

Union Calendar No. 351

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION**H. R. 3166****[Report No. 104-680]**

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

JULY 16, 1996

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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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”.

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3 amended to read as follows:

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7 tive, legislative, or judicial branch of the Government of
8 the United States, knowingly and willfully—

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10 trick, scheme, or device a material fact;

11 “(2) makes any materially false, fictitious, or
12 fraudulent statement or representation; or

13 “(3) makes or uses any false writing or docu-
14 ment knowing the same to contain any materially
15 false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry;

16 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than
17 5 years, or both.

18 “(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a party to a
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22 counsel to a judge in that proceeding; or

23 “(2) to—

24 “(A) any non-administrative matter; or

1 “(B) any investigative matter, other than
2 with respect to a person furnishing information
3 pursuant to a duly authorized investigation;
4 within the jurisdiction of an entity within the legisla-
5 tive branch.”.

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