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# H. R. 3290

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISAKSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Government Reform

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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. AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE POSTAGE-FREE**  
4                       **DEPOSITING OF CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES**  
5                       **IN LETTER BOXES.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 7 of title  
7       13, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
8       the following:

1 **“§ 215. Authority to deposit questionnaires in letter**  
2 **boxes**

3 “(a) Nothing in section 1725 of title 18 shall prohibit  
4 an officer, employee, or staff member referred to in sub-  
5 chapter II of chapter I of this title from depositing in the  
6 letter box of a household, during the nonresponse followup  
7 phase of a decennial census, a census questionnaire on  
8 which no postage has been paid (irrespective of whether  
9 or not a census questionnaire was previously sent to the  
10 household involved).

11 “(b) The Secretary shall prescribe any regulations  
12 necessary to carry out this section.

13 “(c) As used in this section—

14 “(1) the term ‘decennial census’ means a decen-  
15 nial census of population conducted under section  
16 141(a) of this title; and

17 “(2) the term ‘letter box’ refers to any letter  
18 box subject to section 1725 of title 18.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
20 for chapter 7 of title 13, United States Code, is amended  
21 by inserting after the item relating to section 214 the fol-  
22 lowing:

“215. Authority to deposit questionnaires in letter boxes.”.

