

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1352

To amend Rule 30 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to restore the stenographic preference for depositions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 1997

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. DURBIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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to restore the stenographic preference for depositions.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That paragraphs (2) and (3) of Rule 30(b) of the Federal
4 Rules of Civil Procedure are amended to read as follows:
5 “(2) Unless the court upon motion orders, or
6 the parties stipulate in writing, the deposition shall
7 be recorded by stenographic means. The party tak-
8 ing the deposition shall bear the cost of the tran-
9 scription. Any party may arrange for a transcription

1 to be made from the recording of a deposition taken
2 by nonstenographic means.

3 “(3) With prior notice to the deponent and
4 other parties, any party may use another method to
5 record the deponent’s testimony in addition to the
6 method used pursuant to paragraph (2). The addi-
7 tional record or transcript shall be made at that par-
8 ty’s expense unless the court otherwise orders.”.

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