

## HR 5151

Congressional Oversight and Spending Transparency (COST) Act of 2010

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Congress

**Introduced:** Apr 27, 2010

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. (Apr 27, 2010)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/5151>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Flake, Jeff [R-AZ-6]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

| Cosponsor                               | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Castle, Michael N. [R-DE-At Large] | R · DE        |      | May 26, 2010 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                         | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Committee on House Administration | House   | Referred To | Apr 27, 2010 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Congress

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 27, 2010)

Congressional Oversight and Spending Transparency (COST) Act of 2010 - Prohibits the amount authorized to be appropriated for FY2011 for the Members' Representational Allowance under the House of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Corrections Act from exceeding the appropriated amount for FY2009.

Amends the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1991 to prohibit the use of funds of the House of Representatives for official mail of a Member of the House for any material other than a document transmitted under the official letterhead used for the Member's stationery.

Requires quarterly reports by the Chief Administrative Officer of receipts and expenditures for official mail of the House to include, in the required statement of costs incurred for official mail by each person entitled to use the congressional frank, a breakdown of the costs incurred for each category of mass mailings and communications covered by the statement.

## Actions Timeline

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