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H. R. 422

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unremunerated Work
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Women perform $\frac{2}{3}$ of the work in the world
2 relating to the production of goods and services.

3 (2) The United Nations General Assembly in
4 1985 adopted a resolution which included part of the
5 Forward Looking Strategies for the Advancement of
6 Women, which states that “the remunerated and, in
7 particular, the unremunerated contributions of
8 women to all aspects and sectors of development
9 should be recognized, and appropriate efforts should
10 be made to measure and reflect these contributions
11 in national accounts and economic statistics and in
12 the gross national product”.

13 (3) The resolution also states that “concrete
14 steps should be taken to quantify the unremunerated
15 contribution of women to agriculture, food produc-
16 tion, reproduction, and household activities”.

17 (4) The unremunerated contribution by women
18 to the economy of the United States should be
19 recognized.

20 **SEC. 3. CALCULATION OF MONETARY VALUE OF**
21 **UNREMUNERATED WORK.**

22 (a) TIME USE SURVEYS OF UNREMUNERATED
23 WORK.—The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Sta-
24 tistics shall periodically conduct time use surveys of

1 unremunerated work performed in the United States, in-
2 cluding household work, work related to child care and
3 other care services, agricultural work, work related to food
4 production, work related to family businesses, and volun-
5 teer work.

6 (b) MONETARY VALUE OF UNREMUNERATED
7 WORK.—On the basis of the time use surveys of
8 unremunerated work conducted under subsection (a), the
9 Commissioner shall calculate the monetary value of such
10 unremunerated work. Separate monetary values shall be
11 calculated for men and women.

12 (c) INCLUSION IN GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.—Be-
13 ginning 3 years after the date of the enactment of this
14 Act, the monetary value of the unremunerated work cal-
15 culated pursuant to subsection (b) shall be included in sta-
16 tistics used to determine the annual gross national product
17 of the United States.

18 (d) METHOD OF CALCULATION.—Not later than 90
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Com-
20 missioner shall submit a report to the Congress describing
21 the method by which the Commissioner will conduct time
22 use surveys of unremunerated work performed in the
23 United States and calculate the monetary value of such
24 unremunerated work.

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