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# S. 2979

To amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2004

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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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 “Federal Regulatory  
5       Improvement Act of 2004”.

6       **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7       (a) PURPOSES.—Section 591 of title 5, United States  
8       Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 591 Purposes**

2 “The purposes of this subchapter are—

3 “(1) to provide suitable arrangements through  
4 which Federal agencies, assisted by outside experts,  
5 may cooperatively study mutual problems, exchange  
6 information, and develop recommendations for action  
7 by proper authorities to the end that private rights  
8 may be fully protected and regulatory activities and  
9 other Federal responsibilities may be carried out ex-  
10 peditiously in the public interest;

11 “(2) to promote more effective public participa-  
12 tion and efficiency in the rulemaking process;

13 “(3) to reduce unnecessary litigation in the reg-  
14 ulatory process;

15 “(4) to improve the use of science in the regu-  
16 latory process; and

17 “(5) to improve the effectiveness of laws appli-  
18 cable to the regulatory process.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 5 of the  
20 United States Code is amended—

21 (1) in section 594 by striking “purpose” and  
22 inserting “purposes”; and

23 (2) in the table of sections of chapter 5 of part  
24 I by amending the item relating to section 591 to  
25 read as follows:

“591. Purposes”.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 596 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-  
3 ed to read as follows:

4 **“§ 596. Authorization of appropriations**

5 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
6 this subchapter not more than \$3,000,000 for fiscal year  
7 2005, \$3,100,000 for fiscal year 2006, and \$3,200,000  
8 for fiscal year 2007. Of any amounts appropriated under  
9 this section, not more than \$2,500 may be made available  
10 in each fiscal year for official representation and enter-  
11 tainment expenses for foreign dignitaries.”.

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