

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 771

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1999

Mr. COBLE (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. CANADY of Florida, and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. STENOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE FOR RECORD-**  
4       **ING DEPOSITIONS.**

5       Paragraphs (2) and (3) of rule 30(b) of the Federal  
6       Rules of Civil Procedure are amended to read as follows:

7               “(2) Unless the court upon motion orders, or  
8       the parties stipulate in writing, the deposition shall  
9       be recorded by stenographic or stenomask means.

1       The party taking the deposition shall bear the cost  
2       of the transcription. Any party may arrange for a  
3       transcription to be made from the recording of a  
4       deposition taken by nonstenographic or non-  
5       stenomask means.

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

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