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1ST SESSION

H. R. 3455

To amend title 39, United States Code, to prevent mass mailings from being sent as franked mail, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PORTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Post Office and Civil Service and House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MASS MAILINGS NOT MAILABLE AS FRANKED**
4 **MAIL.**

5 Paragraph (6)(A) of section 3210(a) of title 39, Unit-
6 ed States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(6)(A) It is the intent of Congress that a Member
8 of, or Member-elect to, Congress may not mail any mass
9 mailing as franked mail.”.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) TITLE 39, UNITED STATES CODE.—Section 3210
3 of title 39, United States Code, is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (G) by striking “, in-
6 cluding general mass mailings,”; and

7 (B) in subparagraphs (I) and (J) by strik-
8 ing “or other general mass mailing”;

9 (2) in subsection (a)(6) by repealing subpara-
10 graphs (B), (C), and (F), and the second sentence
11 of subparagraph (D);

12 (3) by repealing paragraph (7) of subsection
13 (a); and

14 (4) by repealing subsection (f).

15 (b) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
16 1990.—Section 316 of the Legislative Branch Appropria-
17 tions Act, 1990 (39 U.S.C. 3210 note) is repealed.

18 (c) LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
19 1991.—Subsection (f) of section 311 of the Legislative
20 Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (Public Law 101-520;
21 104 Stat. 2280) is repealed.

1 **SEC. 3. RETURN OF EXCESS AMOUNTS FROM OFFICIAL AL-**
2 **LOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF**
3 **REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TREASURY FOR**
4 **DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other law, or
6 any rule or other authority, any amount remaining in an
7 official allowance of a Member of the House of Represent-
8 atives at the end of the session of Congress or other period
9 for which the allowance is made available shall be returned
10 to the Treasury, to be used for deficit reduction.

11 (b) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section—

12 (1) the term “Member of the House of Rep-
13 resentatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-
14 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;
15 and

16 (2) the term “official allowance” means, with
17 respect to a Member of the House of Representa-
18 tives, the Official Mail Allowance.

19 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
21 at the beginning of, and shall apply with respect to ses-
22 sions of Congress beginning with, the first session of the
23 One Hundred Fourth Congress.

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