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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. KOHL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and 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 “Congressional Record
5 Printing Savings Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. COST SAVINGS ON PRINTING THE CONGRESSIONAL**
7 **RECORD.**

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

1 **“§ 903. Congressional Record: daily and permanent**
2 **forms**

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

13 “(b) PRINTING.—Except as provided under section
14 906, the Government Printing Office shall not print the
15 Congressional Record.”.

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

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

21 “(a) MINIMUM NUMBER OF COPIES.—

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

26 “(2) REPORTS.—

1 “(A) INITIAL DETERMINATION.—Not later
2 than 45 days after the date of enactment of the
3 Congressional Record Printing Savings Act of
4 2011, the Public Printer shall submit a report
5 to Congress on the minimum number deter-
6 mined under paragraph (1).

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

13 “(b) LIMITED PRINTING.—The Public Printer may
14 not print more than the minimum number of copies of
15 the Congressional Record determined under subsection
16 (a). The Public Printer shall ensure the most cost-effective
17 printing of the Congressional Record under this section.

18 “(c) ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY.—The Government
19 Printing Office shall make the Congressional Record avail-
20 able—

21 “(1) to the public on the website of the Govern-
22 ment Printing Office; and

23 “(2) in a format which enables the Congres-
24 sional Record to be downloaded and printed by users
25 of the website.”.

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

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

5 (2) by striking sections 909 and 910.

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

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

9 (1) by striking the item relating to section 906
10 and inserting the following:

“906. Congressional Record: limited printing.”;

11 and

12 (2) by striking the items relating to sections
13 909 and 910.

14 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 This Act shall take effect 30 days after the date of
16 enactment of this Act.

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