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H. R. 3690

To limit the types of commercial nonpostal services which may be offered
by the United States Postal Service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 20, 1996

Mr. HUNTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

A BILL

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may be offered by the United States Postal Service.

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 “Postal Service Core
5 Business Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds that—

8 (1) the United States Postal Service is a quasi-
9 government corporation and receives certain benefits
10 and privileges pursuant to that status;

1 (2) the United States Postal Service has a stat-
2 utory monopoly on the delivery of letters;

3 (3) economic development should be promoted
4 through small business enhancement; and

5 (4) the United States Postal Service has re-
6 cently entered into direct competition with private
7 companies in the offering of commercial nonpostal
8 services.

9 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON ACTIVITIES ALLOWABLE.**

10 (a) **POSTAL POLICY.**—Section 101 of title 39, United
11 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
12 ing:

13 “(h)(1) The Postal Service may not make available
14 to the public any commercial nonpostal service except if
15 or to the extent that such service was made available na-
16 tionwide by the Postal Service to the public (whether
17 under the Domestic Mail Manual or otherwise) as of Janu-
18 ary 1, 1994.

19 “(2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term
20 ‘commercial nonpostal service’ includes such services as
21 volume retail photocopying, packaging services (including
22 gift-wrapping services), notary public services, and the
23 sale of office supplies.

24 “(3) Nothing in this subsection shall be considered—

1 “(A) to affect any governmental function or
2 services in support of any governmental function; or

3 “(B) to be applicable to the extent contrary to
4 statute or any treaty or international agreement.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 this section shall take effect 4 months after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act.

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