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H. R. 4158

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2000

Mr. SMITH of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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. LIMITATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 221 of title 13, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(d)(1) In the case of a schedule used in taking a
8 decennial census of population under section 141, sub-

1 section (a) of this section shall be applied by substituting
2 ‘\$10’ for ‘\$100’ whenever the condition under paragraph
3 (2) is met.

4 “(2) This subsection applies so long as the schedule
5 (referred to in paragraph (1)) is returned complete with
6 the response or responses necessary to permit a deter-
7 mination as to the number of individuals living or staying
8 in the house, apartment, or other location involved.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) shall apply to a decennial census taken in
11 2000 or later, including with respect to schedules returned
12 before the date of enactment of this Act.

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