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H. R. 277

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to provide any vehicle which does not use alternative fuels.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLEAVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Congress Leads by
5 Example through Alt-fuel Resources Act" or the "CLEAR
6 Act".

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

9 (1) The national average price of a gallon of
10 gasoline has doubled in the past 3 years.

7 (4) Alternative sources of energy such as eth-
8 anol, hydrogen, and electricity have been proven ef-
9 fective and efficient in powering passenger vehicles.

10 (5) There have been several pieces of legislation
11 introduced in the House of Representatives to ad-
12 dress the growing problem of high gas prices and
13 the need to utilize alternative sources of energy.

14 (6) Members of Congress should follow their
15 own example of setting forth legislation that encour-
16 ages the use of alternatively fueled vehicles.

23 (8) The General Services Administration has al-
24 ready purchased over 68,000 alternative fueled vehi-

1 cles for the use of Federal customers, more than any
2 other organization in the United States.

3 SEC. 3. PROHIBITING USE OF MEMBERS' REPRESENTA-
4 TIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR VEHICLES NOT
5 USING ALTERNATIVE FUELS.

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—No portion of a Members' Rep-
7 resentational Allowance may be used to provide any indi-
8 vidual with a vehicle, including providing an individual
9 with a vehicle under a long-term lease, which is not an
10 alternative fuel vehicle.

11 (b) ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES DESCRIBED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, an “alter-
13 native fuel vehicle” means any of the following:

14 (A) A vehicle treated as an alternative
15 fuels vehicle by the Administrator of General
16 Services under standards established by the Ad-
17 ministrator.

18 (B) Any other vehicle powered by alter-
19 native fuel or synthetic fuel

20 (C) Any other vehicle powered in whole or
21 in part by—

22 (i) flexible-fuel operating systems;
23 (ii) bio-fuel operating systems;
24 (iii) electrical operating systems; o

1 (iv) hybrid-electrical operating sys-
2 tems.

3 (2) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In paragraph (1)—

16 (C) the term “synthetic fuel” means any
17 fuel obtained from coal or from natural gas, or
18 derived from resources such as oil shale, tar
19 sand, or waste plastics.

20 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) shall apply
22 with respect to amounts expended on or after the
23 date of the enactment of this Act.

1 tered into prior to the date of the enactment of this
2 Act, subsection (a) shall first apply with respect to
3 amounts expended during the One Hundred Elev-
4 enth Congress.

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