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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 1997

Mr. GRASSLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. ARBITRATION IN DISTRICT COURTS.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF ARBITRATION.—Section
5 651(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

1 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Each United States district court
 2 shall authorize by local rule the use of arbitration in any
 3 civil action, including adversary proceedings in bank-
 4 ruptcy, in accordance with this chapter.”.

5 (b) ACTIONS REFERRED TO ARBITRATION.—Section
 6 652(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

9 (A) by striking “and section 901(c)” and all
 10 that follows through “651” and inserting “a
 11 district court”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (B) by striking
 13 “\$100,000” and inserting “\$150,000”; and

14 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “\$100,000”
 15 and inserting “\$150,000”.

16 (c) CERTIFICATION OF ARBITRATORS.—Section
 17 656(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by
 18 striking “listed in section 658”.

19 (d) REMOVAL OF LIMITATION.—Section 658 of title
 20 28, United States Code, and the item relating to such sec-
 21 tion in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter
 22 44 of title 28, United States Code, are repealed.

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