

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2308

To abolish the franking privilege for the House of Representatives and to provide for use of approved forms of postage and postage meters for official mail of the House of Representatives.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 12, 1995

Mr. ROBERTS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

---

## A BILL

To abolish the franking privilege for the House of Representatives and to provide for use of approved forms of postage and postage meters for official mail of the House of Representatives.

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. ABOLITION OF THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE FOR**  
4       **THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

5       Notwithstanding title 39, United States Code, title  
6       III of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991,

1 or any other provision of law, the franking privilege is  
2 abolished with respect to the House of Representatives.

3 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCES AND FORMS OF POSTAGE TO BE**  
4 **USED FOR OFFICIAL MAIL OF THE HOUSE OF**  
5 **REPRESENTATIVES.**

6 (a) ALLOWANCES.—In lieu of the Official Mail Allow-  
7 ance established by section 311(e) of the Legislative  
8 Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 (2 U.S.C. 59e(e))—

9 (1) with respect to Members of the House of  
10 Representatives, amounts for official mail shall be  
11 made available under the Members' Representational  
12 Allowance, as allocated by the Committee on House  
13 Oversight of the House of Representatives; and

14 (2) with respect to officers and employees of the  
15 House of Representatives, there is established a  
16 spending allowance for official mail.

17 (b) FORMS OF POSTAGE.—Both the portion of the  
18 Members' Representational Allowance that is allocated to  
19 official mail and the spending allowance for official mail  
20 shall be available in the same manner and to the same  
21 extent as the Official Mail Allowance was available under  
22 such section 311(e), except that they shall be used to pur-  
23 chase forms of postage approved by the Committee on  
24 House Oversight of the House of Representatives, rather  
25 than to pay for mail sent under the frank.

1        (c) POSTAGE METERS.—The Chief Administrative  
2 Officer of the House of Representatives shall take such  
3 action as may be necessary to provide for use of postage  
4 meters to record the cost and volume of official mail under  
5 the Members' Representational Allowance and the spend-  
6 ing allowance for official mail.

○