

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4348

To amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit proxy voting and to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize the practice commonly called “ghost voting” in the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 1994

Mr. WALKER introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Rules and the Judiciary

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. PROXY VOTING.**

4 Clause 2(f) of rule VII of the Rules of the House
5 of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

6 “(f) No vote by any member of any committee or sub-
7 committee with respect to any measure or matter may be
8 cast by proxy.”.

1 **SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
4 ing:

5 **“§ 611. Voting for another representative**

6 “(a) Whoever, being a Member of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives—

8 “(1) authorizes another Member of the House
9 of Representatives to cast the vote, or to record the
10 presence, of the authorizing Member in the House of
11 Representatives; or

12 “(2) casts the vote, or records the presence, of
13 another Member of the House of Representatives in
14 the House of Representatives;

15 shall be fined an amount that equals the annual sal-
16 ary that Member of the House of Representatives is
17 receiving for service in the House at the time of the
18 offense.

19 “(b) As used in this section, the term ‘Member of
20 the House of Representatives’ means a Representative in,
21 or a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Con-
22 gress.”.

23 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
24 at the beginning of chapter 29 of title 18,

- 1 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
- 2 following new item:

“611. Voting for another representative.”.

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