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# H. R. 4085

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2000

Mr. PAUL 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. LIMITATION ON INFORMATION THAT MAY BE**  
4               **REQUESTED ON CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRES.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 141(a) of title 13, United  
6       States Code, is amended by striking the last sentence and  
7       inserting the following: “In connection with any such cen-  
8       sus, the Secretary is authorized to request no information  
9       aside from the number of individuals residing or staying

1 at a particular address or location, and the names of those  
2 individuals.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 141(f) of  
4 title 13, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
5 matter following “census—” and inserting the following:

6 “(1) not later than 2 years before the appro-  
7 priate census date, a report containing the Sec-  
8 retary’s determination of the questions proposed to  
9 be included in such census; and

10 “(2) after submission of a report under para-  
11 graph (1) and before the appropriate census date, if  
12 the Secretary finds new circumstances exist which  
13 necessitate that the questions contained in a report  
14 so submitted be modified, a report containing the  
15 Secretary’s determination of the questions as pro-  
16 posed to be modified.”.

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