

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 771

To amend rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for recording depositions.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. CHABOT) 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. STENOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE FOR RECORD-**
4 **ING DEPOSITIONS.**

5 Paragraphs (2) and (3) of rule 30(b) of the Federal
6 Rules of Civil Procedure are amended to read as follows:

7 “(2) Unless the court upon motion orders, or
8 the parties stipulate in writing, the deposition shall
9 be recorded by stenographic or stenomask means.

1 The party taking the deposition shall bear the cost
2 of the transcription. Any party may arrange for a
3 transcription to be made from the recording of a
4 deposition taken by nonstenographic or non-
5 stenomask means.

6 “(3) With prior notice to the deponent and
7 other parties, any party may use another method to
8 record the deponent’s testimony in addition to the
9 method used pursuant to paragraph (2). The addi-
10 tional record or transcript shall be made at that
11 party’s expense unless the court otherwise orders.”.

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