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# S. 1218

To assure the integrity of information, transportation and telecommunications  
upon the arrival of the year 2000.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 24, 1997

Mr. KERREY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

To assure the integrity of information, transportation and  
telecommunications upon the arrival of the year 2000.

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 referred to as the “Millennium Act”.

5       **SEC. 101. TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.**

6       (a) The Federal Communications Commission shall  
7       initiate a proceeding to evaluate the potential dangers to  
8       the nation’s telecommunications networks from to soft-  
9       ware and systems which are unable to effectively toll the

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1 passage of time from December 31, 1999 to January 1,  
2 2000.

3 (b) The Commission shall make necessary and appro-  
4 priate regulatory changes within their jurisdiction to en-  
5 sure the integrity of the Nation's telecommunications net-  
6 works.

7 **SEC. 102. PERSONAL COMPUTERS.**

8 The National Institute of Standards and Technology  
9 shall evaluate the potential risks to information stored on  
10 personal computers from to software and systems which  
11 are unable to effectively toll the passage of time from De-  
12 cember 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000 and shall take nec-  
13 essary and appropriate actions within its jurisdiction to  
14 propose solutions and inform the public.

15 **SEC. 103. TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS.**

16 The Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a com-  
17 prehensive plan to assure that computer hardware and  
18 software in transportation systems, which are unable to  
19 effectively toll the passage of time from December 31,  
20 1999 to January 1, 2000 do not create a safety risk to  
21 transportation workers and the general public. Should a  
22 risk to safety be identified, the Department shall take nec-  
23 essary and appropriate measures to assure safety and in-  
24 form the public of such risks.

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