

HR 4575

Lobbying Transparency and Accountability Act of 2005

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Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: CT • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large]	R · DE		Dec 17, 2005
Rep. Johnson, Nancy L. [R-CT-5]	R · CT		Dec 17, 2005
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Dec 17, 2005
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Dec 17, 2005
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jan 31, 2006
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Michael G. [R-PA-8]	R · PA		Jan 31, 2006
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 31, 2006
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	R · NM		Jan 31, 2006
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	R · PA		Mar 2, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ethics Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2005
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2006
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2005
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 16, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
<a href="#">109 SRES 525</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 29, 2006:</b> Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6811-6812)
<a href="#">109 HR 5677</a>	Related bill	<b>Jun 22, 2006:</b> 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.
<a href="#">109 HR 4975</a>	Related bill	<b>May 23, 2006:</b> Laid on the table. See S. 2349 for further action.
<a href="#">109 S 2349</a>	Related bill	<b>May 23, 2006:</b> Message on Senate action sent to the House.
<a href="#">109 HR 4988</a>	Related bill	<b>Apr 27, 2006:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1880)
<a href="#">109 HCONRES 358</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 15, 2006:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Rules.
<a href="#">109 S 2180</a>	Related bill	<b>Mar 6, 2006:</b> Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1760-1761)
<a href="#">109 S 2128</a>	Identical bill	<b>Mar 3, 2006:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 369.
<a href="#">109 HR 4667</a>	Related bill	<b>Feb 6, 2006:</b> Executive Comment Requested from Interior.

Lobbying Transparency and 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) disclosure by registered lobbyists of all past executive and congressional employment; (5 ) disclosure of grassroots lobbying activities by paid lobbyists; (6) disclosure of registered lobbyists contributions and payments; and (7) an increased penalty for failure to comply with lobbying disclosure requirements.

Revises criteria, with regard to disclosure requirements, for determining a coalition or association of groups that retain a person to conduct lobbying or grassroots lobbying activities.

Extends from one to two years the ban on lobbying contacts by former 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.

Amends the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to grant a current or former employee or officer assigned to an Indian tribe to perform services pursuant to self-governance contracts or compacts formerly performed by them for the United States to communicate with and appear before any department, agency, court, or commission on behalf of the Indian tribe with respect to any matter relating to the contract or compact.

Requires public disclosure by Members of Congress of employment negotiations.

Exempts from the restrictions on gifts to Members of Congress or Senators, officers, or employees the market value for a flight on an airplane not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to operate for compensation or hire. Declares that such market value is the fair market value of a charter flight. Requires public disclosure of such flights.

Requires increased disclosure of travel by Members of Congress.

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

Declares that a gift to a covered executive branch official, or to an officer, employee, or Member of the House or of the Senate, of a ticket to a sporting or entertainment event shall be the face value of the ticket; and if there is no face value, then the highest cost of a ticket with a face value for the event.

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.

## Actions Timeline

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