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S. 2979

To amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 11, 2004

Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice, considered, read the third time, and passed

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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 “Federal Regulatory
5 Improvement Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

7 (a) PURPOSES.—Section 591 of title 5, United States
8 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 591 Purposes**

2 “The purposes of this subchapter are—

3 “(1) to provide suitable arrangements through
4 which Federal agencies, assisted by outside experts,
5 may cooperatively study mutual problems, exchange
6 information, and develop recommendations for action
7 by proper authorities to the end that private rights
8 may be fully protected and regulatory activities and
9 other Federal responsibilities may be carried out ex-
10 peditiously in the public interest;

11 “(2) to promote more effective public participa-
12 tion and efficiency in the rulemaking process;

13 “(3) to reduce unnecessary litigation in the reg-
14 ulatory process;

15 “(4) to improve the use of science in the regu-
16 latory process; and

17 “(5) to improve the effectiveness of laws appli-
18 cable to the regulatory process.”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title 5 of the
20 United States Code is amended—

21 (1) in section 594 by striking “purpose” and
22 inserting “purposes”; and

23 (2) in the table of sections of chapter 5 of part
24 I by amending the item relating to section 591 to
25 read as follows:

“591. Purposes”.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 Section 596 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
3 ed to read as follows:

4 **“§ 596. Authorization of appropriations**

5 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
6 this subchapter not more than \$3,000,000 for fiscal year
7 2005, \$3,100,000 for fiscal year 2006, and \$3,200,000
8 for fiscal year 2007. Of any amounts appropriated under
9 this section, not more than \$2,500 may be made available
10 in each fiscal year for official representation and enter-
11 tainment expenses for foreign dignitaries.”.

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