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[Report No. 108–118]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2003

Mr. GINGREY (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. PORTER, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BURNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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Additional sponsors: Mr. UPTON and Mr. OSBORNE

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1 (C) operates a national and increasingly 2 worldwide network, linking the Center online 3 with each of the missing children clearinghouses 4 operated by the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico, as well as with Scotland 5 6 Yard in the United Kingdom, the Royal Cana-7 dian Mounted Police, INTERPOL headquarters 8 in Lyon, France, and others, which enable the 9 Center to transmit images and information re-10 garding missing children to law enforcement 11 across the United States and around the world 12 instantly.".

13 SEC. 202. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) ANNUAL GRANT TO NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN.—Section 404(b)(2) of the
Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5773(b)(2))
is amended by striking "2005" and inserting "2008".

(b) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a) of the Missing Children's Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5777(a)) is amended by
striking "2005." and inserting "2008".

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A BILL

To reauthorize programs under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and the Missing Children's Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed