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### THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1988

#### Status Description

June 1, 1988

Identical bills to create "The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1988" were introduced in the United States Senate on April 28, 1988, and in the House of Representatives on April 29, 1988.

The Senate bill, S. 2345, was introduced by Senator Lowell Weicker, on behalf of himself, Senator Tom Harkin (Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Handicapped) and 12 of their Senate colleagues. The bill was referred to the Senate committee on Labor and Human Resources.

The House bill, H.R. 4498, was introduced by Representative Tony Coelho, on behalf of himself, Representative Silvio Conte, Representative Major Owens (Chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Education), Representative James Jeffords, and 30 other House colleagues. The bill was referred jointly to the House Committees on Education and Labor; the Judiciary; Energy and Commerce; and Public Works and Transportation.

The Americans with Disabilities Act was proposed by the National Council on the Handicapped, an independent Federal agency whose members are appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the Senate. At the time of its introduction, the bill had been endorsed by more than 50 national organizations representing people with various disabilities, and had received the support of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, an umbrella organization representing 185 organizations active in the area of civil rights.

Additional cosponsors have continued to be added to the bills since their introduction. As of June 1, 1988, cosponsors include the following:

#### Senate

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| 1. Lowell Weicker (R CT)   | 9. John Kerry (D MA)     |
| 2. Tom Harkin (D IA)       | 10. Bob Packwood (R OR)  |
| 3. Paul Simon (D IL)       | 11. Patrick Leahy (D VT) |
| 4. Robert Stafford (R VT)  | 12. Daniel Inouye (D HI) |
| 5. Edward Kennedy (D MA)   | 13. Alan Cranston (D CA) |
| 6. Christopher Dodd (D CT) | 14. Robert Dole (R KS)   |
| 7. Spark Matsunaga (D HI)  | 15. John McCain (R AZ)   |
| 8. John Chafee (R RI)      | 16. Donald Riegle (D MI) |

House of Representatives

1. Tony Coelho (D CA)
2. Silvio Conte (R MA)
3. Major Owens (D NY)
4. James Jeffords (R VT)
5. Anthony Beilenson (D CA)
6. Charles Bennett (D FL)
7. Howard Berman (D CA)
8. Mario Biaggi (D NY)
9. Don Bonker (D WA)
10. Robert Borski (D PA)
11. Barbara Boxer (D CA)
12. Joseph Brennan (D ME)
13. George Brown, Jr. (D CA)
14. William Clay (D MO)
15. John Conyers (D MI)
16. Peter DeFazio (D OR)
17. Ronald Dellums (D CA)
18. Julian Dixon (D CA)
19. Mervyn Dymally (D CA)
20. Don Edwards (D CA)
21. Mike Espy (D MS)
22. Lane Evans (D IL)
23. Walter Fauntroy (D DC)
24. Vic Fazio (D CA)
25. William Ford (D MI)
26. Barney Frank (D MA)
27. Thomas Foglietta (D PA)
28. Martin Frost (D TX)
29. Jaime Fuster (D PR)
30. Robert Garcia (D NY)
31. Sam Gejdenson (D CT)
32. Richard Gephardt (D MO)
33. Bill Grant (D FL)
34. Augustus Hawkins (D CA)
35. Charles Hayes (D IL)
36. Frank Horton (R NY)
37. Steny Hoyer (D MD)
38. Jim Jontz (D IN)
39. Joseph Kennedy, II (D MA)
40. Barbara Kennelly (D CT)
41. Dale Kildee (D MI)
42. Joe Kolter (D PA)
43. Richard Lehman (D CA)
44. William Lehman (D FL)
45. Sander Levin (D MI)
46. Mel Levine (D CA)
47. John Lewis (D GA)
48. Matthew Martinez (D CA)
49. Robert Matsui (D CA)
50. Kweisi Mfume (D MD)
51. George Miller (D CA)
52. Norman Mineta (D CA)
53. Constance Morella (R MD)
54. Bruce Morrison (D CT)
55. Nancy Pelosi (D CA)
56. Charles Rangel (D NY)
57. Robert Roe (D NJ)
58. Claudine Schneider (R RI)
59. Patricia Schroeder (D CO)
60. Christopher Shays (R CT)
61. Gerry Sikorski (DFL\* MN)
62. Stephen Solarz (D NY)
63. Fernand St Germain (D RI)
64. Gerry Studds (D MA)
65. Edolphus Towns (D NY)
66. Peter Visclosky (D IN)
67. Henry Waxman (D CA)
68. Ted Weiss (D NY)
69. Pat Williams (D MT)
70. Sidney Yates (D IL)

\* Democrat-Farmer-Labor Party

Joint Congressional hearings on S. 2345 and H.R. 4498 are tentatively scheduled to be held in July or August, 1988.