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# H. R. 730

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

Mr. POSHARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on House Oversight

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## 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. PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF OFFICIAL FUNDS**

4                       **BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENT-**  
5                       **ATIVES FOR NEWSLETTERS.**

6       Notwithstanding any other law or any rule or other  
7       authority, a Member of the House of Representatives may

1 not use any official funds for the production or mailing  
2 of a newsletter.

3 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL MAIL AL-**  
4 **LOWANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 311(e)(2)(B)(i) of the  
6 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C.  
7 59e(e)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “3” and inserting  
8 “1.5”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to sessions of Con-  
11 gress beginning with the first regular session of Congress  
12 beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 3. UNOBLIGATED FUNDS TO BE APPLIED TOWARD**  
14 **DEFICIT REDUCTION.**

15 Any unobligated funds remaining in the Official Mail  
16 Allowance of a Member of the House of Representatives  
17 at the end of a session of Congress shall be deposited into  
18 the general fund of the Treasury of the United States and  
19 applied toward the reduction of the Federal budget deficit.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

21 For the purpose of this Act—

22 (1) the term “Member of the House of Rep-  
23 resentatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-  
24 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;  
25 and

1           (2) the term “newsletter” means any congres-  
2       sional newsletter, as referred to in section  
3       3210(a)(3)(B) of title 39, United States Code.

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