any determination under clause (i) with regard to any exemption under such clause, the Board shall consider, among such other factors as the Board may determine to be appropriate, the following factors:

“(I) Whether information of the type required under this paragraph is available from a supervisory agency (as defined in section 1101(7) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978) or a foreign regulatory authority of a similar type.

“(II) The primary business of the company.

“(III) The nature and extent of the domestic and foreign regulation of the activities of the company.

“(3) EXAMINATIONS.—

“(A) LIMITED USE OF EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—The Board may make examinations of each wholesale financial holding company and each subsidiary of such company in order to—

“(i) inform the Board regarding the nature of the operations and financial condition of the wholesale financial holding company and its subsidiaries;

“(ii) inform the Board regarding—

“(I) the financial and operational risks within the wholesale financial holding company system that may affect any depository institution owned by such holding company; and

“(II) the systems of the holding company and its subsidiaries for monitoring and controlling those risks; and

“(iii) monitor compliance with the provisions of this Act and those governing transactions and relationships between any depository institution controlled by the wholesale financial holding company and any of the company's other subsidiaries.

“(B) RESTRICTED FOCUS OF EXAMINATIONS.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, limit the focus and scope of any examination of a wholesale financial holding company under this paragraph to—

“(i) the holding company; and

“(ii) any subsidiary (other than an insured depository institution subsidiary) of the holding company that, because of the size, condition, or activities of the subsidiary, the nature or size of transactions between such subsidiary and any affiliated depository institution, or the centralization of functions within the holding company system, could have a materially adverse effect on the safety and soundness of any depository institution affiliate of the holding company.

“(C) DEFERENCE TO BANK EXAMINATIONS.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, use the reports of examination of depository institutions made by the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision or the appropriate State depository institution supervisory authority for the purposes of this section.

“(D) DEFERENCE TO OTHER EXAMINATIONS.—The Board shall, to the fullest extent possible, address the circumstances which might otherwise permit or require an examination by the Board by forgoing an examination and by instead reviewing the reports of examination made of—

“(i) any registered broker or dealer or any registered investment adviser by or on behalf of the Commission; and

“(ii) any licensed insurance company by or on behalf of any State government insurance agency responsible for the supervision of the insurance company.

“(E) CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTED INFORMATION.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Board shall not be

compelled to disclose any nonpublic information required to be reported under this paragraph, or any information supplied to the Board by any domestic or foreign regulatory agency, that relates to the financial or operational condition of any wholesale financial holding company or any subsidiary of such company.

“(ii) COMPLIANCE WITH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION.—No provision of this subparagraph shall be construed as authorizing the Board to withhold information from the Congress, or preventing the Board from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency for purposes within the scope of such department's or agency's jurisdiction, or from complying with any order of a court of competent jurisdiction in an action brought by the United States or the Board.

“(iii) COORDINATION WITH OTHER LAW.—For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subparagraph shall be considered to be a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section.

“(iv) DESIGNATION OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.—In prescribing regulations to carry out the requirements of this subsection, the Board shall designate information described in or obtained pursuant to this paragraph as confidential information.

“(F) COSTS.—The cost of any examination conducted by the Board under this section may be assessed against, and made payable by, the wholesale financial holding company.

“(4) CAPITAL ADEQUACY GUIDELINES.—

“(A) CAPITAL ADEQUACY PROVISIONS.—Subject to the requirements of, and solely in accordance with, the terms of this paragraph, the Board may adopt capital adequacy rules or guidelines for wholesale financial holding companies.

“(B) METHOD OF CALCULATION.—In developing rules or guidelines under this paragraph, the following provisions shall apply:

“(i) FOCUS ON DOUBLE LEVERAGE.—The Board shall focus on the use by wholesale financial holding companies of debt and other liabilities to fund capital investments in subsidiaries.

“(ii) NO UNWEIGHTED CAPITAL RATIO.—The Board shall not, by regulation, guideline, order, or otherwise, impose under this section a capital ratio that is not based on appropriate risk-weighting considerations.

“(iii) NO CAPITAL REQUIREMENT ON REGULATED ENTITIES.—The Board shall not, by regulation, guideline, order or otherwise, prescribe or impose any capital or capital adequacy rules, standards, guidelines, or requirements upon any subsidiary that—

“(I) is not a depository institution; and

“(II) is in compliance with applicable capital requirements of another Federal regulatory authority (including the Securities and Exchange Commission) or State insurance authority.

“(iv) LIMITATION.—The Board shall not, by regulation, guideline, order or otherwise, prescribe or impose any capital or capital adequacy rules, standards, guidelines, or requirements upon any subsidiary that is not a depository institution and that is registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, except that this clause shall not be construed as preventing the Board from imposing capital or capital adequacy rules, guidelines, standards, or requirements with respect to activities of a registered investment adviser other than investment advisory activities or activities incidental to investment advisory activities.

“(v) APPROPRIATE EXCLUSIONS.—The Board shall take full account of—

“(I) the capital requirements made applicable to any subsidiary that is not a depository institution by another Federal regulatory authority or State insurance authority; and

“(II) industry norms for capitalization of a company's unregulated subsidiaries and activities.

“(vi) INTERNAL RISK MANAGEMENT MODELS.—The Board may incorporate internal risk management models of wholesale financial holding companies into its capital adequacy guidelines or rules and may take account of the extent to which resources of a subsidiary depository institution may be used to service the debt or other liabilities of the wholesale financial holding company.

“(c) NONFINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INVESTMENTS.—

“(1) AUTHORITY FOR LIMITED AMOUNTS OF NEW ACTIVITIES AND INVESTMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 4(a), a wholesale financial holding company may engage in activities which are not (or have not been determined to be) financial in nature or incidental to activities which are financial in nature, or acquire and retain ownership and control of the shares of a company engaged in such activities if—

“(i) the aggregate annual gross revenues derived from all such activities and of all such companies does not exceed 5 percent of the consolidated annual gross revenues of the wholesale financial holding company or, in the case of a foreign bank or any company that owns or controls a foreign bank, the aggregate annual gross revenues derived from any such activities in the United States does not exceed 5 percent of the consolidated annual gross revenues of the foreign bank or company in the United States derived from any branch, agency, commercial lending company, or depository institution controlled by the foreign bank or company and any subsidiary engaged in the United States in activities permissible under section 4 or 6 or this subsection;

“(ii) the consolidated total assets of any company the shares of which are acquired pursuant to this subsection are less than \$750,000,000 at the time the shares are acquired by the wholesale financial holding company; and

“(iii) such company provides notice to the Board within 30 days of commencing the activity or acquiring the ownership or control.

“(B) INCLUSION OF GRANDFATHERED ACTIVITIES.—For purposes of determining compliance with the limits contained in subparagraph (A), the gross revenues derived from all activities conducted and companies the shares of which are held under paragraph (2) shall be considered to be derived or held under this paragraph.

“(C) REPORT.—No later than 5 years after the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, the Board shall submit to the Congress a report regarding the activities conducted and companies held pursuant to this paragraph and the effect, if any, that affiliations permitted under this paragraph have had on affiliated depository institutions. The report shall include recommendations regarding the appropriateness of retaining, increasing, or decreasing the limits contained in those provisions.

“(2) GRANDFATHERED ACTIVITIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A) and section 4(a), a company that becomes a wholesale financial holding company may continue to engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity and may retain ownership and control of shares of a company engaged in any activity if—

“(i) on the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, such wholesale financial holding company was lawfully engaged in that nonfinancial activity, held the

shares of such company, or had entered into a contract to acquire shares of any company engaged in such activity; and

“(ii) the company engaged in such activity continues to engage only in the same activities that such company conducted on the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, and other activities permissible under this Act.

“(B) NO EXPANSION OF GRANDFATHERED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION.—A wholesale financial holding company that engages in activities or holds shares pursuant to this paragraph, or a subsidiary of such wholesale financial holding company, may not acquire, in any merger, consolidation, or other type of business combination, assets of any other company which is engaged in any activity which the Board has not determined to be financial in nature or incidental to activities that are financial in nature under section 6(c).

“(C) LIMITATION TO SINGLE EXEMPTION.—No company that engages in any activity or controls any shares under subsection (f) or (g) of section 6 may engage in any activity or own any shares pursuant to this paragraph or paragraph (1).

“(3) COMMODITIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 4(a), a wholesale financial holding company which was predominately engaged as of January 1, 1997, in financial activities in the United States (or any successor to any such company) may engage in, or directly or indirectly own or control shares of a company engaged in, activities related to the trading, sale, or investment in commodities and underlying physical properties that were not permissible for bank holding companies to conduct in the United States as of January 1, 1997, if such wholesale financial holding company, or any subsidiary of such holding company, was engaged directly, indirectly, or through any such company in any of such activities as of January 1, 1997, in the United States.

“(B) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1)(A)(i), the attributed aggregate consolidated assets of a wholesale financial holding company held under the authority granted under this paragraph and not otherwise permitted to be held by all wholesale financial holding companies under this section may not exceed 5 percent of the total consolidated assets of the wholesale financial holding company, except that the Board may increase such percentage of total consolidated assets by such amounts and under such circumstances as the Board considers appropriate, consistent with the purposes of this Act.

“(4) CROSS MARKETING RESTRICTIONS.—A wholesale financial holding company shall not permit—

“(A) any company whose shares it owns or controls pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), or (3) to offer or market any product or service of an affiliated wholesale financial institution; or

“(B) any affiliated wholesale financial institution to offer or market any product or service of any company whose shares are owned or controlled by such wholesale financial holding company pursuant to such paragraphs.

“(d) QUALIFICATION OF FOREIGN BANK AS WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Any foreign bank, or any company that owns or controls a foreign bank, that—

“(A) operates a branch, agency, or commercial lending company in the United States, including a foreign bank or company that owns or controls a wholesale financial institution; and

“(B) owns, controls, or is affiliated with a security affiliate that engages in underwriting corporate equity securities,

may request a determination from the Board that such bank or company be treated as a wholesale financial holding company for purposes of subsection (c).

“(2) CONDITIONS FOR TREATMENT AS A WHOLESALE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANY.—A foreign bank and a company that owns or controls a foreign bank may not be treated as a wholesale financial holding company unless the bank and company meet and continue to meet the following criteria:

“(A) NO INSURED DEPOSITS.—No deposits held directly by a foreign bank or through an affiliate (other than an institution described in subparagraph (D) or (F) of section 2(c)(2)) are insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

“(B) CAPITAL STANDARDS.—The foreign bank meets risk-based capital standards comparable to the capital standards required for a wholesale financial institution, giving due regard to the principle of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity.

“(C) TRANSACTION WITH AFFILIATES.—Transactions between a branch, agency, or commercial lending company subsidiary of the foreign bank in the United States, and any securities affiliate or company in which the foreign bank (or any company that owns or controls such foreign bank) has invested pursuant to subsection (d) comply with the provisions of sections 23A and 23B of the Federal Reserve Act in the same manner and to the same extent as such transactions would be required to comply with such sections if the bank were a member bank.

“(3) TREATMENT AS A WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—Any foreign bank which is, or is affiliated with a company which is, treated as a wholesale financial holding company under this subsection shall be treated as a wholesale financial institution for purposes of subsection (c)(4) of this section and subsections (c)(1)(C) and (c)(3) of section 9B of the Federal Reserve Act, and any such foreign bank or company shall be subject to paragraphs (3), (4), and (5) of section 9B(d) of the Federal Reserve Act, except that the Board may adopt such modifications, conditions, or exemptions as the Board deems appropriate, giving due regard to the principle of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity.

“(4) NONAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER EXEMPTION.—Any foreign bank or company which is treated as a wholesale financial holding company under this subsection shall not be eligible for any exception described in section 2(h).

“(5) SUPERVISION OF FOREIGN BANK WHICH MAINTAINS NO BANKING PRESENCE OTHER THAN CONTROL OF A WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—A foreign bank that owns or controls a wholesale financial institution but does not operate a branch, agency, or commercial lending company in the United States (and any company that owns or controls such foreign bank) may request a determination from the Board that such bank or company be treated as a wholesale financial holding company for purposes of subsection (c), except that such bank or company shall be subject to the restrictions of paragraphs (2)(A), (3), and (4) of this subsection.

“(6) NO EFFECT ON OTHER PROVISIONS.—This section shall not be construed as limiting the authority of the Board under the International Banking Act of 1978 with respect to the regulation, supervision, or examination of foreign banks and their offices and affiliates in the United States.

“(7) APPLICABILITY OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1977.—The branches in the

United States of a foreign bank that is, or is affiliated with a company that is, treated as a wholesale financial holding company shall be subject to section 9B(b)(11) of the Federal Reserve Act as if the foreign bank were a wholesale financial institution under such section. The Board and the Comptroller of the Currency shall apply the provisions of sections 803(2), 804, and 807(l) of the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 to branches of foreign banks which receive only such deposits as are permissible for receipt by a corporation organized under section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act, in the same manner and to the same extent such sections apply to such a corporation."

(b) **UNINSURED STATE BANKS.**—Section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (U.S.C. 321 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(24) **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OVER UNINSURED STATE MEMBER BANKS.**—Section 3(u) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, subsections (j) and (k) of section 7 of such Act, and subsections (b) through (n), (s), (u), and (v) of section 8 of such Act shall apply to an uninsured State member bank in the same manner and to the same extent such provisions apply to an insured State member bank and any reference in any such provision to 'insured depository institution' shall be deemed to be a reference to 'uninsured State member bank' for purposes of this paragraph."

SEC. 132. AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE REPORTS.

(a) **FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.**—The last sentence of the 8th undesignated paragraph of section 9 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 326) is amended to read as follows: "The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, at its discretion, may furnish reports of examination or other confidential supervisory information concerning State member banks or any other entities examined under any other authority of the Board to any Federal or State authorities with supervisory or regulatory authority over the examined entity, to officers, directors, or receivers of the examined entity, and to any other person that the Board determines to be proper."

(b) **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.**—

(1) Section 1101(7) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3401(7)) is amended—

(A) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and (H) as subparagraphs (H) and (I), respectively; and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following new subparagraph:

"(G) the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; or" and

(2) Section 1112(e) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act (12 U.S.C. 3412(e)) is amended by striking "and the Securities and Exchange Commission" and inserting ", the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission".

SEC. 133. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) **BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1956.**—

(1) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

(p) **WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.**—The term 'wholesale financial institution' means a wholesale financial institution subject to section 9B of the Federal Reserve Act.

(q) **COMMISSION.**—The term 'Commission' means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

(r) **DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.**—The term 'depository institution'—

"(1) has the meaning given to such term in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; and

"(2) includes a wholesale financial institution."

(2) **DEFINITION OF BANK INCLUDES WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.**—Section 2(c)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841(c)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) A wholesale financial institution."

(3) **INCORPORATED DEFINITIONS.**—Section 2(n) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841(n)) is amended by inserting "'insured bank,'" after "'in danger of default,'".

(4) **EXCEPTION TO DEPOSIT INSURANCE REQUIREMENT.**—Section 3(e) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842(e)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "This subsection shall not apply to a wholesale financial institution."

(b) **FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.**—Section 3(q)(2)(A) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(q)(2)(A)) is amended to read as follows:

"(A) any State member insured bank (except a District bank) and any wholesale financial institution as authorized pursuant to section 9B of the Federal Reserve Act;"

CHAPTER 2—WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 136. WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) **NATIONAL WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States (12 U.S.C. 21 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 5136A (as added by section 121(a) of this title) the following new section:

"SEC. 5136B. NATIONAL WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

"(a) **AUTHORIZATION OF THE COMPTROLLER REQUIRED.**—A national bank may apply to the Comptroller on such forms and in accordance with such regulations as the Comptroller may prescribe, for permission to operate as a national wholesale financial institution.

"(b) **REGULATION.**—A national wholesale financial institution may exercise, in accordance with such institution's articles of incorporation and regulations issued by the Comptroller, all the powers and privileges of a national bank formed in accordance with section 5133 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, subject to section 9B of the Federal Reserve Act and the limitations and restrictions contained therein.

"(c) **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1977.**—A national wholesale financial institution shall be subject to the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977.

"(d) **EXAMINATION REPORTS.**—The Comptroller of the Currency shall, to the fullest extent possible, use the report of examinations made by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of a wholesale financial institution."

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of sections for chapter one of title LXII of the Revised Statutes of the United States is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 5136A (as added by section 121(d) of this title) the following new item:

"5136B. National wholesale financial institutions."

(b) **STATE WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**—The Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 221 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 9A the following new section:

"SEC. 9B. WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

"(a) **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AS WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.**—

"(1) **APPLICATION REQUIRED.**—

"(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Any bank may apply to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to become a wholesale financial institution and, as a wholesale financial institution, to subscribe to the stock of the

Federal reserve bank organized within the district where the applying bank is located.

"(B) **TREATMENT AS MEMBER BANK.**—Any application under subparagraph (A) shall be treated as an application under, and shall be subject to the provisions of, section 9.

"(2) **INSURANCE TERMINATION.**—No bank the deposits of which are insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act may become a wholesale financial institution unless it has met all requirements under that Act for voluntary termination of deposit insurance.

"(b) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**—

"(1) **FEDERAL RESERVE ACT.**—Except as otherwise provided in this section, wholesale financial institutions shall be member banks and shall be subject to the provisions of this Act that apply to member banks to the same extent and in the same manner as State member insured banks, except that a wholesale financial institution may terminate membership under this Act only with the prior written approval of the Board and on terms and conditions that the Board determines are appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Act.

"(2) **PROMPT CORRECTIVE ACTION.**—A wholesale financial institution shall be deemed to be an insured depository institution for purposes of section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act except that—

"(A) the relevant capital levels and capital measures for each capital category shall be the levels specified by the Board for wholesale financial institutions; and

"(B) all references to the appropriate Federal banking agency or to the Corporation in that section shall be deemed to be references to the Board.

"(3) **ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY.**—Subsections (j) and (k) of section 7, subsections (b) through (n), (s), and (v) of section 8, and section 19 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to a wholesale financial institution in the same manner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to State member insured banks and any reference in such sections to an insured depository institution shall be deemed to include a reference to a wholesale financial institution.

"(4) **CERTAIN OTHER STATUTES APPLICABLE.**—A wholesale financial institution shall be deemed to be a banking institution, and the Board shall be the appropriate Federal banking agency for such bank and all such bank's affiliates, for purposes of the International Lending Supervision Act.

"(5) **BANK MERGER ACT.**—A wholesale financial institution shall be subject to sections 18(c) and 44 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act in the same manner and to the same extent the wholesale financial institution would be subject to such sections if the institution were a State member insured bank.

"(6) **BRANCHING.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a wholesale financial institution may establish and operate a branch at any location on such terms and conditions as established by the Board and, in the case of a State-chartered wholesale financial institution, with the approval of the Board, and, in the case of a national bank wholesale financial institution, with the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"(7) **ACTIVITIES OF OUT-OF-STATE BRANCHES OF WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**—

"(A) **GENERAL.**—A State-chartered wholesale financial institution shall be deemed a State bank and an insured State bank and a national wholesale financial institution shall be deemed a national bank for purposes of paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 24(j) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

"(B) **DEFINITIONS.**—The following definitions shall apply solely for purposes of applying paragraph (1):

“(i) HOME STATE.—The term ‘home State’ means—

“(I) with respect to a national wholesale financial institution, the State in which the main office of the institution is located; and

“(II) with respect to a State-chartered wholesale financial institution, the State by which the institution is chartered.

“(ii) HOST STATE.—The term ‘host State’ means a State, other than the home State of the wholesale financial institution, in which the institution maintains, or seeks to establish and maintain, a branch.

“(iii) OUT-OF-STATE BANK.—The term ‘out-of-State bank’ means, with respect to any State, a wholesale financial institution whose home State is another State.

“(8) DISCRIMINATION REGARDING INTEREST RATES.—Section 27 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to State-chartered wholesale financial institutions in the same manner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to State member insured banks and any reference in such section to a State-chartered insured depository institution shall be deemed to include a reference to a State-chartered wholesale financial institution.

“(9) PREEMPTION OF STATE LAWS REQUIRING DEPOSIT INSURANCE FOR WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The appropriate State banking authority may grant a charter to a wholesale financial institution notwithstanding any State constitution or statute requiring that the institution obtain insurance of its deposits and any such State constitution or statute is hereby preempted solely for purposes of this paragraph.

“(10) PARITY FOR WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—A State bank that is a wholesale financial institution under this section shall have all of the rights, powers, privileges, and immunities (including those derived from status as a federally chartered institution) of and as if it were a national bank, subject to such terms and conditions as established by the Board.

“(11) COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT OF 1977.—A State wholesale financial institution shall be subject to the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977.

“(c) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—

“(1) LIMITATIONS ON DEPOSITS.—

“(A) MINIMUM AMOUNT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—No wholesale financial institution may receive initial deposits of \$100,000 or less, other than on an incidental and occasional basis.

“(ii) LIMITATION ON DEPOSITS OF LESS THAN \$100,000.—No wholesale financial institution may receive initial deposits of \$100,000 or less if such deposits constitute more than 5 percent of the institution's total deposits.

“(B) NO DEPOSIT INSURANCE.—No deposits held by a wholesale financial institution shall be insured deposits under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

“(C) ADVERTISING AND DISCLOSURE.—The Board shall prescribe regulations pertaining to advertising and disclosure by wholesale financial institutions to ensure that each depositor is notified that deposits at the wholesale financial institution are not federally insured or otherwise guaranteed by the United States Government.

“(2) MINIMUM CAPITAL LEVELS APPLICABLE TO WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The Board shall, by regulation, adopt capital requirements for wholesale financial institutions—

“(A) to account for the status of wholesale financial institutions as institutions that accept deposits that are not insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; and

“(B) to provide for the safe and sound operation of the wholesale financial institution without undue risk to creditors or other per-

sons, including Federal reserve banks, engaged in transactions with the bank.

“(3) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—In addition to any requirement otherwise applicable to State member insured banks or applicable, under this section, to wholesale financial institutions, the Board may impose, by regulation or order, upon wholesale financial institutions—

“(A) limitations on transactions, direct or indirect, with affiliates to prevent—

“(i) the transfer of risk to the deposit insurance funds; or

“(ii) an affiliate from gaining access to, or the benefits of, credit from a Federal reserve bank, including overdrafts at a Federal reserve bank;

“(B) special clearing balance requirements; and

“(C) any additional requirements that the Board determines to be appropriate or necessary to—

“(i) promote the safety and soundness of the wholesale financial institution or any insured depository institution affiliate of the wholesale financial institution;

“(ii) prevent the transfer of risk to the deposit insurance funds; or

“(iii) protect creditors and other persons, including Federal reserve banks, engaged in transactions with the wholesale financial institution.

“(4) EXEMPTIONS FOR WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The Board may, by regulation or order, exempt any wholesale financial institution from any provision applicable to a member bank that is not a wholesale financial institution, if the Board finds that such exemption is not inconsistent with—

“(A) the promotion of the safety and soundness of the wholesale financial institution or any insured depository institution affiliate of the wholesale financial institution;

“(B) the protection of the deposit insurance funds; and

“(C) the protection of creditors and other persons, including Federal reserve banks, engaged in transactions with the wholesale financial institution.

“(5) LIMITATION ON TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN A WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION AND AN INSURED BANK.—For purposes of section 23A(d)(1) of the Federal Reserve Act, a wholesale financial institution that is affiliated with an insured bank shall not be a bank.

“(6) NO EFFECT ON OTHER PROVISIONS.—This section shall not be construed as limiting the Board's authority over member banks under any other provision of law, or to create any obligation for any Federal reserve bank to make, increase, renew, or extend any advance or discount under this Act to any member bank or other depository institution.

“(d) CAPITAL AND MANAGERIAL REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A wholesale financial institution shall be well capitalized and well managed.

“(2) NOTICE TO COMPANY.—The Board shall promptly provide notice to a company that controls a wholesale financial institution whenever such wholesale financial institution is not well capitalized or well managed.

“(3) AGREEMENT TO RESTORE INSTITUTION.—Within 45 days of receipt of a notice under paragraph (2) (or such additional period not to exceed 90 days as the Board may permit), the company shall execute an agreement acceptable to the Board to restore the wholesale financial institution to compliance with all of the requirements of paragraph (1).

“(4) LIMITATIONS UNTIL INSTITUTION RESTORED.—Until the wholesale financial institution is restored to compliance with all of the requirements of paragraph (1), the Board

may impose such limitations on the conduct or activities of the company or any affiliate of the company as the Board determines to be appropriate under the circumstances.

“(5) FAILURE TO RESTORE.—If the company does not execute and implement an agreement in accordance with paragraph (3), comply with any limitation imposed under paragraph (4), restore the wholesale financial institution to well capitalized status within 180 days after receipt by the company of the notice described in paragraph (2), or restore the wholesale financial institution to well managed status within such period as the Board may permit, the company shall, under such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Board and subject to such extension of time as may be granted in the Board's discretion, divest control of its subsidiary depository institutions.

“(6) WELL MANAGED DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘well managed’ has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

“(e) CONSERVATORSHIP AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board may appoint a conservator to take possession and control of a wholesale financial institution to the same extent and in the same manner as the Comptroller of the Currency may appoint a conservator for a national bank under section 203 of the Bank Conservation Act, and the conservator shall exercise the same powers, functions, and duties, subject to the same limitations, as are provided under such Act for conservators of national banks.

“(2) BOARD AUTHORITY.—The Board shall have the same authority with respect to any conservator appointed under paragraph (1) and the wholesale financial institution for which such conservator has been appointed as the Comptroller of the Currency has under the Bank Conservation Act with respect to a conservator appointed under such Act and a national bank for which the conservator has been appointed.

“(f) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—Subsections (c) and (e) of section 43 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall not apply to any wholesale financial institution.”

(c) VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF INSURED STATUS BY CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.—

(1) SECTION 8 DESIGNATIONS.—Section 8(a) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1818(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking paragraph (1); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (10) as paragraphs (1) through (9), respectively.

(2) VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF INSURED STATUS.—The Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 8 the following new section:

“SEC. 8A. VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF STATUS AS INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), an insured State bank or a national bank may voluntarily terminate such bank's status as an insured depository institution in accordance with regulations of the Corporation if—

“(1) the bank provides written notice of the bank's intent to terminate such insured status—

“(A) to the Corporation and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System not less than 6 months before the effective date of such termination; and

“(B) to all depositors at such bank, not less than 6 months before the effective date of the termination of such status; and

“(2) either—

“(A) the deposit insurance fund of which such bank is a member equals or exceeds the fund's designated reserve ratio as of the date the bank provides a written notice under

paragraph (1) and the Corporation determines that the fund will equal or exceed the applicable designated reserve ratio for the 2 semiannual assessment periods immediately following such date; or

"(B) the Corporation and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approved the termination of the bank's insured status and the bank pays an exit fee in accordance with subsection (e).

"(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to—

"(1) an insured savings association; or

"(2) an insured branch that is required to be insured under subsection (a) or (b) of section 6 of the International Banking Act of 1978.

"(c) ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE TERMINATED.—Any bank that voluntarily elects to terminate the bank's insured status under subsection (a) shall not be eligible for insurance on any deposits or any assistance authorized under this Act after the period specified in subsection (f)(1).

"(d) INSTITUTION MUST BECOME WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION OR TERMINATE DEPOSIT-TAKING ACTIVITIES.—Any depository institution which voluntarily terminates such institution's status as an insured depository institution under this section may not, upon termination of insurance, accept any deposits unless the institution is a wholesale financial institution subject to section 9B of the Federal Reserve Act.

"(e) EXIT FEES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any bank that voluntarily terminates such bank's status as an insured depository institution under this section shall pay an exit fee in an amount that the Corporation determines is sufficient to account for the institution's pro rata share of the amount (if any) which would be required to restore the relevant deposit insurance fund to the fund's designated reserve ratio as of the date the bank provides a written notice under subsection (a)(1).

"(2) PROCEDURES.—The Corporation shall prescribe, by regulation, procedures for assessing any exit fee under this subsection.

"(f) TEMPORARY INSURANCE OF DEPOSITS INSURED AS OF TERMINATION.—

"(1) TRANSITION PERIOD.—The insured deposits of each depositor in a State bank or a national bank on the effective date of the voluntary termination of the bank's insured status, less all subsequent withdrawals from any deposits of such depositor, shall continue to be insured for a period of not less than 6 months and not more than 2 years, as determined by the Corporation. During such period, no additions to any such deposits, and no new deposits in the depository institution made after the effective date of such termination shall be insured by the Corporation.

"(2) TEMPORARY ASSESSMENTS; OBLIGATIONS AND DUTIES.—During the period specified in paragraph (1) with respect to any bank, the bank shall continue to pay assessments under section 7 as if the bank were an insured depository institution. The bank shall, in all other respects, be subject to the authority of the Corporation and the duties and obligations of an insured depository institution under this Act during such period, and in the event that the bank is closed due to an inability to meet the demands of the bank's depositors during such period, the Corporation shall have the same powers and rights with respect to such bank as in the case of an insured depository institution.

"(g) ADVERTISEMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A bank that voluntarily terminates the bank's insured status under this section shall not advertise or hold itself out as having insured deposits, except that the bank may advertise the temporary insurance of deposits under subsection (f) if, in

connection with any such advertisement, the advertisement also states with equal prominence that additions to deposits and new deposits made after the effective date of the termination are not insured.

"(2) CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT, OBLIGATIONS, AND SECURITIES.—Any certificate of deposit or other obligation or security issued by a State bank or a national bank after the effective date of the voluntary termination of the bank's insured status under this section shall be accompanied by a conspicuous, prominently displayed notice that such certificate of deposit or other obligation or security is not insured under this Act.

"(h) NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.—

"(1) NOTICE TO THE CORPORATION.—The notice required under subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be in such form as the Corporation may require.

"(2) NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS.—The notice required under subsection (a)(1)(B) shall be—

"(A) sent to each depositor's last address of record with the bank; and

"(B) in such manner and form as the Corporation finds to be necessary and appropriate for the protection of depositors."

(3) DEFINITION.—Section 19(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 461(b)(1)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting "or any wholesale financial institution subject to section 9B of this Act" after "such Act".

Subtitle E—Streamlining Antitrust Review of Bank Acquisitions and Mergers

SEC. 141. AMENDMENTS TO THE BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1956.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 3 TO REQUIRE FILING OF APPLICATION COPIES WITH ANTITRUST AGENCIES.—Section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

"(3) REQUIREMENT TO FILE INFORMATION WITH ANTITRUST AGENCIES.—Any applicant seeking prior approval of the Board to engage in an acquisition transaction under this section must file simultaneously with the Attorney General and, if the transaction also involves an acquisition under section 4 or 6, the Federal Trade Commission copies of any documents regarding the proposed transaction required by the Board."; and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking paragraph (1); and

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (5) as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 11 TO MODIFY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION AND POST-APPROVAL WAITING PERIOD FOR SECTION 3 TRANSACTIONS.—Section 11 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1849) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)—

(A) by striking "if the Board has not received any adverse comment from the Attorney General of the United States relating to competitive factors,";

(B) by striking "as may be prescribed by the Board with the concurrence of the Attorney General, but in no event less than 15 calendar days after the date of approval." and inserting "as may be prescribed by the appropriate antitrust agency."; and

(C) by striking the 3d to last sentence and the penultimate sentence; and

(2) by striking subsections (c) and (e) and redesignating subsections (d) and (f) as subsections (c) and (d), respectively.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 2(o) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841(o)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(8) ANTITRUST AGENCIES.—The term 'antitrust agencies' means the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission.

"(9) APPROPRIATE ANTITRUST AGENCY.—With respect to a particular transaction, the term 'appropriate antitrust agency' means the antitrust agency engaged in reviewing the competitive effects of such transaction."

SEC. 142. AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT TO VEST IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANTITRUST REVIEW OF DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION MERGERS.

Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3)(C) by striking "during a period at least as long as the period allowed for furnishing reports under paragraph (4) of this subsection";

(2) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following new paragraph:

"(4) FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED.—In determining whether to approve a transaction, the responsible agency shall in every case take into consideration the financial and managerial resources and future prospects of the existing and proposed institutions, and the convenience and needs of the community to be served.";

(3) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following new paragraph:

"(5) NOTICE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.—The responsible agency shall immediately notify the Attorney General of any approval by it pursuant to this subsection of a proposed merger transaction. If the responsible agency has found that it must act immediately in order to prevent the probable failure of one of the banks involved, the transaction may be consummated immediately upon approval by the agency. If the responsible agency has notified the other Federal banking agencies referred to in this section of the existence of an emergency requiring expeditious action and has required the submission of views and recommendations within 10 days, the transaction may not be consummated before the 5th calendar day after the date of approval of the responsible agency. In all other cases, the transaction may not be consummated before the 30th calendar day after the date of approval by the agency, or such shorter period of time as may be prescribed by the Attorney General.";

(4) by striking paragraph (6) and redesignating paragraphs (7) through (11) as paragraphs (6) through (10), respectively;

(5) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6) (as so redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section)—

(A) by striking "(5)" and inserting "(4)"; and

(B) by striking "(6)" and inserting "(5)";

(C) by striking "In any such action, the court shall review de novo the issues presented.";

(6) in paragraph (6) (as so redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section)—

(A) by striking subparagraphs (B) and (D); and

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B);

(7) in paragraph (8) (as so redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section)—

(A) by inserting "and" after the semicolon at the end of subparagraph (A);

(B) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(C) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B); and

(8) by inserting after paragraph (10) (as so redesignated by paragraph (4) of this section) the following new paragraph:

"(11) REQUIREMENT TO FILE INFORMATION WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Any applicant seeking prior written approval of the responsible Federal banking agency to engage in a merger transaction under this subsection shall file simultaneously with the Attorney General copies of any documents regarding

the proposed transaction required by the Federal banking agency.”.

SEC. 143. INFORMATION FILED BY DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS; INTERAGENCY DATA SHARING.

(a) **FORMAT OF NOTICE.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notice of any proposed transaction for which approval is required under section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 or section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall be in a format designated and required by the appropriate Federal banking agency (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) and shall contain a section on the likely competitive effects of the proposed transaction.

(2) **DESIGNATION BY AGENCY.**—The appropriate Federal banking agency, with the concurrence of the antitrust agencies, shall designate and require the form and content of the competitive effects section.

(3) **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION.**—Upon notification by the appropriate antitrust agency that the competitive effects section of an application is incomplete, the appropriate Federal banking agency shall notify the applicant that the agency will suspend processing of the application until the appropriate antitrust agency notifies the agency that the application is complete.

(4) **EMERGENCY ACTION.**—This provision shall not affect the appropriate Federal banking agency's authority to act immediately—

(A) to prevent the probable failure of 1 of the banks involved; or

(B) to reduce or eliminate a post approval waiting period in case of an emergency requiring expeditious action.

(5) **EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FILINGS.**—With the concurrence of the antitrust agencies, the appropriate Federal banking agency may exempt classes of persons, acquisitions, or transactions that are not likely to violate the antitrust laws from the requirement that applicants file a competitive effects section.

(b) **INTERAGENCY DATA SHARING REQUIREMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—To the extent not prohibited by other law, the Federal banking agencies shall make available to the antitrust agencies any data in their possession that the antitrust agencies deem necessary for antitrust reviews of transactions requiring approval under section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 or section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

(2) **CONTINUATION OF DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS.**—The Federal banking agencies shall continue to provide market analysis, deposit share information, and other relevant information for determining market competition as needed by the Attorney General in the same manner such agencies provided analysis and information under section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and 3(c) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (as such sections were in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act) and shall continue to collect information necessary or useful for such analysis.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) **ANTITRUST AGENCIES.**—The term “antitrust agencies” means the Attorney General and the Federal Trade Commission.

(2) **APPROPRIATE ANTITRUST AGENCY.**—With respect to a particular transaction, the term “appropriate antitrust agency” means the antitrust agency engaged in reviewing the competitive effects of such transaction.

SEC. 144. APPLICABILITY OF ANTITRUST LAWS.

No provision of this subtitle shall be construed as affecting—

(1) the applicability of antitrust laws (as defined in section 11(d) of the Bank Holding

Company Act of 1956; as so redesignated pursuant to this subtitle); or

(2) the applicability, if any, of any State law which is similar to the antitrust laws.

SEC. 145. CLARIFICATION OF STATUS OF SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES.

(a) **CLARIFICATION OF FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION JURISDICTION.**—Any person which directly or indirectly controls, is controlled directly or indirectly by, or is directly or indirectly under common control with, any bank or savings association (as such terms are defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) and is not itself a bank or savings association shall not be deemed to be a bank or savings association for purposes of the Federal Trade Commission Act or any other law enforced by the Federal Trade Commission.

(b) **SAVINGS PROVISION.**—No provision of this section shall be construed as restricting the authority of any Federal banking agency (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) under any Federal banking law, including section 8 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

SEC. 146. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall take effect 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle F—Applying the Principles of National Treatment and Equality of Competitive Opportunity to Foreign Banks and Foreign Financial Institutions

SEC. 151. APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL TREATMENT AND EQUALITY OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITY TO FOREIGN BANKS THAT ARE FINANCIAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

Section 8(c) of the International Banking Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3106(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) **TERMINATION OF GRANDFATHERED RIGHTS.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If any foreign bank or foreign company files a declaration under section 6(b)(1)(E) or which receives a determination under section 10(d)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, any authority conferred by this subsection on any foreign bank or company to engage in any activity which the Board has determined to be permissible for financial holding companies under section 6 of such Act shall terminate immediately.

“(B) **RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AUTHORIZED.**—If a foreign bank or company that engages, directly or through an affiliate pursuant to paragraph (1), in an activity which the Board has determined to be permissible for financial holding companies under section 6 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 has not filed a declaration with the Board of its status as a financial holding company under such section or received a determination under section 10(d)(1) by the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, the Board, giving due regard to the principle of national treatment and equality of competitive opportunity, may impose such restrictions and requirements on the conduct of such activities by such foreign bank or company as are comparable to those imposed on a financial holding company organized under the laws of the United States, including a requirement to conduct such activities in compliance with any prudential safeguards established under section 5(h) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.”.

SEC. 152. APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL TREATMENT AND EQUALITY OF COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITY TO FOREIGN BANKS AND FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE WHOLESALE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

Section 8A of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (as added by section 136(c)(2) of this Act) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) **VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF DEPOSIT INSURANCE.**—The provisions on voluntary termination of insurance in this section shall apply to an insured branch of a foreign bank (including a Federal branch) in the same manner and to the same extent as they apply to an insured State bank or a national bank.”.

Subtitle G—Federal Home Loan Bank System

SEC. 161. FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.

The 1st sentence of section 3 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1423) is amended—

(1) by striking “the continental United States” and all that follows through the “eight”; and

(2) by inserting “the States into not less than 1” before “nor”.

SEC. 162. MEMBERSHIP AND COLLATERAL.

(a) Subsection (f) of section 5 of the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1464) is amended to read as follows:

“(f) **FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK MEMBERSHIP.**—A Federal savings association may become a member, of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, and shall qualify for such membership in the manner provided by the Federal Home Loan Bank Act, beginning January 1, 1999.”.

(b) Section 10(a)(5) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(a)(5)) is amended—

(1) in the 2d sentence, by striking “and the Board”; and

(2) in the 3d sentence, by striking “Board” and inserting “Bank”.

(c) Section 10(a) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(a)) is amended—

(1) in the 2d sentence, by striking “All long-term advances” and inserting “Except as provided in the succeeding sentence, all long-term advances”;

(2) by inserting after the 2d sentence, the following sentence: “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, long-term advances may be made to members insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which have less than \$500,000,000 in total assets for the purpose of funding small businesses, agriculture, rural development, or low-income community development (as defined by the Board).”; and

(3) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6) and inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph:

“(5) In the case of any member insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which has total assets of less than \$500,000,000, secured loans for small business, agriculture, rural development, or low-income community development, or securities representing a whole interest in such secured loans.”.

(d) Section 4(a) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1424(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**—The requirements of paragraph (2) (other than subparagraph (B) of such paragraph) shall not apply to any insured depository institution which has total assets of less than \$500,000,000.

(e) Section 10 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430) is amended by striking the 1st of the 2 subsections designated as subsection (e) (relating to qualified thrift lender status).

SEC. 163. THE OFFICE OF FINANCE.

The Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1421) is amended by inserting after section 4 the following new section:

"SEC. 5. THE OFFICE OF FINANCE.

"(a) OPERATION.—The Federal home loan banks shall operate jointly an office of finance (hereafter in this section referred to as the 'Office') to issue the notes, bonds, and debentures of the Federal home loan banks in accordance with this Act.

"(b) POWERS.—Subject to the other provisions of this Act and such safety and soundness regulations as the Finance Board may prescribe, the Office shall be authorized by the Federal home loan banks to act as the agent of such banks to issue Federal home loan bank notes, bonds and debentures pursuant to section 11 of this Act on behalf of the banks.

"(c) CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—

"(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Federal home loan banks shall establish a central board of directors of the Office to administer the affairs of the Office in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

"(2) COMPOSITION OF BOARD.—Each Federal home loan bank shall annually select 1 individual who, as of the time of the election, is an officer or director of such bank to serve as a member of the central board of directors of the Office.

"(d) STATUS.—Except to the extent expressly provided in this Act, the Office shall be treated as a Federal home loan bank for purposes of any law."

SEC. 164. MANAGEMENT OF BANKS.

(a) Subsections (a) and (b) of section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1427(a) and (b)) are amended to read as follows:

"(a) The management of each Federal home loan bank shall be vested in a board of 15 directors, 9 of whom shall be elected by the members in accordance with this section, 6 of whom shall be appointed by the Board referred to in section 2A, and all of whom shall be citizens of the United States and bona fide residents of the district in which such bank is located. At least 2 of the Federal home loan bank directors who are appointed by the Board shall be representatives chosen from organizations with more than a 2-year history of representing consumer or community interests on banking services, credit needs, housing, or financial consumer protections. No Federal home loan bank director who is appointed pursuant to this subsection may, during such bank director's term of office, serve as an officer of any Federal home loan bank or a director or officer of any member of a bank, or hold shares, or any other financial interest in, any member of a bank.

"(b) The elective directors shall be divided into three classes, designated as classes A, B, and C, as nearly equal in number as possible. Each directorship shall be filled by a person who is an officer or director of a member located in that bank's district. Each class shall represent members of similar asset size, and the Board shall, to the maximum extent possible, seek to achieve geographic diversity. The Finance Board shall establish the minimum and maximum asset size for each class. Any member shall be entitled to nominate and elect eligible persons for its class of directorship; such offices shall be filled from such nominees by a plurality of the votes which members of each class may cast for nominees in their corresponding class of directors in an election held for the purpose of filling such offices. Each member shall be permitted to cast one vote for each share of Federal home loan bank stock owned by that member. No person who is an officer or director of a member that fails to

meet any applicable capital requirement is eligible to hold the office of Federal Home Loan Bank director. As used in this subsection, the term "member" means a member of a Federal home loan bank which was a member of such Bank as of a record date established by the Bank."

(b) Section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1427) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (c) and (h); and
(2) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j), and (k) as subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), respectively.

(c) Subsection (c) of section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1427(d)) (as so redesignated by subsection (b) of this section) is amended by striking the 1st and 2d sentences and inserting the following 2 new sentences: "The term of each position of director shall be 3 years. No director serving for 3 consecutive terms, nor any other officer, director or that member or any affiliated depository institution, shall be eligible for another term earlier than 3 years after the expiration of the last expiring of said 3-year terms. 3 elected directors of different classes as specified by the Finance Board shall be elected by ballot annually."

(d) Subsection (d) of section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1427(e)) (as so redesignated by subsection (b) of this section) is amended to read as follows:

"(d) TRANSITION PROVISION.—In the 1st election after the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, 3 directors shall be elected in each of the 3 classes of elective directorship. The Finance Board may, in the 1st election after such date of enactment, designate the terms of each elected director in each class, not to exceed 3 years, to assure that, in each subsequent election, 3 directors from different classes of elective directorships are elected each year."

(e) Subsection (g) of section 7 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1427(i)) (as so redesignated by subsection (b) of this section) is amended by striking "subject to the approval of the board".

SEC. 165. ADVANCES TO NONMEMBER BORROWERS.

Section 10b of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430b) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "(a) IN GENERAL.—";

(2) by striking the 4th sentence of subsection (a), and inserting "Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if an advance is made for the purpose of facilitating mortgage lending that benefits individuals and families that meet the income requirements set forth in section 142(d) or 143(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the advance may be collateralized as provided in section 10(a) of this Act."; and

(3) by striking subsection (b).

SEC. 166. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BANKS.

(a) Subsection (a) of section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting "through the Office of Finance" after "to issue";

(2) by striking "Board" after "upon such terms and conditions as the" and inserting "board of directors of the bank".

(b) Subsection (b) of section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK CONSOLIDATED BONDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Finance may issue consolidated Federal home loan bank bonds and other consolidated obligations on behalf of the banks.

"(2) JOINT AND SEVERAL OBLIGATION; TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Consolidated obligations issued by the Office of Finance under paragraph (1) shall—

"(A) be the joint and several obligations of all the Federal home loan banks; and

"(B) shall be issued upon such terms and conditions as shall be established by the Office of Finance subject to such rules and regulations as the Finance Board may prescribe."

(c) Section 11(f) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(f) (as designated before the redesignation by subsection (e) of this section) is amended by striking both commas immediately following "permit" and inserting "or".

(d) Subsection (i) of section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431(i)) is amended by striking the 2d undesignated paragraph.

(e) Section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (c); and

(2) by redesignating subsections (d) through (k) as subsections (c) through (j), respectively.

SEC. 167. MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.

Section 26 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1446) is amended by designating the current paragraph as "(a)" and adding the following new sections:

"(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude voluntary mergers, combinations or consolidation by or among the Federal home loan banks pursuant to such regulations as the Finance Board may prescribe.

"(c) NUMBER OF ELECTED DIRECTORS OF RESULTING BANK.—Subject to section 7 of this Act, any bank resulting from a merger, combination, or consolidation pursuant to this section may have a number of elected directors equal to or less than the total number of elected directors of all the banks which participated in such transaction (as determined immediately before such transaction).

"(d) NUMBER OF APPOINTED DIRECTORS OF RESULTING BANK.—The number of appointed directors of any bank resulting from a merger, combination, or consolidation pursuant to this section shall be a number that is three less than the number of elected directors.

"(e) ADJUSTMENT OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.—After consummation of any merger, combination, or consolidation of 2 or more Federal home loan banks, the Finance Board shall adjust the districts established in section 3 of this Act to reflect such merger, combination, or consolidation."

SEC. 168. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) REPEAL OF SECTIONS 22A AND 27.—The Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.) is amended by striking sections 22A (12 U.S.C. 1442a) and 27 (12 U.S.C. 1447).

(b) SECTION 12.—

(1) Section 12(a) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1432(a)) is amended—

(A) by striking "subject to the approval of the Board" immediately following "transaction of its business"; and

(B) by striking "and, by its Board of directors, to prescribe, amend, and repeal by-laws, rules, and regulations governing the manner in which its affairs may be administered; and the powers granted to it by law may be exercised and enjoyed subject to the approval of the Board. The president of a Federal Home Loan Bank may also be a member of the Board of directors thereof, but no other officer, employee, attorney, or agent of such bank," and inserting "and, by the board of directors of the bank, to prescribe, amend, and repeal by-laws governing the manner in which its affairs may be administered, consistent with applicable statute and regulation, as administered by the Finance Board. No officer, employee, attorney, or agent of a Federal home loan bank".

(2) Section 12 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1432) is amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

“(c) PROHIBITION ON EXCESSIVE COMPENSATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Finance Board shall prohibit the Federal home loan banks from providing compensation to any officer, director, or employee that is not reasonable and comparable with the compensation for employment in other similar businesses involving similar duties and responsibilities. However, the Finance Board may not prescribe or set a specific level or range of compensation for any officer, director, or employee.

“(2) REGULATIONS.—The Finance Board, by regulation, may provide for the requirements of paragraph (1) to be phased-in over a period not to exceed 3 years.

“(3) EXCEPTION FOR EXISTING CONTRACTS.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any contract entered into before June 1, 1997.”

(c) POWERS AND DUTIES OF FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD.—

(1) Subsection (a)(1) of section 2B of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422b(a)(1)) is amended by striking the period at the end of the sentence and inserting “; and to have the same powers, rights, and duties to enforce this Act with respect to the Federal home loan banks and the senior officers and directors of such banks as the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight has over the Federal housing enterprises and the senior officers and directors of such enterprises under the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992.”

(2) Subsection (b) of section 2B of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422b(b)) is amended—

(A) by striking “(1) BOARD STAFF.—”; and

(B) by striking “function to any employee, administrative unit” and inserting “function to any employee or administrative unit”;

(C) by striking the 2d sentence in paragraph (1); and

(D) by striking paragraph (2).

(3) Section 111 of Public Law 93-495 (12 U.S.C. 250) is amended by striking “Federal Home Loan Bank Board” and inserting “Federal Housing Finance Board”.

(d) ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE ADVANCES.—

(1) SECTION 9.—Section 9 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1429) is amended—

(A) in the second sentence, by striking “with the approval of the Board”; and

(B) in the third sentence, by striking “, subject to the approval of the Board.”

(2) SECTION 10.—

(A) Subsection (a) of section 10 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(a)) is amended in paragraph (3), by striking “Deposits” and inserting “Cash or deposits”.

(B) Subsection (c) of section 10 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(c)) is amended—

(i) in the 1st sentence by striking “Board” and inserting “Federal home loan bank”; and

(ii) by striking the 2d sentence.

(C) Subsection (d) of section 10 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(d)) is amended—

(i) in the 1st sentence, by striking “and the approval of the Board”; and

(ii) in the last sentence, by striking “Subject to the approval of the Board, any” and inserting “Any”.

(D) Section 10(j) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1430(j)) is amended—

(i) in the 1st sentence of paragraph (1) by striking “to subsidize the interest rate on advances” and inserting “to provide subsidies, including subsidized interest rates on advances”;

(ii) in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (5), (9), (11), and (12) by striking “advances” and “subsidized advances” each place such terms appear and inserting “subsidies, including subsidized advances”;

(iii) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(A)” before the 1st sentence, and inserting the following at the end of the paragraph:

“(B) Subject to such regulations as the Finance Board may prescribe, the board of directors of each Federal home loan bank may approve or disapprove requests from members for Affordable Housing Program subsidies, and may not delegate such authority.”;

(iv) in paragraph (2), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

“(B) finance the purchase, construction or rehabilitation of rental housing if, for a period of at least 15 years, either 20 percent or more of the units in such housing are occupied by and affordable for households whose income is 50 percent or less of area median income (as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and as adjusted for family size); or 40 percent or more of the units in such housing are occupied by and affordable for households whose income is 60 percent or less of area median income (as determined by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and as adjusted for family size).”;

(v) in paragraph (5)—

(I) by striking the colon after “Affordable Housing Program”;

(II) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B); and

(III) by striking “(C) In 1995, and subsequent years,”;

(vi) in paragraph (11)—

(I) by inserting “, pursuant to a nomination process that is as broad and as participatory as possible, and giving consideration to the size of the District and the diversity of low- and moderate-income housing needs and activities within the District,” after “Advisory Council of 7 to 15 persons”;

(II) by inserting “a diverse range of” before “community and nonprofit organizations”; and

(III) by inserting after the 1st sentence, the following new sentence: “Representatives of no one group shall constitute an undue proportion of the membership of the Advisory Council.”; and

(vii) in paragraph (13), by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following new subparagraph:

“(D) AFFORDABLE.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(B), the term “affordable” means that the rent with respect to a unit shall not exceed 30 percent of the income limitation under paragraph (2)(B) applicable to occupants of such unit.”

(e) SECTION 16.—Subsection (a) of section 16 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1436) is amended in the 3d sentence by striking “net earnings” and inserting “previously retained earnings or current net earnings”; by striking “, and then only with the approval of the Federal Housing Finance Board”; and by striking the 4th sentence.

(f) SECTION 18.—Subsection (b) of section 18 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1438) is amended by striking paragraph (4).

(g) SECTION 11.—Section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431) is amended by inserting after subsection (j) (as so redesignated by section 166(e) of this subtitle) the following subsection:

“(k) PROHIBITION ON OTHER ACTIVITIES.—

“(1) A Federal home loan bank may not engage in any activity other than the activities authorized under this Act and activities incidental to such authorized activities.

“(2) All activities specified in paragraph (1) are subject to Finance Board approval.”

SEC. 169. DEFINITIONS.

Paragraph (3) of section 2 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422(3)) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) The term “State” in addition to the states of the United States, includes the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

SEC. 170. RESOLUTION FUNDING CORPORATION

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21B(f)(2)(C) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1441b(f)(2)(C)) is amended to read as follows:

“(C) PAYMENTS BY FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.—To the extent the amounts available pursuant to subparagraphs (A) and (B) are insufficient to cover the amount of interest payments, each Federal home loan bank shall pay to the Funding Corporation each calendar year 20.75 percent of the net earnings of such bank (after deducting expenses relating to subsection (j) of section 10 and operating expenses).”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 1999.

SEC. 171. CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1426) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 6. CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS.

“(a) CAPITAL STRUCTURE PLAN.—On or before January 1, 1999, the board of directors of each Federal home loan bank shall submit for Finance Board approval a plan establishing and implementing a capital structure for such bank which—

“(1) the board of directors determines is the best suited for the condition and operation of the bank and the interests of the shareholders of the bank;

“(2) meets the requirements of subsection (b); and

“(3) meets the minimum capital standards and requirements established under subsection (c) and any regulations prescribed by the Finance Board pursuant to such subsection.

“(b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The capital structure plan of each Federal home loan bank shall meet the following requirements:

“(1) STOCK PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Each capital structure plan of a Federal home loan bank shall require the shareholders of the bank to maintain an investment in the stock of the bank in amount not less than—

“(i) a minimum percentage of the total assets of the shareholder; and

“(ii) a minimum percentage of the outstanding advances from the bank to the shareholder.

“(B) MINIMUM PERCENTAGE LEVELS.—The minimum percentages established pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be set at levels sufficient to meet the bank’s minimum capital requirements established by the Finance Board under subsection (c).

“(C) MAXIMUM ASSET BASED CAPITAL REQUIREMENT.—The asset-based capital requirement applicable to any shareholder of a Federal home loan bank in any year shall not exceed the lesser of—

“(i) 0.6 percent of a shareholder’s total assets at the close of the preceding year; or

“(ii) \$300,000,000.

“(D) MAXIMUM ADVANCE-BASED REQUIREMENT.—The advance-based capital requirement applicable to any shareholder of a Federal home loan bank shall not exceed 6 percent of the total outstanding advances from the bank to the shareholder.

"(E) MINIMUM STOCK PURCHASE REQUIREMENT AUTHORIZED.—A capital structure plan may establish a minimum dollar amount of stock of a Federal home loan bank in which a shareholder shall be required to invest.

"(2) ADJUSTMENTS TO STOCK PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS.—The capital structure plan adopted by each Federal home loan bank shall impose a continuing obligation on the board of directors of the bank to review and adjust as necessary member stock purchase requirements in order to ensure that the bank remains in compliance with applicable minimum capital levels established by the Finance Board.

"(3) TRANSITION RULE FOR STOCK PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—A capital structure plan may allow shareholders who were members of a Federal home loan bank on the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998 to come into compliance with the asset-based stock purchase requirement established under paragraph (1) during a transition period established under the plan of not more than 3 years, if such requirement exceeds the asset-based stock purchase requirement in effect on such date of enactment.

"(B) INTERIM PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS.—A capital structure plan may establish interim asset-based stock purchase requirements applicable to members referred to in subparagraph (A) during a transition period established under subparagraph (A).

"(4) CLASSES OF STOCK.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Each capital structure plan shall afford each shareholder of a Federal home loan bank the option of meeting the shareholder's stock purchase requirements through the purchase of any combination of Class A or Class B stock.

"(B) CLASS A STOCK.—Class A stock shall be stock of a Federal home loan bank that shall be redeemed in cash and at par by the bank no later than 12 months following submission of a written notice by a shareholder of the shareholder's intention to divest all shares of stock in the bank.

"(C) CLASS B STOCK.—Class B stock shall be stock of a Federal home loan bank that shall be redeemed in cash and at par by the bank no later than 5 years following submission of a written notice by a shareholder of the shareholder's intention to divest all shares of stock in the bank.

"(D) RIGHTS REQUIREMENT.—The Class B stock of a Federal home loan bank may receive a dividend premium over that paid on Class A stock, and may have preferential voting rights in the election of Federal home loan bank directors.

"(E) LOWER STOCK PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASS B STOCK.—A capital structure plan may provide for lower stock purchase requirements with respect to those shareholder's that elect to purchase Class B stock in a manner that is consistent with meeting the bank's own minimum capital requirements as established by the Finance Board.

"(F) NO OTHER CLASSES OF STOCK PERMITTED.—No class of stock other than the Class A and Class B stock described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) may be issued by a Federal home loan bank.

"(5) LIMITED TRANSFERABILITY OF STOCK.—Each capital structure plan shall provide that any equity securities issued by the bank shall be available only to, held only by, and tradable only among shareholders of the bank.

"(c) CAPITAL STANDARDS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Finance Board shall prescribe, by regulation, uniform capital standards applicable to each Federal home loan bank which shall include—

"(A) a leverage limit in accordance with paragraph (2); and

"(B) a risk-based capital requirement in accordance with paragraph (3).

"(2) MINIMUM LEVERAGE LIMIT.—The leverage limit established by the Finance Board shall require each Federal home loan bank to maintain total capital in an amount not less than 5 percent of the total assets of the bank. In determining compliance with the minimum leverage ratio, the amount of retained earnings and the paid-in value of Class B stock, if any, shall be multiplied by 1.5 and such higher amount shall be deemed to be capital for purposes of meeting the 5 percent minimum leverage ratio.

"(3) RISK-BASED CAPITAL STANDARD.—The risk-based capital requirement shall be composed of the following components:

"(A) Capital sufficient to meet the credit risk to which a Federal home loan bank is subject, based on an amount which is not less than the amount of tier 1, risk-based capital required by regulations prescribed, or guidelines issued under section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act for a well capitalized insured depository institution.

"(B) Capital sufficient to meet the interest rate risk to which a Federal home loan bank is subject, based on an interest rate stress test applied by the Finance Board that rigorously tests for changes in interest rates, rate volatility, and changes in the shape of the yield curve.

"(d) REDEMPTION OF CAPITAL.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Any shareholder of a Federal home loan bank shall have the right to withdraw the shareholder's membership from a Federal home loan bank and to redeem the shareholder's stock in accordance with the redemption rights associated with the class of stock the shareholder holds, if—

"(A) such shareholder has filed a written notice of an intention to redeem all such shares; and

"(B) the shareholder has no outstanding advances from any Federal home loan bank at the time of such redemption.

"(2) PARTIAL REDEMPTION.—A shareholder who files notice of intention to redeem all shares of stock in a Federal home loan bank may redeem not more than 1/2 of all such shares, in cash and at par, 6 months before the date by which the bank is required to redeem such stock pursuant to subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection (b)(4).

"(3) DIVESTITURE.—The board of directors of any Federal home loan bank may, after a hearing, order the divestiture by any shareholder of all ownership interests of such shareholder in the bank, if—

"(A) in the opinion of the board of directors, such shareholder has failed to comply with a provision of this Act or any regulation prescribed under this Act; or

"(B) the shareholder has been determined to be insolvent, or otherwise subject to the appointment of a conservator, receiver, or other legal custodian, by a State or Federal authority with regulatory and supervisory responsibility for such shareholder.

"(4) RETIREMENT OF EXCESS STOCK.—Any shareholder may—

"(A) retire shares of Class A stock or, at the option of the shareholder, shares of Class B stock, or any combination of Class A and Class B stock, that are excess to the minimum stock purchase requirements applicable to the shareholder; and

"(B) receive from the Federal home loan bank a prompt payment in cash equal to the par value of such stock.

"(5) IMPAIRMENT OF CAPITAL.—If the Finance Board or the board of directors of a Federal home loan bank determines that the paid-in capital of the bank is, or is likely to be, impaired as a result of losses in or depreciation of the assets of the bank, the Federal home loan bank shall withhold that portion of the amount due any shareholder with re-

spect to any redemption or retirement of any class of stock which bears the same ratio to the total of such amount as the amount of the impaired capital bears to the total amount of capital allocable to such class of stock.

"(6) POLICIES.—Subject to the requirements of this section, the board of directors of each Federal home loan bank shall promptly establish policies, consistent with this Act, governing the capital stock of such bank and other provisions of this section."

SEC. 172. INVESTMENTS.

Subsection (j) of section 11 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1431) (as so redesignated by section 166(e) of this subtitle) is amended to read as follows:

"(j) INVESTMENTS.—Each bank shall reduce its investments to those necessary for liquidity purposes, for safe and sound operation of the banks, or for housing finance, as administered by the Finance Board."

SEC. 173. FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE BOARD.

Section 2A(b)(1) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422(b)(1)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as subparagraphs (B) and (C), respectively;

(2) by inserting before subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this section) the following new subparagraph:

"(A) The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary of the Treasury's designee), who shall serve without additional compensation."

(3) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated by paragraph (1) of this section) by striking "Four" and inserting "3".

Subtitle H—Direct Activities of Banks

SEC. 181. AUTHORITY OF NATIONAL BANKS TO UNDERWRITE CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BONDS

The paragraph designated the Seventh of section 5136 of the Revised Statutes of the United States (12 U.S.C. 24(7)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "In addition to the provisions in this paragraph for dealing in, underwriting or purchasing securities, the limitations and restrictions contained in this paragraph as to dealing in, underwriting, and purchasing investment securities for the national bank's own account shall not apply to obligations (including limited obligation bonds, revenue bonds, and obligations that satisfy the requirements of section 142(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) issued by or on behalf of any state or political subdivision of a state, including any municipal corporate instrumentality of 1 or more states, or any public agency or authority of any state or political subdivision of a state, if the national banking association is well capitalized (as defined in section 38 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act)."

Subtitle I—Effective Date of Title

SEC. 191. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Except with regard to any subtitle or other provision of this title for which a specific effective date is provided, this title and the amendments made by this title shall take effect at the end of the 270-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

TITLE II—FUNCTIONAL REGULATION

Subtitle A—Brokers and Dealers

SEC. 201. DEFINITION OF BROKER.

Section 3(a)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(4)) is amended to read as follows:

"(4) BROKER.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'broker' means any person engaged in the business of effecting transactions in securities for the account of others.

“(B) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN BANK ACTIVITIES.—A bank shall not be considered to be a broker because the bank engages in any of the following activities under the conditions described:

“(i) THIRD PARTY BROKERAGE ARRANGEMENTS.—The bank enters into a contractual or other arrangement with a broker or dealer registered under this title under which the broker or dealer offers brokerage services on or off the premises of the bank if—

“(I) such broker or dealer is clearly identified as the person performing the brokerage services;

“(II) the broker or dealer performs brokerage services in an area that is clearly marked and, to the extent practicable, physically separate from the routine deposit-taking activities of the bank;

“(III) any materials used by the bank to advertise or promote generally the availability of brokerage services under the contractual or other arrangement clearly indicate that the brokerage services are being provided by the broker or dealer and not by the bank;

“(IV) any materials used by the bank to advertise or promote generally the availability of brokerage services under the contractual or other arrangement are in compliance with the Federal securities laws before distribution;

“(V) bank employees (other than associated persons of a broker or dealer who are qualified pursuant to the rules of a self-regulatory organization) perform only clerical or ministerial functions in connection with brokerage transactions including scheduling appointments with the associated persons of a broker or dealer, except that bank employees may forward customer funds or securities and may describe in general terms the range of investment vehicles available from the bank and the broker or dealer under the contractual or other arrangement;

“(VI) bank employees do not directly receive incentive compensation for any brokerage transaction unless such employees are associated persons of a broker or dealer and are qualified pursuant to the rules of a self-regulatory organization, except that the bank employees may receive compensation for the referral of any customer if the compensation is a nominal one-time cash fee of a fixed dollar amount and the payment of the fee is not contingent on whether the referral results in a transaction;

“(VII) such services are provided by the broker or dealer on a basis in which all customers which receive any services are fully disclosed to the broker or dealer;

“(VIII) the bank does not carry a securities account of the customer except in a customary custodian or trustee capacity; and

“(IX) the bank, broker, or dealer informs each customer that the brokerage services are provided by the broker or dealer and not by the bank and that the securities are not deposits or other obligations of the bank, are not guaranteed by the bank, and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

“(ii) TRUST ACTIVITIES.—The bank—

“(I) effects transactions in a trustee capacity and is primarily compensated based on an annual fee (payable on a monthly, quarterly, or other basis) or percentage of assets under management, or both; or

“(II) effects transactions in a fiduciary capacity in its trust department or other department that is regularly examined by bank examiners for compliance with fiduciary principles and standards and—

“(aa) is primarily compensated on the basis of either an annual fee (payable on a monthly, quarterly, or other basis), a percentage of assets under management, or both, and does not receive brokerage com-

missions or other similar remuneration based on effecting transactions in securities, other than the cost incurred by the bank in connection with executing securities transactions for fiduciary customers; and

“(bb) does not publicly solicit brokerage business, other than by advertising that it effects transactions in securities in conjunction with advertising its other trust activities.

“(iii) PERMISSIBLE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS.—The bank effects transactions in—

“(I) commercial paper, bankers acceptances, or commercial bills;

“(II) exempted securities;

“(III) qualified Canadian government obligations as defined in section 5136 of the Revised Statutes, in conformity with section 15C of this title and the rules and regulations thereunder, or obligations of the North American Development Bank; or

“(IV) any standardized, credit enhanced debt security issued by a foreign government pursuant to the March 1989 plan of then Secretary of the Treasury Brady, used by such foreign government to retire outstanding commercial bank loans.

“(iv) CERTAIN STOCK PURCHASE PLANS.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The bank effects transactions, as part of its transfer agency activities, in—

“(aa) the securities of an issuer as part of any pension, retirement, profit-sharing, bonus, thrift, savings, incentive, or other similar benefit plan for the employees of that issuer or its subsidiaries, if the bank does not solicit transactions or provide investment advice with respect to the purchase or sale of securities in connection with the plan;

“(bb) the securities of an issuer as part of that issuer's dividend reinvestment plan, if the bank does not—

“(AA) solicit transactions or provide investment advice with respect to the purchase or sale of securities in connection with the plan;

“(BB) net shareholders' buy and sell orders, other than for programs for odd-lot holders or plans registered with the Commission; or

“(cc) the securities of an issuer as part of a plan or program for the purchase or sale of that issuer's shares, if—

“(AA) the bank does not solicit transactions or provide investment advice with respect to the purchase or sale of securities in connection with the plan or program;

“(BB) the bank does not net shareholders' buy and sell orders, other than for programs for odd-lot holders or plans registered with the Commission; and

“(CC) the bank's compensation for such plan or program consists of administration fees, or flat or capped per order processing fees, or both, plus the cost incurred by the bank in connection with executing securities transactions resulting from such plan or program.

“(II) PERMISSIBLE DELIVERY OF MATERIALS.—The exception to being considered a broker for a bank engaged in activities described in subclause (I) will not be affected by a bank's delivery of written or electronic plan materials to employees of the issuer, shareholders of the issuer, or members of affinity groups of the issuer, so long as such materials are—

“(aa) comparable in scope or nature to that permitted by the Commission as of the date of the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998; or

“(bb) otherwise permitted by the Commission.

“(v) SWEEP ACCOUNTS.—The bank effects transactions as part of a program for the investment or reinvestment of bank deposit funds into any no-load, open-end manage-

ment investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that holds itself out as a money market fund.

“(vi) AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS.—The bank effects transactions for the account of any affiliate of the bank (as defined in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956) other than—

“(I) a registered broker or dealer; or

“(II) an affiliate that is engaged in merchant banking, as described in section 6(c)(3)(H) of the Bank Holding company Act of 1956.

“(vii) PRIVATE SECURITIES OFFERINGS.—The bank—

“(I) effects sales as part of a primary offering of securities not involving a public offering, pursuant to section 3(b), 4(2), or 4(6) of the Securities Act of 1933 or the rules and regulations issued thereunder;

“(II) at any time after one year after the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, is not affiliated with a broker or dealer that has been registered for more than one year; and

“(III) effects transactions exclusively with qualified investors.

“(viii) SAFEKEEPING AND CUSTODY ACTIVITIES.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The bank, as part of customary banking activities—

“(aa) provides safekeeping or custody services with respect to securities, including the exercise of warrants and other rights on behalf of customers;

“(bb) facilitates the transfer of funds or securities, as a custodian or a clearing agency, in connection with the clearance and settlement of its customers' transactions in securities;

“(cc) effects securities lending or borrowing transactions with or on behalf of customers as part of services provided to customers pursuant to division (aa) or (bb) or invests cash collateral pledged in connection with such transactions; or

“(dd) holds securities pledged by a customer to another person or securities subject to purchase or resale agreements involving a customer, or facilitates the pledging or transfer of such securities by book entry or as otherwise provided under applicable law.

“(II) EXCEPTION FOR CARRYING BROKER ACTIVITIES.—The exception to being considered a broker for a bank engaged in activities described in subclause (I) shall not apply if the bank, in connection with such activities, acts in the United States as a carrying broker (as such term, and different formulations thereof, are used in section 15(c)(3) and the rules and regulations thereunder) for any broker or dealer, unless such carrying broker activities are engaged in with respect to government securities (as defined in paragraph (42) of this subsection).

“(ix) BANKING PRODUCTS.—The bank effects transactions in traditional banking products, as defined in section 206(a) of the Financial Services Act of 1998.

“(x) DE MINIMIS EXCEPTION.—The bank effects, other than in transactions referred to in clauses (i) through (ix), not more than 500 transactions in securities in any calendar year, and such transactions are not effected by an employee of the bank who is also an employee of a broker or dealer.

“(C) BROKER DEALER EXECUTION.—The exception to being considered a broker for a bank engaged in activities described in clauses (ii), (iv), and (viii) of subparagraph (B) shall not apply if the activities described in such provisions result in the trade in the United States of any security that is a publicly traded security in the United States, unless—

“(i) the bank directs such trade to a registered or broker dealer for execution;

"(ii) the trade is a cross trade or other substantially similar trade of a security that—

"(I) is made by the bank or between the bank and an affiliated fiduciary; and

"(II) is not in contravention of fiduciary principles established under applicable Federal or State law; or

"(iii) the trade is conducted in some other manner permitted under rules, regulations, or orders as the Commission may prescribe or issue.

"(D) NO EFFECT OF BANK EXEMPTIONS ON OTHER COMMISSION AUTHORITY.—The exception to being considered a broker for a bank engaged in activities described in subparagraphs (B) and (C) shall not affect the commission's authority under any other provision of this Act or any other securities law.

"(E) FIDUCIARY CAPACITY.—For purposes of subparagraph (B)(ii), the term 'fiduciary capacity' means—

"(i) in the capacity as trustee, executor, administrator, registrar of stocks and bonds, transfer agent, guardian, assignee, receiver, or custodian under a uniform gift to minor act, or as an investment adviser if the bank receives a fee for its investment advice;

"(ii) in any capacity in which the bank possesses investment discretion on behalf of another; or

"(iii) in any other similar capacity.

"(F) EXCEPTION FOR ENTITIES SUBJECT TO SECTION 15(e).—The term 'broker' does not include a bank that—

"(i) was, immediately prior to the enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, subject to section 15(e); and

"(ii) is subject to such restrictions and requirements as the Commission considers appropriate."

SEC. 202. DEFINITION OF DEALER.

Section 3(a)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(5)) is amended to read as follows:

"(5) DEALER.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'dealer' means any person engaged in the business of buying and selling securities for such person's own account through a broker or otherwise.

"(B) EXCEPTION FOR PERSON NOT ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF DEALING.—The term 'dealer' does not include a person that buys or sells securities for such person's own account, either individually or in a fiduciary capacity, but not as a part of a regular business.

"(C) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN BANK ACTIVITIES.—A bank shall not be considered to be a dealer because the bank engages in any of the following activities under the conditions described:

"(i) PERMISSIBLE SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS.—The bank buys or sells—

"(I) commercial paper, bankers acceptances, or commercial bills;

"(II) exempted securities;

"(III) qualified Canadian government obligations as defined in section 5136 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in conformity with section 15C of this title and the rules and regulations thereunder, or obligations of the North American Development Bank; or

"(IV) any standardized, credit enhanced debt security issued by a foreign government pursuant to the March 1989 plan of then Secretary of the Treasury Brady, used by such foreign government to retire outstanding commercial bank loans.

"(ii) INVESTMENT, TRUSTEE, AND FIDUCIARY TRANSACTIONS.—The bank buys or sells securities for investment purposes—

"(I) for the bank; or

"(II) for accounts for which the bank acts as a trustee or fiduciary.

"(iii) ASSET-BACKED TRANSACTIONS.—The bank engages in the issuance or sale to qualified investors, through a grantor trust

or otherwise, of securities backed by or representing an interest in notes, drafts, acceptances, loans, leases, receivables, other obligations, or pools of any such obligations predominantly originated by the bank, or a syndicate of banks of which the bank is a member, or an affiliate of any such bank other than a broker or dealer.

"(iv) BANKING PRODUCTS.—The bank buys or sells traditional banking products, as defined in section 206(a) of the Financial Services Act of 1998.

"(v) DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS.—The bank issues, buys, or sells any derivative instrument to which the bank is a party—

"(I) to or from a corporation, limited liability company, or partnership that owns and invests on a discretionary basis, not less than \$10,000,000 in investments, or to or from a qualified investor, except that if the instrument provides for the delivery of one or more securities (other than a derivative instrument or government security), the transaction shall be effected with or through a registered broker or dealer; or

"(II) to or from other persons, except that if the derivative instrument provides for the delivery of one or more securities (other than a derivative instrument or government security), or is a security (other than a government security), the transaction shall be effected with or through a registered broker or dealer; or

"(III) to or from any person if the instrument is neither a security nor provides for the delivery of one or more securities (other than a derivative instrument)."

SEC. 203. REGISTRATION FOR SALES OF PRIVATE SECURITIES OFFERINGS.

Section 15A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o-3) is amended by inserting under subsection (i) the following new subsection:

"(j) REGISTRATION FOR SALES OF PRIVATE SECURITIES OFFERINGS.—A registered securities association shall create a limited qualification category for any associated person of a member who effects sales as part of a primary offering of securities not involving a public offering, pursuant to section 3(b), (4)(2), or (4)(6) of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules and regulations thereunder, and shall deem qualified in such limited qualification category, without testing, any bank employee who, in the six month period preceding the date of enactment of this Act, engaged in effecting such sales."

SEC. 204. SALES PRACTICES AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.

Section 18 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(s) SALES PRACTICES AND COMPLAINT PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO BANK SECURITIES ACTIVITIES.—

"(I) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—Each Federal banking agency shall prescribe and publish in final form, not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Financial Services Act of 1998, regulations which apply to retail transactions, solicitations, advertising, or offers of any security by any insured depository institution or any affiliate thereof other than a registered broker or dealer or an individual acting on behalf of such a broker or dealer who is an associated person of such broker or dealer. Such regulations shall include—

"(A) requirements that sales practices comply with just and equitable principles of trade that are substantially similar to the Rules of Fair Practice of the National Association of Securities Dealers; and

"(B) requirements prohibiting (i) conditioning an extension of credit on the purchase or sale of a security; and (ii) any conduct leading a customer to believe that an

extension of credit is conditioned upon the purchase or sale of a security.

"(2) PROCEDURES REQUIRED.—The appropriate Federal banking agencies shall jointly establish procedures and facilities for receiving and expeditiously processing complaints against any bank or employee of a bank arising in connection with the purchase or sale of a security by a customer, including a complaint alleging a violation of the regulations prescribed under paragraph (1), but excluding a complaint involving an individual acting on behalf of such a broker or dealer who is an associated person of such broker or dealer. The use of any such procedures and facilities by such a customer shall be at the election of the customer. Such procedures shall include provisions to refer a complaint alleging fraud to the Securities and Exchange Commission and appropriate State securities commissions.

"(3) REQUIRED ACTIONS.—The actions required by the Federal banking agencies under paragraph (2) shall include the following:

"(A) establishing a group, unit, or bureau within each such agency to receive such complaints;

"(B) developing and establishing procedures for investigating, and permitting customers to investigate, such complaints;

"(C) developing and establishing procedures for informing customers of the rights they may have in connection with such complaints;

"(D) developing and establishing procedures that allow customers a period of at least 6 years to make complaints and that do not require customers to pay the costs of the proceeding; and

"(E) developing and establishing procedures for resolving such complaints, including procedures for the recovery of losses to the extent appropriate.

"(4) CONSULTATION AND JOINT REGULATIONS.—The Federal banking agencies shall consult with each other and prescribe joint regulations pursuant to paragraphs (1) and (2), after consultation with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"(5) PROCEDURES IN ADDITION TO OTHER REMEDIES.—The procedures and remedies provided under this subsection shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies available under law.

"(6) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection—

"(A) the term 'security' has the meaning provided in section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

"(B) the term 'registered broker or dealer' has the meaning provided in section 3(a)(48) of such Act; and

"(C) the term 'associated person' has the meaning provided in section 3(a)(18) of such Act."

SEC. 205. INFORMATION SHARING.

Section 18 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(t) RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.—

"(I) REQUIREMENTS.—Each appropriate Federal banking agency, after consultation with and consideration of the views of the Commission, shall establish recordkeeping requirements for banks relying on exceptions contained in paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such recordkeeping requirements shall be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the terms of such exceptions and be designed to facilitate compliance with such exceptions. Each appropriate Federal banking agency shall make any such information available to the Commission upon request.

"(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this subsection the term 'Commission' means the Securities and Exchange Commission."

SEC. 206. DEFINITION AND TREATMENT OF BANKING PRODUCTS.

(a) DEFINITION OF TRADITIONAL BANKING PRODUCT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5) of section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(4), (5)), the term 'traditional banking product' means—

(A) a deposit account, savings account, certificate of deposit, or other deposit instrument issued by a bank;

(B) a banker's acceptance;

(C) a letter of credit issued or loan made by a bank;

(D) a debit account at a bank arising from a credit card or similar arrangement;

(E) a participation in a loan which the bank or an affiliate of the bank (other than a broker or dealer) funds, participates in, or owns that is sold—

(i) to qualified investors; or

(ii) to other persons that—

“(I) have the opportunity to review and assess any material information, including information regarding the borrower's creditworthiness; and

“(II) based on such factors as financial sophistication, net worth, and knowledge and experience in financial matters, have the capability to evaluate the information available, as determined under generally applicable banking standards or guidelines; or

(F) any derivative instrument, whether or not individually negotiated, involving or relating to—

(i) foreign currencies, except options on foreign currencies that trade on a national securities exchange;

(ii) interest rates, except interest rate derivative instruments (I) that are based on a security; or (II) that provide for the delivery of one or more securities; or

(iii) commodities, other rates, indices, or other assets, except derivative instruments that are securities or that provide for the delivery of one or more securities.

(2) CLASSIFICATION LIMITED.—Classification of a particular product as a traditional banking product pursuant to this subsection shall not be construed as finding or implying that such product is or is not a security for any purpose under the securities laws, or is or is not an account, agreement, contract, or transaction for any purpose under the Commodity Exchange Act.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

(A) the term “bank” has the meaning provided in section 3(a)(6) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(6));

(B) the term “qualified investor” has the meaning provided in section 3(a)(55) of such Act; and

(C) the term “Federal banking agency” has the meaning provided in section 3(z) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(z)).

(b) TREATMENT OF NEW BANKING PRODUCTS FOR PURPOSES OF BROKER/DEALER REQUIREMENTS.—Section 15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78o) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) RULEMAKING TO EXTEND REQUIREMENTS TO NEW BANKING PRODUCTS.—

“(1) LIMITATION.—The Commission shall not—

“(A) require a bank to register as a broker or dealer under this section because the bank engages in any transaction in, or buys or sells, a new banking product; or

“(B) bring an action against a bank for a failure to comply with a requirement described in subparagraph (A);

unless the Commission has imposed such requirement by rule or regulation issued in accordance with this section.

“(2) CRITERIA FOR RULEMAKING.—The Commission shall not impose a requirement under paragraph (1) of this subsection with respect to any new banking product unless the Commission determines that—

“(A) the new banking product is a security; and

“(B) imposing such requirement is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors, consistent with the requirements of section 3(f).

“(3) NEW BANKING PRODUCT.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘new banking product’ means a product that—

“(A) was not subjected to regulation by the Commission as a security prior to the date of enactment of this subsection; and

“(B) is not a traditional banking product, as such term is defined in section 206(a) of the Financial Services Act of 1998.

“(4) CONSULTATION.—In promulgating rules under this subsection, the Commission shall consult with and consider the views of the appropriate regulatory agencies concerning the proposed rule and the impact on the banking industry.”.

SEC. 207. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENT AND QUALIFIED INVESTOR DEFINED.

Section 3(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(54) DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENT.—

“(A) DEFINITION.—The term ‘derivative instrument’ means any individually negotiated contract, agreement, warrant, note, or option that is based, in whole or in part, on the value of, any interest in, or any quantitative measure or the occurrence of any event relating to, one or more commodities, securities, currencies, interest or other rates, indices, or other assets, but does not include a traditional banking product, as defined in section 206(a) of the Financial Services Act of 1998.

“(B) CLASSIFICATION LIMITED.—Classification of a particular contract as a derivative instrument pursuant to this paragraph shall not be construed as finding or implying that such instrument is or is not a security for any purpose under the securities laws, or is or is not an account, agreement, contract, or transaction for any purpose under the Commodity Exchange Act.

“(55) QUALIFIED INVESTOR.—

“(A) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this title and section 206(a)(1)(E) of the Financial Services Act of 1998, the term ‘qualified investor’ means—

“(i) any investment company registered with the Commission under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;

“(ii) any issuer eligible for an exclusion from the definition of investment company pursuant to section 3(c)(7) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;

“(iii) any bank (as defined in paragraph (6) of this subsection), savings and loan association (as defined in section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act), broker, dealer, insurance company (as defined in section 2(a)(13) of the Securities Act of 1933), or business development company (as defined in section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act of 1940);

“(iv) any small business investment company licensed by the United States Small Business Administration under section 301(c) or (d) of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958;

“(v) any State sponsored employee benefit plan, or any other employee benefit plan, within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, other than an individual retirement account, if the investment decisions are made by a plan fiduciary, as defined in section 3(21) of that Act, which is either a bank, savings and loan

association, insurance company, or registered investment adviser;

“(vi) any trust whose purchases of securities are directed by a person described in clauses (i) through (v) of this subparagraph;

“(vii) any market intermediary exempt under section 3(c)(2) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;

“(viii) any associated person of a broker or dealer other than a natural person; or

“(ix) any foreign bank (as defined in section 1(b)(7) of the International Banking Act of 1978).

“(B) ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS DEFINED.—For purposes of paragraphs (4)(B)(vii) and (5)(C)(iii) of this subsection, and section 206(a)(1)(E) of the Financial Services Act of 1998, the term ‘qualified investor’ also means—

“(i) any corporation, company, or partnership that owns and invests on a discretionary basis, not less than \$10,000,000 in investments;

“(ii) any natural person who owns and invests on a discretionary basis, not less than \$10,000,000 in investments;

“(iii) any government or political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a government who owns and invests on a discretionary basis not less than \$50,000,000 in investments; or

“(iv) any multinational or supranational entity or any agency or instrumentality thereof.

“(C) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The Commission may, by rule or order, define a ‘qualified investor’ as any other person, other than a natural person, taking into consideration such factors as the person's financial sophistication, net worth, and knowledge and experience in financial matters.”.

SEC. 208. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES DEFINED.

Section 3(a)(42) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(42)) is amended—

(1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (C);

(2) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (D) and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) for purposes of section 15C as applied to a bank, a qualified Canadian government obligation as defined in section 5136 of the Revised Statutes.”.

SEC. 209. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall take effect at the end of the 270-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle B—Bank Investment Company Activities**SEC. 211. CUSTODY OF INVESTMENT COMPANY ASSETS BY AFFILIATED BANK.**

(a) MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.—Section 17(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-17(f)) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), respectively;

(2) by striking “(f) Every registered” and inserting the following:

“(f) CUSTODY OF SECURITIES.—

“(1) Every registered”;

(3) by redesignating the 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th sentences of such subsection as paragraphs (2) through (5), respectively, and indenting the left margin of such paragraphs appropriately; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) The Commission may adopt rules and regulations, and issue orders, consistent with the protection of investors, prescribing the conditions under which a bank, or an affiliated person of a bank, either of which is an affiliated person, promoter, organizer, or sponsor of, or principal underwriter for, a registered management company may serve

as custodian of that registered management company."

(b) UNIT INVESTMENT TRUSTS.—Section 26 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-26) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e) as subsections (c) through (f), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

"(b) The Commission may adopt rules and regulations, and issue orders, consistent with the protection of investors, prescribing the conditions under which a bank, or an affiliated person of a bank, either of which is an affiliated person of a principal underwriter for, or depositor of, a registered unit investment trust, may serve as trustee or custodian under subsection (a)(1)."

(c) FIDUCIARY DUTY OF CUSTODIAN.—Section 36(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-35(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking "or" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following:

"(3) as custodian."

SEC. 212. LENDING TO AN AFFILIATED INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Section 17(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-17(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking "or" at the end of paragraph (2);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting "; or"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) to loan money or other property to such registered company, or to any company controlled by such registered company, in contravention of such rules, regulations, or orders as the Commission may prescribe or issue consistent with the protection of investors."

SEC. 213. INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(19)(A) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(19)(A)) is amended—

(1) by striking clause (v) and inserting the following new clause:

"(v) any person or any affiliated person of a person (other than a registered investment company) that, at any time during the 6-month period preceding the date of the determination of whether that person or affiliated person is an interested person, has executed any portfolio transactions for, engaged in any principal transactions with, or distributed shares for—

"(I) the investment company,

"(II) any other investment company having the same investment adviser as such investment company or holding itself out to investors as a related company for purposes of investment or investor services, or

"(III) any account over which the investment company's investment adviser has brokerage placement discretion,";

(2) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause (vii); and

(3) by inserting after clause (v) the following new clause:

"(vi) any person or any affiliated person of a person (other than a registered investment company) that, at any time during the 6-month period preceding the date of the determination of whether that person or affiliated person is an interested person, has loaned money or other property to—

"(I) the investment company,

"(II) any other investment company having the same investment adviser as such investment company or holding itself out to investors as a related company for purposes of investment or investor services, or

"(III) any account for which the investment company's investment adviser has borrowing authority,".

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2(a)(19)(B) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(19)(B)) is amended—

(1) by striking clause (v) and inserting the following new clause:

"(v) any person or any affiliated person of a person (other than a registered investment company) that, at any time during the 6-month period preceding the date of the determination of whether that person or affiliated person is an interested person, has executed any portfolio transactions for, engaged in any principal transactions with, or distributed shares for—

"(I) any investment company for which the investment adviser or principal underwriter serves as such,

"(II) any investment company holding itself out to investors, for purposes of investment or investor services, as a company related to any investment company for which the investment adviser or principal underwriter serves as such, or

"(III) any account over which the investment adviser has brokerage placement discretion,";

(2) by redesignating clause (vi) as clause (vii); and

(3) by inserting after clause (v) the following new clause:

"(vi) any person or any affiliated person of a person (other than a registered investment company) that, at any time during the 6-month period preceding the date of the determination of whether that person or affiliated person is an interested person, has loaned money or other property to—

"(I) any investment company for which the investment adviser or principal underwriter serves as such,

"(II) any investment company holding itself out to investors, for purposes of investment or investor services, as a company related to any investment company for which the investment adviser or principal underwriter serves as such, or

"(III) any account for which the investment adviser has borrowing authority,".

(c) AFFILIATION OF DIRECTORS.—Section 10(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-10(c)) is amended by striking "bank, except" and inserting "bank (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries) or any one bank holding company (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries) (as such terms are defined in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956), except".

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect at the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this subtitle.

SEC. 214. ADDITIONAL SEC DISCLOSURE AUTHORITY.

Section 35(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-34(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) MISREPRESENTATION OF GUARANTEES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any person, issuing or selling any security of which a registered investment company is the issuer, to represent or imply in any manner whatsoever that such security or company—

"(A) has been guaranteed, sponsored, recommended, or approved by the United States, or any agency, instrumentality or officer of the United States;

"(B) has been insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; or

"(C) is guaranteed by or is otherwise an obligation of any bank or insured depository institution.

"(2) DISCLOSURES.—Any person issuing or selling the securities of a registered investment company that is advised by, or sold

through, a bank shall prominently disclose that an investment in the company is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. The Commission may adopt rules and regulations, and issue orders, consistent with the protection of investors, prescribing the manner in which the disclosure under this paragraph shall be provided.

"(3) DEFINITIONS.—The terms 'insured depository institution' and 'appropriate Federal banking agency' have the meaning given to such terms in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act."

SEC. 215. DEFINITION OF BROKER UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.

Section 2(a)(6) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(6)) is amended to read as follows:

"(6) The term 'broker' has the same meaning as in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except that such term does not include any person solely by reason of the fact that such person is an underwriter for one or more investment companies."

SEC. 216. DEFINITION OF DEALER UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.

Section 2(a)(11) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(11)) is amended to read as follows:

"(11) The term 'dealer' has the same meaning as in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but does not include an insurance company or investment company."

SEC. 217. REMOVAL OF THE EXCLUSION FROM THE DEFINITION OF INVESTMENT ADVISER FOR BANKS THAT ADVISE INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

(a) INVESTMENT ADVISER.—Section 202(a)(11) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-2(a)(11)) is amended in subparagraph (A), by striking "investment company" and inserting "investment company, except that the term 'investment adviser' includes any bank or bank holding company to the extent that such bank or bank holding company serves or acts as an investment adviser to a registered investment company, but if, in the case of a bank, such services or actions are performed through a separately identifiable department or division, the department or division, and not the bank itself, shall be deemed to be the investment adviser".

(b) SEPARATELY IDENTIFIABLE DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION.—Section 202(a) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-2(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(26) The term 'separately identifiable department or division' of a bank means a unit—

"(A) that is under the direct supervision of an officer or officers designated by the board of directors of the bank as responsible for the day-to-day conduct of the bank's investment adviser activities for one or more investment companies, including the supervision of all bank employees engaged in the performance of such activities; and

"(B) for which all of the records relating to its investment adviser activities are separately maintained in or extractable from such unit's own facilities or the facilities of the bank, and such records are so maintained or otherwise accessible as to permit independent examination and enforcement by the Commission of this Act or the Investment Company Act of 1940 and rules and regulations promulgated under this Act or the Investment Company Act of 1940."

SEC. 218. DEFINITION OF BROKER UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.

Section 202(a)(3) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-2(a)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) The term 'broker' has the same meaning as in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

SEC. 219. DEFINITION OF DEALER UNDER THE INVESTMENT ADVISERS ACT OF 1940.

Section 202(a)(7) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-2(a)(7)) is amended to read as follows:

"(7) The term 'dealer' has the same meaning as in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, but does not include an insurance company or investment company."

SEC. 220. INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION.

The Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-1 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 210 the following new section:

"SEC. 210A. CONSULTATION.

"(a) EXAMINATION RESULTS AND OTHER INFORMATION.—

"(1) The appropriate Federal banking agency shall provide the Commission upon request the results of any examination, reports, records, or other information to which such agency may have access with respect to the investment advisory activities—

"(A) of any—

"(i) bank holding company,

"(ii) bank, or

"(iii) separately identifiable department or division of a bank,

that is registered under section 203 of this title; and

"(B) in the case of a bank holding company or bank that has a subsidiary or a separately identifiable department or division registered under that section, of such bank or bank holding company.

"(2) The Commission shall provide to the appropriate Federal banking agency upon request the results of any examination, reports, records, or other information with respect to the investment advisory activities of any bank holding company, bank, or separately identifiable department or division of a bank, any of which is registered under section 203 of this title.

"(b) EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall limit in any respect the authority of the appropriate Federal banking agency with respect to such bank holding company, bank, or department or division under any provision of law.

"(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term 'appropriate Federal banking agency' shall have the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act."

SEC. 221. TREATMENT OF BANK COMMON TRUST FUNDS.

(a) SECURITIES ACT OF 1933.—Section 3(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77c(a)(2)) is amended by striking "or any interest or participation in any common trust fund or similar fund maintained by a bank exclusively for the collective investment and reinvestment of assets contributed thereto by such bank in its capacity as trustee, executor, administrator, or guardian" and inserting "or any interest or participation in any common trust fund or similar fund that is excluded from the definition of the term 'investment company' under section 3(c)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940".

(b) SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.—Section 3(a)(12)(A)(iii) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(12)(A)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

"(iii) any interest or participation in any common trust fund or similar fund that is excluded from the definition of the term 'investment company' under section 3(c)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;"

(c) INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940.—Section 3(c)(3) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3(c)(3)) is amended by inserting before the period the following: ", if—

"(A) such fund is employed by the bank solely as an aid to the administration of

trusts, estates, or other accounts created and maintained for a fiduciary purpose;

"(B) except in connection with the ordinary advertising of the bank's fiduciary services, interests in such fund are not—

"(i) advertised; or

"(ii) offered for sale to the general public; and

"(C) fees and expenses charged by such fund are not in contravention of fiduciary principles established under applicable Federal or State law".

SEC. 222. INVESTMENT ADVISERS PROHIBITED FROM HAVING CONTROLLING INTEREST IN REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANY.

Section 15 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-15) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(g) CONTROLLING INTEREST IN INVESTMENT COMPANY PROHIBITED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If an investment adviser to a registered investment company, or an affiliated person of that investment adviser, holds a controlling interest in that registered investment company in a trustee or fiduciary capacity, such person shall—

"(A) if it holds the shares in a trustee or fiduciary capacity with respect to any employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, transfer the power to vote the shares of the investment company through to another person acting in a fiduciary capacity with respect to the plan who is not an affiliated person of that investment adviser or any affiliated person thereof; or

"(B) if it holds the shares in a trustee or fiduciary capacity with respect to any person or entity other than an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974—

"(i) transfer the power to vote the shares of the investment company through to—

"(I) the beneficial owners of the shares;

"(II) another person acting in a fiduciary capacity who is not an affiliated person of that investment adviser or any affiliated person thereof; or

"(III) any person authorized to receive statements and information with respect to the trust who is not an affiliated person of that investment adviser or any affiliated person thereof;

"(ii) vote the shares of the investment company held by it in the same proportion as shares held by all other shareholders of the investment company; or

"(iii) vote the shares of the investment company as otherwise permitted under such rules, regulations, or orders as the Commission may prescribe or issue consistent with the protection of investors.

"(2) EXEMPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any investment adviser to a registered investment company, or any affiliated person of that investment adviser, that holds shares of the investment company in a trustee or fiduciary capacity if that registered investment company consists solely of assets held in such capacities.

"(3) SAFE HARBOR.—No investment adviser to a registered investment company or any affiliated person of such investment adviser shall be deemed to have acted unlawfully or to have breached a fiduciary duty under State or Federal law solely by reason of acting in accordance with clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of paragraph (1)(B)."

SEC. 223. CONFORMING CHANGE IN DEFINITION.

Section 2(a)(5) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(5)) is amended by striking "(A) a banking institution organized under the laws of the United States" and inserting "(A) a depository institution (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) or a branch or agency of a foreign bank (as such terms are defined in

section 1(b) of the International Banking Act of 1978)".

SEC. 224. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

Section 202 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80b-2) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(c) CONSIDERATION OF PROMOTION OF EFFICIENCY, COMPETITION, AND CAPITAL FORMATION.—Whenever pursuant to this title the Commission is engaged in rulemaking and is required to consider or determine whether an action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, the Commission shall also consider, in addition to the protection of investors, whether the action will promote efficiency, competition, and capital formation."

SEC. 225. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall take effect 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subtitle C—Securities and Exchange Commission Supervision of Investment Bank Holding Companies**SEC. 231. SUPERVISION OF INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANIES BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.**

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 17 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78q) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (l); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsections:

"(i) INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—

"(1) ELECTIVE SUPERVISION OF AN INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANY NOT HAVING A BANK OR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—An investment bank holding company that is not—

"(i) an affiliate of a wholesale financial institution, an insured bank (other than an institution described in subparagraph (D), (F), or (G) of section 2(c)(2), or held under section 4(f), of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956), or a savings association,

"(ii) a foreign bank, foreign company, or company that is described in section 8(a) of the International Banking Act of 1978, or

"(iii) a foreign bank that controls, directly or indirectly, a corporation chartered under section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act,

may elect to become supervised by filing with the Commission a notice of intention to become supervised, pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph. Any investment bank holding company filing such a notice shall be supervised in accordance with this section and comply with the rules promulgated by the Commission applicable to supervised investment bank holding companies.

"(B) NOTIFICATION OF STATUS AS A SUPERVISED INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—An investment bank holding company that elects under subparagraph (A) to become supervised by the Commission shall file with the Commission a written notice of intention to become supervised by the Commission in such form and containing such information and documents concerning such investment bank holding company as the Commission, by rule, may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section. Unless the Commission finds that such supervision is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of this section, such supervision shall become effective 45 days after receipt of such written notice by the Commission or within such shorter time period as the Commission, by rule or order, may determine.

"(2) ELECTION NOT TO BE SUPERVISED BY THE COMMISSION AS AN INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—

"(A) VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL.—A supervised investment bank holding company that

is supervised pursuant to paragraph (1) may, upon such terms and conditions as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate, elect not to be supervised by the Commission by filing a written notice of withdrawal from Commission supervision. Such notice shall not become effective until one year after receipt by the Commission, or such shorter or longer period as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate to ensure effective supervision of the material risks to the supervised investment bank holding company and to the affiliated broker or dealer, or to prevent evasion of the purposes of this section.

“(B) DISCONTINUATION OF COMMISSION SUPERVISION.—If the Commission finds that any supervised investment bank holding company that is supervised pursuant to paragraph (1) is no longer in existence or has ceased to be an investment bank holding company, or if the Commission finds that continued supervision of such a supervised investment bank holding company is not consistent with the purposes of this section, the Commission may discontinue the supervision pursuant to a rule or order, if any, promulgated by the Commission under this section.

“(3) SUPERVISION OF INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—

“(A) RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Every supervised investment bank holding company and each affiliate thereof shall make and keep for prescribed periods such records, furnish copies thereof, and make such reports, as the Commission may require by rule, in order to keep the Commission informed as to—

“(I) the company's or affiliate's activities, financial condition, policies, systems for monitoring and controlling financial and operational risks, and transactions and relationships between any broker or dealer affiliate of the supervised investment bank holding company; and

“(II) the extent to which the company or affiliate has complied with the provisions of this Act and regulations prescribed and orders issued under this Act.

“(ii) FORM AND CONTENTS.—Such records and reports shall be prepared in such form and according to such specifications (including certification by an independent public accountant), as the Commission may require and shall be provided promptly at any time upon request by the Commission. Such records and reports may include—

“(I) a balance sheet and income statement;

“(II) an assessment of the consolidated capital of the supervised investment bank holding company;

“(III) an independent auditor's report attesting to the supervised investment bank holding company's compliance with its internal risk management and internal control objectives; and

“(IV) reports concerning the extent to which the company or affiliate has complied with the provisions of this title and any regulations prescribed and orders issued under this title.

“(B) USE OF EXISTING REPORTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall, to the fullest extent possible, accept reports in fulfillment of the requirements under this paragraph that the supervised investment bank holding company or its affiliates have been required to provide to another appropriate regulatory agency or self-regulatory organization.

“(ii) AVAILABILITY.—A supervised investment bank holding company or an affiliate of such company shall provide to the Commission, at the request of the Commission, any report referred to in clause (i).

“(C) EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—

“(i) FOCUS OF EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.—The Commission may make examinations of

any supervised investment bank holding company and any affiliate of such company in order to—

“(I) inform the Commission regarding—

“(aa) the nature of the operations and financial condition of the supervised investment bank holding company and its affiliates;

“(bb) the financial and operational risks within the supervised investment bank holding company that may affect any broker or dealer controlled by such supervised investment bank holding company; and

“(cc) the systems of the supervised investment bank holding company and its affiliates for monitoring and controlling those risks; and

“(II) monitor compliance with the provisions of this subsection, provisions governing transactions and relationships between any broker or dealer affiliated with the supervised investment bank holding company and any of the company's other affiliates, and applicable provisions of subchapter II of chapter 53, title 31, United States Code (commonly referred to as the ‘Bank Secrecy Act’) and regulations thereunder.

“(ii) RESTRICTED FOCUS OF EXAMINATIONS.—The Commission shall limit the focus and scope of any examination of a supervised investment bank holding company to—

“(I) the company; and

“(II) any affiliate of the company that, because of its size, condition, or activities, the nature or size of the transactions between such affiliate and any affiliated broker or dealer, or the centralization of functions within the holding company system, could, in the discretion of the Commission, have a materially adverse effect on the operational or financial condition of the broker or dealer.

“(iii) DEFERENCE TO OTHER EXAMINATIONS.—For purposes of this subparagraph, the Commission shall, to the fullest extent possible, use the reports of examination of an institution described in subparagraph (D), (F), or (G) of section 2(c)(2), or held under section 4(f), of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 made by the appropriate regulatory agency, or of a licensed insurance company made by the appropriate State insurance regulator.

“(4) HOLDING COMPANY CAPITAL.—

“(A) AUTHORITY.—If the Commission finds that it is necessary to adequately supervise investment bank holding companies and their broker or dealer affiliates consistent with the purposes of this subsection, the Commission may adopt capital adequacy rules for supervised investment bank holding companies.

“(B) METHOD OF CALCULATION.—In developing rules under this paragraph:

“(i) DOUBLE LEVERAGE.—The Commission shall consider the use by the supervised investment bank holding company of debt and other liabilities to fund capital investments in affiliates.

“(ii) NO UNWEIGHTED CAPITAL RATIO.—The Commission shall not impose under this section a capital ratio that is not based on appropriate risk-weighting considerations.

“(iii) NO CAPITAL REQUIREMENT ON REGULATED ENTITIES.—The Commission shall not, by rule, regulation, guideline, order or otherwise, impose any capital adequacy provision on a nonbanking affiliate (other than a broker or dealer) that is in compliance with applicable capital requirements of another Federal regulatory authority or State insurance authority.

“(iv) APPROPRIATE EXCLUSIONS.—The Commission shall take full account of the applicable capital requirements of another Federal regulatory authority or State insurance regulator.

“(C) INTERNAL RISK MANAGEMENT MODELS.—The Commission may incorporate internal risk management models into its capital adequacy rules for supervised investment bank holding companies.

“(5) FUNCTIONAL REGULATION OF BANKING AND INSURANCE ACTIVITIES OF SUPERVISED INVESTMENT BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—The Commission shall defer to—

“(A) the appropriate regulatory agency with regard to all interpretations of, and the enforcement of, applicable banking laws relating to the activities, conduct, ownership, and operations of banks, and institutions described in subparagraph (D), (F), and (G) of section 2(c)(2), or held under section 4(f), of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956; and

“(B) the appropriate State insurance regulators with regard to all interpretations of, and the enforcement of, applicable State insurance laws relating to the activities, conduct, and operations of insurance companies and insurance agents.

“(6) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

“(A) The term ‘investment bank holding company’ means—

“(i) any person other than a natural person that owns or controls one or more brokers or dealers; and

“(ii) the associated persons of the investment bank holding company.

“(B) The term ‘supervised investment bank holding company’ means any investment bank holding company that is supervised by the Commission pursuant to this subsection.

“(C) The terms ‘affiliate’, ‘bank’, ‘bank holding company’, ‘company’, ‘control’, and ‘savings association’ have the meanings given to those terms in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841).

“(D) The term ‘insured bank’ has the meaning given to that term in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

“(E) The term ‘foreign bank’ has the meaning given to that term in section 1(b)(7) of the International Banking Act of 1978.

“(F) The terms ‘person associated with an investment bank holding company’ and ‘associated person of an investment bank holding company’ means any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, an investment bank holding company.

“(j) AUTHORITY TO LIMIT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission shall not be compelled to disclose any information required to be reported under subsection (h) or (i) or any information supplied to the Commission by any domestic or foreign regulatory agency that relates to the financial or operational condition of any associated person of a broker or dealer, investment bank holding company, or any affiliate of an investment bank holding company. Nothing in this subsection shall authorize the Commission to withhold information from Congress, or prevent the Commission from complying with a request for information from any other Federal department or agency or any self-regulatory organization requesting the information for purposes within the scope of its jurisdiction, or complying with an order of a court of the United States in an action brought by the United States or the Commission. For purposes of section 552 of title 5, United States Code, this subsection shall be considered a statute described in subsection (b)(3)(B) of such section 552. In prescribing regulations to carry out the requirements of this subsection, the Commission shall designate information described in or obtained pursuant to subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (i)(5) as confidential information for purposes of section 24(b)(2) of this title.”

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 3(a)(34) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(34)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(H) When used with respect to an institution described in subparagraph (D), (F), or (G) of section 2(c)(2), or held under section 4(f), of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956—

“(i) the Comptroller of the Currency, in the case of a national bank or a bank in the District of Columbia examined by the Comptroller of the Currency;

“(ii) the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in the case of a State member bank of the Federal Reserve System or any corporation chartered under section 25A of the Federal Reserve Act;

“(iii) the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in the case of any other bank the deposits of which are insured in accordance with the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; or

“(iv) the Commission in the case of all other such institutions.”.

(2) Section 1112(e) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3412(e)) is amended—

(A) by striking “this title” and inserting “law”; and

(B) by inserting “, examination reports” after “financial records”.

Subtitle D—Study

SEC. 241. STUDY OF METHODS TO INFORM INVESTORS AND CONSUMERS OF UNINSURED PRODUCTS.

Within one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit a report to the Congress regarding the efficacy, costs, and benefits of requiring that any depository institution that accepts federally insured deposits and that, directly or through a contractual or other arrangement with a broker, dealer, or agent, buys from, sells to, or effects transactions for retail investors in securities or consumers of insurance to inform such investors and consumers through the use of a logo or seal that the security or insurance is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

TITLE III—INSURANCE

Subtitle A—State Regulation of Insurance

SEC. 301. STATE REGULATION OF THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE.

The Act entitled “An Act to express the intent of the Congress with reference to the regulation of the business of insurance” and approved March 9, 1945 (15 U.S.C. 1011 et seq.), commonly referred to as the “McCarran—Ferguson Act”) remains the law of the United States.

SEC. 302. MANDATORY INSURANCE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

No person or entity shall provide insurance in a State as principal or agent unless such person or entity is licensed as required by the appropriate insurance regulator of such State in accordance with the relevant State insurance law, subject to section 104 of this Act.

SEC. 303. FUNCTIONAL REGULATION OF INSURANCE.

The insurance sales activity of any person or entity shall be functionally regulated by the States, subject to section 104 of this Act.

SEC. 304. INSURANCE UNDERWRITING IN NATIONAL BANKS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in section 306, a national bank and the subsidiaries of a national bank may not provide insurance in a State as principal except that this prohibition shall not apply to authorized products.

(b) AUTHORIZED PRODUCTS.—For the purposes of this section, a product is authorized if—

(1) as of January 1, 1997, the Comptroller of the Currency had determined in writing that national banks may provide such product as principal, or national banks were in fact lawfully providing such product as principal;

(2) no court of relevant jurisdiction had, by final judgment, overturned a determination of the Comptroller of the Currency that national banks may provide such product as principal; and

(3) the product is not title insurance, or an annuity contract the income of which is subject to tax treatment under section 72 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term “insurance” means—

(1) any product regulated as insurance as of January 1, 1997, in accordance with the relevant State insurance law, in the State in which the product is provided;

(2) any product first offered after January 1, 1997, which—

(A) a State insurance regulator determines shall be regulated as insurance in the State in which the product is provided because the product insures, guarantees, or indemnifies against liability, loss of life, loss of health, or loss through damage to or destruction of property, including, but not limited to, surety bonds, life insurance, health insurance, title insurance, and property and casualty insurance (such as private passenger or commercial automobile, homeowners, mortgage, commercial multiperil, general liability, professional liability, workers' compensation, fire and allied lines, farm owners multiperil, aircraft, fidelity, surety, medical malpractice, ocean marine, inland marine, and boiler and machinery insurance); and

(B) is not a product or service of a bank that is—

(i) a deposit product;

(ii) a loan, discount, letter of credit, or other extension of credit;

(iii) a trust or other fiduciary service;

(iv) a qualified financial contract (as defined in or determined pursuant to section 11(e)(8)(D)(i) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act); or

(v) a financial guaranty, except that this subparagraph (B) shall not apply to a product that includes an insurance component such that if the product is offered or proposed to be offered by the bank as principal—

(I) it would be treated as a life insurance contract under section 7702 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; or

(II) in the event that the product is not a letter of credit or other similar extension of credit, a qualified financial contract, or a financial guaranty, it would qualify for treatment for losses incurred with respect to such product under section 832(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if the bank were subject to tax as an insurance company under section 831 of such Code; or

(3) any annuity contract the income on which is subject to tax treatment under section 72 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

SEC. 305. NEW BANK AGENCY ACTIVITIES ONLY THROUGH ACQUISITION OF EXISTING LICENSED AGENTS.

If a national bank or a subsidiary of a national bank is not providing insurance as agent in a State as of the date of the enactment of this Act, the national bank and the subsidiary of the national bank may provide insurance (which such bank or subsidiary is otherwise authorized to provide) as agent in such State after such date only by acquiring a company which has been licensed by the appropriate State regulator to provide insurance as agent in such State for not less than 2 years before such acquisition.

SEC. 306. TITLE INSURANCE ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL BANKS AND THEIR AFFILIATES.

(a) AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or any other law, no national bank, and no subsidiary of a national bank, may engage in any activity involving the underwriting or sale of title insurance other than title insurance activities in which such national bank or subsidiary was actively and lawfully engaged before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) INSURANCE AFFILIATE.—In the case of a national bank which has an affiliate which provides insurance as principal and is not a subsidiary of the bank, the national bank and any subsidiary of the national bank may not engage in any activity involving the underwriting or sale of title insurance pursuant to paragraph (1).

(3) INSURANCE SUBSIDIARY.—In the case of a national bank which has a subsidiary which provides insurance as principal and has no affiliate which provides insurance as principal and is not a subsidiary, the national bank may not engage in any activity involving the underwriting or sale of title insurance pursuant to paragraph (1).

(4) AFFILIATE AND SUBSIDIARY DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the terms “affiliate” and “subsidiary” have the meaning given such terms in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

(b) PARITY EXCEPTION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), in the case of any State in which banks organized under the laws of such State were authorized to sell title insurance as agent as of January 1, 1997, a national bank and a subsidiary of a national bank may sell title insurance as agent in such State in the same manner and to the same extent such State banks are authorized to sell title insurance as agent in such State.

SEC. 307. EXPEDITED AND EQUALIZED DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR FINANCIAL REGULATORS.

(a) FILING IN COURT OF APPEAL.—In the case of a regulatory conflict between a State insurance regulator and a Federal regulator as to whether any product is or is not insurance as defined in section 304(c) of this Act, or whether a State statute, regulation, order, or interpretation regarding any insurance sales or solicitation activity is properly treated as preempted under Federal law, either regulator may seek expedited judicial review of such determination by the United States Court of Appeals for the circuit in which the State is located or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by filing a petition for review in such court.

(b) EXPEDITED REVIEW.—The United States court of appeals in which a petition for review is filed in accordance with paragraph (1) shall complete all action on such petition, including rendering a judgment, before the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date such petition is filed, unless all parties to such proceeding agree to any extension of such period.

(c) SUPREME COURT REVIEW.—Any request for certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States or any judgment of a United States court of appeals with respect to a petition for review under this section shall be filed with the United States Supreme Court as soon as practicable after such judgment is issued.

(d) STATUTE OF LIMITATION.—No action may be filed under this section challenging an order, ruling, determination, or other action of a Federal financial regulator or State insurance regulator after the later of—

(1) the end of the 12-month period beginning on the date the first public notice is made of such order, ruling, or determination in its final form; or

(2) the end of the 6-month period beginning on the date such order, ruling, or determination takes effect.

(e) STANDARD OF REVIEW.—The court shall decide an action filed under this section based on its review on the merits of all questions presented under State and Federal law, including the nature of the product or activity and the history and purpose of its regulation under State and Federal law, without unequal deference.

SEC. 308. CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATIONS.

(a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1811 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 45. CONSUMER PROTECTION REGULATIONS.

"(a) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Federal banking agencies shall prescribe and publish in final form, before the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, consumer protection regulations (which the agencies jointly determine to be appropriate) that—

"(A) apply to retail sales, solicitations, advertising, or offers of any insurance product by any insured depository institution or wholesale financial institution or any person who is engaged in such activities at an office of the institution or on behalf of the institution; and

"(B) are consistent with the requirements of this Act and provide such additional protections for consumers to whom such sales, solicitations, advertising, or offers are directed as the agency determines to be appropriate.

"(2) APPLICABILITY TO SUBSIDIARIES.—The regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall extend such protections to any subsidiaries of an insured depository institution, as deemed appropriate by the regulators referred to in paragraph (3), where such extension is determined to be necessary to ensure the consumer protections provided by this section.

"(3) CONSULTATION AND JOINT REGULATIONS.—The Federal banking agencies shall consult with each other and prescribe joint regulations pursuant to paragraph (1), after consultation with the State insurance regulators, as appropriate.

"(b) SALES PRACTICES.—The regulations prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) shall include anticoercion rules applicable to the sale of insurance products which prohibit an insured depository institution from engaging in any practice that would lead a consumer to believe an extension of credit, in violation of section 106(b) of the Bank Holding Company Act Amendments of 1970, is conditional upon—

"(1) the purchase of an insurance product from the institution or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries; or

"(2) an agreement by the consumer not to obtain, or a prohibition on the consumer from obtaining, an insurance product from an unaffiliated entity.

"(c) DISCLOSURES AND ADVERTISING.—The regulations prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) shall include the following provisions relating to disclosures and advertising in connection with the initial purchase of an insurance product:

"(1) DISCLOSURES.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Requirements that the following disclosures be made orally and in writing before the completion of the initial sale and, in the case of clause (iv), at the time of application for an extension of credit:

"(i) UNINSURED STATUS.—As appropriate, the product is not insured by the Federal De-

posit Insurance Corporation, the United States Government, or the insured depository institution.

"(ii) INVESTMENT RISK.—In the case of a variable annuity or other insurance product which involves an investment risk, that there is an investment risk associated with the product, including possible loss of value.

"(iv) COERCION.—The approval of an extension of credit may not be conditioned on—

"(I) the purchase of an insurance product from the institution in which the application for credit is pending or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries; or

"(II) an agreement by the consumer not to obtain, or a prohibition on the consumer from obtaining, an insurance product from an unaffiliated entity.

"(B) MAKING DISCLOSURE READILY UNDERSTANDABLE.—Regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A) shall encourage the use of disclosure that is conspicuous, simple, direct, and readily understandable, such as the following:

"(i) 'NOT FDIC-INSURED'.

"(ii) 'NOT GUARANTEED BY THE BANK'.

"(iii) 'MAY GO DOWN IN VALUE'.

"(C) ADJUSTMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF PURCHASE.—In prescribing the requirements under subparagraphs (A) and (D), necessary adjustments shall be made for purchase in person, by telephone, or by electronic media to provide for the most appropriate and complete form of disclosure and acknowledgments.

"(D) CONSUMER ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—A requirement that an insured depository institution shall require any person selling an insurance product at any office of, or on behalf of, the institution to obtain, at the time a consumer receives the disclosures required under this paragraph or at the time of the initial purchase by the consumer of such product, an acknowledgment by such consumer of the receipt of the disclosure required under this subsection with respect to such product.

"(2) PROHIBITION ON MISREPRESENTATIONS.—A prohibition on any practice, or any advertising, at any office of, or on behalf of, the insured depository institution, or any subsidiary as appropriate, which could mislead any person or otherwise cause a reasonable person to reach an erroneous belief with respect to—

"(A) the uninsured nature of any insurance product sold, or offered for sale, by the institution or any subsidiary of the institution; or

"(B) in the case of a variable annuity or other insurance product that involves an investment risk, the investment risk associated with any such product.

"(d) SEPARATION OF BANKING AND NON-BANKING ACTIVITIES.—

"(1) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—The regulations prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) shall include such provisions as the Federal banking agencies consider appropriate to ensure that the routine acceptance of deposits and the making of loans is kept, to the extent practicable, physically segregated from insurance product activity.

"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—Regulations prescribed pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include the following requirements:

"(A) SEPARATE SETTING.—A clear delineation of the setting in which, and the circumstances under which, transactions involving insurance products should be conducted in a location physically segregated from an area where retail deposits are routinely accepted.

"(B) REFERRALS.—Standards which permit any person accepting deposits from, or making loans to, the public in an area where such transactions are routinely conducted in an insured depository institution to refer a

customer who seeks to purchase any insurance product to a qualified person who sells such product, only if the person making the referral receives no more than a one-time nominal fee of a fixed dollar amount for each referral that does not depend on whether the referral results in a transaction.

"(C) QUALIFICATION AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.—Standards prohibiting any insured depository institution from permitting any person to sell or offer for sale any insurance product in any part of any office of the institution, or on behalf of the institution, unless such person is appropriately qualified and licensed.

"(e) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an applicant for, or an insured under, any insurance product described in paragraph (2), the status of the applicant or insured as a victim of domestic violence, or as a provider of services to victims of domestic violence, shall not be considered as a criterion in any decision with regard to insurance underwriting, pricing, renewal, or scope of coverage of insurance policies, or payment of insurance claims, except as required or expressly permitted under State law.

"(2) SCOPE OF APPLICATION.—The prohibition contained in paragraph (1) shall apply to any insurance product which is sold or offered for sale, as principal, agent, or broker, by any insured depository institution or any person who is engaged in such activities at an office of the institution or on behalf of the institution.

"(3) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that, by the end of the 30-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the States should enact prohibitions against discrimination with respect to insurance products that are at least as strict as the prohibitions contained in paragraph (1).

"(4) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'domestic violence' means the occurrence of 1 or more of the following acts by a current or former family member, household member, intimate partner, or caretaker:

"(A) Attempting to cause or causing or threatening another person physical harm, severe emotional distress, psychological trauma, rape, or sexual assault.

"(B) Engaging in a course of conduct or repeatedly committing acts toward another person, including following the person without proper authority, under circumstances that place the person in reasonable fear of bodily injury or physical harm.

"(C) Subjecting another person to false imprisonment.

"(D) Attempting to cause or cause damage to property so as to intimidate or attempt to control the behavior of another person.

"(f) CONSUMER GRIEVANCE PROCESS.—The Federal banking agencies shall jointly establish a consumer complaint mechanism, for receiving and expeditiously addressing consumer complaints alleging a violation of regulations issued under the section, which shall—

"(1) establish a group within each regulatory agency to receive such complaints;

"(2) develop procedures for investigating such complaints;

"(3) develop procedures for informing consumers of rights they may have in connection with such complaints; and

"(4) develop procedures for addressing concerns raised by such complaints, as appropriate, including procedures for the recovery of losses to the extent appropriate.

"(g) EFFECT ON OTHER AUTHORITY.—

"(1) No provision of this section shall be construed as granting, limiting, or otherwise affecting—

“(A) any authority of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any self-regulatory organization, the Municipal Securities Rule-making Board, or the Secretary of the Treasury under any Federal securities law; or

“(B) any authority of any State insurance commissioner or other State authority under any State law.

“(2) Regulations prescribed by a Federal banking agency under this section shall not apply to retail sales, solicitations, advertising, or offers of any insurance product by any insured depository institution or wholesale financial institution or to any person who is engaged in such activities at an office of such institution or on behalf of the institution, in a State where the State has in effect statutes, regulations, orders, or interpretations, that are inconsistent with or contrary to the regulations prescribed by the Federal banking agencies.

“(h) **INSURANCE PRODUCT DEFINED.**—For purposes of this section, the term ‘insurance product’ includes an annuity contract the income of which is subject to tax treatment under section 72 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.”

SEC. 309. CERTAIN STATE AFFILIATION LAWS PREEMPTED FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES AND AFFILIATES.

No State may, by law, regulation, order, interpretation, or otherwise—

(1) prevent or restrict any insurer, or any affiliate of an insurer (whether such affiliate is organized as a stock company, mutual holding company, or otherwise), from becoming a financial holding company or acquiring control of an insured depository institution;

(2) limit the amount of an insurer's assets that may be invested in the voting securities of an insured depository institution (or any company which controls such institution), except that the laws of an insurer's State of domicile may limit the amount of such investment to an amount that is not less than 5 percent of the insurer's admitted assets; or

(3) prevent, restrict, or have the authority to review, approve, or disapprove a plan of reorganization by which an insurer proposes to reorganize from mutual form to become a stock insurer (whether as a direct or indirect subsidiary of a mutual holding company or otherwise) unless such State is the State of domicile of the insurer.

Subtitle B—Redomestication of Mutual Insurers

SEC. 311. GENERAL APPLICATION.

This subtitle shall only apply to a mutual insurance company in a State which has not enacted a law which expressly establishes reasonable terms and conditions for a mutual insurance company domiciled in such State to reorganize into a mutual holding company.

SEC. 312. REDOMESTICATION OF MUTUAL INSURERS.

(a) **REDOMESTICATION.**—A mutual insurer organized under the laws of any State may transfer its domicile to a transferee domicile as a step in a reorganization in which, pursuant to the laws of the transferee domicile and consistent with the standards in subsection (f), the mutual insurer becomes a stock insurer that is a direct or indirect subsidiary of a mutual holding company.

(b) **RESULTING DOMICILE.**—Upon complying with the applicable law of the transferee domicile governing transfers of domicile and completion of a transfer pursuant to this section, the mutual insurer shall cease to be a domestic insurer in the transferor domicile and, as a continuation of its corporate existence, shall be a domestic insurer of the transferee domicile.

(c) **LICENSES PRESERVED.**—The certificate of authority, agents' appointments and licenses, rates, approvals and other items that

a licensed State allows and that are in existence immediately prior to the date that a redomesticating insurer transfers its domicile pursuant to this subtitle shall continue in full force and effect upon transfer, if the insurer remains duly qualified to transact the business of insurance in such licensed State.

(d) **EFFECTIVENESS OF OUTSTANDING POLICIES AND CONTRACTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—All outstanding insurance policies and annuities contracts of a redomesticating insurer shall remain in full force and effect and need not be endorsed as to the new domicile of the insurer, unless so ordered by the State insurance regulator of a licensed State, and then only in the case of outstanding policies and contracts whose owners reside in such licensed State.

(2) **FORMS.**—

(A) Applicable State law may require a redomesticating insurer to file new policy forms with the State insurance regulator of a licensed State on or before the effective date of the transfer.

(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), a redomesticating insurer may use existing policy forms with appropriate endorsements to reflect the new domicile of the redomesticating insurer until the new policy forms are approved for use by the State insurance regulator of such licensed State.

(e) **NOTICE.**—A redomesticating insurer shall give notice of the proposed transfer to the State insurance regulator of each licensed State and shall file promptly any resulting amendments to corporate documents required to be filed by a foreign licensed mutual insurer with the insurance regulator of each such licensed State.

(f) **PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS.**—No mutual insurer may redomesticate to another State and reorganize into a mutual holding company pursuant to this section unless the State insurance regulator of the transferee domicile determines that the plan of reorganization of the insurer includes the following requirements:

(1) **APPROVAL BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND POLICYHOLDERS.**—The reorganization is approved by at least a majority of the board of directors of the mutual insurer and at least a majority of the policyholders who vote after notice, disclosure of the reorganization and the effects of the transaction on policyholder contractual rights, and reasonable opportunity to vote, in accordance with such notice, disclosure, and voting procedures as are approved by the State insurance regulator of the transferee domicile.

(2) **CONTINUED VOTING CONTROL BY POLICYHOLDERS; REVIEW OF PUBLIC STOCK OFFERING.**—After the consummation of a reorganization, the policyholders of the reorganized insurer shall have the same voting rights with respect to the mutual holding company as they had before the reorganization with respect to the mutual insurer. With respect to an initial public offering of stock, the offering shall be conducted in compliance with applicable securities laws and in a manner approved by the State insurance regulator of the transferee domicile.

(3) **AWARD OF STOCK OR GRANT OF OPTIONS TO OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.**—For a period of 6 months after completion of an initial public offering, neither a stock holding company nor the converted insurer shall award any stock options or stock grants to persons who are elected officers or directors of the mutual holding company, the stock holding company, or the converted insurer, except with respect to any such awards or options to which a person is entitled as a policyholder and as approved by the State insurance regulator of the transferee domicile.

(4) **CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS.**—Upon reorganization into a mutual holding company, the

contractual rights of the policyholders are preserved.

(5) **FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF POLICYHOLDERS.**—The reorganization is approved as fair and equitable to the policyholders by the insurance regulator of the transferee domicile.

SEC. 313. EFFECT ON STATE LAWS RESTRICTING REDOMESTICATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Unless otherwise permitted by this subtitle, State laws of any transferor domicile that conflict with the purposes and intent of this subtitle are preempted, including but not limited to—

(1) any law that has the purpose or effect of impeding the activities of, taking any action against, or applying any provision of law or regulation to, any insurer or an affiliate of such insurer because that insurer or any affiliate plans to redomesticate, or has redomesticated, pursuant to this subtitle;

(2) any law that has the purpose or effect of impeding the activities of, taking action against, or applying any provision of law or regulation to, any insured or any insurance licensee or other intermediary because such person or entity has procured insurance from or placed insurance with any insurer or affiliate of such insurer that plans to redomesticate, or has redomesticated, pursuant to this subtitle, but only to the extent that such law would treat such insured licensee or other intermediary differently than if the person or entity procured insurance from, or placed insurance with, an insured licensee or other intermediary which had not redomesticated;

(3) any law that has the purpose or effect of terminating, because of the redomestication of a mutual insurer pursuant to this subtitle, any certificate of authority, agent appointment or license, rate approval, or other approval, of any State insurance regulator or other State authority in existence immediately prior to the redomestication in any State other than the transferee domicile.

(b) **DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT PROHIBITED.**—No State law, regulation, interpretation, or functional equivalent thereof, of a State other than a transferee domicile may treat a redomesticating or redomesticated insurer or any affiliate thereof any differently than an insurer operating in that State that is not a redomesticating or redomesticated insurer.

(c) **LAWS PROHIBITING OPERATIONS.**—If any licensed State fails to issue, delays the issuance of, or seeks to revoke an original or renewal certificate of authority of a redomesticated insurer immediately following redomestication, except on grounds and in a manner consistent with its past practices regarding the issuance of certificates of authority to foreign insurers that are not redomesticating, then the redomesticating insurer shall be exempt from any State law of the licensed State to the extent that such State law or the operation of such State law would make unlawful, or regulate, directly or indirectly, the operation of the redomesticated insurer, except that such licensed State may require the redomesticated insurer to—

(1) comply with the unfair claim settlement practices law of the licensed State;

(2) pay, on a nondiscriminatory basis, applicable premium and other taxes which are levied on licensed insurers or policyholders under the laws of the licensed State;

(3) register with and designate the State insurance regulator as its agent solely for the purpose of receiving service of legal documents or process;

(4) submit to an examination by the State insurance regulator in any licensed state in which the redomesticated insurer is doing

business to determine the insurer's financial condition, if—

(A) the State insurance regulator of the transferee domicile has not begun an examination of the redomesticated insurer and has not scheduled such an examination to begin before the end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of the redomestication; and

(B) any such examination is coordinated to avoid unjustified duplication and repetition;

(5) comply with a lawful order issued in—

(A) a delinquency proceeding commenced by the State insurance regulator of any licensed State if there has been a judicial finding of financial impairment under paragraph (7); or

(B) a voluntary dissolution proceeding;

(6) comply with any State law regarding deceptive, false, or fraudulent acts or practices, except that if the licensed State seeks an injunction regarding the conduct described in this paragraph, such injunction must be obtained from a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in section 314(a);

(7) comply with an injunction issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, upon a petition by the State insurance regulator alleging that the redomesticating insurer is in hazardous financial condition or is financially impaired;

(8) participate in any insurance insolvency guaranty association on the same basis as any other insurer licensed in the licensed State; and

(9) require a person acting, or offering to act, as an insurance licensee for a redomesticated insurer in the licensed State to obtain a license from that State, except that such State may not impose any qualification or requirement that discriminates against a nonresident insurance licensee.

SEC. 314. OTHER PROVISIONS.

(a) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The appropriate United States district court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over litigation arising under this section involving any redomesticating or redomesticated insurer.

(b) SEVERABILITY.—If any provision of this section, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the section, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 315. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION.—The term "court of competent jurisdiction" means a court authorized pursuant to section 314(a) to adjudicate litigation arising under this subtitle.

(2) DOMICILE.—The term "domicile" means the State in which an insurer is incorporated, chartered, or organized.

(3) INSURANCE LICENSEE.—The term "insurance licensee" means any person holding a license under State law to act as insurance agent, subagent, broker, or consultant.

(4) INSTITUTION.—The term "institution" means a corporation, joint stock company, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, association, trust, partnership, or any similar entity.

(5) LICENSED STATE.—The term "licensed State" means any State, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the United States Virgin Islands in which the redomesticating insurer has a certificate of authority in effect immediately prior to the redomestication.

(6) MUTUAL INSURER.—The term "mutual insurer" means a mutual insurer organized under the laws of any State.

(7) PERSON.—The term "person" means an individual, institution, government or governmental agency, State or political subdivi-

sion of a State, public corporation, board, association, estate, trustee, or fiduciary, or other similar entity.

(8) POLICYHOLDER.—The term "policyholder" means the owner of a policy issued by a mutual insurer, except that, with respect to voting rights, the term means a member of a mutual insurer or mutual holding company granted the right to vote, as determined under applicable State law.

(9) REDOMESTICATED INSURER.—The term "redomesticated insurer" means a mutual insurer that has redomesticated pursuant to this subtitle.

(10) REDOMESTICATING INSURER.—The term "redomesticating insurer" means a mutual insurer that is redomesticating pursuant to this subtitle.

(11) REDOMESTICATION OR TRANSFER.—The terms "redomestication" and "transfer" mean the transfer of the domicile of a mutual insurer from one State to another State pursuant to this subtitle.

(12) STATE INSURANCE REGULATOR.—The term "State insurance regulator" means the principal insurance regulatory authority of a State, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the United States Virgin Islands.

(13) STATE LAW.—The term "State law" means the statutes of any State, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, or the United States Virgin Islands and any regulation, order, or requirement prescribed pursuant to any such statute.

(14) TRANSFEREE DOMICILE.—The term "transferee domicile" means the State to which a mutual insurer is redomesticating pursuant to this subtitle.

(15) TRANSFEROR DOMICILE.—The term "transferor domicile" means the State from which a mutual insurer is redomesticating pursuant to this subtitle.

SEC. 316. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This subtitle shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle C—National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers

SEC. 321. STATE FLEXIBILITY IN MULTISTATE LICENSING REFORMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The provisions of this subtitle shall take effect unless by the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act at least a majority of the States—

(1) have enacted uniform laws and regulations governing the licensure of individuals and entities authorized to sell and solicit the purchase of insurance within the State; or

(2) have enacted reciprocity laws and regulations governing the licensure of nonresident individuals and entities authorized to sell and solicit insurance within those States.

(b) UNIFORMITY REQUIRED.—States shall be deemed to have established the uniformity necessary to satisfy subsection (a)(1) if the States—

(1) establish uniform criteria regarding the integrity, personal qualifications, education, training, and experience of licensed insurance producers, including the qualification and training of sales personnel in ascertaining the appropriateness of a particular insurance product for a prospective customer;

(2) establish uniform continuing education requirements for licensed insurance producers;

(3) establish uniform ethics course requirements for licensed insurance producers in conjunction with the continuing education requirements under paragraph (2);

(4) establish uniform criteria to ensure that an insurance product, including any annuity contract, sold to a consumer is suitable and appropriate for the consumer based

on financial information disclosed by the consumer; and

(5) do not impose any requirement upon any insurance producer to be licensed or otherwise qualified to do business as a nonresident that has the effect of limiting or conditioning that producer's activities because of its residence or place of operations, except that counter-signature requirements imposed on nonresident producers shall not be deemed to have the effect of limiting or conditioning a producer's activities because of its residence or place of operations under this section.

(c) RECIPROCITY REQUIRED.—States shall be deemed to have established the reciprocity required to satisfy subsection (a)(2) if the following conditions are met:

(1) ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSING PROCEDURES.—At least a majority of the States permit a producer that has a resident license for selling or soliciting the purchase of insurance in its home State to receive a license to sell or solicit the purchase of insurance in such majority of States as a nonresident to the same extent such producer is permitted to sell or solicit the purchase of insurance in its State, without satisfying any additional requirements other than submitting—

(A) a request for licensure;

(B) the application for licensure that the producer submitted to its home State;

(C) proof that the producer is licensed and in good standing in its home State; and

(D) the payment of any requisite fee to the appropriate authority,

if the producer's home State also awards such licenses on such a reciprocal basis.

(2) CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.—A majority of the States accept an insurance producer's satisfaction of its home State's continuing education requirements for licensed insurance producers to satisfy the States' own continuing education requirements if the producer's home State also recognizes the satisfaction of continuing education requirements on such a reciprocal basis.

(3) NO LIMITING NONRESIDENT REQUIREMENTS.—A majority of the States do not impose any requirement upon any insurance producer to be licensed or otherwise qualified to do business as a nonresident that has the effect of limiting or conditioning that producer's activities because of its residence or place of operations, except that countersignature requirements imposed on nonresident producers shall not be deemed to have the effect of limiting or conditioning a producer's activities because of its residence or place of operations under this section.

(4) RECIPROCAL RECIPROCITY.—Each of the States that satisfies paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) grants reciprocity to residents of all of the other States that satisfy such paragraphs.

(d) DETERMINATION.—

(1) NAIC DETERMINATION.—At the end of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shall determine, in consultation with the insurance commissioners or chief insurance regulatory officials of the States, whether the uniformity or reciprocity required by subsections (b) and (c) has been achieved.

(2) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The appropriate United States district court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any challenge to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' determination under this section and such court shall apply the standards set forth in section 706 of title 5, United States Code, when reviewing any such challenge.

(e) CONTINUED APPLICATION.—If, at any time, the uniformity or reciprocity required

by subsections (b) and (c) no longer exists, the provisions of this subtitle shall take effect within 2 years, unless the uniformity or reciprocity required by those provisions is satisfied before the expiration of that 2-year period.

(f) SAVINGS PROVISION.—No provision of this section shall be construed as requiring that any law, regulation, provision, or action of any State which purports to regulate insurance producers, including any such law, regulation, provision, or action which purports to regulate unfair trade practices or establish consumer protections, including countersignature laws, be altered or amended in order to satisfy the uniformity or reciprocity required by subsections (b) and (c), unless any such law, regulation, provision, or action is inconsistent with a specific requirement of any such subsection and then only to the extent of such inconsistency.

SEC. 322. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REGISTERED AGENTS AND BROKERS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the National Association of Registered Agents and Brokers (hereafter in this subtitle referred to as the "Association")

(b) STATUS.—The Association shall—

(1) be a nonprofit corporation and be presumed to have the status of an organization described in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 unless the Secretary of the Treasury determines that the Association does not meet the requirements of such section;

(2) have succession until dissolved by an Act of Congress;

(3) not be an agency or establishment of the United States Government; and

(4) except as otherwise provided in this Act, be subject to, and have all the powers conferred upon a nonprofit corporation by the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act (D.C. Code, sec. 29y-1001 et seq.).

SEC. 323. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Association shall be to provide a mechanism through which uniform licensing, appointment, continuing education, and other insurance producer sales qualification requirements and conditions can be adopted and applied on a multistate basis, while preserving the right of States to license, supervise, and discipline insurance producers and to prescribe and enforce laws and regulations with regard to insurance-related consumer protection and unfair trade practices.

SEC. 324. RELATIONSHIP TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

The Association shall be subject to the supervision and oversight of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (hereafter in this subtitle referred to as the "NAIC") and shall not be an agency or an instrumentality of the United States Government.

SEC. 325. MEMBERSHIP.

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Any State-licensed insurance producer shall be eligible to become a member in the Association.

(2) INELIGIBILITY FOR SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF LICENSE.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a State-licensed insurance producer shall not be eligible to become a member if a State insurance regulator has suspended or revoked such producer's license in that State during the 3-year preceding the date such producer applies for membership.

(3) RESUMPTION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Paragraph (2) shall cease to apply to any insurance producer if—

(A) the State insurance regulator renews the license of such producer in the State in which the license was suspended or revoked; or

(B) the suspension or revocation is subsequently overturned.

(b) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.—The Association shall have the authority to establish membership criteria that—

(1) bear a reasonable relationship to the purposes for which the Association was established; and

(2) do not unfairly limit the access of smaller agencies to the Association membership.

(c) ESTABLISHMENT OF CLASSES AND CATEGORIES.—

(1) CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP.—The Association may establish separate classes of membership, with separate criteria, if the Association reasonably determines that performance of different duties requires different levels of education, training, or experience.

(2) CATEGORIES.—The Association may establish separate categories of membership for individuals and for other persons. The establishment of any such categories of membership shall be based either on the types of licensing categories that exist under State laws or on the aggregate amount of business handled by an insurance producer. No special categories of membership, and no distinct membership criteria, shall be established for members which are insured depository institutions or wholesale financial institutions or for their employees, agents, or affiliates.

(d) MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Association may establish criteria for membership which shall include standards for integrity, personal qualifications, education, training, and experience.

(2) MINIMUM STANDARD.—In establishing criteria under paragraph (1), the Association shall consider the highest levels of insurance producer qualifications established under the licensing laws of the States.

(e) EFFECT OF MEMBERSHIP.—Membership in the Association shall entitle the member to licensure in each State for which the member pays the requisite fees, including licensing fees and, where applicable, bonding requirements, set by such State.

(f) ANNUAL RENEWAL.—Membership in the Association shall be renewed on an annual basis.

(g) CONTINUING EDUCATION.—The Association shall establish, as a condition of membership, continuing education requirements which shall be comparable to or greater than the continuing education requirements under the licensing laws of a majority of the States.

(h) SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.—The Association may—

(1) inspect and examine the records and offices of the members of the Association to determine compliance with the criteria for membership established by the Association; and

(2) suspend or revoke the membership of an insurance producer if—

(A) the producer fails to meet the applicable membership criteria of the Association; or

(B) the producer has been subject to disciplinary action pursuant to a final adjudicatory proceeding under the jurisdiction of a State insurance regulator, and the Association concludes that retention of membership in the Association would not be in the public interest.

(i) OFFICE OF CONSUMER COMPLAINTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Association shall establish an office of consumer complaints that shall—

(A) receive and investigate complaints from both consumers and State insurance regulators related to members of the Association; and

(B) recommend to the Association any disciplinary actions that the office considers appropriate, to the extent that any such rec-

ommendation is not inconsistent with State law.

(2) RECORDS AND REFERRALS.—The office of consumer complaints of the Association shall—

(A) maintain records of all complaints received in accordance with paragraph (1) and make such records available to the NAIC and to each State insurance regulator for the State of residence of the consumer who filed the complaint; and

(B) refer, when appropriate, any such complaint to any appropriate State insurance regulator.

(3) TELEPHONE AND OTHER ACCESS.—The office of consumer complaints shall maintain a toll-free telephone number for the purpose of this subsection and, as practicable, other alternative means of communication with consumers, such as an Internet home page.

SEC. 326. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the board of directors of the Association (hereafter in this subtitle referred to as the "Board") for the purpose of governing and supervising the activities of the Association and the members of the Association.

(b) POWERS.—The Board shall have such powers and authority as may be specified in the bylaws of the Association.

(c) COMPOSITION.—

(1) MEMBERS.—The Board shall be composed of 7 members appointed by the NAIC.

(2) REQUIREMENT.—At least 4 of the members of the Board shall have significant experience with the regulation of commercial lines of insurance in at least 1 of the 20 States in which the greatest total dollar amount of commercial-lines insurance is placed in the United States.

(3) INITIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—If, by the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the NAIC has not appointed the initial 7 members of the Board of the Association, the initial Board shall consist of the 7 State insurance regulators of the 7 States with the greatest total dollar amount of commercial-lines insurance in place as of the end of such period.

(B) ALTERNATE COMPOSITION.—If any of the State insurance regulators described in subparagraph (A) declines to serve on the Board, the State insurance regulator with the next greatest total dollar amount of commercial-lines insurance in place, as determined by the NAIC as of the end of such period, shall serve as a member of the Board.

(C) INOPERABILITY.—If fewer than 7 State insurance regulators accept appointment to the Board, the Association shall be established without NAIC oversight pursuant to section 332.

(d) TERMS.—The term of each director shall, after the initial appointment of the members of the Board, be for 3 years, with 1/3 of the directors to be appointed each year.

(e) BOARD VACANCIES.—A vacancy on the Board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment of the initial Board for the remainder of the term of the vacating member.

(f) MEETINGS.—The Board shall meet at the call of the chairperson, or as otherwise provided by the bylaws of the Association.

SEC. 327. OFFICERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) POSITIONS.—The officers of the Association shall consist of a chairperson and a vice chairperson of the Board, a president, secretary, and treasurer of the Association, and such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary.

(2) MANNER OF SELECTION.—Each officer of the Board and the Association shall be elected or appointed at such time and in such manner and for such terms not exceeding 3

years as may be prescribed in the bylaws of the Association.

(b) **CRITERIA FOR CHAIRPERSON.**—Only individuals who are members of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shall be eligible to serve as the chairperson of the board of directors.

SEC. 328. BYLAWS, RULES, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

(a) **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS.**—

(1) **COPY REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE NAIC.**—The board of directors of the Association shall file with the NAIC a copy of the proposed bylaws or any proposed amendment to the bylaws, accompanied by a concise general statement of the basis and purpose of such proposal.

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—Except as provided in paragraph (3), any proposed bylaw or proposed amendment shall take effect—

(A) 30 days after the date of the filing of a copy with the NAIC;

(B) upon such later date as the Association may designate; or

(C) such earlier date as the NAIC may determine.

(3) **DISAPPROVAL BY THE NAIC.**—Notwithstanding paragraph (2), a proposed bylaw or amendment shall not take effect if, after public notice and opportunity to participate in a public hearing—

(A) the NAIC disapproves such proposal as being contrary to the public interest or contrary to the purposes of this subtitle and provides notice to the Association setting forth the reasons for such disapproval; or

(B) the NAIC finds that such proposal involves a matter of such significant public interest that public comment should be obtained, in which case it may, after notifying the Association in writing of such finding, require that the procedures set forth in subsection (b) be followed with respect to such proposal, in the same manner as if such proposed bylaw change were a proposed rule change within the meaning of such paragraph.

(b) **ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF RULES.**—

(1) **FILING PROPOSED REGULATIONS WITH THE NAIC.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The board of directors of the Association shall file with the NAIC a copy of any proposed rule or any proposed amendment to a rule of the Association which shall be accompanied by a concise general statement of the basis and purpose of such proposal.

(B) **OTHER RULES AND AMENDMENTS INEFFECTIVE.**—No proposed rule or amendment shall take effect unless approved by the NAIC or otherwise permitted in accordance with this paragraph.

(2) **INITIAL CONSIDERATION BY THE NAIC.**—Within 35 days after the date of publication of notice of filing of a proposal, or before the end of such longer period not to exceed 90 days as the NAIC may designate after such date if the NAIC finds such longer period to be appropriate and sets forth its reasons for so finding, or as to which the Association consents, the NAIC shall—

(A) by order approve such proposed rule or amendment; or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether such proposed rule or amendment should be modified or disapproved.

(3) **NAIC PROCEEDINGS.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Proceedings instituted by the NAIC with respect to a proposed rule or amendment pursuant to paragraph (2) shall—

(i) include notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration;

(ii) provide opportunity for hearing; and

(iii) be concluded within 180 days after the date of the Association's filing of such proposed rule or amendment.

(B) **DISPOSITION OF PROPOSAL.**—At the conclusion of any proceeding under subparagraph (A), the NAIC shall, by order, approve or disapprove the proposed rule or amendment.

(C) **EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION.**—The NAIC may extend the time for concluding any proceeding under subparagraph (A) for—

(i) not more than 60 days if the NAIC finds good cause for such extension and sets forth its reasons for so finding; or

(ii) for such longer period as to which the Association consents.

(4) **STANDARDS FOR REVIEW.**—

(A) **GROUND FOR APPROVAL.**—The NAIC shall approve a proposed rule or amendment if the NAIC finds that the rule or amendment is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes of this Act.

(B) **APPROVAL BEFORE END OF NOTICE PERIOD.**—The NAIC shall not approve any proposed rule before the end of the 30-day period beginning on the date the Association files proposed rules or amendments in accordance with paragraph (1) unless the NAIC finds good cause for so doing and sets forth the reasons for so finding.

(5) **ALTERNATE PROCEDURE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection other than subparagraph (B), a proposed rule or amendment relating to the administration or organization of the Association may take effect—

(i) upon the date of filing with the NAIC, if such proposed rule or amendment is designated by the Association as relating solely to matters which the NAIC, consistent with the public interest and the purposes of this subsection, determines by rule do not require the procedures set forth in this paragraph; or

(ii) upon such date as the NAIC shall for good cause determine.

(B) **ABROGATION BY THE NAIC.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—At any time within 60 days after the date of filing of any proposed rule or amendment under subparagraph (A)(i) or (B)(ii), the NAIC may repeal such rule or amendment and require that the rule or amendment be refiled and reviewed in accordance with this paragraph, if the NAIC finds that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of insurance producers or policyholders, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of this subtitle.

(ii) **EFFECT OF RECONSIDERATION BY THE NAIC.**—Any action of the NAIC pursuant to clause (i) shall—

(I) not affect the validity or force of a rule change during the period such rule or amendment was in effect; and

(II) not be considered to be final action.

(c) **ACTION REQUIRED BY THE NAIC.**—The NAIC may, in accordance with such rules as the NAIC determines to be necessary or appropriate to the public interest or to carry out the purposes of this subtitle, require the Association to adopt, amend, or repeal any bylaw, rule or amendment of the Association, whenever adopted.

(d) **DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE ASSOCIATION.**—

(1) **SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES.**—In any proceeding to determine whether membership shall be denied, suspended, revoked, and not renewed (hereafter in this section referred to as a "disciplinary action"), the Association shall bring specific charges, notify such member of such charges and give the member an opportunity to defend against the charges, and keep a record.

(2) **SUPPORTING STATEMENT.**—A determination to take disciplinary action shall be supported by a statement setting forth—

(A) any act or practice in which such member has been found to have been engaged;

(B) the specific provision of this subtitle, the rules or regulations under this subtitle, or the rules of the Association which any such act or practice is deemed to violate; and

(C) the sanction imposed and the reason for such sanction.

(e) **NAIC REVIEW OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**—

(1) **NOTICE TO THE NAIC.**—If the Association orders any disciplinary action, the Association shall promptly notify the NAIC of such action.

(2) **REVIEW BY THE NAIC.**—Any disciplinary action taken by the Association shall be subject to review by the NAIC—

(A) on the NAIC's own motion; or

(B) upon application by any person aggrieved by such action if such application is filed with the NAIC not more than 30 days after the later of—

(i) the date the notice was filed with the NAIC pursuant to paragraph (1); or

(ii) the date the notice of the disciplinary action was received by such aggrieved person.

(f) **EFFECT OF REVIEW.**—The filing of an application to the NAIC for review of a disciplinary action, or the institution of review by the NAIC on the NAIC's own motion, shall not operate as a stay of disciplinary action unless the NAIC otherwise orders.

(g) **SCOPE OF REVIEW.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In any proceeding to review such action, after notice and the opportunity for hearing, the NAIC shall—

(i) determine whether the action should be taken;

(ii) affirm, modify, or rescind the disciplinary sanction; or

(iii) remand to the Association for further proceedings.

(B) **DISMISSAL OF REVIEW.**—The NAIC may dismiss a proceeding to review disciplinary action if the NAIC finds that—

(i) the specific grounds on which the action is based exist in fact;

(ii) the action is in accordance with applicable rules and regulations; and

(iii) such rules and regulations are, and were, applied in a manner consistent with the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 329. ASSESSMENTS.

(a) **INSURANCE PRODUCERS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT.**—The Association may establish such application and membership fees as the Association finds necessary to cover the costs of its operations, including fees made reimbursable to the NAIC under subsection (b), except that, in setting such fees, the Association may not discriminate against smaller insurance producers.

(b) **NAIC ASSESSMENTS.**—The NAIC may assess the Association for any costs it incurs under this subtitle.

SEC. 330. FUNCTIONS OF THE NAIC.

(a) **ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.**—Determinations of the NAIC, for purposes of making rules pursuant to section 328, shall be made after appropriate notice and opportunity for a hearing and for submission of views of interested persons.

(b) **EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS.**—

(1) The NAIC may make such examinations and inspections of the Association and require the Association to furnish it with such reports and records or copies thereof as the NAIC may consider necessary or appropriate in the public interest or to effectuate the purposes of this subtitle.

(2) As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, the Association shall submit to the NAIC a written report regarding the conduct of its business, and the exercise of the other rights and powers granted by this subtitle, during such fiscal year. Such report shall include financial statements setting forth the financial position of the Association at the end of such fiscal year and the

results of its operations (including the source and application of its funds) for such fiscal year. The NAIC shall transmit such report to the President and the Congress with such comment thereon as the NAIC determines to be appropriate.

SEC. 331. LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Association shall not be deemed to be an insurer or insurance producer within the meaning of any State law, rule, regulation, or order regulating or taxing insurers, insurance producers, or other entities engaged in the business of insurance, including provisions imposing premium taxes, regulating insurer solvency or financial condition, establishing guaranty funds and levying assessments, or requiring claims settlement practices.

(b) LIABILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION, ITS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES.—Neither the Association nor any of its directors, officers, or employees shall have any liability to any person for any action taken or omitted in good faith under or in connection with any matter subject to this subtitle.

SEC. 332. ELIMINATION OF NAIC OVERSIGHT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Association shall be established without NAIC oversight and the provisions set forth in section 324, subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e) of section 328, and sections 329(b) and 330 of this subtitle shall cease to be effective if, at the end of the 2-year period after the date on which the provisions of this subtitle take effect pursuant to section 321—

(1) at least a majority of the States representing at least 50 percent of the total United States commercial-lines insurance premiums have not satisfied the uniformity or reciprocity requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of section 321; and

(2) the NAIC has not approved the Association's bylaws as required by section 328, the NAIC is unable to operate or supervise the Association, or the Association is not conducting its activities as required under this Act.

(b) BOARD APPOINTMENTS.—If the repeals required by subsection (a) are implemented—

(1) GENERAL APPOINTMENT POWER.—The President, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, shall appoint the members of the Association's Board established under section 326 from lists of candidates recommended to the President by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

(2) PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.—

(A) INITIAL DETERMINATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—After the date on which the provisions of part a of this section take effect, then the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shall have 60 days to provide a list of recommended candidates to the President. If the National Association of Insurance Commissioners fails to provide a list by that date, or if any list that is provided does not include at least 14 recommended candidates or comply with the requirements of section 326(c), the President shall, with the advice and consent of the United States Senate, make the requisite appointments without considering the views of the NAIC.

(B) SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENTS.—After the initial appointments, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners shall provide a list of at least 6 recommended candidates for the Board to the President by January 15 of each subsequent year. If the National Association of Insurance Commissioners fails to provide a list by that date, or if any list that is provided does not include

at least 6 recommended candidates or comply with the requirements of section 326(c), the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall make the requisite appointments without considering the views of the NAIC.

(C) PRESIDENTIAL OVERSIGHT.—

(i) REMOVAL.—If the President determines that the Association is not acting in the interests of the public, the President may remove the entire existing Board for the remainder of the term to which the members of the Board were appointed and appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, new members to fill the vacancies on the Board for the remainder of such terms.

(ii) SUSPENSION OF RULES OR ACTIONS.—The President, or a person designated by the President for such purpose, may suspend the effectiveness of any rule, or prohibit any action, of the Association which the President or the designee determines is contrary to the public interest.

(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, the Association shall submit to the President and to Congress a written report relative to the conduct of its business, and the exercise of the other rights and powers granted by this subtitle, during such fiscal year. Such report shall include financial statements setting forth the financial position of the Association at the end of such fiscal year and the results of its operations (including the source and application of its funds) for such fiscal year.

SEC. 333. RELATIONSHIP TO STATE LAW.

(a) PREEMPTION OF STATE LAWS.—State laws, regulations, provisions, or actions purporting to regulate insurance producers shall be preempted in the following instances:

(1) No State shall impede the activities of, take any action against, or apply any provision of law or regulation to, any insurance producer because that insurance producer or any affiliate plans to become, has applied to become, or is a member of the Association.

(2) No State shall impose any requirement upon a member of the Association that it pay different fees to be licensed or otherwise qualified to do business in that State, including bonding requirements, based on its residency.

(3) No State shall impose any licensing, appointment, integrity, personal or corporate qualifications, education, training, experience, residency, or continuing education requirement upon a member of the Association that is different than the criteria for membership in the Association or renewal of such membership, except that counter-signature requirements imposed on nonresident producers shall not be deemed to have the effect of limiting or conditioning a producer's activities because of its residence or place of operations under this section.

(4) No State shall implement the procedures of such State's system of licensing or renewing the licenses of insurance producers in a manner different from the authority of the Association under section 325.

(b) SAVINGS PROVISION.—Except as provided in subsection (a), no provision of this section shall be construed as altering or affecting the continuing effectiveness of any law, regulation, provision, or action of any State which purports to regulate insurance producers, including any such law, regulation, provision, or action which purports to regulate unfair trade practices or establish consumer protections, including, but not limited to, countersignature laws.

SEC. 334. COORDINATION WITH OTHER REGULATORS.

(a) COORDINATION WITH STATE INSURANCE REGULATORS.—The Association shall have the authority to—

(1) issue uniform insurance producer applications and renewal applications that may be used to apply for the issuance or removal of State licenses, while preserving the ability of each State to impose such conditions on the issuance or renewal of a license as are consistent with section 333;

(2) establish a central clearinghouse through which members of the Association may apply for the issuance or renewal of licenses in multiple States; and

(3) establish or utilize a national database for the collection of regulatory information concerning the activities of insurance producers.

(b) COORDINATION WITH THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS.—The Association shall coordinate with the National Association of Securities Dealers in order to ease any administrative burdens that fall on persons that are members of both associations, consistent with the purposes of this subtitle and the Federal securities laws.

SEC. 335. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

(a) JURISDICTION.—The appropriate United States district court shall have exclusive jurisdiction over litigation involving the Association, including disputes between the Association and its members that arise under this subtitle. Suits brought in State court involving the Association shall be deemed to have arisen under Federal law and therefore be subject to jurisdiction in the appropriate United States district court.

(b) EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES.—An aggrieved person must exhaust all available administrative remedies before the Association and the NAIC before it may seek judicial review of an Association decision.

(c) STANDARDS OF REVIEW.—The standards set forth in section 553 of title 5, United States Code, shall be applied whenever a rule or bylaw of the Association is under judicial review, and the standards set forth in section 554 of title 5, United States Code, shall be applied whenever a disciplinary action of the Association is judicially reviewed.

SEC. 336. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) INSURANCE.—The term "insurance" means any product defined or regulated as insurance by the appropriate State insurance regulatory authority.

(2) INSURANCE PRODUCER.—The term "insurance producer" means any insurance agent or broker, surplus lines broker, insurance consultant, limited insurance representative, and any other person that solicits, negotiates, effects, procures, delivers, renews, continues or binds policies of insurance or offers advice, counsel, opinions or services related to insurance.

(3) STATE LAW.—The term "State law" includes all laws, decisions, rules, regulations, or other State action having the effect of law, of any State. A law of the United States applicable only to the District of Columbia shall be treated as a State law rather than a law of the United States.

(4) STATE.—The term "State" includes any State, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands.

(5) HOME STATE.—The term "home State" means the State in which the insurance producer maintains its principal place of residence and is licensed to act as an insurance producer.

TITLE IV—MERGER OF BANK AND THRIFT HOLDING COMPANIES REGULATORS, AND BANK AND THRIFT INSURANCE FUNDS

SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE; DEFINITIONS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the "Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998".

(b) DEFINITIONS.—Unless otherwise defined in this Act, the terms “bank holding company”, “depository institution”, “Federal savings association”, “insured depository institution”, “savings association”, “State bank”, and “State savings association” (as used in the uncodified provisions of this Act) have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, as in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle A—Facilitating Conversion of Savings Associations to Banks

SEC. 411. BRANCHES OF FORMER SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.

(a) BRANCHES.—

(1) EXISTING BRANCHES RETAINED.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any depository institution that qualifies under paragraph (2), and any successor to such an institution, may continue to operate any branch or agency that the institution operated as a branch or agency, or was in the process of establishing as a branch or agency, respectively, as of the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

(2) DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION DEFINED.—A depository institution qualifies under this paragraph for purposes of paragraph (1) if the institution—

(A) is a savings association on the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998; or

(B) has filed an application to become a savings association by the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

(b) BRANCHING RIGHTS OBTAINED IN ASSISTED ACQUISITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if a depository institution has branching rights under a contract entered into with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation or pursuant to a resolution of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board or action of the Office of Thrift Supervision or Resolution Trust Corporation as part of a transaction in which the depository institution acquired or merged with a failed or failing savings association (prior to 1992), the depository institution may continue to branch in a manner consistent with that contract, resolution, or action.

(c) INTRASTATE BRANCHES.—Any branch operated under subsection (a)(1) in a State other than the depository institution's home State may acquire, establish or operate additional branches in the host State to the same extent as permitted for a national bank with its main office located in the host State.

SEC. 412. SAVINGS AND LOAN HOLDING COMPANIES.

Section 3 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1842) is amended by inserting after subsection (f) (as so redesignated by section 102(b)(2) of this Act) the following new subsection:

“(g) SAVINGS AND LOAN HOLDING COMPANY POWERS GRANDFATHERED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A company that qualifies under paragraph (2) may—

“(A) maintain or enter into any nonbank affiliation that the company was permitted pursuant to section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act to maintain or enter into prior to becoming a bank holding company pursuant to paragraph (2)(C); and

“(B) engage in any activity, including holding any asset, in which the company or any affiliate described in subparagraph (A) was permitted pursuant to section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act to engage prior to becoming a bank holding company pursuant to paragraph (2)(C).

“(2) QUALIFIED GRANDFATHERED COMPANIES.—

“(A) GRANDFATHERED COMPANIES DEFINED.—A company qualifies under this paragraph for purposes of paragraph (1) if—

“(i) as of September 16, 1997, the company (or any affiliate of such company)—

“(I) was a savings and loan holding company (as defined in section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act, as in effect on that date); or

“(II) had filed an application to become a savings and loan holding company; and

“(ii) the company—

“(I) becomes a bank holding company by operation of law; or

“(II) was exempt from section 4 (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998) under an order issued by the Board under section 4(d) (as in effect on the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998).

“(B) HOLDING COMPANIES WITH IDENTICAL SHAREHOLDERS.—A company also qualifies under this paragraph for purposes of paragraph (1) if the company—

“(i) is formed by a company qualified under subparagraph (A); and

“(ii) the shareholders of such company are identical to the shareholders of the company referred to in (i).

“(C) OPERATION OF LAW DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, a company becomes a bank holding company by operation of law if the company becomes a bank holding company because a savings association controlled by the company is treated as a bank under an amendment made by the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

“(3) REQUIREMENTS TO RETAIN GRANDFATHERED POWERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall cease to apply to a company if the company does not comply with this paragraph.

“(B) ACQUISITION OF BANKS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The company may not acquire (by any form of business combination) control of a bank after the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

“(ii) EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION.—Clause (i) shall not apply to the acquisition of—

“(I) a bank, during the period ending on the date 2 years after the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998, if the acquisition results from the treatment of a savings association as a bank under amendments made by the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998;

“(II) a bank, if the assets of such bank are merged with an insured depository institution which was controlled by such company before the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998, and if the resulting institution complies with the requirements of Section 10(m) of the Home Owners' Loan Act;

“(III) shares held as a bona fide fiduciary (whether with or without the sole discretion to vote such shares);

“(IV) shares held by any person as a bona fide fiduciary solely for the benefit of employees of either the company or any subsidiary of the company and the beneficiaries of those employees;

“(V) an entity described in section 2(c)(2);

“(VI) shares held temporarily pursuant to an underwriting commitment in the normal course of an underwriting business;

“(VII) shares held in an account solely for trading purposes;

“(VIII) shares over which no control is held other than control of voting rights acquired in the normal course of a proxy solicitation;

“(IX) shares or assets acquired in securing or collecting a debt previously contracted in good faith, during the 2-year period beginning on the date of such acquisition or for such additional time (not exceeding 3 years) as the Board may permit if the Board deter-

mines that such an extension will not be detrimental to the public interest;

“(X) a bank from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, in any capacity; and

“(XI) a bank in an acquisition in which the bank has been found to be in danger of default by the appropriate Federal or State authority.

“(C) ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN ASSET LIMITATIONS.—The company may not control a savings association if such savings association, or any successor to such association, fails to comply with the requirements of section 5(c)(2) and section 10(m) of the Home Owners' Loan Act as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

“(4) GRANDFATHERED POWERS NON-TRANSFERABLE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to any company if after the date of the enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998—

“(i) any company (other than a company qualified under paragraph (2)) not under common control with such company as of that date acquires, directly, or indirectly, control of the company; or

“(ii) the company is the subject of any merger, consolidation, or other type of business combination as a result of which a company (other than a company qualified under paragraph (2)) not under common control with such company acquires, directly or indirectly, control of such company.

“(B) ANTI-EVASION.—The appropriate Federal banking agency may issue interpretations, regulations, or orders that it deems necessary to administer and carry out the purpose, and prevent evasions, of this paragraph, including determining that (notwithstanding the form of a transaction) the transaction would in substance effect a change in control.

“(5) SAVINGS AND LOAN HOLDING COMPANIES THAT BECOME BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.—

“(A) EXCLUSION FROM APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—A company that qualifies under subparagraph (B) shall not be required to obtain the approval of the Board under subsection (a) to become a bank holding company if such company becomes a bank holding company after the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998 as a result of the conversion of a savings association subsidiary to a bank or by virtue of the treatment of a savings association subsidiary as a bank under an amendment made by the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

“(B) COMPANIES EXCLUDED FROM APPLICATION REQUIREMENT.—A company qualifies for purposes of subparagraph (A) if the company, as of the date of the enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998, was a savings and loan holding company (as defined in section 10(a) of the Home Owners' Loan Act as in effect on that date) or has filed an application to become a savings and loan holding company.

“(C) SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF COMPANIES THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY SAVINGS AND LOAN HOLDING COMPANIES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Any company that qualifies under paragraph (2) and complies with paragraph (3) and was registered and regulated under section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act on the day before becoming a bank holding company described in paragraphs (2) and (3) shall continue to be regulated, for a period of 3 years after becoming such holding company, under the terms of section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act in the same manner and to the same extent and subject to the same requirements as by the Office of Thrift Supervision before the date of the enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

"(ii) HOLDING COMPANY CAPITAL EXCEPTION.—With regard to holding company capital, any company that qualifies under paragraph (2) and complies with paragraph (3) and was registered and regulated under section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act before June 19, 1997, or had an application pending to do so on such date, shall continue to be regulated under the terms of section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act in the same manner and to the same extent and subject to the same requirements as by the Office of Thrift Supervision before the date of the enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

"(iii) SUBMISSIONS TO REGULATORS.—A company shall provide for a period of 3 years after becoming a bank holding company described in paragraphs (2) and (3) the appropriate Federal banking agency with—

"(I) notice of acquisition of any company not controlled or affiliated on the date of enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998 that is engaged in nonbanking activities within 15 days after completion of any such transaction; and

"(II) copies of such quarterly and annual reports as it is otherwise required to file with any other governmental agency.

"(iv) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The appropriate Federal banking agency may adopt, for a period of 3 years after a company becomes a bank holding company described in paragraphs (2) and (3), reporting requirements substantially similar to and no more burdensome than required by the Office of Thrift Supervision as of January 1, 1997.

"(v) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—The appropriate Federal banking agency shall, for a period of 3 years after a company becomes a bank holding company described in paragraphs (2) and (3)—

"(I) have the same authority to examine a company or any subsidiary or affiliate thereof only to the same extent as the Office of Thrift Supervision had as of January 1, 1997; and

"(II) conduct only the same type of examination and with the same frequency as the Office of Thrift Supervision prior to January 1, 1997, unless required to prevent an unsafe or unsound activity or course of conduct of the savings institution treated as a bank pursuant to the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998."

SEC. 413. TREATMENT OF REFERENCES IN ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES.

(a) TREATMENT OF REFERENCES IN ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES ISSUED BEFORE FIRREA.—For purposes of section 402(e) of Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1437 note), any reference in such section to—

(1) the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision shall be deemed to be a reference to the Secretary of the Treasury; and

(2) a Savings Association Insurance Fund member shall be deemed to be a reference to an insured depository institution (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act).

(b) TREATMENT OF REFERENCES IN ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGES INSTRUMENTS ISSUED AFTER FIRREA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of adjustable rate mortgage instruments that are in effect as of the date of enactment of this Act, any reference in the instrument to the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision or Savings Association Insurance Fund members shall be treated as a reference to the Secretary of the Treasury or insured depository institutions (as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act), as appropriate.

(2) SUBSTITUTION FOR INDEXES.—If any index used to calculate the applicable interest rate on any adjustable rate mortgage instrument is no longer calculated and made

available as a direct or indirect result of the enactment of this title, any index—

(A) made available by the Secretary of the Treasury; or

(B) determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, pursuant to paragraph (4), to be substantially similar to the index which is no longer calculated or made available,

may be substituted by the holder of any such adjustable rate mortgage instrument upon notice to the borrower.

(3) AGENCY ACTION REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF INDEXES.—Promptly after the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chairperson of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Comptroller of the Currency shall take such action as may be necessary to assure that the indexes prepared by the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision immediately before the enactment of this subsection and used to calculate the interest rate on adjustable rate mortgage instruments continue to be available.

(4) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SUBSTITUTE INDEXES.—If any agency can no longer make available an index pursuant to paragraph (3), an index that is substantially similar to such index may be substituted for such index for purposes of paragraph (2) if the Secretary of the Treasury determines, after notice and opportunity for comment, that—

(A) the new index is based upon data substantially similar to that of the original index; and

(B) the substitution of the new index will result in an interest rate substantially similar to the rate in effect at the time the original index became unavailable.

SEC. 414. COST OF FUNDS INDEXES.

(a) COST OF FUNDS INDEX DEFINED.—The term "cost of funds indexed" means any index that is published by a Federal home loan bank and is based, in whole or in part, upon the cost of funds of such bank's members.

(b) CALCULATIONS BASED ON TYPE OF CHARTER AND INSURANCE FUND MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBERS.—If any cost of funds index includes data based on charter type, insurance fund membership, or other similar characteristics of members of a Federal home loan bank, such index shall be calculated after the date of the enactment of this Act using data only from insured depository institutions which were bank members and whose data was included in such index on or before such date of enactment.

(c) ACQUISITION OF DATA.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Each insured depository institution the data from which is required to compile a cost of funds index in accordance with subsection (b) shall provide to the Federal home loan bank which maintains the index such information as may be necessary, and in such form as may be appropriate, for the bank to calculate and publish the index.

(2) ENFORCEMENT BY BANKING AGENCIES.—Each appropriate Federal banking agency shall take such action as may be necessary to ensure that insured depository institutions which are required to provide information to any Federal home loan bank under paragraph (1) furnish such information on a timely basis and in the form required by the bank.

(3) TREATMENT OF INSTITUTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an insured depository institution which furnishes information to a Federal home loan bank pursuant to this section for use in compiling a cost of funds index shall not be deemed to control, directly, or indirectly, such index.

(d) CERTAIN DATA EXCLUDED.—Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), no cost of funds index shall include any data from any insured depository institution which results

from the merger, consolidation, or other combination of a member of a Federal home loan bank with a nonmember of any such bank if—

(1) the total assets of the nonmember exceed the total assets of the bank member at the time of such merger, consolidation, or other combination; or

(2) in the case of a merger, consolidation, or other merger in which a member of a Federal home loan bank is the resulting insured depository institution, combined ratio of the average amount of single-family loan balances to average total assets of all insured depository institutions involved in such merger, consolidation, or other combination for the 12-months period ending on the date of such transaction is less than 70 percent.

(e) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms "appropriate Federal banking agency" and "insured depository institution" shall have the same meanings as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

Subtitle B—Ending Separate Federal Regulation of Savings Associations Branching Rights and Savings and Loan Holding Companies

SEC. 421. STATE SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS TREATED AS STATE BANKS UNDER FEDERAL BANKING LAW.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT.—

(1) SECTION 44.—Section 44(f) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1831u(f)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(12) BANK.—For purposes of this section, the term 'bank' includes any savings association."

(2) SECTION 3.—Section 3(q) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813(q)) is amended—

(A) by inserting "and" after the semicolon at the end of paragraph (2);

(B) by striking "; and" at the end of paragraph (3) and inserting a period; and

(C) by striking paragraph (4).

(b) AMENDMENTS TO THE BANK HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1956.—

(1) Section 2(a)(5) of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841(a)(5)) is amended by striking subparagraph (E).

(2) Section 2(c)(1) of the Bank Holding Company Act is amended by inserting after subparagraph (C) (as added by section 133(a)(2) of this Act) the following new subparagraph:

"(D) A savings association."

(3) Section 2(c)(2)(B) of the Bank Holding Company Act is amended to read as follows:

"(B) [Repealed]."

(4) Section 4(i) of the Bank Holding Company Act is amended to read as follows:

"(i) [Repealed]."

(c) AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME OWNERS' LOAN ACT.—Section 5(r) of the Home Owners' Loan Act is amended to read as follows:

"(r) IN-STATE BRANCHES.—Subject to section 411 of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998, a Federal savings association may only retain, establish, or operate branches within a State to the same extent a national bank can."

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a)(2) and (b) shall take effect on January 1, 2000.

SEC. 422. AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME OWNERS' LOAN ACT.

(a) SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3.—Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1461 et seq.) are amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE AND TABLE OF CONTENTS.

"This Act may be cited as the 'Home Owners' Loan Act'.

"TABLE OF CONTENTS"

- "Sec. 1. Short title and table of contents.
- "Sec. 2. Definitions.
- "Sec. 3. Director of the Division of Thrift Supervision.
- "Sec. 4. Supervision of savings associations.
- "Sec. 5. Federal savings associations.
- "Sec. 6. Liquid asset requirements.
- "Sec. 7. Applicability.
- "Sec. 8. District associations.
- "Sec. 9. Examination fees.
- "Sec. 10. Qualified thrift lending and mutual holding companies.
- "Sec. 11. Transactions with affiliates; extensions of credit to executive officers, directors, and principal shareholders.
- "Sec. 12. Advertising.
- "Sec. 13. Powers of examiners.
- "Sec. 14. Separability provision.

"SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

"For purposes of this Act—

"(1) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Division of Thrift Supervision.

"(2) CORPORATION.—The term 'Corporation' means the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"(3) OFFICE.—The term 'Office' means the Division of Thrift Supervision established under section 3(a).

"(4) SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—The term 'savings association' means a savings association, as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, the deposits of which are insured by the Corporation.

"(5) FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—The term 'Federal savings association' means a Federal savings association or a Federal savings bank chartered under section 5 of this Act.

"(6) NATIONAL BANK.—The term 'national bank' has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

"(7) FEDERAL BANKING AGENCIES.—The term 'Federal banking agencies' means the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"(8) STATE.—The term 'State' has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

"(9) AFFILIATE.—The term 'affiliate' means any person that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, a savings association, except as provided in section 10.

"SEC. 3. DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF THRIFT SUPERVISION.

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVISION.—There is established the Division of Thrift Supervision, which shall be a division of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION OF DIRECTOR.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There is established the position of the Director of the Division of Thrift Supervision, who shall be the head of the Division of Thrift Supervision and shall be subject to the general oversight of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"(2) AUTHORITY TO PRESCRIBE REGULATIONS.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may prescribe such regulations and issue such orders as the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may determine to be necessary for carrying out this Act and all other laws within the jurisdiction of this Act.

"(3) BANKING AGENCY RULEMAKING.—The Secretary of the Treasury may not delay or prevent the issuance of any rule or the promulgation of any regulation by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director.

"(c) APPOINTMENT.—The Director shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Comptroller of the Currency.

"(d) PROHIBITION ON FINANCIAL INTERESTS.—The Director shall not have a direct or indirect financial interest in any insured depository institution, as defined in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

"(e) POWERS OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE SUPERVISION OF SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller of the Currency shall have—

"(A) all powers which—

"(i) were vested in the Federal Home Loan Bank Board (in the Board's capacity as such) or the Chairman of such Board on the day before the date of the enactment of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989; and

"(ii) were not—

"(I) transferred to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Board, the Resolution Trust Corporation, or the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation pursuant to any amendment made by such Act; or

"(II) established under any provision of law repealed by such Act; and

"(B) all other powers which were vested in the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision as of the day before the date of the enactment of the Thrift Charter Transition Act of 1998.

"(2) DELEGATION.—The Comptroller of the Currency may delegate such authority to the Director as may be necessary or appropriate for purposes of carrying out this Act.

"(f) FUNDING THROUGH ASSESSMENTS.—The compensation of the Director and other employees of the Office and all other expenses thereof may be paid from assessments levied under this Act.

"(g) GAO AUDIT.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall make available to the Comptroller General of the United States all books and records necessary to audit all of the activities of the Office of Thrift Supervision."

(b) SECTION 10.—Section 10 of the Home Owners' Loan Act (12 U.S.C. 1467a) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. QUALIFIED THRIFT LENDING AND MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANIES.

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires—

"(A) SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.—The term 'savings association' includes a savings bank or cooperative bank which is deemed by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, to be a savings association under subsection (1).

"(B) UNINSURED INSTITUTION.—The term 'uninsured institution' means any depository institution the deposits of which are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

"(C) COMPANY.—The term 'company' means any corporation, partnership, trust, joint-stock company, or similar organization, but does not include the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, any Federal home loan bank, or any company the majority of the shares of which is owned by the United States or any State, or by an instrumentality of the United States or any State.

"(D) SUBSIDIARY.—The term 'subsidiary' has the same meaning as in section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

"(E) AFFILIATE.—The term 'affiliate' of a savings association means any person which controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such savings association.

"(F) BANK HOLDING COMPANY.—The terms 'bank holding company' and 'bank' have the meanings given to such terms in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956.

"(G) ACQUIRE.—The term 'acquire' has the meaning given to such term in section 13(f)(8) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

"(2) CONTROL.—For purposes of this section, a person shall be deemed to have control of—

"(A) a savings association if the person directly or indirectly or acting in concert with one or more other persons, or through one or more subsidiaries, owns, controls, or holds with power to vote, or holds proxies representing, more than 25 percent of the voting shares of such savings association, or controls in any manner the election of a majority of the directors of such association;

"(B) any other company if the person directly or indirectly or acting in concert with one or more other persons, or through one or more subsidiaries, owns, controls, or holds with power to vote, or holds proxies representing, more than 25 percent of the voting shares or rights of such other company, or controls in any manner the election or appointment of a majority of the directors or trustees of such other company, or is a general partner in or has contributed more than 25 percent of the capital of such other company;

"(C) a trust if the person is a trustee thereof; or

"(D) a savings association or any other company if the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, determines, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, that such person directly or indirectly exercises a controlling influence over the management or policies of such association or other company.

"(b) ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller of the Currency may issue such regulations and orders as the Comptroller of the Currency deems necessary or appropriate to enable the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, to administer and carry out the purposes of this section, and to require compliance therewith and prevent evasions thereof.

"(2) INVESTIGATIONS.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may make such investigations as the Comptroller of the Currency deems necessary or appropriate to determine whether the provisions of this section, and regulations and orders thereunder, are being and have been complied with by savings associations and mutual holding companies and subsidiaries and affiliates thereof. For the purpose of any investigation under this section, the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may administer oaths and affirmations, issue subpoenas, take evidence, and require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memorandums, or other records which may be relevant or material to the inquiry. The attendance of witnesses and the production of any such records may be required from any place in any State. The Comptroller of the Currency may apply to the United States district court for the judicial district (or the United States court in any territory) in which any witness or company subpoenaed resides or carries on business, for enforcement of any subpoena issued pursuant to this paragraph, and such courts shall have jurisdiction and power to order and require compliance.

"(3) PROCEEDINGS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—In any proceeding under subsection (a)(2)(D) or under paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may administer oaths and affirmations, take or cause to be taken depositions, and issue subpoenas. The Comptroller of the Currency may make regulations with respect to any

such proceedings. The attendance of witnesses and the production of documents provided for in this paragraph may be required from any place in any State or in any territory at any designated place where such proceeding is being conducted. Any party to such proceedings may apply to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or the United States district court for the judicial district or the United States court in any territory in which such proceeding is being conducted, or where the witness resides or carries on business, for enforcement of any subpoena issued pursuant to this paragraph, and such courts shall have jurisdiction and power to order and require compliance therewith. Witnesses subpoenaed under this section shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the district courts of the United States.

“(B) Any hearing provided for in subsection (a)(2)(D) or under paragraph (5) of this subsection shall be held in the Federal judicial district or in the territory in which the principal office of the association or other company is located unless the party afforded the hearing consents to another place, and shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code.

“(4) INJUNCTIONS.—Whenever it appears to the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, that any person is engaged or has engaged or is about to engage in any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of the provisions of this section or of any regulation or order thereunder, the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may bring an action in the proper United States district court, or the United States court of any territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, to enjoin such acts or practices, to enforce compliance with this section or any regulation or order, or to require the divestiture of any acquisition in violation of this section, or for any combination of the foregoing, and such courts shall have jurisdiction of such actions. Upon a proper showing an injunction, decree, restraining order, order of divestiture, or other appropriate order shall be granted without bond.

“(c) PENALTIES.—

“(1) CRIMINAL PENALTY.—

“(A) VIOLATION OF SECTION.—Whoever knowingly violates any provision of this section or being a company, violates any regulation or order issued by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, under this section, shall be imprisoned not more than 1 year, fined not more than \$100,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, or both.

“(B) VIOLATION OF SECTION WITH INTENT TO DECEIVE, DEFRAUD, OR PROFIT SIGNIFICANTLY.—Whoever, with the intent to deceive, defraud, or profit significantly, knowingly violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than \$1,000,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.

“(2) CIVIL MONEY PENALTY.—

“(A) PENALTY.—Any company which violates, and any person who participates in a violation of, any provision of this section, or any regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, shall forfeit and pay a civil penalty of not more than \$25,000 for each day during which such violation continues.

“(B) ASSESSMENT.—Any penalty imposed under subparagraph (A) may be assessed and collected by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, in the manner provided in subparagraphs (E), (F), (G), and (I) of section 8(i)(2) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act for penalties imposed

(under such section) and any such assessment shall be subject to the provisions of such section.

“(C) HEARING.—The company or other person against whom any civil penalty is assessed under this paragraph shall be afforded a hearing if such company or person submits a request for such hearing within 20 days after the issuance of the notice of assessment. Section 8(h) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act shall apply to any proceeding under this paragraph.

“(D) DISBURSEMENT.—All penalties collected under authority of this paragraph shall be deposited into the Treasury.

“(E) VIOLATE DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘violate’ includes any action (alone or with another or others) for or toward causing, bringing about, participating in, counseling, or aiding or abetting a violation.

“(F) REGULATIONS.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall prescribe regulations establishing such procedures as may be necessary to carry out this paragraph.

“(3) NOTICE UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER SEPARATION FROM SERVICE.—The resignation, termination of employment or participation, or separation of an institution-affiliated party (within the meaning of section 3(u) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) with respect to a savings and loan holding company or subsidiary thereof (including a separation caused by the deregistration of such a company or such a subsidiary) shall not affect the jurisdiction and authority of the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, to issue any notice and proceed under this section against any such party, if such notice is served before the end of the 6-year period beginning on the date such party ceased to be such a party with respect to such holding company or its subsidiary (whether such date occurs before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this paragraph).

“(d) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—Any party aggrieved by an order of the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, under this section may obtain a review of such order by filing in the court of appeals of the United States for the circuit in which the principal office of such party is located, or in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, within 30 days after the date of service of such order, a written petition praying that the order of the Comptroller of the Currency be modified, terminated, or set aside. A copy of the petition shall be forthwith transmitted by the clerk of the court to the Comptroller of the Currency, and thereupon the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall file in the court the record in the proceeding, as provided in section 2112 of title 28, United States Code. Upon the filing of such petition, such court shall have jurisdiction, which upon the filing of the record shall be exclusive, to affirm, modify, terminate, or set aside, in whole or in part, the order of the Comptroller of the Currency. Review of such proceedings shall be had as provided in chapter 7 of title 5, United States Code. The judgment and decree of the court shall be final, except that the same shall be subject to review by the Supreme Court upon certiorari as provided in section 1254 of title 28, United States Code.

“(e) TREATMENT OF FDIC INSURED STATE SAVINGS BANKS AND COOPERATIVE BANKS AS SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a savings bank (as defined in section 3(g) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) and a cooperative bank that is an insured bank (as defined in section 3(h) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act) upon application shall be deemed to be a savings

association for the purpose of this section, if the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, determines that such bank is a qualified thrift lender (as determined under subsection (f)).

“(2) FAILURE TO MAINTAIN QUALIFIED THRIFT LENDER STATUS.—If any savings bank which is deemed to be a savings association under paragraph (1) subsequently fails to maintain its status as a qualified thrift lender, as determined by the Comptroller of the Currency (acting through the Director), such bank may not thereafter be a qualified thrift lender for a period of 5 years.

“(f) QUALIFIED THRIFT LENDER TEST.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (7), any savings association is a qualified thrift lender if—

“(A) either—

“(i) the savings association qualifies as a domestic building and loan association, as such term is defined in section 7701(a)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

“(ii) (I) the savings association's qualified thrift investments equal or exceed 65 percent of the savings association's portfolio assets; and

“(II) the savings association's qualified thrift investments continue to equal or exceed 65 percent of the savings association's portfolio assets on a monthly average basis in 9 out of every 12 months; and

“(B) at least 10 percent of the portfolio assets of the savings association consists of mortgages secured by domestic residential housing or manufactured homes or securities backed by or representing an interest in mortgages which were originated by the savings association and sold within 90 days of origination and are backed by domestic residential housing or manufactured homes.

“(2) EXCEPTIONS GRANTED BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY, ACTING THROUGH THE DIRECTOR.—Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may grant such temporary and limited exceptions from the minimum actual thrift investment percentage requirement contained in such paragraph as the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, deems necessary if—

“(A) the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, determines that extraordinary circumstances exist, such as when the effects of high interest rates reduce mortgage demand to such a degree that an insufficient opportunity exists for a savings association to meet such investment requirements; or

“(B) the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, determines that—

“(i) the grant of any such exception will significantly facilitate an acquisition under section 13(c) or 13(k) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;

“(ii) the acquired association will comply with the transition requirements of paragraph (7)(B), as if the date of the exemption were the starting date for the transition period described in that paragraph; and

“(iii) the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, determines that the exemption will not have an undue adverse effect on competing savings associations in the relevant market and will further the purposes of this subsection.

“(3) FAILURE TO BECOME AND REMAIN A QUALIFIED THRIFT LENDER.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A savings association that fails to become or remain a qualified thrift lender shall either become one or more banks (other than a savings bank) or be subject to subparagraph (B), except as provided in subparagraph (D).

“(B) RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS THAT ARE NOT QUALIFIED THRIFT LENDERS.—

“(i) RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.—The following restrictions shall apply to a savings association beginning on the date on which the savings association should have become or ceases to be a qualified thrift lender:

“(I) ACTIVITIES.—The savings association shall not make any new investment (including an investment in a subsidiary) or engage, directly or indirectly, in any other new activity unless that investment or activity would be permissible for the savings association if it were a national bank, and is also permissible for the savings association as a savings association.

“(II) ADVANCES.—The savings association shall not be eligible to obtain new advances from any Federal home loan bank.

“(III) DIVIDENDS.—The savings association shall be subject to all statutes and regulations governing the payment of dividends by a national bank in the same manner and to the same extent as if the savings association were a national bank.

“(ii) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE AFTER THREE YEARS.—The following additional restrictions shall apply to a savings association beginning 3 years after the date on which the savings association should have become or ceases to be a qualified thrift lender:

“(I) ACTIVITIES.—The savings association shall not retain any investment (including an investment in any subsidiary) or engage, directly or indirectly, in any activity unless that investment or activity would be permissible for the savings association if it were a national bank, and is also permissible for the savings association as a savings association.

“(II) ADVANCES.—The savings association shall repay any outstanding advances from any Federal home loan bank as promptly as can be prudently done consistent with the safe and sound operation of the savings association.

“(C) REQUALIFICATION.—A savings association that should have become or ceases to be a qualified thrift lender shall not be subject to subparagraph (B) if the savings association becomes a qualified thrift lender by meeting the qualified thrift lender requirement in paragraph (I) on a monthly average basis in 9 out of the preceding 12 months and remains a qualified thrift lender. If the savings association (or any savings association that acquired all or substantially all of its assets from that savings association) at any time thereafter ceases to be a qualified thrift lender, it shall immediately be subject to all provisions of subparagraphs (B) as if all the periods described in subparagraph (B)(ii) had expired.

“(D) DEPOSIT INSURANCE ASSESSMENTS.—Any bank chartered as a result of the requirements of this section shall be obligated until December 31, 1993, to pay to the Savings Association Insurance Fund the assessments assessed on savings associations under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Such association shall also be assessed, on the date of its change of status from a Savings Association Insurance Fund member, the exit fee and entrance fee provided in section 5(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act. Such institution shall not be obligated to pay the assessments assessed on banks under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act until—

“(i) December 31, 1993, or

“(ii) the institution's change of status from a Savings Association Insurance Fund member to a Bank Insurance Fund member, whichever is later.

“(E) EXEMPTION FOR SPECIALIZED SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS SERVING CERTAIN MILITARY PERSONNEL.—Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a savings association subsidiary of a holding company if at least 90 percent of the customers of the holding company and its sub-

siidiaries and affiliates are active or former members in the United States military services or the widows, widowers, divorced spouses, or current or former dependents of such members.

“(G) EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN FEDERAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—This paragraph shall not apply to any Federal savings association in existence as a Federal savings association on the date of enactment of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989—

“(i) that was chartered before October 15, 1982, as a savings bank or a cooperative bank under State law; or

“(ii) that acquired its principal assets from an association that was chartered before October 15, 1982, as a savings bank or a cooperative bank under State law.

“(H) NO CIRCUMVENTION OF EXIT MORATORIUM.—Subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall not be construed as permitting any insured depository institution to engage in any conversion transaction prohibited under section 5(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

“(4) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

“(A) ACTUAL THRIFT INVESTMENT PERCENTAGE.—The term ‘actual thrift investment percentage’ means the percentage determined by dividing—

“(i) the amount of a savings association's qualified thrift investments, by

“(ii) the amount of the savings association's portfolio assets.

“(B) PORTFOLIO ASSETS.—The term ‘portfolio assets’ means, with respect to any savings association, the total assets of the savings association, minus the sum of—

“(i) goodwill and other intangible assets;

“(ii) the value of property used by the savings association to conduct its business; and

“(iii) liquid assets of the type required to be maintained under section 6 of the Home Owners' Loan Act, in an amount not exceeding the amount equal to 20 percent of the savings association's total assets.

“(C) QUALIFIED THRIFT INVESTMENTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified thrift investments’ means, with respect to any savings association, the assets of the savings association that are described in clauses (ii) and (iii).

“(ii) ASSETS INCLUDIBLE WITHOUT LIMIT.—The following assets are described in this clause for purposes of clause (i):

“(I) The aggregate amount of loans held by the savings association that were made to purchase, refinance, construct, improve, or repair domestic residential housing or manufactured housing.

“(II) Home-equity loans.

“(III) Securities backed by or representing an interest in mortgages on domestic residential housing or manufactured housing.

“(IV) EXISTING OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT INSURANCE AGENCIES.—Direct or indirect obligations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation issued in accordance with the terms of agreements entered into prior to July 1, 1989, for the 10-year period beginning on the date of issuance of such obligations.

“(V) NEW OBLIGATIONS OF DEPOSIT INSURANCE AGENCIES.—Obligations of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, the FSLIC Resolution Fund, and the Resolution Trust Corporation issued in accordance with the terms of agreements entered into on or after July 1, 1989, for the 5-year period beginning on the date of issuance of such obligations.

“(VI) Shares of stock issued by any Federal home loan bank.

“(VII) Loans for educational purposes, loans to small businesses, and loans made through credit cards or credit card accounts.

“(iii) ASSETS INCLUDIBLE SUBJECT TO PERCENTAGE RESTRICTION.—The following assets are described in this clause for purposes of clause (i):

“(I) 50 percent of the dollar amount of the residential mortgage loans originated by such savings association and sold within 90 days of origination.

“(II) Investments in the capital stock or obligations of, and any other security issued by, any service corporation if such service corporation derives at least 80 percent of its annual gross revenues from activities directly related to purchasing, refinancing, constructing, improving, or repairing domestic residential real estate or manufactured housing.

“(III) 200 percent of the dollar amount of loans and investments made to acquire, develop, and construct 1- to 4-family residences the purchase price of which is or is guaranteed to be not greater than 60 percent of the median value of comparable newly constructed 1- to 4-family residences within the local community in which such real estate is located, except that not more than 25 percent of the amount included under this subclause may consist of commercial properties related to the development if those properties are directly related to providing services to residents of the development.

“(IV) 200 percent of the dollar amount of loans for the acquisition or improvement of residential real property, churches, schools, and nursing homes located within, and loans for any other purpose to any small businesses located within any area which has been identified by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, in connection with any review or examination of community reinvestment practices, as a geographic area or neighborhood in which the credit needs of the low- and moderate-income residents of such area or neighborhood are not being adequately met.

“(V) Loans for the purchase or construction of churches, schools, nursing homes, and hospitals, other than those qualifying under clause (IV), and loans for the improvement and upkeep of such properties.

“(VI) Loans for personal, family, or household purposes (other than loans for personal, family, or household purposes described in clause (ii)(VII)).

“(VII) Shares of stock issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

“(iv) PERCENTAGE RESTRICTION APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN ASSETS.—The aggregate amount of the assets described in clause (iii) which may be taken into account in determining the amount of the qualified thrift investments of any savings association shall not exceed the amount which is equal to 20 percent of a savings association's portfolio assets.

“(v) EXCLUSIONS FROM DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED THRIFT INVESTMENTS.—The term ‘qualified thrift investments’ excludes—

“(I) except for home equity loans, that portion of any loan or investment that is used for any purpose other than those expressly qualifying under any subparagraph of clause (ii) or (iii); or

“(II) goodwill or any other intangible asset.

“(D) CREDIT CARD.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to define the term ‘credit card’.

“(E) SMALL BUSINESS.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall issue such regulations as may be necessary to define the term ‘small business’.

“(5) CONSISTENT ACCOUNTING REQUIRED.—

"(A) In determining the amount of a savings association's portfolio assets, the assets of any subsidiary of the savings association shall be consolidated with the assets of the savings association if—

"(i) Assets of the subsidiary are consolidated with the assets of the savings association in determining the savings association's qualified thrift investments; or

"(ii) Residential mortgage loans originated by the subsidiary are included pursuant to paragraph (4)(C)(iii)(I) in determining the savings association's qualified thrift investments.

"(B) In determining the amount of a savings association's portfolio assets and qualified thrift investments, consistent accounting principles shall be applied.

"(6) SPECIAL RULES FOR PUERTO RICO AND VIRGIN ISLANDS SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—

"(A) PUERTO RICO SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—With respect to any savings association headquartered and operating primarily in Puerto Rico—

"(i) the term 'qualified thrift investments' includes, in addition to the items specified in paragraph (4)—

"(I) the aggregate amount of loans for personal, family, educational, or household purposes made to persons residing or domiciled in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

"(II) the aggregate amount of loans for the acquisition or improvement of churches, schools, or nursing homes, and of loans to small businesses, located within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

"(ii) the aggregate amount of loans related to the purchase, acquisition, development and construction of 1- to 4-family residential real estate—

"(I) which is located within the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

"(II) the value of which (at the time of acquisition or upon completion of the development and construction) is below the median value of newly constructed 1- to 4-family residences in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, which may be taken into account in determining the amount of the qualified thrift investments and of such savings association shall be doubled.

"(B) VIRGIN ISLANDS SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—With respect to any savings association headquartered and operating primarily in the Virgin Islands—

"(i) the term 'qualified thrift investments' includes, in addition to the items specified in paragraph (4)—

"(I) the aggregate amount of loans for personal, family, educational, or household purposes made to persons residing or domiciled in the Virgin Islands; and

"(II) the aggregate amount of loans for the acquisition or improvement of churches, schools, or nursing homes, and of loans to small businesses, located within the Virgin Islands; and

"(ii) the aggregate amount of loans related to the purchase, acquisition, development and construction of 1- to 4-family residential real estate—

"(I) which is located within the Virgin Islands; and

"(II) the value of which (at the time of acquisition or upon completion of the development and construction) is below the median value of newly constructed 1- to 4-family residences in the Virgin Islands, which may be taken into account in determining the amount of the qualified thrift investments and of such savings association shall be doubled.

"(7) TRANSITIONAL RULE FOR CERTAIN SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—If any Federal savings association in existence as a Federal savings association on the date of enactment of the

Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989—

"(i) that was chartered as a savings bank or a cooperative bank under State law before October 15, 1982; or

"(ii) that acquired its principal assets from an association that was chartered before October 15, 1982, as a savings bank or a cooperative bank under State law,

meets the requirements of subparagraph (B), such savings association shall be treated as a qualified thrift lender during the period ending on September 30, 1995.

"(B) SUBPARAGRAPH (B) REQUIREMENTS.—A savings association meets the requirements of this subparagraph if, in the determination of the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director—

"(i) the actual thrift investment percentage of such association does not, after the date of enactment of the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989, decrease below the actual thrift investment percentage of such association on July 15, 1989; and

"(ii) the amount by which—

"(I) the actual thrift investment percentage of such association at the end of each period described in the following table, exceeds

"(II) the actual thrift investment percentage of such association on July 15, 1989,

is equal to or greater than the applicable percentage (as determined under the following table) of the amount by which 70 percent exceeds the actual thrift investment percentage of such association on such date of enactment:

For the following period:	The applicable percentage is:
July 1, 1991–September 30, 1992	25 percent
October 1, 1992–March 31, 1994	50 percent
April 1, 1994–September 30, 1995	75 percent
Thereafter	100 percent

"(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the actual thrift investment percentage of an association on July 15, 1989, shall be determined by applying the definition of 'actual thrift investment percentage' that takes effect on July 1, 1991.

"(g) MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANIES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—A savings association operating in mutual form may reorganize so as to become a holding company by—

"(A) chartering an interim savings association, the stock of which is to be wholly owned, except as otherwise provided in this section, by the mutual association; and

"(B) transferring the substantial part of its assets and liabilities, including all of its insured liabilities, to the interim savings association.

"(2) DIRECTORS AND CERTAIN ACCOUNT HOLDERS' APPROVAL OF PLAN REQUIRED.—A reorganization is not authorized under this subsection unless—

"(A) a plan providing for such reorganization has been approved by a majority of the board of directors of the mutual savings association; and

"(B) in the case of an association in which holders of accounts and obligors exercise voting rights, such plan has been submitted to and approved by a majority of such individuals at a meeting held at the call of the directors in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the association's charter and bylaws.

"(3) NOTICE TO THE DIRECTOR; DISAPPROVAL PERIOD.—

"(A) NOTICE REQUIRED.—At least 60 days prior to taking any action described in paragraph (1), a savings association seeking to establish a mutual holding company shall

provide written notice to the Comptroller of the Currency. The notice shall contain such relevant information as the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall require by regulation or by specific request in connection with any particular notice.

"(B) TRANSACTION ALLOWED IF NOT DISAPPROVED.—Unless the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, within such 60-day notice period disapproves the proposed holding company formation, or extends for another 30 days the period during which such disapproval may be issued, the savings association providing such notice may proceed with the transaction, if the requirements of paragraph (2) have been met.

"(C) GROUNDS FOR DISAPPROVAL.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may disapprove any proposed holding company formation only if—

"(i) such disapproval is necessary to prevent unsafe or unsound practices;

"(ii) the financial or management resources of the savings association involved warrant disapproval;

"(iii) the savings association fails to furnish the information required under subparagraph (A); or

"(iv) the savings association fails to comply with the requirement of paragraph (2).

"(D) RETENTION OF CAPITAL ASSETS.—In connection with the transaction described in paragraph (1), a savings association may, subject to the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency (acting through the Director), retain capital assets at the holding company level to the extent that such capital exceeds the association's capital requirement established by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, pursuant to subsections (s) and (t) of section 5.

"(4) OWNERSHIP.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Persons having ownership rights in the mutual association pursuant to section 5(b)(1)(B) of this Act or State law shall have the same ownership rights with respect to the mutual holding company.

"(B) HOLDERS OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTS.—Holders of savings, demand or other accounts of—

"(i) a savings association chartered as part of a transaction described in paragraph (1); or

"(ii) a mutual savings association acquired pursuant to paragraph (5)(B),

shall have the same ownership rights with respect to the mutual holding company as persons described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.

"(5) PERMITTED ACTIVITIES.—A mutual holding company may engage only in the following activities:

"(A) Investing in the stock of a savings association.

"(B) Acquiring a mutual association through the merger of such association into a savings association subsidiary of such holding company or an interim savings association subsidiary of such holding company.

"(C) Subject to paragraph (6), merging with or acquiring another holding company, one of whose subsidiaries is a savings association.

"(D) Investing in a corporation the capital stock of which is available for purchase by a savings association under Federal law or under the law of any State where the subsidiary savings association or associations have their home offices.

"(6) LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF ACQUIRED HOLDING COMPANIES.—

"(A) NEW ACTIVITIES.—If a mutual holding company acquires or merges with another holding company under paragraph (5)(C), the holding company acquired or the holding

company resulting from such merger or acquisition may only invest in assets and engage in activities which are authorized under paragraph (5).

"(B) GRACE PERIOD FOR DIVESTING PROHIBITED ASSETS OR DISCONTINUING PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.—Not later than 2 years following a merger or acquisition described in paragraph (5)(C), the acquired holding company or the holding company resulting from such merger or acquisition shall—

"(i) dispose of any asset which is an asset in which a mutual holding company may not invest under paragraph (5); and

"(ii) cease any activity which is an activity in which a mutual holding company may not engage under paragraph (5).

"(7) REGULATION.—A mutual holding company shall be chartered by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, and shall be subject to such regulations as the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, may prescribe. A mutual holding company shall be subject to the other requirements of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 regarding regulation of holding companies.

"(8) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.—

"(A) PLEDGE OF STOCK OF SAVINGS ASSOCIATION SUBSIDIARY.—This section shall not prohibit a mutual holding company from pledging all or a portion of the stock of a savings association chartered as part of a transaction described in paragraph (1) to raise capital for such savings association.

"(B) ISSUANCE OF NONVOTING SHARES.—This section shall not prohibit a savings association chartered as part of a transaction described in paragraph (1) from issuing any nonvoting shares or less than 50 percent of the voting shares of such association to any person other than the mutual holding company.

"(9) INSOLVENCY AND LIQUIDATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of law, upon—

"(i) the default of any savings association—

"(I) the stock of which is owned by any mutual holding company; and

"(II) which was chartered in a transaction described in paragraph (1);

"(ii) the default of a mutual holding company; or

"(iii) a foreclosure on a pledge by a mutual holding company described in paragraph (8)(A),

a trustee shall be appointed receiver of such mutual holding company and such trustee shall have the authority to liquidate the assets of, and satisfy the liabilities of, such mutual holding company pursuant to title 11, United States Code.

"(B) DISTRIBUTION OF NET PROCEEDS.—Except as provided in subparagraph (C), the net proceeds of any liquidation of any mutual holding company pursuant to subparagraph (A) shall be transferred to persons who hold ownership interests in such mutual holding company.

"(C) RECOVERY BY CORPORATION.—If the Corporation incurs a loss as a result of the default of any savings association subsidiary of a mutual holding company which is liquidated pursuant to subparagraph (A), the Corporation shall succeed to the ownership interests of the depositors of such savings association in the mutual holding company, to the extent of the Corporation's loss.

"(10) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection—

"(A) MUTUAL HOLDING COMPANY.—The term 'mutual holding company' means a corporation organized as a holding company under this subsection.

"(B) MUTUAL ASSOCIATION.—The term 'mutual association' means a savings association which is operating in mutual form.

"(C) DEFAULT.—The term 'default' means an adjudication or other official determination of a court of competent jurisdiction or other public authority pursuant to which a conservator, receiver, or other legal custodian is appointed.

"(h) MERGERS, CONSOLIDATIONS, AND OTHER ACQUISITIONS AUTHORIZED.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to sections 5(d)(3) and 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and all other applicable laws, any Federal savings association may acquire or be acquired by any insured depository institution.

"(2) EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF ACQUISITIONS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any application by a savings association to acquire or be acquired by another insured depository institution which is required to be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency under any applicable law or regulation shall be approved or disapproved in writing by the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, before the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date such application is filed with the agency.

"(B) EXTENSION OF PERIOD.—The period for approval or disapproval referred to in subparagraph (A) may be extended for an additional 30-day period if the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, determines that—

"(i) an applicant has not furnished all of the information required to be submitted; or

"(ii) in the judgment of the Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, any material information submitted is substantially inaccurate or incomplete.

"(3) ACQUIRE DEFINED.—For purposes of this subsection, the term 'acquire' means to acquire, directly or indirectly, ownership or control through a merger or consolidation or an acquisition of assets or assumption of liabilities, provided that following such merger, consolidation, or acquisition, an acquiring insured depository institution may not own the shares of the acquired insured depository institution.

"(4) REGULATIONS.—

"(A) REQUIRED.—The Comptroller of the Currency, acting through the Director, shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out paragraph (1).

"(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The regulations required under subparagraph (A) shall—

"(i) be prescribed in final form before the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this subsection; and

"(ii) take effect before the end of the 120-day period beginning on such date.

"(5) LIMITATION.—No provision of this section shall be construed to authorize a national bank or any subsidiary thereof to engage in any activity not otherwise authorized under the National Bank Act or any other law governing the powers of a national bank."

SEC. 423. CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO MERGER OF DEPOSIT INSURANCE FUNDS.

Section 2704(c) of the Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act of 1996 is amended to read as follows:

"(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on January 1, 2000."

SEC. 424. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK ACT.

(a) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 18.—Section 18(c) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1438(c)) is repealed.

(b) AMENDMENT TO SECTION 22.—Section 22(a) of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1442(a)) is amended by striking ", and the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision" each place such appears and inserting "and" before "the Chairperson of the National Credit Union Administration".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall become effective 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle C—Combining OTS and OCC

SEC. 431. PROHIBITION OF MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION REPEALED.

Section 321 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by striking subsection (e).

SEC. 432. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY REQUIRED TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR COMBINING OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION WITH OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 9 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Comptroller of the Currency, shall formulate a plan for consolidating the Office of Thrift Supervision with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency by January 1, 2000.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In formulating the plan pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury shall consult with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System with regard to the transfer of the regulation of savings and loan holding companies from the Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision to the Board.

(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Comptroller of the Currency shall implement that plan, notwithstanding any other provision of Federal banking laws.

SEC. 433. OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION AND POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION ABOLISHED.

Effective January 1, 2000, the Office of Thrift Supervision and the position of Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision are abolished.

SEC. 434. RECONFIGURATION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FDIC AS A RESULT OF REMOVAL OF DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THRIFT SUPERVISION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2(a)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1812(a)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The management of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of 5 members—

"(A) 1 of whom shall be the Comptroller of the Currency; and

"(B) 4 of whom shall be appointed by the President, and with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among individuals who are citizens of the United States, 1 of whom shall have State bank supervisory experience."

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2(d)(2) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1812(d)(2)) is amended—

(A) by striking "or the office of Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision";

(B) by striking "or such Director";

(C) by striking "or the acting Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, as the case may be"; and

(D) by striking "or Director".

(2) Section 2(f)(2) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1812(f)(2)) is amended by striking "or of the Office of Thrift Supervision".

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on January 1, 2000.

SEC. 435. CONTINUATION PROVISIONS.

(a) CONTINUATION OF ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, DETERMINATIONS AND REGULATIONS.—All orders, resolutions, determinations and regulations of the Office of Thrift Supervision that have been issued, made, prescribed or allowed to become effective by the Office of

Thrift Supervision (including orders, resolutions, determinations and regulations that relate to the conduct of conservatorship and receiverships), or by a court of competent jurisdiction, and are in effect on the day before the date of enactment, shall continue in effect according to the terms of such orders, resolutions, determinations, and regulations and shall be enforceable by or against the appropriate successor agency until modified, terminated, set aside or superseded in accordance with applicable law by the appropriate successor agency or by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law.

(b) CONTINUATION OF SUITS.—No action or other proceeding commenced by or against the Office of Thrift Supervision shall abate because of the enactment of this Act, except that the appropriate successor agency to the Office of Thrift Supervision shall be sub-

stituted for the Office of Thrift Supervision as a party to any such action or proceeding.

(c) CONTINUATION OF AGENCY SERVICES.—Any agency, department, or other instrumentality of the United States, and any successor to such agency, department, or instrumentality, that was providing supporting services to the Office of Thrift Supervision shall—

(1) continue to provide such services, on a reimbursable basis or as otherwise agreed before the date of enactment, to the Office of Thrift Supervision; and

(2) consult with the Office of Thrift Supervision to coordinate and facilitate a prompt and reasonable completion or termination of such services.

(d) TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.—Not later than two years of the date of enactment, all

property of the Office of Thrift Supervision shall be transferred to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, or another appropriate successor agency, in accordance with the division of responsibilities and activities effected by this Act. For purposes of this subsection, the term "property" includes, but is not limited to, all interests in real property and all personal property, including financial assets, computer hardware and software, furniture, fixtures, books, accounts, records, reports of examination, work papers and correspondence related to such reports of examination, and any information, materials, property, and assets not specifically listed. The Secretary of the Treasury shall resolve any disagreement between successor agencies.