

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 425

To amend title 18, United States Code, to punish false statements during debate on the floor of either House of Congress.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mrs. MYRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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 “Integrity in Congress  
5 Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. FALSE STATEMENTS DURING CONGRESSIONAL**  
2 **DEBATE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 47 of title 18, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following:

6 **“§ 1036. False statements during congressional de-**  
7 **bate**

8 “Whoever, being a Senator or Representative, know-  
9 ingly makes any false statement during any speech or de-  
10 bate in either House of Congress shall be fined not more  
11 than \$10,000.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13 at the beginning of chapter 47 of title 18, United States  
14 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
15 item:

“1036. False statements during congressional debate.”.

16 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SUSPENSION OF**  
17 **FLOOR PRIVILEGES.**

18 It is the sense of Congress that any Senator or Rep-  
19 resentative who knowingly or willfully makes any false  
20 statement during any speech or debate in either House  
21 of Congress should be prohibited from participating in any  
22 speech or debate in Congress for a 60-day period.

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