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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CRAIG (for herself and Ms. MCCOLLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Ethics, Rules, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Halt Unchecked Mem-
3 ber Benefits with Lobbying Elimination Act” or the
4 “HUMBLE Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING FORMER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**
6 **OF CONGRESS FROM LOBBYING CONGRESS.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 207(e)(1) of title 18,
8 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 “(1) MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS OF
10 CONGRESS.—Any person who is a Senator, a Mem-
11 ber of the House of Representatives, or an elected
12 officer of the Senate or the House of Representa-
13 tives and who, after that person leaves office, know-
14 ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any com-
15 munication to or appearance before any Member, of-
16 ficer, or employee of either House of Congress or
17 any employee of any other legislative office of the
18 Congress, on behalf of any other person (except the
19 United States) in connection with any matter on
20 which such former Senator, Member, or elected offi-
21 cial seeks action by a Member, officer, or employee
22 of either House of Congress, in his or her official ca-
23 pacity, shall be punished as provided in section 216
24 of this title.”.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 207(e)(2)
26 of such title is amended—

1 (1) in the heading, by striking “OFFICERS AND
2 STAFF” and inserting “STAFF”;

3 (2) by striking “an elected officer of the Senate,
4 or”;

5 (3) by striking “leaves office or employment”
6 and inserting “leaves employment”; and

7 (4) by striking “former elected officer or”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply with respect to an individual who
10 leaves office on or after the date of the enactment of this
11 Act.

12 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAV-**
13 **EL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
14 **AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES FOR**
15 **AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN**
16 **COACH CLASS.**

17 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
18 (b), no funds appropriated or otherwise made available for
19 the official travel expenses of a Member of Congress or
20 other officer or employee of any office in the legislative
21 branch may be used for airline accommodations which are
22 not coach-class accommodations.

23 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds described in subsection (a)
24 may be used for airline accommodations which are not
25 coach-class accommodations for an individual described in

1 subsection (a) if the use of the funds for such accommoda-
2 tions would be permitted under sections 301–10.121
3 through 301–10.125 of title 41 of the Code of Federal
4 Regulations if the individual were an employee of an agen-
5 cy which is subject to chapter 301 of such title.

6 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act
7 may be construed to affect any officer or employee of an
8 office of the legislative branch which, as of the date of
9 the enactment of this Act, is subject to chapter 301 of
10 title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

11 (d) DEFINITIONS.—

12 (1) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS.—In this
13 Act, the term “coach-class accommodations” means
14 the basic class of accommodation by airlines that is
15 normally the lowest fare offered regardless of airline
16 terminology used, and (as referred to by airlines)
17 may include tourist class or economy class, as well
18 as single class when the airline offers only one class
19 of accommodations to all travelers.

20 (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—In this Act, the
21 term “Member of Congress” means a Senator or a
22 Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-
23 sioner to, the Congress.

24 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
25 respect to fiscal year 2026 and each succeeding fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 4. BENEFITS AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO FORMER**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTA-**
3 **TIVES.**

4 (a) BENEFITS AND SERVICES DESCRIBED.—The
5 House of Representatives may not make any of the fol-
6 lowing benefits and services available to an individual who
7 becomes a former Member of the House (except to the
8 extent such benefits and services are made available to
9 members of the public):

10 (1) Access to the Hall of the House.

11 (2) Access to athletic facilities and other facili-
12 ties available for the use of Members of the House.

13 (3) Access to the Members' Dining Room lo-
14 cated in the House of Representatives wing of the
15 United States Capitol.

16 (4) Access to parking spaces.

17 (5) Access to material from the House docu-
18 ment room.

19 (6) Use of the collections in the House Legisla-
20 tive Resource Center without borrowing privileges.

21 (b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

22 (1) AUTHORITY TO WAIVE ELIMINATION OF
23 BENEFIT OR SERVICE.—The Speaker and the minor-
24 ity leader of the House of Representatives may joint-
25 ly, on a case-by-case basis, grant a waiver of sub-
26 section (a) with respect to a former Member of the

1 House and a benefit or service described in such
2 subsection.

3 (2) PUBLICATION IN CONGRESSIONAL
4 RECORD.—If the Speaker and the minority leader
5 jointly grant a waiver under paragraph (1) to make
6 a benefit or service available to a former Member,
7 the Speaker and minority leader shall, not later than
8 24 hours after the waiver is granted, cause to have
9 published in the Congressional Record a statement
10 identifying the former Member and the benefit or
11 service involved.

12 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF REPRESENT-**
13 **ATIVES FROM OWNING INDIVIDUAL STOCKS.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Rule XXIII of the Rules of the
15 House of Representatives is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating clause 22 as clause 23;
17 and

18 (2) by inserting after clause 21 the following:

19 “22. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
20 may not own the common stock of any individual corpora-
21 tion.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect immediately before noon
24 on January 3, 2027.

1 **SEC. 6. ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY ADJUSTMENTS**
 2 **FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 601(a)
 4 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
 5 4501(2)) is repealed.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 601(a)(1)
 7 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 4501) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(a)”;

9 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
 10 and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;
 11 and

12 (3) by striking “, as adjusted by paragraph (2)
 13 of this subsection”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 15 this section shall apply with respect to pay periods begin-
 16 ning after the first general election for Federal office oc-
 17 ccurring after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 7. PROHIBITING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-**
 19 **RESENTATIVES FROM SERVING ON BOARDS**
 20 **OF FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES.**

21 Rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representa-
 22 tives, as amended by section 5(a), is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating clauses 19 through 23 as
 24 clauses 20 through 24, respectively; and

25 (2) by inserting after clause 18 the following
 26 new clause:

1 “19. A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
2 may not serve on the board of directors of any for-profit
3 entity.”.

