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H. RES. 558

Prohibiting the use of the Members' Representational Allowance for the payment of the costs of first-class airline accommodations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. DUCKWORTH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITING USE OF MEMBERS' REPRESENTA-**
3 **TIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR FIRST-CLASS AIR-**
4 **LINE ACCOMMODATIONS.**

5 (a) REVISION OF REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE
6 USE OF THE MRA.—The Committee on House Adminis-
7 tration shall promulgate revisions to the regulations gov-
8 erning the use of the Members' Representational Allow-
9 ance to ensure that the Allowance is not used for the pay-

1 ment of the costs of first-class airline accommodations for
2 domestic travel except as provided under subsection (b).

3 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Under the revisions promulgated
4 by the Committee on House Administration under sub-
5 section (a), a Members' Representational Allowance may
6 be used for the payment of the costs of first-class airline
7 accommodations for domestic travel if the Member whose
8 Allowance will be used for such payment certifies in writ-
9 ing to the Committee that any of the following applies:

10 (1) The use of first-class accommodations is
11 necessary to accommodate a medical disability or
12 other special need, as demonstrated by such docu-
13 mentation as the Committee may require.

14 (2) No accommodations other than first-class
15 accommodations are reasonably available given the
16 timing of the travel, but only if the travel is urgent
17 and the purpose of the travel may not be carried out
18 on alternative dates.

19 (3) The use of first-class accommodations is
20 necessary because of exceptional security cir-
21 cumstances or other exceptional circumstances.

22 (4) The use of first-class accommodations will
23 result in an overall cost savings by avoiding addi-
24 tional subsistence costs, overtime, or lost productive
25 time while awaiting coach-class accommodations.

1 (5) The length of the flight is 5 hours or great-
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3 (c) DOMESTIC TRAVEL DEFINED.—For purposes of
4 this resolution, “domestic travel” means travel within the
5 continental United States.

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