

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2611

To amend title 11, United States Code, to declare that donations to a religious group or entity, made by a debtor from a sense of religious obligation, such as tithes, shall be considered to have been made in exchange for a reasonably equivalent value.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 1997

Mrs. CHENOWETH (for herself and Mr. TRAFICANT) 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 “Religious Fairness in
5 Bankruptcy Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. AVOIDANCE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF TRANSFERS.**

2 Section 548(d) of title 11, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) For the purposes of this section, a transfer of
5 a donation to a religious group or entity, made by a debtor
6 from a sense of religious obligation, such as tithes, shall
7 be considered to have been made in exchange for a reason-
8 ably equivalent value.”.

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