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Rep. Chandler, Ben [D-KY-6]	D · KY		Nov 3, 2005

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Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Dec 16, 2005
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Feb 1, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ethics Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2005
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	May 17, 2005

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 S 2180	Related bill	Mar 6, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1760-1761)
109 HR 4667	Related bill	Feb 6, 2006: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

Special Interest Lobbying and Ethics Accountability Act of 2005 - Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require: (1) quarterly instead of semiannual filing of lobbying disclosures reports; (2) electronic filing; (3) maintenance of certain lobbying disclosure information in an electronic data base, available to the public free of charge over the Internet; (4) identification of each executive official and Member of Congress with whom lobbying contacts are made; (5) disclosure by registered lobbyists of all past executive and congressional employment; and (6) disclosure of grassroots lobbying communications by paid lobbyists.

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

Requires public disclosure by Members of Congress of employment negotiations.

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

Amends the Code of Official Conduct in the House to prohibit favoritism.

Requires certification that congressional travel meets certain conditions, and establishes civil fines for false certifications.

Requires the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to develop and revise guidelines on reasonable expenses or expenditures for official government travel.

Calls for reviews and semiannual reports by the Comptroller General on activities carried out by the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate under the Act, subject to congressional committee hearings.

Increases the penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements.

Requires appointment of a bipartisan ethics task force to make recommendations on: (1) strengthening ethics oversight and enforcement in the House; and (2) providing the resources necessary to accomplish this goal.

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