

109TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 728

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require preapproval of privately-funded travel and the inclusion of such travel information on the public website of the Office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2006

Mr. FLAKE (for himself, Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California, and Ms. BORDALLO) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PREAPPROVAL AND POST-REVIEW OF PRI-**
3 **VATELY-FUNDED CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL.**

4 Clause 5 of rule XXV of the Rules of the House of
5 Representatives is amended by redesignating paragraphs
6 (e) and (f) as paragraphs (g) and (h), respectively, and

1 by inserting after paragraph (d) the following new para-
2 graphs:

3 “(e)(1) Before a Member, Delegate, Resident Com-
4 missioner, officer, or employee of the House may take a
5 privately-funded trip—

6 “(A) that individual shall provide to the Com-
7 mittee on Standards of Official Conduct the com-
8 plete itinerary and estimated expenses of the trip
9 and an explanation of the purpose of the trip and
10 its relationship to their official duties; and

11 “(B) that committee shall make a determina-
12 tion that the proposed trip (including the itinerary
13 and estimated expenses) complies with all applicable
14 rules of the House.

15 “(2)(A) Within 15 (not counting Saturdays, Sundays,
16 and holidays) days after completion of any trip described
17 in subparagraph (1), the Member, Delegate, Resident
18 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House making
19 such trip shall provide the actual itinerary and actual ex-
20 penses to the Committee on Standards of Official Con-
21 duct.

22 “(B) Within 45 days after receipt of any information
23 received under subdivision (A), the Committee on Stand-
24 ards of Official Conduct shall verify compliance with the

1 itinerary and expenses it preapproved and send the results
2 of its review to the Clerk.”.

3 **SEC. 2. INTERNET POSTING OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED**
4 **ON PRIVATELY-FUNDED TRAVEL.**

5 Clause 5(b)(5) of rule XXV of the Rules of the House
6 of Representatives is amended to read as follows:

7 “(5) Not later than 10 days after receipt, the Clerk
8 shall post on the public Internet site of the Office of the
9 Clerk any information submitted to the Clerk under this
10 clause with respect to a privately-funded trip, including
11 the advance authorizations and disclosures of reimburse-
12 ment filed under subparagraph (1) and the itinerary and
13 expenses sent to the Clerk by the Committee on Standards
14 of Official Conduct under paragraph (e)(2)(B). The infor-
15 mation shall remain available on the website until the indi-
16 vidual no longer serves as a Member, Delegate, Resident
17 Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House.”.

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