

## HRES 440

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to strengthen the public disclosure of all earmark requests.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

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**Latest Action:** Referred to House Standards of Official Conduct (May 14, 2009)

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| Rep. Cao, Anh "Joseph" [R-LA-2]         | R · LA        |      | Jul 27, 2009 |
| Rep. Inglis, Bob [R-SC-4]               | R · SC        |      | Jul 28, 2009 |
| Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]           | D · IA        |      | Jul 28, 2009 |
| Rep. Fleming, John [R-LA-4]             | R · LA        |      | Oct 26, 2009 |
| Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]           | D · CT        |      | Oct 26, 2009 |
| Rep. Boustany, Charles W., Jr. [R-LA-7] | R · LA        |      | Oct 28, 2009 |
| Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3]             | R · MS        |      | Oct 28, 2009 |
| Rep. Alexander, Rodney [R-LA-5]         | R · LA        |      | Nov 19, 2009 |
| Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]            | D · NC        |      | Feb 2, 2010  |
| Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5]           | R · PA        |      | Feb 2, 2010  |
| Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]              | R · TX        |      | Feb 3, 2010  |
| Rep. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI-9]           | D · MI        |      | Feb 24, 2010 |
| Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]        | R · VA        |      | Feb 25, 2010 |
| Rep. Polis, Jared [D-CO-2]              | D · CO        |      | Mar 9, 2010  |
| Rep. Murphy, Scott [D-NY-20]            | D · NY        |      | Apr 21, 2010 |
| Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]            | R · KY        |      | May 27, 2010 |
| Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]           | R · CA        |      | May 27, 2010 |

## Committee Activity

| Committee        | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Ethics Committee | House   | Referred To | May 14, 2009 |
| Rules Committee  | House   | Referred To | May 14, 2009 |

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Congress

## Related Bills

| Bill         | Relationship | Last Action   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| 111 HRES 687 | Related bill | Jul 28, 2009: Referred to House Standards of Official Conduct |

Amends Rule XXIII (Code of Official Conduct) of the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner (Member), within 24 hours after requesting a congressional earmark or a limited tax or tariff benefit, to: (1) post on his or her website for the remainder of a Congress the name and address of the intended recipient, the requested congressional earmarks amount, and an explanation of the request, including the purpose, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds; (2) submit electronically to the committee of subject-matter jurisdiction the webpage address where such information is posted; (3) identify each request as having been submitted to the committee of subject-matter jurisdiction; and (4) display on the homepage of such website a hypertext link that contains the words "Earmarks," "Appropriations Requests," "Limited Tax Benefits," or "Limited Tariff Benefits."

Requires the Member to maintain the link for at least 30 calendar days after the last request is made during a Congress.

Amends Rule XI (Procedures of Committees and Unfinished Business) to require any committee that accepts a Member's request for a congressional earmark or a limited tax or tariff benefit to maintain a public website with an earmark disclosure webpage that contains for each request certain identifying information in a downloadable, searchable, and sortable format.

Requires: (1) a committee to post on its earmark disclosure webpage all requesting Members' written statements and other related information; and (2) such webpage to list the Members and link directly to their webpage addresses.

Amends Rule XXI (Restrictions on Certain Bills) to make it out of order to consider any legislation that carries a congressional earmark or limited tax or tariff benefit requested by a Member who does not comply with clause 18 of Rule XXIII.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **May 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to House Rules
- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, 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.
- **May 14, 2009:** Referred to House Standards of Official Conduct