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To amend title 44, United States Code, to eliminate the mandatory printing of bills and resolutions by the Government Printing Office for the use of the House of Representatives and Senate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LEE of New York 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 “Stop the OverPrinting
5 (STOP) Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY PRINTING OF BILLS**
2 **AND RESOLUTIONS BY PUBLIC PRINTER FOR**
3 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE.**

4 (a) **ELIMINATION OF MANDATORY PRINTING.**—Sec-
5 tion 706 of title 44, United States Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 **“§ 706. Bills and resolutions**

8 “(a) **NO PRINTING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.**—
9 Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the Public
10 Printer shall make bills and resolutions available for the
11 use of the House of Representatives and Senate only in
12 an electronic format which is accessible through the Inter-
13 net.

14 “(b) **EXCEPTION FOR STANDING REQUEST OF COM-**
15 **MITTEE FOR BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITHIN JURIS-**
16 **DICTION.**—If a committee (including a joint committee)
17 of the House of Representatives or Senate, at any time
18 during a Congress, requests the Public Printer to provide
19 the committee with printed copies of each bill or resolution
20 during the Congress that is within the committee’s juris-
21 diction, the Public Printer shall provide the committee
22 with printed copies of each such bill or resolution, except
23 that the aggregate number of printed copies of any bill
24 or resolution provided pursuant to requests under this
25 subsection may not exceed 75.

1 “(c) EXCEPTION FOR REQUEST OF MEMBERS OR
2 COMMITTEES FOR INDIVIDUAL BILLS OR RESOLU-
3 TIONS.—At the request of a Member (including a Delegate
4 or Resident Commissioner to the Congress) or committee
5 (including a joint committee) of the House of Representa-
6 tives or Senate, the Public Printer shall provide the Mem-
7 ber or committee with such number of printed copies of
8 a bill or resolution as the Member or committee may re-
9 quest.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall take effect upon the expiration of the
12 3-month period which begins on the date of the enactment
13 of this Act.

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