

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2934

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent unjust and irrational criminal punishments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself and Mr. CONYERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Common Sense in Sen-
5 tencing Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE BELOW A**
7 **STATUTORY MINIMUM.**

8 Section 3553 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(g) AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE A SENTENCE BELOW A
2 STATUTORY MINIMUM TO PREVENT AN UNJUST SEN-
3 TENCE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
4 court may impose a sentence below a statutory minimum
5 if the court finds that it is necessary to do so in order
6 to avoid violating the requirements of subsection (a).”.

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