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# H. R. 1360

To amend certain provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to transportation of mail.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2003

Mr. MCHUGH (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) 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. AMENDMENTS.**

4       (a) REPEAL.—

5               (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 52 of title 39,  
6       United States Code, is repealed.

7               (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section  
8       5005(a) of title 39, United States Code, is amend-  
9       ed—

1 (i) by striking paragraph (1), and by re-  
2 designating paragraphs (2) through (4) as  
3 paragraphs (1) through (3), respectively; and

4 (ii) in paragraph (3) (as so designated by  
5 clause (i)), by striking “(as defined in section  
6 5201(6) of this title)”.

7 (B) Section 5005(b) of such title 39 is amended  
8 by striking “(a)(4)” each place it appears and in-  
9 serting “(a)(3)”.

10 (C) Section 5005(c) of such title 39 is amended  
11 by striking “by carrier or person under subsection  
12 (a)(1) of this section, by contract under subsection  
13 (a)(4) of this section, or” and inserting “by contract  
14 under subsection (a)(3) of this section or”.

15 (b) ELIMINATING RESTRICTION ON LENGTH OF CON-  
16 TRACTS.—(1) Section 5005(b)(1) of title 39, United  
17 States Code, is amended by striking “(or where the Postal  
18 Service determines that special conditions or the use of  
19 special equipment warrants, not in excess of 6 years)” and  
20 inserting “(or such length of time as may be determined  
21 by the Postal Service to be advisable or appropriate)”.

22 (2) Section 5402(d) of such title 39 is amended by  
23 striking “for a period of not more than 4 years”.

24 (3) Section 5605 of such title 39 is amended by strik-  
25 ing “for periods of not in excess of 4 years”.

1       (c) LIMITATION ON POSTAL SERVICE.—Section  
2 5005(b) of such title 39 is further amended by adding at  
3 the end the following:

4       “(4) The Postal Service may not tell a contractor ei-  
5 ther directly or indirectly under subsection (a)(3) how,  
6 when, or where to purchase services and supplies, includ-  
7 ing fuel and equipment.”.

8       (d) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of chapters  
9 for part V of title 39, United States Code, is amended  
10 by repealing the item relating to chapter 52.

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