

S 2180

Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2006

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NV • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (40 total)

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| Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT] | D · MT | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Bayh, Evan [D-IN] | D · IN | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM] | D · NM | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA] | D · CA | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY] | D · NY | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND] | D · ND | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN] | D · MN | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND] | D · ND | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | D · IL | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI] | D · WI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA] | D · IA | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD] | D · SD | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Kennedy, Edward M. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Kohl, Herb [D-WI] | D · WI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [D-CT] | D · CT | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR] | D · AR | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Obama, Barack [D-IL] | D · IL | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV] | D · WV | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO] | D · CO | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY] | D · NY | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Jan 20, 2006 |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA] | D · WA | | Jan 25, 2006 |
| Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] | D · CA | | Jan 25, 2006 |
| Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT] | I · VT | | Jan 25, 2006 |
| Sen. Nelson, Bill [D-FL] | D · FL | | Jan 25, 2006 |
| Sen. Sarbanes, Paul S. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Jan 25, 2006 |
| Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT] | D · CT | | Feb 2, 2006 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Hearings By (full committee) | Jan 25, 2006 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|--------------|--------------|--|
| 109 SRES 525 | Related bill | Jun 29, 2006: Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6811-6812) |
| 109 HR 5677 | Related bill | Jun 22, 2006: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 109 HR 4975 | Related bill | May 23, 2006: Laid on the table. See S. 2349 for further action. |
| 109 HR 4988 | Related bill | Apr 27, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1880) |
| 109 HRES 772 | Related bill | Apr 25, 2006: Referred to the House Committee on Rules. |
| 109 HR 4948 | Related bill | Mar 14, 2006: Referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 109 HR 4575 | Related bill | Feb 16, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution. |
| 109 HR 4667 | Related bill | Feb 6, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from Interior. |
| 109 HR 4682 | Related bill | Feb 1, 2006: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Rules, Government Reform, Standards of Official Conduct, Armed Services, and House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |
| 109 HR 2412 | Related bill | May 17, 2005: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Standards of Official Conduct, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. |

Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2006 - Extends from one to two years the ban on former senior and very senior executive personnel, former Members of Congress, and officers and employees of the legislative branch from making lobbying contacts with any officer or employee of the entity in which such person served before his or her tenure terminated.

Eliminates floor privileges for a former Senator or Senator-elect who is a registered lobbyist.

Requires public disclosure by Members of Congress and senior congressional staff of employment negotiations.

Subjects to fines and penalties a Member of Congress or a congressional employee who wrongfully influences, on a partisan basis, an entity's employment decisions or practices.

Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (LDA) to require: (1) quarterly instead of semiannual filing of lobbying disclosures reports; (2) electronic filing; (3) disclosure of registered lobbyist contributions and payments; (4) disclosure of paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying; (5) disclosure by registered lobbyists of all past executive and congressional employment; and (6) maintenance of certain lobbying disclosure information in an electronic data base, available to the public free of charge over the Internet.

Amends the Standing Rules of the Senate to: (1) exclude gifts from lobbyists from the gift ban exceptions; and (2) prohibit privately funded travel by a Member, officer, or employee.

Prohibits such individuals from accepting transportation or lodging on trips sponsored by non-profit organizations that are planned, organized, requested, arranged, or financed in whole or in part by a lobbyist or foreign agent, or in which a lobbyist participates.

Requires a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate to disclose certain information regarding noncommercial air travel.

Requires the Committee on Rules and Administration to develop and revise guidelines on reasonable expenses or expenditures for official government travel.

Establishes the Senate Office of Public Integrity.

Amends the LDA to increase the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements.

Requires certification that congressional travel meets certain conditions. Establishes civil fines for false certifications.

Establishes mandatory annual ethics training for congressional employees.

Amends the Standing Rules to require: (1) actual voting in a conference committee meeting on the full text of the proposed conference report; and (2) availability of such report on the Internet for at least 24 hours before its consideration.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 6, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1760-1761)
- **Jan 25, 2006:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 109-428.
- **Jan 20, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 20, 2006:** Read twice and referred, under authority of the order of the Senate of Jan. 18, 2006, to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR 1/24/2006 S20-23)