(2) the costs, benefits, and safety impacts of requiring States to maintain records of verified positive control substances test results; and
(3) whether a process should be established to allow—
(A) to correct errors in their records; and
(B) to expunge information from their records after a reasonable period of time.
(c) Report.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study carried out under this section, together with such recommendations as the Secretary determines appropriate.

SEC. 227. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS.

(a) Review.—Section 13703(c) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—
(1) by redesigning paragraphs (1) through (4) as subparagraphs (A) through (D), respectively;
(2) by striking “The Board” and inserting the following:
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Board”; and
(3) by adding at the end the following:
“(2) Periodic review of approvals.—Subject to this section, in the 5-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this paragraph and in each 5-year period thereafter, the Board shall initiate a proceeding to review any agreement approved pursuant to this section. Any such agreement shall be continued unless the Board determines otherwise.”;
and
(4) by moving the remainder of the text of paragraph (1) (as designated by paragraph (2) of this subsection), including subparagraphs (A) through (D) (as designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection), 2 ems to the right.
(b) Limitation.—Section 13703(d) of such title is amended by redesigning paragraphs (1) through (4) (as designated by paragraph (2) of this subsection), including subparagraphs (A) through (D) (as designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection), 2 ems to the right.
(c) Existing Agreements.—Section 13703(e) of such title is amended—
(1) by striking “Agreements” and inserting “following:
“(1) AGREEMENTS EXISTING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1995.—Agreements”;
(2) by adding at the end the following:
“(2) CASES PENDING AS OF DATE OF ENACTMENT.—Nothing in section 227 (other than subsection (b) of the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999, including the amendments made by such section, shall be construed to affect any case brought under this section that is pending before the Board as of the date of enactment of this paragraph.”;
and
(3) by aligning the left margin of paragraph (1) (as designated by paragraph (1) of this subsection) with paragraph (2) (as added by paragraph (2) of this subsection).

SEC. 228. DOT AUTHORITY.

(a) In General.—The statutory authority of the Inspector General of the Department of Transportation includes authority to conduct, pursuant to Federal criminal statutes, investigations of allegations that a person or entity has engaged in fraudulent or other criminal activity relating to the programs and operations of the Department or its operating administrations.
(b) Regulated Entities.—The authority to conduct investigations referred to in subsection (a) extends to any person or entity subject to the laws and regulations of the Department or its operating administrations, whether or not they are recipients of funds from the Department or its operating administrations.

The House bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONTINUING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2519 OF TITLE 18, U.S.C., BEYOND DECEMBER 21, 1999

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker’s table the Senate bill (S. 1769) to continue the reporting requirements of section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, beyond December 21, 1999, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I yield to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE), the chairman of the subcommittee, for a brief explanation of the bill.

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 provided that all periodic reports provided to Congress will sunset on December 21, 1999, unless reauthorized by the Congress. The intent of the Act was to spur Congress to reexamine all the periodic reports it receives and eliminate the obsolete ones.

After careful review, the Committee on the Judiciary determined that about 40 reports out of the thousands of reports subject to sunset are required for the committee to perform its legislative and oversight duties.

Examples include the United States Department of Justice’s annual report on crime statistics and the Immigration and Naturalization Service’s annual statistical report.

The bill passed the House on the suspension calendar and ask for its companion Senate bill adds two more reports which the Senate has asked to be continued.

The motion which I will make will continue all the reports contained in the House bill and the two additional reports contained in the Senate bill into one bill and send it back to the Senate for passage and presentment to the President.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, continuing to reserve the right to object, I would like to note that the Sunset Act itself forces Congress to reexamine the usefulness of the reports. But, as the chairman has pointed out, there are some of these reports that are very important. And I am pleased to report that there has been a bipartisan effort to identify the very same reports the chairman has mentioned today.

We believe, on a bipartisan basis, that the reports identified and preserved under this Act will continue to provide information important to legislative and to oversight processes and, in particular, that the Congress to make sure that privacy is protected. And for that reason, if no other, we do need to act today.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add finally a note of thanks to the Committee on the Judiciary’s staff that worked on this measure, my own special counsel John Flannery; Cassandra Butts in the office of the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPPERT); and finally, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPPERT) himself, who really was very passionate in making sure that the privacy issues that will be protected by this bill were brought to the forefront of the bill. I want to add the name of Jim Wilson, Jim did great work on this matter, as well.

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, withdrawing my reservation and object to the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate bill, as follows:

8. 1769

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Continued Reporting of Intercepted Wire, Oral, and Electronic Communications Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress makes the following findings:
(1) Section 2519(3) of title 18, United States Code covers the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to transmit to Congress a full and complete annual report concerning the number of applications for authorizing or approving the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications. This report is required to include information specified in section 2519(3).
(2) The Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 provides for the termination of certain laws requiring submittal to Congress of annual, semiannual, and regular periodic reports as of December 21, 1999, 4 years from the effective date of that Act.
(3) Due to the Federal Reports Elimination Act and Sunset Act of 1995, the Administrative Office of United States Courts is not required to submit the annual report described in section 2519(3) of title 18, United States Code, as of December 21, 1999.

SEC. 3. CONTINUED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Continued Reporting Requirements.—Section 2519 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:
“(4) The reports required to be filed by subsection (3) are exempted from the termination provisions of section 3003(a) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-66).”

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Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, I offer an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Coble.

Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute Offered by Mr. Coble

The Clerk read as follows:

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE OFFERED BY MR. COBLE:

"Strike out all after the enacting clause of the Senate bill and insert:

SECTION 1. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN REPORTS FROM AUTOMATION ELIMINATION AND SUNSET.

Section 3003(a)(1) of the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 (31 U.S.C. 1113 note) does not apply to any report required to be submitted under any of the following provisions of law:

(1) The following sections of title 18, United States Code: sections 2519(3), 2709(e), 3126, and 3523(b).

(2) The following sections of title 28, United States Code: sections 522, 524(c)(8), 529, 598a(d), and 591.

(3) Section 3718(c) of title 31, United States Code.


(5) Section 8 of the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (42 U.S.C. 1997f).


(7) The following provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act: sections 103 (8 U.S.C. 1103), 207(c)(3) (8 U.S.C. 1157(c)(3)), 412(b)(413 (8 U.S.C. 1522(b)), and 413 (8 U.S.C. 1523), and subsections (h), (l), (o), (q), and (r) of section 286 (8 U.S.C. 1236).


(10) Section 13(c) of the Act of September 11, 1997 (8 U.S.C. 1255(h)).

(11) Section 203(b) of the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1898e-2(b)).

(12) Section 201(e) of the Immigration Act of 1990 (29 U.S.C. 2920(e)).


(15) Section 201(b) of the Privacy Protection Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 2000aa-11(b)).


(17) Section 13(a) of the Classified Information Procedures Act (18 U.S.C. App.).


(22) Section 102(b)(5) of the Department of Justice and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (28 U.S.C. App. note).

SECTION 2. REPORTS CONCERNING PEN REGISTERS AND TRAP AND TRACE DEVICES.

Section 3126 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking "and (iv)" and inserting "(iv) the number of orders in which encryption was encountered and whether such encryption prevented law enforcement from obtaining the plain text of communications intercepted pursuant to such order, and (v)".

(18) Section 102(b) of the Department of Justice and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (28 U.S.C. App. note).

The amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Coble is amended so as to read:

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3456 is very similar to H.R. 1761, which was considered under suspension of the rules and agreed to by voice vote on August 2, 1999.

It makes significant improvements in the ability of the Copyright Act to deter copyright infringement by amending it to increase the statutory penalties for infringement. Copyright piracy, Mr. Speaker, is flourishing in the world. With the advanced technologies available and the fact that many computer users are either ignorant of the copyright laws or simply believe that they will not be caught or punished, the piracy trend will continue.

One way to combat this problem is to increase the statutory penalties for copyright infringement so that they will be an effective deterrent to this conduct.

Another significant aspect of H.R. 3456 addresses a problem on regarding the difficulty of prosecuting crimes against intellectual property. It instructs that within 120 days on enactment of this act or within 120 days after there is a sufficient number of voting members to constitute a quorum, the United States Sentencing Commission shall promulgate emergency guideline amendments to implement the sentencing mandate in the No Electronic Theft, popularly known as the NET Act, which became law in the 105th Congress.

It is vital that the United States recognizes intellectual property rights and provides strong protection and enforcement against violation of those rights.

This legislation, Mr. Speaker, makes significant and necessary improvements to the Copyright Act. The Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual