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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 1995

Mr. MOORHEAD (for himself, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. COBLE, and Mr. CANADY of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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Additional sponsors: Mr. BONO, Mr. BARR, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER

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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 That paragraphs (2) and (3) of Rule 30(b) of the Federal
2 Rules of Civil Procedure are amended to read as follows:

3 “(2) Unless the court upon motion orders, or
4 the parties stipulate in writing, the deposition shall
5 be recorded by stenographic means. The party tak-
6 ing the deposition shall bear the cost of the tran-
7 scription. Any party may arrange for a transcription
8 to be made from the recording of a deposition taken
9 by nonstenographic means.

10 “(3) With prior notice to the deponent and
11 other parties, any party may use another method to
12 record the deponent’s testimony in addition to the
13 method used pursuant to paragraph (2). The addi-
14 tional record or transcript shall be made at the par-
15 ty’s expense unless the court otherwise orders.”.