## S. 287

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

January 21, 1999

Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. BIDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business

## 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 "Small Business Admin-
- 5 istration Equal Representation Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DISTRICT OF-
- 7 FICES.
- 8 Section 4(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
- 9 633(a)) is amended—

- 1 (1) in the third sentence, by striking "branch and re-
- 2 gional" and inserting "regional, district, and branch"; and
- 3 (2) by inserting after the second sentence the follow-
- 4 ing: "The Administration shall establish not less than 1
- 5 district office of the Administration in each of the several

6 States.".

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