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GPO MAKES DOCUMENTS EASY TO DOWNLOAD AND REPURPOSE IN NEW XML FORMAT

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GPO is collaborating with various legislative and executive branch organizations on this project, including the Office of the Clerk of the House, the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, and the Office of the Federal Register. The project is being done in support of the Legislative Branch Bulk Data Task Force which was established to examine the increased dissemination of Congressional information via bulk data download by non-Governmental groups for the purpose of supporting openness and transparency in the legislative process.

"Making these documents available in Beta USLM XML is another example of how GPO is meeting the technological needs of Congress and the public," said GPO Acting Deputy Director Herbert H. Jackson, Jr. "GPO is committed to working with Congress on new formats that provide the American people easy access to legislative information."

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