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# H. R. 53

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2001

Mr. CONDIT 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Karen Matthews Act  
5 of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. PENALTIES FOR HARASSMENT OF VICTIMS OF FED-**  
7 **ERAL OFFENSES.**

8       Section 1513 of title 18, United States Code, is  
9 amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following:

1       “(c)(1) Whoever, being convicted of a Federal of-  
2 fense, harasses the victim of that offense shall be fined  
3 under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or  
4 both.

5       “(2) As used in this subsection, the term ‘harass’ in-  
6 cludes the malicious or repeated frivolous filing of legal  
7 process or liens against the person or property of the vic-  
8 tim.”.

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