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To amend title 44, United States Code, to eliminate the mandatory printing of bills and resolutions by the Government Printing Office for the use of the House of Representatives and Senate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 22, 2010

Mr. LEE of New York (for himself, Mr. SCHOCK, Mr. LANCE, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. FLEMING, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. AKIN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. POSEY, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. CAO, Ms. WATSON, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. POLIS of Colorado, Mr. MINNICK, Mr. CARNAHAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. POMEROY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY PRINTING OF**
2 **BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS BY PUBLIC PRINT-**
3 **ER FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND**
4 **SENATE.**

5 (a) **ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY PRINTING.**—Sec-
6 tion 706 of title 44, United States Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 **“§ 706. Bills and resolutions**

9 “(a) **NO PRINTING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**—
10 Except as provided in subsection (b), the Public Printer
11 shall make bills and resolutions available for the use of
12 the House of Representatives and Senate only in an elec-
13 tronic format which is accessible through the Internet.

14 “(b) **EXCEPTION FOR REQUEST OF MEMBERS OR**
15 **COMMITTEES.**—At the request of a Member (including a
16 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress) or
17 committee (including a joint committee) of the House of
18 Representatives or Senate, the Public Printer shall provide
19 the Member or committee with a printed copy of a bill
20 or resolution.”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the expiration of the
23 6-month period which begins on the date of the enactment
24 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON**
2 **PRINTING ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

3 (a) **STUDY.**—The Joint Committee on Printing shall
4 conduct a study of the effect of this Act on the rules and
5 regulations of the House of Representatives and Senate
6 governing the availability and distribution of bills and res-
7 olutions for the use of the House of Representatives and
8 Senate.

9 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Committee on
11 Printing shall submit a report to the Speaker of the House
12 of Representatives and the President pro Tempore of the
13 Senate on the study conducted under subsection (a), and
14 shall include in the study such recommendations as the
15 Joint Committee considers appropriate to promote the
16 successful implementation of this Act, including rec-
17 ommendations for changes in any of the rules and regula-
18 tions which are the subject of the study.

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