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# H. R. 533

To amend title 39, United States Code, to restrict the use of franked mass mailings by Members of Congress, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2001

Mr. CASTLE (for himself, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. FRANK, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. THOMAS M. DAVIS of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform, 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

To amend title 39, United States Code, to restrict the use of franked mass mailings by Members of Congress, and for other purposes.

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 “Franked Mail Savings  
5 Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF FRANKED MASS MAIL-**  
2 **INGS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) LOWERING THRESHOLD FOR TREATMENT OF  
4 MAILING AS MASS MAILING.—Section 3210(a)(6)(E) of  
5 title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking “500  
6 pieces” and inserting “250 pieces”.

7 (b) EXTENSION OF PERIOD DURING WHICH HOUSE  
8 MEMBERS MAY NOT SEND FRANKED MASS MAILINGS.—  
9 Section 3210(a)(6)(A) of title 39, United States Code, is  
10 amended—

11 (1) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause (iii);  
12 and

13 (2) by striking clause (i) and inserting the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(i) if the mass mailing is postmarked fewer  
16 than 60 days (or, in the case of a Member of the  
17 House, fewer than 90 days) immediately before the  
18 date of any primary election in which the Member  
19 is a candidate for reelection;

20 “(ii) if the mass mailing is postmarked fewer  
21 than 60 days (or, in the case of a Member of the  
22 House, fewer than 180 days, determined without re-  
23 gard to any days occurring before the date of the  
24 primary election involved) immediately before the  
25 date of any general election (whether regular, spe-

1 cial, or runoff) in which the Member is a candidate  
2 for reelection; or”.

3 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD OF**  
4 **QUARTERLY COSTS FOR FRANKED MASS**  
5 **MAILINGS.**

6 Section 311 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations  
7 Act, 1997 (2 U.S.C. 59h) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
9 subsections (d) and (e); and

10 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
11 lowing new subsection:

12 “(c) In addition to the information required to be  
13 published under subsection (b), not later than 60 days  
14 after the end of each calendar quarter there shall be pub-  
15 lished in the Congressional Record a statement showing  
16 the amount expended from the Members Representational  
17 Allowance of each Member of the House of Representa-  
18 tives for mass mailings during the quarter.”.

19 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
21 on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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