

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 628

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore a 100 percent deduction for business meals and entertainment and the deduction for the travel expenses of spouses and others accompanying the taxpayer on business.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 1997

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Ms. HARMAN, and Mr. FROST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore a 100 percent deduction for business meals and entertainment and the deduction for the travel expenses of spouses and others accompanying the taxpayer on business.

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. RESTORATION OF DEDUCTION FOR BUSINESS**  
 2 **MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT AND FOR**  
 3 **TRAVEL EXPENSES OF SPOUSES AND OTHERS**  
 4 **ACCOMPANYING THE TAXPAYER ON BUSI-**  
 5 **NESS.**

6 (a) RESTORATION OF DEDUCTION FOR BUSINESS  
 7 MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT.—

8 (1) GENERAL RULE.—Paragraph (1) of section  
 9 274(n) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relat-  
 10 ing to only 50 percent of meal and entertainment ex-  
 11 penses allowed as deduction) is amended by striking  
 12 “50 percent” and inserting “100 percent”.

13 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The sub-  
 14 section heading for section 274(n) of such Code is  
 15 amended by striking “50” and inserting “100”.

16 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
 17 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-  
 18 ning after December 31, 1996.

19 (b) REPEAL OF SPECIAL LIMITATION ON DEDUCTION  
 20 FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES OF SPOUSES, ETC.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (m) of section  
 22 274 of such Code is amended by striking paragraph  
 23 (3).

1           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
2       by this subsection shall apply to amounts paid or in-  
3       curred after December 31, 1996.

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