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# H. R. 2294

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2005

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself and Ms. FOXX) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Robocaller Identifica-  
5       tion Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AUTOMATED CALLING FOR POLIT-**  
7       **ICAL PURPOSES.**

8       (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 227(b)(1) of the Commu-  
9       nications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 227(b)(1)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, for any  
2           purpose other than for a political purpose,” after  
3           “prerecorded voice”;

4           (2) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph  
5           (C);

6           (3) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
7           paragraph (D) and inserting “; or”; and

8           (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
9           paragraph:

10                   “(E) to initiate any telephone call using an  
11                   automatic telephone dialing system or an artifi-  
12                   cial or prerecorded voice for a political purpose,  
13                   unless—

14                           “(i) at the beginning of the message,  
15                           it states clearly the identity of the entity or  
16                           individual that is responsible for initiating  
17                           the call and the entity or individual respon-  
18                           sible for funding the call; and

19                           “(ii) during or after the message—

20                                   “(I) it states clearly a telephone  
21                                   number or address of such entity or  
22                                   individual where further information  
23                                   about the entity may be obtained; or

1                   “(II) it states the individuals  
2                   that serve on the board of directors of  
3                   the entity.”.

4       (b) DEFINITION.—Section 227(a) of such Act is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
6 graph:

7                   “(5) The term ‘political purpose’ means the  
8       purpose of attempting to influence legislation, or of  
9       attempting to participate in or intervene in any po-  
10      litical campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to)  
11      any candidate for public office.”.

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