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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4931

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2006

Mr. SHAW (for himself, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky) 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 “Stop the Automated  
5       Calls Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RECORDED MESSAGE**  
2 **CALLS PROHIBITED.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Not later than 90 days after the  
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Federal Trade Commis-  
5 sion shall revise the do-not-call registry provisions of the  
6 Telemarketing Sales Rule (16 C.F.R. 310.1 et seq.) to  
7 prohibit politically-oriented recorded message telephone  
8 calls to telephone numbers listed on that registry.

9 (b) DEFINITION OF POLITICALLY-ORIENTED RE-  
10 CORDED MESSAGE CALLS.—For purposes of this section,  
11 the term “politically-oriented recorded message telephone  
12 call” means any outbound telephone call—

13 (1) in which a person is not available to speak  
14 with the person answering the call, and the call in-  
15 stead plays a recorded message; and

16 (2) whose purpose is to promote, advertise,  
17 campaign, or solicit donations, for or against any po-  
18 litical candidate or regarding any political issue, or  
19 uses in the recorded message any political can-  
20 didate’s name.

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