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H. R. 4327

To eliminate franked mail for the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 1994

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

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Franked Mail Savings
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVISIONS RELATING TO LIMITS ON THE OFFI-**
7 **CIAL MAIL ALLOWANCE IN THE HOUSE OF**
8 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

9 (a) TERMINATION OF USE OF FRANK IN HOUSE.—

1 (1) Notwithstanding any provision of title 39,
2 United States Code, or any other law, or any rule
3 or other authority—

4 (A) no mail matter may be sent under the
5 frank by any Member, Member-elect, officer, or
6 employee of the House of Representatives; and

7 (B) any such person previously authorized
8 to use the frank shall use postage stamps, post-
9 age meters, or other authorized methods of pre-
10 payment of postage.

11 (2) For purposes of this subsection, the term
12 “frank” has the meaning given such term in section
13 3201 of title 39, United States Code.

14 (3) This subsection shall apply with respect to
15 mail matter mailed after December 31, 1994.

16 (b) REDUCTION IN OFFICIAL MAIL ALLOWANCE.—
17 The amount provided for official mail costs of the House
18 of Representatives for fiscal year 1995 may not exceed 50
19 percent of the amount so made available for fiscal year
20 1994. The amount provided for official mail costs of the
21 House of Representatives for fiscal year 1996 may not ex-
22 ceed 25 percent of the amount so made available for fiscal
23 year 1994.

24 (c) PROHIBITION OF TRANSFERS TO OFFICIAL MAIL
25 ALLOWANCE.—Section 311(e) of the Legislative Branch

1 Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(e)) is amended
2 by striking paragraph (3) and by redesignating paragraph
3 (4) as paragraph (3).

4 (d) MAIL REDUCTION FOR DEFICIT REDUCTION.—
5 Any amount provided for official mail costs of the House
6 of Representatives for fiscal year 1994 that remains unob-
7 ligated at the end of that fiscal year shall be deposited
8 in the Treasury for the sole purpose of deficit reduction.

9 **SEC. 3. LENGTHENED PROHIBITION PERIOD FOR HOUSE**
10 **OF REPRESENTATIVES MASS MAILINGS.**

11 Section 3210(a)(6)(A) of title 39, United States
12 Code, is amended—

13 (1) in the matter before clause (i), by striking
14 out “as franked mail” and inserting in lieu thereof
15 “paid from official funds”; and

16 (2) by striking out “60 days” each place it ap-
17 pears and inserting in lieu thereof “120 days”.

18 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION OF PURCHASE OF CALENDARS FOR**
19 **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

20 Appropriated funds may not be used to purchase
21 United States Capitol Historical Society calendars for the
22 House of Representatives.

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