

HR 5677

Ethics and Lobbying Reform Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration

Latest Action: 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. (Jun 22, 2006)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Shays, Christopher [R-CT-4]

Party: Republican • State: CT • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Meehan, Martin T. [D-MA-5]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2006
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R · PA		Jun 26, 2006
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jun 29, 2006
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Sep 21, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2006
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2006
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 4975	Related bill	May 23, 2006: Laid on the table. See S. 2349 for further action.
109 S 2349	Related bill	May 23, 2006: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
109 HR 4988	Related bill	Apr 27, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H1880)
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 S 1398	Related bill	Jul 14, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S8306-8310)
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.

Ethics and Lobbying Reform Act of 2006 - Amends the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (LDA) to include among lobbying activities any paid efforts to stimulate grassroots lobbying, but not grassroots lobbying itself.

Amends Rule XXV (Limitations on Outside Earned Income and Acceptance of Gifts) of the Rules of the House and Rule XXXV (Gifts) of the Standing Rules of the Senate to exempt from the restrictions on gifts to Members of Congress, Senators, and House and Senate officers and employees the fair market value for a flight on an aircraft not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to operate for compensation or hire. Requires public disclosure of such flights.

Amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (FECA) to exclude from the definition of contribution any travel expense for a flight on such aircraft, but only if it is paid for within seven days under specified conditions.

Amends Rule XXV to repeal the permission for Members of the House to accept gifts of a nominal value.

Deems a gift any payments or disbursements for an event in honor of a Member, officer, or employee that is held at a national party convention.

Amends the Rules of the House to consider as gifts reimbursements to Members, officers, and employees for official travel-related expenses from nongovernmental organizations that retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Prohibits such individuals from accepting transportation or lodging on trips arranged or financed by a lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, or in which a lobbyist participates.

Sets forth reporting requirements for lobbyist campaign contributions.

Amends the federal criminal code to impose a two-year moratorium on lobbying of Congress by former Members, officers, or employees.

Establishes within the legislative branch the Office of Public Integrity.

Actions Timeline

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