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98TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R. 4836**

To establish a system to promote the use of land remote-sensing satellite data,  
and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 1984

Mr. FUQUA (for himself, Mr. WINN, Mr. SCHEUER, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MCGRATH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WALKER, Mr. RALPH M. HALL, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. DYMALLY, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. MACKAY, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, and Mr. GREGG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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**A BILL**

To establish a system to promote the use of land remote-sensing  
satellite data, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Land Remote-Sensing  
4 Commercialization Act of 1984".

5 TITLE I—DECLARATION OF FINDINGS,  
6 PURPOSES, AND POLICIES

7 FINDINGS

8 SEC. 101. The Congress finds and declares that—

1 (b) It shall be the policy of the United States that civil-  
 2 ian digital remote-sensing data be made available to all po-  
 3 tential users on a nondiscriminatory basis.

4 (c) It shall be the policy of the United States both to  
 5 commercialize those space remote-sensing functions that  
 6 properly lend themselves to private sector operation and to  
 7 avoid competition by the Government with such commercial  
 8 operations, while continuing to preserve our national secu-  
 9 rity, to honor our international obligations, and to retain in  
 10 the Government those remote-sensing functions that are es-  
 11 sentially of a public service nature.

#### 12 DEFINITIONS

13 SEC. 104. For purposes of this Act—

14 (1) The term "digital remote-sensing data" means  
 15 the unprocessed and minimally processed signals col-  
 16 lected from civil remote-sensing space systems or origi-  
 17 nal film products collected from such systems. Such  
 18 minimal processing shall be limited to rectification of  
 19 instrumental distortions, registration with respect to  
 20 features on the Earth, and calibration of spectral re-  
 21 sponse. Such term does not include conclusions, manip-  
 22 ulations, or calculations derived from such signals or  
 23 combination of the signals with other data or informa-  
 24 tion. Unless otherwise limited, digital remote-sensing  
 25 data includes land and ocean sensed data.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 1984

Mr. FUQUA (for himself, Mr. WINN, Mr. SCHEUER, Mr. VOLKMER, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. MCGRATH, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. WALKER, Mr. RALPH M. HALL, Mr. CARNEY, Mr. DYMALLY, Mr. CHANDLER, Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. MACKAY, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. LOWERY of California, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, and Mr. BOEHLERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science and Technology

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## POLICIES

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2 SEC. 103. (a) It shall be the policy of the United States  
3 to preserve its right to acquire and disseminate digital  
4 remote-sensing data.

5 (b) It shall be the policy of the United States that civil-  
6 ian digital remote-sensing data be made available to all po-  
7 tential users on a nondiscriminatory basis.

8 (c) It shall be the policy of the United States both to  
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