

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. BASS

At the appropriate place in the title relating to “GENERAL PROVISIONS”, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **EFFICIENT ALLOCATION OF TELEPHONE NUM-**
2 **BERS.**

3 (a) **PLAN.**—Not later than March 31, 2000, the Fed-
4 eral Communications Commission shall develop and imple-
5 ment a plan for the efficient allocation of telephone num-
6 bers.

7 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The plan under subsection (a)
8 shall—

9 (1) include mechanisms to ensure portability of
10 telephone numbers among services and service pro-
11 viders within individual rating areas, if there is a
12 bona fide demand, and establish rules applicable to
13 service providers not subject to or otherwise not in
14 compliance with such number portability require-
15 ments;

16 (2) take into account any telecommunications
17 technology widely available as of March 31, 2000,
18 that requires a telephone number;

1 (3) consider and take steps to minimize the
2 total societal costs and impacts of the plan for the
3 efficient allocation of telephone numbers and any
4 specific number relief or conservation measures that
5 may arise therefrom; and

6 (4) provide for allocating unassigned telephone
7 numbers among telecommunications carriers in
8 blocks of 1,000 in order to fairly share such num-
9 bers without the waste associated with allocating in
10 blocks of 10,000.

11 (c) DELEGATION OF NUMBERING JURISDICTION.—

12 During the period beginning 60 days after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act and ending upon the Commission
14 fully implementing the plan required by subsection (a), the
15 Commission shall, upon the request of a State commission
16 whose State has been determined to be within 12 months
17 of telephone number capacity, delegate to the State com-
18 mission the jurisdiction of the Commission over tele-
19 communications numbering with respect to the State
20 under section 251(e)(1) of the Communications Act of
21 1934 (47 U.S.C. 251(e)(1)) to the extent that such delega-
22 tion will permit the State commission to implement meas-
23 ures to conserve telephone numbers, including measures
24 as follows:

1 (1) To conduct audits of the use of telephone
2 numbers and central office codes.

3 (2) To require telecommunications carriers to
4 return unused central office codes and to return cen-
5 tral office codes that have been obtained in a man-
6 ner contrary to Federal or State numbering guide-
7 lines or protocols.

8 (3) To develop and establish dialing protocols
9 applicable for calls placed within the same area code
10 or local calling area (or both) of the calling party
11 that will consider, in addition to the potential effect
12 upon competition, matters of public convenience and
13 safety and the public interest generally.

14 (4) To develop and implement, where the State
15 commission finds it to be in the public interest and
16 supportive of number conservation measures that it
17 may adopt, area code relief measures involving the
18 use of overlay area codes applicable to telecommuni-
19 cations service providers not subject to or otherwise
20 not in compliance with local number portability, in-
21 cluding a requirement that existing telephone num-
22 bers assigned to or in use (or both) by such service
23 providers be transferred to the overlay area code,
24 and including a requirement that calls placed within

- 1 a calling party's home area code continue to be
- 2 dialable on a 7-digit basis.