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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 1997

Mr. Skaggs introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.
- 4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:
- 5 (1) The Student Loan Marketing Association
- 6 (hereinafter referred to as the "Association") was

- established as a government-sponsored enterprise, but is now being transformed into a wholly private business entity.
 - (2) The Association has established a subsidiary (Educational Securities, Inc.) that functions as a finance broker dealer which competes with other such dealers with regard to financing of higher education.
 - (3) While it was a government-sponsored enterprise, the Association purchased for its own portfolio tax-exempt municipal bonds issued by various educational institutions.
 - (4) The Association has informed some of the institutions issuing such bonds that it will waive redemptions premiums otherwise chargeable in connection with refunding such bonds if the institutions agree to retain the Association's subsidiary to carry out such transaction.
 - (5) To the extent that such a condition involves securities obtained by the Association during the period when it was a government-sponsored enterprise, such requirement constitutes unfair competition with other broker dealers who have not been associated with government-sponsored enterprises.

- 1 (b) Purpose.—The purpose of this Act is to prohibit
- 2 the Association from engaging in the practice described
- 3 in subsection (a)(4).

4 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AND REGULATIONS.

- 5 (a) Prohibition.—On and after September 23,
- 6 1997, the Association, and any other entity obtaining se-
- 7 curities from the Association pursuant to a restructuring
- 8 of the common stock ownership of the Association under
- 9 section 440 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, shall
- 10 not engage in the practice described in section 1(a)(4)
- 11 with respect to any securities acquired by the Association
- 12 prior to January 1, 1997.
- 13 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury
- 14 shall issue regulations to implement this Act.

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