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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2006

Mr. CONAWAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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 “AMERICA Act of
5 2006: A Modest Effort to Read and Instill the Constitu-
6 tion Again”.

1 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that since we, as Members
3 of Congress, swear to uphold the Constitution of the
4 United States, write laws regarding the powers granted
5 to the Government, and propose constitutional amend-
6 ments, we should be required to read this important docu-
7 ment including its amendments.

8 **SEC. 3. DISTRIBUTION AND READING OF THE CONSTITU-**
9 **TION.**

10 Within 90 days after the date of enactment of this
11 Act and during each session of Congress thereafter, every
12 Member of Congress shall obtain copies of the Constitu-
13 tion of the United States of America, including all amend-
14 ments thereto, read such document, and distribute such
15 document to their personal, committee, and subcommittee
16 staff and require that each such staffer read such docu-
17 ment in its entirety at least once during each session of
18 Congress in which they serve or are so employed after such
19 date.

20 **SEC. 4. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.**

21 Every Member of Congress and their personal, com-
22 mittee, and subcommittee staff are required to report in
23 writing to the Committee on House Administration of the
24 House of Representatives or the Committee on Rules and
25 Administration of the Senate, as applicable, the date on
26 which they complete their annual reading of the Constitu-

1 tion. Each such committee shall publish on its website the
2 list of the Members of its body who have satisfied their
3 requirement.

4 **SEC. 5. DEFINITION.**

5 As used in this Act, the term “Member of Congress”
6 refers to a Senator or Representative in, or a Delegate
7 or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

