H. R. 1268

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 24, 1999

Mr. Gary Miller of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 "Social Security Invest-
- 5 ments Act of 1999".

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1	SEC. 2	INVESTMENT	OF THE	FEDERAL	OLD-AGE	AND SUR

- 2 VIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND AND THE
- 3 FEDERAL DISABILITY INSURANCE TRUST
- 4 FUND.
- 5 (a) Investment of Social Security Trust
- 6 Funds Solely in Marketable Obligations of the
- 7 United States.—Section 201(d) of the Social Security
- 8 Act (42 U.S.C. 401(d)) is amended to read as follows:
- 9 "(d) It shall be the duty of the Managing Trustee
- 10 to invest such portion of the Trust Funds as is not, in
- 11 his judgment, required to meet current withdrawals. Such
- 12 investments may be made only in marketable obligations
- 13 consisting of interest-bearing obligations of the United
- 14 States or obligations guaranteed as to both principal and
- 15 interest by the United States. For such purpose, such obli-
- 16 gations may be acquired on original issue at the issue price
- 17 or by purchase of outstanding obligations at the market
- 18 price.".
- 19 (b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 201(e) of
- 20 such Act (42 U.S.C. 401(e)) is amended by striking "(ex-
- 21 cept public-debt obligations issued exclusively to the Trust
- 22 Funds)".

1 SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; TREATMENT OF CURRENT OBLI-

- 2 GATIONS.
- 3 (a) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 4 section 2 shall apply with respect to investments made on
- 5 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 6 (b) Treatment of Current Obligations.—As
- 7 soon as possible after the date of the enactment of this
- 8 Act, the Managing Trustee of the Federal Old-Age and
- 9 Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Dis-
- 10 ability Insurance Trust Fund shall, in accordance with
- 11 subsection (d) of section 201 of the Social Security Act
- 12 (as amended by this Act), take such actions as are nec-
- 13 essary to convert the obligations which are held by such
- 14 Trust Funds as of such date and which are not described
- 15 in such subsection to obligations which are described in
- 16 such subsection.

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