

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4221

To amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1998

Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## 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. STENOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE FOR RECORD-**  
4 **ING DEPOSITIONS.**

5 Paragraphs (2) and (3) of rule 30(b) of the Federal  
6 Rules of Civil Procedure are amended to read as follows:

7 “(2) Unless the court upon motion orders, or  
8 the parties stipulate in writing, the deposition shall  
9 be recorded by stenographic or stenomask means.

1 The party taking the deposition shall bear the cost  
2 of the transcription. Any party may arrange for a  
3 transcription to be made from the recording of a  
4 deposition taken by nonstenographic or  
5 nonstenomask means.

6 “(3) With prior notice to the deponent and  
7 other parties, any party may use another method to  
8 record the deponent’s testimony in addition to the  
9 method used pursuant to paragraph (2). The addi-  
10 tional record or transcript shall be made at that par-  
11 ty’s expense unless the court otherwise orders.”.

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