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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deductibility of business meal expenses for individuals subject to Federal hours of service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1999

Mr. COLLINS (for himself and Ms. DUNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCREASED DEDUCTIBILITY OF BUSINESS**
4 **MEAL EXPENSES FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT**
5 **TO FEDERAL LIMITATIONS ON HOURS OF**
6 **SERVICE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 274(n)
8 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to only
9 50 percent of meal and entertainment expenses allowed
10 as deduction) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT
2 TO FEDERAL HOURS OF SERVICE.—In the case of
3 any expenses for food or beverages consumed while
4 away from home (within the meaning of section
5 162(a)(2)) by an individual during, or incident to,
6 the period of duty subject to the hours of service
7 limitations of the Department of Transportation,
8 paragraph (1) shall be applied by substituting ‘80
9 percent’ for ‘50 percent.’”

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
12 December 31, 1999.

