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Pursuant to Section 3003(b) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995, and continuing on the progress made in the Congressional Reports Elimination Acts of 1980, 1982, and 1986, the President included in the 1997 Budget a list of over 400 unnecessary or wasteful reports (Table 23-1, *Analytical Perspectives*). In November of 1997, Senators McCain and Levin introduced S. 1364, the Federal Reports Elimination Act of 1997, which would eliminate many of the reports recommended for elimination in the 1997

Budget. The Administration strongly supports passage of S. 1364 and we expect to work with the House to introduce a similar bill that we can enact this year.

This initiative carries forward the President's commitment to streamline government and reduce unnecessary and burdensome paperwork. Accordingly, once legislation is signed into law eliminating and modifying the reports listed in the 1997 Budget, the President will identify additional obsolete or wasteful reports that should be eliminated or modified.