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To amend chapter 9 of title 44, United States Code, to limit the printing of the Congressional Record, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 2011

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan (for herself, Mr. GRIMM, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. PAUL, Mr. COBLE, Ms. HAYWORTH, and Mr. POSEY) 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 “Prevent the Reckless,
5 Irresponsible, Needless Typography (PRINT) Act of
6 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. COST SAVINGS ON PRINTING THE CONGRESSIONAL**
2 **RECORD.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 9 of title 44, United
4 States Code, is amended by striking section 903 and in-
5 serting the following:

6 **“§ 903. Congressional Record: daily and permanent**
7 **forms**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The public proceedings of each
9 House of Congress as reported by the Official Reporters,
10 shall be included in the Congressional Record, which shall
11 be issued in daily form during each session and shall be
12 revised and made electronically available promptly, as di-
13 rected by the Joint Committee on Printing, for distribu-
14 tion during and after the close of each session of Congress.
15 The daily and the permanent Record shall bear the same
16 date, which shall be that of the actual day’s proceedings
17 reported.

18 “(b) PRINTING.—Except as provided under section
19 906, the Government Printing Office shall not print the
20 Congressional Record.”.

21 (b) LIMITED PRINTING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL
22 RECORD.—Chapter 9 of title 44, United States Code, is
23 amended by striking section 906 and inserting the fol-
24 lowing:

25 **“§ 906. Congressional Record: limited printing**

26 “(a) MINIMUM NUMBER OF COPIES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Public Printer shall
2 determine the minimum number of copies of the
3 Congressional Record that are necessary to be print-
4 ed for archival purposes.

5 “(2) REPORTS.—

6 “(A) INITIAL DETERMINATION.—Not later
7 than 45 days after the date of enactment of the
8 Congressional Record Printing Savings Act of
9 2011, the Public Printer shall submit a report
10 to Congress on the minimum number deter-
11 mined under paragraph (1).

12 “(B) MODIFIED NUMBER.—If the Public
13 Printer modifies the minimum number reported
14 under subparagraph (A), the Public Printer
15 shall submit a report to Congress on the modi-
16 fied minimum number not later than 15 days
17 after the modification.

18 “(b) LIMITED PRINTING.—The Public Printer may
19 not print more than the minimum number of copies of
20 the Congressional Record determined under subsection
21 (a). The Public Printer shall ensure the most cost effective
22 printing of the Congressional Record under this section.

23 “(c) ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY.—The Government
24 Printing Office shall make the Congressional Record avail-
25 able—

1 “(1) to the public on the Web site of the Gov-
2 ernment Printing Office; and

3 “(2) in a format which enables the Congres-
4 sional Record to be downloaded and printed by users
5 of the Web site.”.

6 (c) CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.—Chapter 9 of title 44,
7 United States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in section 905, in the first sentence, by
9 striking “printing” and inserting “inclusion”; and

10 (2) by striking sections 909 and 910.

11 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

12 The table of sections for chapter 9 of title 44, United
13 States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking the item relating to section 906
15 and inserting the following:

“906. Congressional Record: limited printing.”;

16 and

17 (2) by striking the items relating to sections
18 909 and 910.

19 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 This Act shall take effect 30 days after the date of
21 enactment of this Act.

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