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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To improve the netting process for financial contracts, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. 2 This Act may be cited as the "Financial Netting Im-3 provements Act of 2006". 4 SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AGREEMENTS BY CON-5 SERVATORS OR RECEIVERS OF DEPOSITORY 6 INSTITUTIONS. 7 (a) Definition of Securities Contract.— 8 (1)FDIC-INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITU-9 TIONS.—Section 11(e)(8)(D)(ii) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D)(ii)) is 10 11 amended— 12 (A) in subclause (I)— (i) by striking "mortgage loan, or" 13 and inserting "mortgage loan,"; and 14 15 (ii) by inserting before the semicolon 16 "(whether or not such repurchase or re-17 verse repurchase transaction is a 'repur-18 chase agreement', as defined in clause 19 (v))";20 (B) in subclause (IV)— 21 (i) by inserting "(including by novation)" after "the guarantee"; and 22 23 (ii) by inserting before the semicolon 24 "(whether or not such settlement is in con-

nection with any agreement or transaction

1	referred to in subclauses (I) through (XII)
2	(other than subclause (II))";
3	(C) in subclause (IX), by striking "or
4	(VIII)" each place such term appears and in-
5	serting "(VIII), (IX), or (X)";
6	(D) by redesignating subclauses (VI),
7	(VII), (VIII), (IX), and (X) as subclauses
8	(VIII), (IX), (X), (XI), and (XII), respectively;
9	and
10	(E) by inserting after subclause (V) the
11	following new subparagraphs:
12	"(VI) means any extension of
13	credit for the clearance or settlement
14	of securities transactions;
15	"(VII) means any loan trans-
16	action coupled with a securities collar
17	transaction, any prepaid securities
18	forward transaction, or any total re-
19	turn swap transaction coupled with a
20	securities sale transaction;".
21	(2) Insured credit unions.—Section
22	207(e)(8)(D)(ii) of the Federal Credit Union Act
23	(12 U.S.C. 1787(c)(8)(D)(ii)) is amended—
24	(A) in subclause (I)—

1	(i) by striking "mortgage loan, or"
2	and inserting "mortgage loan,"; and
3	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
4	"(whether or not such repurchase or re-
5	verse repurchase transaction is a 'repur-
6	chase agreement', as defined in clause
7	(v))";
8	(B) in subclause (IV)—
9	(i) by inserting "(including by nova-
10	tion)" after "the guarantee"; and
11	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
12	"(whether or not such settlement is in con-
13	nection with any agreement or transaction
14	referred to in subclauses (I) through (XII)
15	(other than subclause (II))";
16	(C) in subclause (IX), by striking "or
17	(VIII)" each place such term appears and in-
18	serting "(VIII), (IX), or (X)";
19	(D) by redesignating subclauses (VI),
20	(VII), (VIII), (IX), and (X) as subclauses
21	(VIII), (IX), (X), (XI), and (XII), respectively;
22	and
23	(E) by inserting after subclause (V) the
24	following new subparagraphs:

"(VI) means any extension of 1 2 credit for the clearance or settlement 3 of securities transactions; "(VII) means any loan trans-4 5 action coupled with a securities collar transaction, any prepaid securities 6 7 forward transaction, or any total re-8 turn swap transaction coupled with a 9 securities sale transaction;". 10 (b) Definition of Forward Contract.— 11 (1)FDIC-INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITU-12 TIONS.—Section 11(e)(8)(D)(iv)(I) of the Federal

- (1) FDIC-INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS.—Section 11(e)(8)(D)(iv)(I) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D)(iv)(I)) is amended by striking "transaction, reverse repurchase transaction" and inserting "or reverse repurchase transaction (whether or not such repurchase or reverse repurchase transaction is a 'repurchase agreement', as defined in clause (v))".
- (2) Insured Credit Unions.—Section 207(c)(8)(D)(iv)(I) of the Federal Credit Union Act (12 U.S.C. 1787(c)(8)(D)(iv)(I)) is amended by striking "transaction, reverse repurchase transaction" and inserting "or reverse repurchase transaction (whether or not such repurchase or reverse

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1	repurchase transaction is a 'repurchase agreement'
2	as defined in clause (v))".
3	(c) Definition of Swap Agreement.—
4	(1) FDIC-insured depository institu-
5	TIONS.—Section 11(e)(8)(D)(vi) of the Federal De-
6	posit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D)(vi)) is
7	amended—
8	(A) in subclause (I)—
9	(i) by striking "or precious metals"
10	and inserting ", precious metals, or other
11	commodity"; and
12	(ii) by striking "or a weather swap
13	weather derivative, or weather option" and
14	inserting "weather swap, option, future, or
15	forward agreement; an emissions swap, op-
16	tion, future, or forward agreement; or an
17	inflation swap, option, future, or forward
18	agreement";
19	(B) in subclause (II)—
20	(i) by inserting "or other derivatives"
21	after "dealings in the swap"; and
22	(ii) by striking "future, or option"
23	and inserting "future, option, or spot
24	transaction'': and

1	(C) by striking "the Securities Act of
2	1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
3	Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935,
4	the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Invest-
5	ment Company Act of 1940, the Investment
6	Advisers Act of 1940, the Securities Investor
7	Protection Act of 1970, the Commodity Ex-
8	change Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and
9	the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of
10	2000" and inserting "the Gramm-Leach-Bliley
11	Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act
12	of 2000, the securities laws (as such term is de-
13	fined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Ex-
14	change Act of 1934) and the Commodity Ex-
15	change Act''.
16	(2) Insured credit unions.—Section
17	207(c)(8)(D)(vi) of the Federal Credit Union Act
18	(12 U.S.C. 1787(c)(8)(D)(vi)) is amended—
19	(A) in subclause (I)—
20	(i) by striking "or precious metals"
21	and inserting ", precious metals, or other
22	commodity"; and
23	(ii) by striking "or a weather swap,
24	weather derivative, or weather option" and
25	inserting "weather swap, option, future, or

1 forward agreement; an emissions swap, op-2 tion, future, or forward agreement; or an 3 inflation swap, option, future, or forward 4 agreement"; 5 (B) in subclause (II)— (i) by inserting "or other derivatives" 6 7 after "dealings in the swap"; and 8 (ii) by striking "future, or option" and inserting "future, option, or spot 9 10 transaction"; and 11 (C) by striking "the Securities Act of 12 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the 13 Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, 14 the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the Invest-15 ment Company Act of 1940, the Investment 16 Advisers Act of 1940, the Securities Investor 17 Protection Act of 1970, the Commodity Ex-18 change Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, and 19 the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 20 2000" and inserting "the Gramm-Leach-Bliley 21 Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act 22 of 2000, the securities laws (as such term is de-23 fined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Ex-24 change Act of 1934) and the Commodity Ex-25 change Act".

1	SEC. 3. CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO DEFINI-
2	TION OF PERSON.
3	(a) FDIC-INSURED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS
4	DEFINITION OF PERSON.—Section 11(e)(8)(D) of the
5	Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(D))
6	is amended by adding at the end the following:
7	"(ix) Person.—The term 'person' includes
8	any governmental entity in addition to any enti-
9	ty included in the definition of such term in
10	section 1 of title 1, United States Code.".
11	(b) Insured Credit Unions Definition of Per-
12	son.—Section 207(c)(8)(D) of the Federal Credit Union
13	Act (12 U.S.C. 1787(c)(8)(D)) is amended by adding at
14	the end the following:
15	"(ix) Person.—The term 'person' in-
16	cludes any governmental entity in addition
17	to any entity included in the definition of
18	such term in section 1 of title 1, United
19	States Code.".
20	SEC. 4. FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION IM-
21	PROVEMENT ACT OF 1991.
22	(a) Enforceability of Bilateral Netting Con-
23	TRACTS.—Section 403 of the Federal Deposit Insurance
24	Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12 U.S.C. 4403)
25	is amended—

1	(1) in each of subsections (a) and (f), by strik-
2	ing "paragraphs $(8)(E)$, $(8)(F)$, and $(10)(B)$ of"
3	each place such term appears; and
4	(2) in subsection (a), by inserting "terminated,
5	liquidated, accelerated, and" after "institutions shall
6	be".
7	(b) Enforceability of Clearing Organization
8	NETTING CONTRACTS.—Section 404 of the Federal De-
9	posit Insurance Corporation Improvement Act of 1991 (12
10	U.S.C. 4404) is amended—
11	(1) in each of subsections (a) and (h), by strik-
12	ing "paragraphs $(8)(E)$, $(8)(F)$, and $(10)(B)$ of"
13	each place such term appears; and
14	(2) in subsection (a), by inserting "terminated,
15	liquidated, accelerated, and" after "organization
16	shall be".
17	SEC. 5. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.
18	(a) Clarifying Definitions.—Title 11, United
19	States Code, is amended—
20	(1) in section 101—
21	(A) in paragraph (22)(A)—
22	(i) by striking "(domestic or foreign)"
23	after "an entity"; and

1	(ii) by inserting "(whether or not a
2	'customer', as defined in section 741)"
3	after "custodian for a customer";
4	(B) in paragraph (22A)—
5	(i) by striking "on any day during the
6	previous 15-month period" each place it
7	appears and inserting "at such time or on
8	any day during the 15-month period pre-
9	ceding the date of the filing of the peti-
10	tion"; and
11	(ii) by inserting "(aggregated across
12	counterparties)" after "principal amount
13	outstanding";
14	(C) in paragraph (25)(A)—
15	(i) by inserting ", as defined in sec-
16	tion 761" after "commodity contract"; and
17	(ii) by striking "repurchase trans-
18	action, reverse repurchase transaction,"
19	and inserting "repurchase or reverse re-
20	purchase transaction (whether or not such
21	repurchase or reverse repurchase trans-
22	action is a 'repurchase agreement', as de-
23	fined in this section)";
24	(D) in paragraph (53B)(A)—
25	(i) in clause (i)—

1	(I) in subclause (II), by striking
2	"or precious metals" and inserting ",
3	precious metals, or other commodity";
4	(II) in subclause (VII), by strik-
5	ing "or" at the end;
6	(III) in subclause (VIII), by
7	striking "weather derivative, or weath-
8	er option" and inserting "option, fu-
9	ture, or forward agreement"; and
10	(IV) by adding at the end the fol-
11	lowing:
12	"(IX) an emissions swap, option,
13	future, or forward agreement; or
14	"(X) an inflation swap, option,
15	future, or forward agreement;"; and
16	(ii) in clause (ii)—
17	(I) in subclause (I), by inserting
18	"or other derivatives" after "dealings
19	in the swap"; and
20	(II) in subclause (II), by striking
21	"future, or option" and inserting "fu-
22	ture, option, or spot transaction"; and
23	(E) in paragraph (53B)(B), by striking
24	"the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Ex-
25	change Act of 1934, the Public Utility Holding

1 Company Act of 1935, the Trust Indenture Act 2 of 1939, the Investment Company Act of 1940, 3 the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Secu-4 rities Investor Protection Act of 1970, the Com-5 modity Exchange Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley 6 Act, and the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000" and inserting "the Gramm-Leach-7 8 Bliley Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Prod-9 ucts Act of 2000, the securities laws (as such 10 term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) and the Com-12 modity Exchange Act";

(2) in section 362(b)—

(A) by striking paragraphs (6) and (7) and inserting the following:

"(6) under subsection (a) of this section, of the exercise by a commodity broker, forward contract merchant, stockbroker, financial institution, financial participant, or securities clearing agency of any contractual right (as defined in section 555 or 556) under any security agreement or arrangement or other credit enhancement forming a part of or related to any commodity contract, forward contract or securities contract, or of any contractual right (as defined in section 555 or 556) to offset or net out

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any termination value, payment amount, or other transfer obligation arising under or in connection with 1 or more such contracts, including any master agreement for such contracts;

"(7) under subsection (a) of this section, of the exercise by a repo participant or financial participant of any contractual right (as defined in section 559) under any security agreement or arrangement or other credit enhancement forming a part of or related to any repurchase agreement, or of any contractual right (as defined in section 559) to offset or net out any termination value, payment amount, or other transfer obligation arising under or in connection with 1 or more such agreements, including any master agreement for such agreements;";

(B) by striking paragraph (17) and inserting the following:

"(17) under subsection (a) of this section, of the exercise by a swap participant or financial participant of any contractual right (as defined in section 560) under any security agreement or arrangement or other credit enhancement forming a part of or related to any swap agreement, or of any contractual right (as defined in section 560) to offset or net out any termination value, payment amount, or

1	other transfer obligation arising under or in connec-
2	tion with 1 or more such agreements, including any
3	master agreement for such agreements;"; and
4	(C) by striking paragraph (27) and insert-
5	ing the following:
6	"(27) under subsection (a) of this section, of
7	the exercise by a master netting agreement partici-
8	pant of any contractual right (as defined in section
9	555, 556, 559, or 560) under any security agree-
10	ment or arrangement or other credit enhancement
11	forming a part of or related to any master netting
12	agreement, or of any contractual right (as defined in
13	section 555, 556, 559, or 560) to offset or net out
14	any termination value, payment amount, or other
15	transfer obligation arising under or in connection
16	with 1 or more such master netting agreements to
17	the extent that such participant is eligible to exercise
18	such rights under paragraph (6), (7), or (17) for
19	each individual contract covered by the master net-
20	ting agreement in issue; and"; and
21	(3) in section $741(7)(A)$ —
22	(A) in clause (i)—
23	(i) by striking "mortgage loan or"
24	and inserting "mortgage loan,"; and

1	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
2	"(whether or not such repurchase or re-
3	verse repurchase transaction is a 'repur-
4	chase agreement', as defined in section
5	101)";
6	(B) in clause (iii)—
7	(i) by inserting "(including by nova-
8	tion)" after "the guarantee"; and
9	(ii) by inserting before the semicolon
10	"(whether or not such settlement is in con-
11	nection with any agreement or transaction
12	referred to in clauses (i) through (xi))";
13	(C) in clause (viii), by striking "or (vii)"
14	each place it appears and inserting "(vii), (viii),
15	or (ix)";
16	(D) by redesignating clauses (v) through
17	(ix) as clauses (vii) through (xi), respectively;
18	and
19	(E) by inserting after clause (iv) the fol-
20	lowing:
21	"(v) any extension of credit for
22	the clearance or settlement of securi-
23	ties transactions;
24	"(vi) any loan transaction cou-
25	pled with a securities collar trans-

1	action, any prepaid forward securities
2	transaction, or any total return swap
3	transaction coupled with a securities
4	sale transaction;".
5	(b) Limitation of Avoidance Powers Under
6	MASTER NETTING AGREEMENT.—Section 546 of title 11,
7	United States Code, is amended—
8	(1) in subsection (e)—
9	(A) by inserting "(or for the benefit of)"
10	before "a commodity broker"; and
11	(B) by inserting "or that is a transfer
12	made by or to (or for the benefit of) a com-
13	modity broker, forward contract merchant,
14	stockbroker, financial institution, financial par-
15	ticipant, or securities clearing agency, in con-
16	nection with a securities contract, as defined in
17	section 741(7), commodity contract, as defined
18	in section 761(4), or forward contract," after
19	"securities clearing agency,";
20	(2) in subsection (f)—
21	(A) by striking "that is a margin payment,
22	as defined in section 741 or 761 of this title,
23	or settlement payment, as defined in section
24	741 of this title,"; and

1	(B) by inserting "(or for the benefit of)"
2	before "a repo participant";
3	(3) in subsection (g), by inserting "(or for the
4	benefit of)" before "a swap participant"; and
5	(4) in subsection (j), by inserting "(or for the
6	benefit of)" after "made by or to".
7	(c) SIPC STAY.—Section 5(b)(2)(C)(iii) of the Secu-
8	rities Investor Protection Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C.
9	78eee(b)(2)(C)(iii)) is amended—
10	(1) by inserting "a derivatives clearing organi-
11	zation (as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act),
12	a multilateral clearing organization (as defined in
13	the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Improve-
14	ment Act of 1991)," after "rule or bylaw of"; and
15	(2) by striking "or a securities clearance agen-
16	cy, a right set forth in a bylaw of a clearing organi-
17	zation or contract market" and inserting "a securi-
18	ties clearing agency, a contract market designated
19	under the Commodity Exchange Act, a derivatives
20	transaction execution facility registered under the
21	Commodity Exchange Act, or a board of trade (as
22	defined in the Commodity Exchange Act),".
23	(d) Savings Clause.—Title IX of the Bankruptcy
24	Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005

(Public Law 109–8, 119 Stat. 146) is amended by adding 2 at the end the following: 3 "SEC. 912. SAVINGS CLAUSE. 4 "The meanings of terms used in this title are applicable for the purposes of this title only, and shall not be construed or applied so as to challenge or affect the char-6 acterization, definition, or treatment of any similar terms 8 under any other statute, regulation, or rule, including the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Legal Certainty for Bank Products Act of 2000, the securities laws (as such term is defined in section 3(a)(47) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), and the Commodity Exchange Act.". SEC. 6. WALKAWAY CLAUSES. 14 (a) FDIC-Insured Depository Institutions.— 15 Section 11(e)(8)(G) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act 16 (12 U.S.C. 1821(e)(8)(G)) is amended by striking clause 17 (ii) and inserting the following new clauses: 18 "(ii) Limited Suspension of Cer-19 TAIN OBLIGATIONS.—In the case of a 20 qualified financial contract referred to in 21 clause (i), any payment or delivery obliga-22 tions otherwise due from a party pursuant 23

to the qualified financial contract shall be

suspended from the time the receiver is ap-

pointed until the earlier of—

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1	"(I) the time such party receives
2	notice that such contract has been
3	transferred pursuant to subparagraph
4	(A); or
5	"(II) $5:00$ p.m. (eastern time) on
6	the business day following the date of
7	the appointment of the receiver.
8	"(iii) Walkaway clause de-
9	FINED.—For purposes of this subpara-
10	graph, the term 'walkaway clause' means
11	any provision in a qualified financial con-
12	tract that suspends, conditions, or extin-
13	guishes a payment obligation of a party, in
14	whole or in part, or does not create a pay-
15	ment obligation of a party that would oth-
16	erwise exist, solely because of such party's
17	status as a nondefaulting party in connec-
18	tion with the insolvency of an insured de-
19	pository institution that is a party to the
20	contract or the appointment of or the exer-
21	cise of rights or powers by a conservator or
22	receiver of such depository institution, and
23	not as a result of a party's exercise of any
24	right to offset, setoff, or net obligations
25	that exist under the contract, any other

1	contract between those parties, or applica-
2	ble law.".
3	(b) Insured Credit Unions.—Section
4	207(c)(8)(G) of the Federal Credit Union Act 12 U.S.C.
5	1787(c)(8)(G)) is amended by striking clause (ii) and in-
6	serting the following new clauses:
7	"(ii) Limited suspension of cer-
8	TAIN OBLIGATIONS.—In the case of a
9	qualified financial contract referred to in
10	clause (i), any payment or delivery obliga-
11	tions otherwise due from a party pursuant
12	to the qualified financial contract shall be
13	suspended from the time the liquidating
14	agent is appointed until the earlier of—
15	"(I) the time such party receives
16	notice that such contract has been
17	transferred pursuant to subparagraph
18	(A); or
19	"(II) $5:00$ p.m. (eastern time) on
20	the business day following the date of
21	the appointment of the liquidating
22	agent.
23	"(iii) Walkaway clause de-
24	FINED.—For purposes of this subpara-
25	graph, the term 'walkaway clause' means

1	any provision in a qualified financial con-
2	tract that suspends, conditions, or extin-
3	guishes a payment obligation of a party, in
4	whole or in part, or does not create a pay-
5	ment obligation of a party that would oth-
6	erwise exist, solely because of such party's
7	status as a nondefaulting party in connec-
8	tion with the insolvency of an insured cred-
9	it union or the appointment of or the exer-
10	cise of rights or powers by a conservator or
11	liquidating agent of such credit union, and
12	not as a result of a party's exercise of any
13	right to offset, setoff, or net obligations
14	that exist under the contract, any other
15	contract between those parties, or applica-
16	ble law.".
17	SEC. 7. COMPENSATION OF CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEES; CHAP
18	TER 7 FILING FEES.
19	(a) Amendments to Title 11 of the United
20	STATES CODE.—
21	(1) Compensation of Chapter 7 Trust-
22	EES.—Section 330(b)(1) of title 11, United States
23	Code, is amended—
24	(A) by striking "\$45" and inserting
25	"\$100", and

1	(B) by inserting before the period at the
2	end the following:
3	", except that such amount shall be adjusted by the
4	amount (if any) of such filing fee waived under the 2d
5	sentence of section 1930(f)(1) of title 28".
6	(2) Related amendments.—Section 330(b)
7	of title 11, United States Code, is amended—
8	(A) by striking "(1)", and
9	(B) by striking paragraph (2).
10	(b) Amendments to Title 28 of the United
11	STATES CODE.—
12	(1) Chapter 7 filing fee.—Section 1930 of
13	title 28 of the United States Code, as amended by
14	section 10101 of Public Law 109-171, is amended—
15	(A) in subsection (a)(1)(A) by striking
16	"\$245" and inserting "\$300", and
17	(B) in subsection (f)(1) by inserting after
18	the 1st sentence the following:
19	"Under the procedures prescribed by the Judicial Con-
20	ference of the United States, the district court or the
21	bankruptcy court shall waive \$40 of the filing fee required
22	by subsection (a) in a case under chapter 7 of title 11
23	for an individual if the court determines that such indi-
24	vidual has income not less than 150 percent, and not more
25	than 175 percent, of the income official poverty line (as

- 1 defined by the Office of Management and Budget, and re-
- 2 vised annually in accordance with section 673(2) of the
- 3 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981) applicable
- 4 to a family of the size involved.".
- 5 (2) United States trustee fund.—Section
- 6 589a(b)(1)(A) of title 28, United States Code, is
- 7 amended by striking "40.46 percent of the fees col-
- 8 lected under section 1930(a)(1)(A)" and inserting
- 9 "29.67 percent of the sum of the amount of fees col-
- lected under section 1930(a)(1)(A) and the amount
- of fees waived under the 2d sentence of section
- 12 1930(f)(1)".
- 13 (c) Related Amendment Regarding Collec-
- 14 TIONS AND DEPOSITS OF MISCELLANEOUS BANKRUPTCY
- 15 Fees.—Section 406(b) of the Judiciary Appropriations
- 16 Act, 1990 (28 U.S.C. 1931 note) is amended by striking
- 17 "28.87 percent of the fees collected under section
- 18 1930(a)(1)(A) of that title" and inserting "21.17 percent
- 19 of the sum of the amount of fees collected under section
- 20 1930(a)(1)(A) of that title and the amount of fees waived
- 21 under the 2d sentence of section 1930(f)(1)) of that title".
- 22 (d) Conforming Amendment.—Section 10101(a)
- 23 of Public Law 109–171 is amended by striking paragraph
- 24 (2).

- 1 (e) Effective Date; Application of Amend-
- 2 MENTS.—The amendments made by this section shall take
- 3 effect 120 days after the date of the enactment of this
- 4 Act and shall not apply with respect to cases commenced
- 5 under title 11 of the United States Code before the date
- 6 such amendments take effect.

7 SEC. 8. SCOPE OF APPLICATION.

- 8 Subject to section 7(e), the amendments made by this
- 9 Act shall not apply to any cases commenced under title
- 10 11, United States Code, or appointments made under any
- 11 Federal or State law, before the date of the enactment
- 12 of this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 27, 2006.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,

Clerk.