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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. FORD (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. PRESSLER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Government Printing
3 Office Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of
4 1993”.

5 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 44, UNITED STATES CODE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title 44, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new chapter:

8 **“CHAPTER 41—ACCESS TO FEDERAL**
9 **ELECTRONIC INFORMATION**

“Sec.

“4101. Electronic directory; online access to publications; electronic storage
facility.

“4102. Fees.

“4103. Biennial report.

“4104. Definition.

10 **“§ 4101. Electronic directory; online access to publi-**
11 **cations; electronic storage facility**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-
13 ments, under the direction of the Public Printer, shall—

14 “(1) maintain an electronic directory of Federal
15 electronic information;

16 “(2) provide a system of online access to the
17 Congressional Record, the Federal Register, and, as
18 determined by the Superintendent of Documents,
19 other appropriate publications distributed by the Su-
20 perintendent of Documents; and

1 “(3) operate an electronic storage facility for
2 Federal electronic information to which online access
3 is made available under paragraph (2).

4 “(b) DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS.—To the extent
5 practicable, the Superintendent of Documents shall ac-
6 commodate any request by the head of a department or
7 agency to include in the system of access referred to in
8 subsection (a)(2) information that is under the control of
9 the department or agency involved.

10 “(c) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
11 the Superintendent of Documents shall consult—

12 “(1) users of the directory and the system of
13 access provided for under subsection (a); and

14 “(2) other providers of similar information serv-
15 ices.

16 The purpose of such consultation shall be to assess the
17 quality and value of the directory and the system, in light
18 of user needs.

19 **“§ 4102. Fees**

20 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Superintendent of Docu-
21 ments, under the direction of the Public Printer, may
22 charge reasonable fees for use of the directory and the
23 system of access provided for under section 4101, except
24 that use of the directory and the system shall be made
25 available to depository libraries without charge. The fees

1 received shall be treated in the same manner as moneys
 2 received from sale of documents under section 1702 of this
 3 title.

4 “(b) COST RECOVERY.—The fees charged under this
 5 section shall be set so as to recover the incremental cost
 6 of dissemination of the information involved, with the cost
 7 to be computed without regard to section 1708 of this
 8 title.

9 **“§ 4103. Biennial report**

10 “Not later than December 31 of each odd-numbered
 11 year, the Public Printer shall submit to the Congress, with
 12 respect to the two preceding fiscal years, a report on the
 13 directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage
 14 facility referred to in section 4101(a). The report shall in-
 15 clude a description of the functions involved, including a
 16 statement of cost savings in comparison with traditional
 17 forms of information distribution.

18 **“§ 4104. Definition**

19 “As used in this chapter, the term ‘Federal electronic
 20 information’ means Federal public information stored
 21 electronically.”.

22 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters
 23 for title 44, United States Code, is amended by adding
 24 at the end the following new item:

“41. Access to Federal Electronic Information 4101”.

1 **SEC. 3. STATUS REPORT.**

2 Not later than June 30, 1994, the Public Printer
3 shall submit to the Congress a report on the status of the
4 directory, the system of access, and the electronic storage
5 facility referred to in section 4101 of title 44, United
6 States Code, as added by section 2(a).

7 **SEC. 4. SPECIAL RULES.**

8 (a) OPERATIONAL DEADLINE.—The directory, the
9 system of access, and the electronic storage facility re-
10 ferred to in section 4101 of title 44, United States Code,
11 as added by section 2(a), shall be operational not later
12 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (b) FIRST BIENNIAL REPORT.—The first report re-
14 ferred to in section 4103 of title 44, United States Code,
15 as added by section 2(a), shall be submitted not later than
16 December 31, 1995.