

I inadvertently voted "yes" when my intention was to vote "no".

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING PROCEDURES AND DEADLINE FOR FILING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1542, INTERNET FREEDOM AND BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ACT OF 2001

(Mr. DREIER Asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, this is an announcement that I think Members might be interested in.

Mr. Speaker, today a Dear Colleague letter is going to be sent to all Members informing them that the Committee on Rules is planning to meet this week to grant a rule which may limit the amendment process for H.R. 1542, the Internet Freedom and Broadband Deployment Act of 2001.

Any Member who wishes to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment by 2 p.m. on Thursday. That is 24½ hours from now. That is December 13. It should be sent up to the Committee on Rules, H-312 in the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, the bill, as our colleagues know, was reported favorably by the Committee on Energy and Commerce on May 24, and ordered reported, adversely, by the Committee on the Judiciary on June 18. Amendments should be drafted to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, which will be available on the Web sites of both the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Speaker, Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted, and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2001

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 311, I call up the bill (H.R. 3295) to establish a program to provide funds to States to replace punch card voting systems, to establish the Election Assistance Commission to assist in the administration of Federal elections and to otherwise provide assistance with the administration of certain Federal election laws and programs, to establish minimum election administration standards for States and units of local government with responsibility for the administration of Federal elections, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOSSELLA). Pursuant to House Resolution 311, the bill is considered read for amendment.

The text of H.R. 3295 is as follows:

H.R. 3295

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Help America Vote Act of 2001".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—PUNCH CARD VOTING MACHINES

Subtitle A—Replacement of Machines

Sec. 101. Establishment of program.
Sec. 102. Eligibility.
Sec. 103. Amount of payment.
Sec. 104. Audit and repayment of funds.
Sec. 105. Punch card voting system defined.

Subtitle B—Enhancing Performance of Existing Systems

Sec. 111. Establishment of program.
Sec. 112. Eligibility.
Sec. 113. Amount of payment.
Sec. 114. Audit and repayment of funds.

Subtitle C—General Provisions

Sec. 121. Authorization of appropriations.
Sec. 122. Punch card voting system defined.

TITLE II—COMMISSION

Subtitle A—Establishment and General Organization

PART 1—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sec. 201. Establishment.
Sec. 202. Duties.
Sec. 203. Membership and appointment.
Sec. 204. Staff.
Sec. 205. Powers.
Sec. 206. Limitation on rulemaking authority.

Sec. 207. Authorization of appropriations.

PART 2—ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION STANDARDS BOARD AND BOARD OF ADVISORS

Sec. 211. Establishment.
Sec. 212. Duties.
Sec. 213. Membership of Standards Board.
Sec. 214. Membership of Board of Advisors.
Sec. 215. Powers of boards; no compensation for service.
Sec. 216. Status of boards and members for purposes of claims against board.

Subtitle B—Voluntary Election Standards

Sec. 221. Development of voluntary election standards.
Sec. 222. Technical standards development committee.
Sec. 223. Process for adoption of voluntary standards.
Sec. 224. Certification and testing of voting systems.
Sec. 225. Dissemination of information.

Subtitle C—Election Assistance

PART 1—ELECTION FUND PAYMENTS TO STATES FOR VOTING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS
Sec. 231. Election fund payments to States for voting system improvements.
Sec. 232. Allocation of funds.
Sec. 233. Conditions for receipt of funds.
Sec. 234. Authorization of appropriations.

PART 2—GRANTS FOR RESEARCH ON VOTING TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS

Sec. 241. Grants for research on voting technology improvements.
Sec. 242. Report.
Sec. 243. Authorization of appropriations.

PART 3—PILOT PROGRAM FOR TESTING OF EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

Sec. 251. Pilot program.
Sec. 252. Report.
Sec. 253. Authorization of appropriations.

PART 4—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 261. Role of National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Sec. 262. Reports.

Sec. 263. Audit.

TITLE III—HELP AMERICA VOTE COLLEGE PROGRAM

Sec. 301. Establishment of Program.
Sec. 302. Activities under Program.
Sec. 303. Authorization of appropriations.

TITLE IV—HELP AMERICA VOTE FOUNDATION

Sec. 401. Help America Vote Foundation.

TITLE V—MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR STATE ELECTION SYSTEMS

Sec. 501. Minimum standards for State election systems.
Sec. 502. Standards described.
Sec. 503. Enforcement.
Sec. 504. Effective date.

TITLE VI—VOTING RIGHTS OF MILITARY MEMBERS AND OVERSEAS CITIZENS

Sec. 601. Voting assistance programs.
Sec. 602. Designation of single State office to provide information on registration and absentee ballots for all voters in State.

Sec. 603. Report on absentee ballots transmitted and received after general elections.

Sec. 604. Simplification of voter registration and absentee ballot application procedures for absent uniformed services and overseas voters.

Sec. 605. Additional duties of Presidential designee under Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

TITLE VII—REDUCED POSTAGE RATES FOR OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL

Sec. 701. Reduced postage rates for official election mail.

TITLE VIII—TRANSITION PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Transfer to Commission of Functions Under Certain Laws

Sec. 801. Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.
Sec. 802. National Voter Registration Act of 1993.
Sec. 803. Transfer of property, records, and personnel.
Sec. 804. Effective date; transition.

Subtitle B—Coverage of Commission Under Certain Laws and Programs

Sec. 811. Treatment of Commission personnel under certain civil service laws.
Sec. 812. Coverage under Inspector General Act of 1978.

TITLE IX—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 901. State defined.
Sec. 902. Miscellaneous provisions to protect integrity of election process.
Sec. 903. No effect on other laws.

TITLE I—PUNCH CARD VOTING MACHINES

Subtitle A—Replacement of Machines

SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of General Services (hereafter in this title referred to as the "Administrator") shall establish a program under which the Administrator shall make a one-time payment to each eligible State or unit of local government which used a punch card voting system to administer the regularly scheduled general election for Federal office held in November 2000.

(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State or unit of local government shall use the funds provided under a payment under this subtitle (either directly or as reimbursement) to replace its punch card voting system with a voting system which does not use punch cards (by purchase, lease, or such other arrangement as may be appropriate).