

HR 4988

House Ethics Reform Act of 2006

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]

Party: Republican • State: CO • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Gutknecht, Gil [R-MN-1]	R · MN		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Hulshof, Kenny C. [R-MO-9]	R · MO		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Shadegg, John B. [R-AZ-3]	R · AZ		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Weldon, Curt [R-PA-7]	R · PA		Mar 16, 2006
Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]	R · CT		Mar 28, 2006
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Mar 28, 2006
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Apr 6, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ethics Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2006
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2006
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 16, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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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 2349	Related bill	May 23, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
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 S 2180	Related bill	Mar 6, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1760-1761)
109 S 2128	Related bill	Mar 3, 2006: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 369.
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 S 271	Related bill	Mar 8, 2005: Committee on Rules and Administration. Hearings held.

House Ethics Reform Act of 2006 - Amends the Rules of the House of Representatives to require the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct (Ethics Committee) to establish mandatory annual ethics training for Members of the House and officers.

Requires a Member, officer, standing committee, and permanent select committee of the House to designate an employee to serve as its ethics officer.

Prescribes requirements for: (1) the Committee's adoption of rules for ethics investigatory powers and procedures; (2) letters of admonition; (3) due process rights of respondents; and (4) simplification of settlement during an ethics process.

Amends the Rules of the House to: (1) add to the Code of Official Conduct the Code of Ethics for Government Service; (2) rename the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct as the Ethics Committee; (3) revise the terms of service of the Ethics Committee chairman and ranking minority member; (4) provide for their removal from the Committee as well as removal of staff; (5) prohibit them from discussing any investigation with the Speaker, Majority or Minority Leaders, or their staff; and (6) require certification that congressional travel meets certain conditions.

Requires disclosure by registered lobbyists of activities related to such travel.

Amends the Rules of the House to require electronic filing of travel records for privately-funded official travel, and their posting on the Clerk's Internet website.

Requires a Member, officer, or employee to file a report on any travel on a flight on an aircraft that is not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to operate for compensation or hire (nongovernmental, corporate jets) taken in connection with such individual's duties approved by the Ethics Committee. Requires posting of such information on the Member's official website.

Requires: (1) immediate electronic public disclosure of lobbyists and foreign agent registrations; (2) public disclosure and website posting of any gift worth \$20 or more to a Member, officer, or employee, or by a lobbyist or foreign agent; and (3) posting of lobbying registration and disclosure statements on the House official public Internet site.

Actions Timeline

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