

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3533

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mrs. BIGGERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fair Debt Collection  
5       Practices Technical Amendment Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO REMEDY THE CON-**  
7                       **FFLICT BETWEEN FEDERAL LAW AND JUDI-**  
8                       **CIAL RULES.**

9       Section 803(2) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices  
10      Act (15 U.S.C. 1692a(2)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) The term ‘communication’—

2 “(A) means the conveying of information  
3 regarding a debt directly or indirectly to any  
4 person through any medium; and

5 “(B) does not include actions taken pursu-  
6 ant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or,  
7 in the case of a proceeding in a State court, the  
8 rules of civil procedure applicable in the courts  
9 of such State.”.

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