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# S. 2855

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2004

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. FORGERY OF FEDERAL DOCUMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 25 of title 18, United  
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
6 lowing:

1 **“§ 515. Federal records, documents, and writings,**  
2 **generally**

3 “Any person who—

4 “(1) falsely makes, alters, forges, or counter-  
5 feits any Federal record, Federal document, Federal  
6 writing, or record, document, or writing character-  
7 izing, or purporting to characterize, official Federal  
8 activity, service, contract, obligation, duty, property,  
9 or chose;

10 “(2) utters or publishes as true, or possesses  
11 with intent to utter or publish as true, any record,  
12 document, or writing described in paragraph (1),  
13 knowing, or negligently failing to know, that such  
14 record, document, or writing has not been verified,  
15 has been inconclusively verified, is unable to be  
16 verified, or is false, altered, forged, or counterfeited;

17 “(3) transmits to, or presents at any office, or  
18 to any officer, of the United States, any record, doc-  
19 ument, or writing described in paragraph (1), know-  
20 ing, or negligently failing to know, that such record,  
21 document, or writing has not been verified, has been  
22 inconclusively verified, is unable to be verified, or is  
23 false, altered, forged, or counterfeited;

24 “(4) attempts, or conspires to commit, any of  
25 the acts described in paragraphs (1) through (3); or

1           “(5) while outside of the United States, engages  
2           in any of the acts described in paragraphs (1)  
3           through (3),  
4 shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than  
5 10 years, or both.”.

6           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
7 for chapter 25 of title 18, United States Code, is amended  
8 by inserting after the item relating to section 514 the fol-  
9 lowing:

“515. Federal records, documents, and writings, generally.”.

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