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# H. R. 1571

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2003

Mrs. MALONEY 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. DIRECTOR OF THE CENSUS.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 21 of title 13, United  
5       States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1     **§ 21. Director of the Census; duties; term**

2         “(a) The Bureau shall be headed by a Director of  
3     the Census, appointed by the President, by and with the  
4     advice and consent of the Senate. The Director shall per-  
5     form such duties as may be imposed upon him by law,  
6     regulations, or orders of the Secretary, and shall report  
7     directly to the Secretary.

8         “(b) The term of office of the Director shall be 5  
9     years, and shall begin on January 1, 2002, and every fifth  
10    year thereafter. Any individual appointed to fill a vacancy  
11    in such position, occurring before the expiration of the  
12    term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be ap-  
13    pointed for the remainder of that term. The Director may  
14    serve after the end of his term until reappointed or until  
15    a successor has been appointed, but in no event longer  
16    than 180 days.”.

17         (b) TRANSITION PROVISION.—The individual serving  
18    as the Director of the Census on the day before the date  
19    of the enactment of this Act may continue to serve in that  
20    position until such individual or a successor has been ap-  
21    pointed in accordance with the amendment made by sec-  
22    tion 1(a), but in no event longer than 180 days after the  
23    date of the enactment of this Act.

24         (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
25    for chapter 1 of title 13, United States Code, is amended

- 1 by striking the item relating to section 21 and inserting
- 2 the following:

“21. Director of the Census; duties; term.”.

