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H. R. 3995

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty in the earned income tax credit.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 1998

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. REDUCTION OF MARRIAGE PENALTY IN**
4 **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 32(b) of
6 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to phaseout
7 amount) is amended by adding at the end the following
8 flush sentence:

9 “In the case of a joint return for a taxable year be-
10 ginning after December 31, 1998, the preceding

1 table shall be applied by substituting ‘\$16,020’ for
2 ‘\$11,610’ each place it appears.”

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (1) of
4 section 32(j) of such Code is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new flush sentence:

6 “‘In the case of the \$16,020 amounts in subsection
7 (b)(2), subparagraph (B) of this paragraph shall be
8 applied by substituting ‘calendar year 1998’ for ‘cal-
9 endar year 1995’.”

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12 December 31, 1998.

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