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104TH CONGRESS

2D SESSION H. R. 3526 To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to transmission of wagering information.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY 23, 1996 Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota introduced the following bill; which was

referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to

transmission of wagering information.
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 ‘‘Computer Gambling
5 Prevention Act of 1996’’.
6 SEC. 2. AMENDMENT OF TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE,
7 WITH RESPECT TO TRANSMISSION OF WA-

8 GERING INFORMATION.

9 Section 1084(a) of title 18, United States Code, is
10 amended—

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1 (1) by striking ‘‘(a) Whoever’’ and inserting
2 ‘‘(a)(1) Whoever’’;

3 (2) by striking ‘‘wire communication’’ each
4 place it appears and inserting ‘‘wire or electronic
5 communication’’;

6 (3) by striking ‘‘on any sporting event or con-
7 test’’; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following:
9 ‘‘(2) Whoever being engaged in betting or wagering

10 knowingly uses a wire or electronic communication facility
11 for the transmission in interstate or foreign commerce of
12 bets or wagers or information assisting in the placing of

13 bets or wagers, or for the transmission of a wire or elec-14 tronic communication which entitles the recipient to re-

15 ceive money or credit as a result of bets or wagers, or
16 for information assisting in the placing of bets or wagers,
17 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than

18 two years, or both.’’.

19 SEC. 3. SENTENCING GUIDELINES.
20 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
21 of this Act, the United States Sentencing Commission
22 shall—

23 (1) review the deterrent effect of existing guide-
24 lines applicable to section 1084 of title 18, United

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1 States Code, and report to Congress on the results
2 of the review; and

3 (2) promulgate new guidelines or amend exist-
4 ing guidelines to ensure that individuals convicted

5 under such section are imprisoned for not less than
6 one year.
7 SEC. 4. REPORT.

8 Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report 10 to Congress that includes—

11 (1) an analysis of the problems associated with
12 enforcing section 1084 of title 18, United States

13 Code;
14 (2) recommendations for the best use of the re-

15 sources of the Department of Justice to enforce such
16 section;
17 (3) recommendations for the best use of the re-
18 sources of the Federal Communications Commission

19 to enforce such section; and
20 (4) an estimate of the amount of activity and

21 money being used to gamble on the Internet.

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