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Pursuant to Section 3003(b) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995, and continuing on the progress made in the Congressional Reports Elimination Acts of 1980, 1982, and 1986, the President included in the 1997 Budget a list of over 400 unnecessary or wasteful reports (Table 23-1, Analytical Perspectives). In November of 1998, the President signed S. 1364, the Federal Reports Elimination Act of 1998, sponsored by Senators McCain and Levin, which eliminated or modified 131 reports to Congress required of

Federal agencies. S. 1364 eliminated statutory requirements for 120 reports and modified 11 other reporting requirements (e.g. by reducing the frequency of reporting).

This initiative, which eliminated or modified nearly one-third of the reports listed in the 1997 Budget, carries forward the President's commitment to streamline government and reduce unnecessary and burdensome paperwork.