104TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION **H. R. 3166**

To amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 27, 1996

Mr. MARTINI (for himself, Mr. McCollum, Mr. Hyde, and Mr. Schumer) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Government Account-

5 ability Act of 1996".

6 SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FALSE STATEMENT PENALTIES.

7 Section 1001 of title 18, United States Code, is8 amended to read as follows:

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1 "§ 1001. Statements or entries generally

2 "(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
3 whoever, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the exec4 utive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of
5 the United States, knowingly and willfully—

6 "(1) falsifies, conceals, or covers up by any
7 trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

8 "(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or
9 fraudulent statement or representation; or

"(3) makes or uses any false writing or document knowing the same to contain any materially
false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry;
shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than

14 5 years, or both.

15 "(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a party to a 16 judicial proceeding, or that party's counsel, for state-17 ments, representations, writings or documents submitted 18 by such party or counsel to a judge in that proceeding.".

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