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H. R. 6245

To require access to Federal facilities by Member of Congress, and for
other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Over-
5 sight Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO FEDERAL BUILDINGS REQUIRED FOR**
7 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Members of Congress have a responsibility
2 to conduct oversight and investigations over the
3 agencies of the Federal Government.

4 (2) Members of Congress must determine ap-
5 propriate funding levels for the agencies of the Gov-
6 ernment.

7 (3) Certain agencies have self-determined that
8 they have the power to deny Members of Congress
9 access to Federal facilities.

10 (4) Members have the right and duty to inspect
11 and observe any Federal agency, building, or facility
12 at a time of their choosing and upon twenty-four
13 hours' notice.

14 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The head of an agency must
15 grant access to the Federal facility for which a Member
16 of Congress has provided proper notice in accordance with
17 subsection (c).

18 (c) PROPER NOTICE.—For purposes of this section,
19 proper notice means a Member of Congress has submitted
20 a written notice (including by email, fax, or hand delivery)
21 to an agency that—

22 (1) the Member intends to visit a facility of the
23 agency at least 24 hours before the time of the in-
24 tended visit;

1 (2) includes a description of the date and time
2 of the visit, the facility to be visited, and the purpose
3 of the visit; and

4 (3) may be submitted to the head of the agency.

5 (d) AGENCY DEFINED.—The term “agency” has the
6 meaning given that term in section 101 of title 31, United
7 States Code.

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