

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 331

To abolish the franking privilege for the House of Representatives and to establish a spending allowance for postage for official mail of the House of Representatives.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. ROBERTS introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Post Office and Civil Service

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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. ABOLITION OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE FOR**  
4        **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

5        Notwithstanding title 39, United States Code, title  
6        III of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991,  
7        or any other provision of law, the franking privilege is  
8        abolished with respect to the House of Representatives.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF SPENDING ALLOWANCE FOR**  
2 **COSTS OF POSTAGE OF THE HOUSE OF REP-**  
3 **RESENTATIVES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In lieu of the Official Mail Allow-  
5 ance established by section 311(e) of the Legislative  
6 Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(e)), there  
7 is established a spending allowance for postage for official  
8 mail of the House of Representatives. The spending allow-  
9 ance shall be available to Members, officers, and employ-  
10 ees of the House of Representatives in the same manner  
11 and to the same extent as the Official Mail Allowance was  
12 available under such section, except that the spending al-  
13 lowance shall be used to purchase stamps and other post-  
14 age rather than to pay for mail sent under the frank.

15 (b) **METERED MAIL.**—The Postmaster of the House  
16 of Representatives shall take such action as may be nec-  
17 essary to provide for use of postage meters to record the  
18 cost and volume of mail paid for from the spending allow-  
19 ance for postage.

20 (c) **TRANSFERS.**—All amounts that, but for the en-  
21 actment of this Act, would have been available to pay for  
22 franked mail of the House of Representatives shall be  
23 transferred to the spending allowance for postage.

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