HR 3549

Congressional Blind Trust Act of 2011

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Policy Area: Congress
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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on House Administration. (Dec 2, 2011)
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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Dec 2, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Congress

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 3639	Related bill	**Dec 13, 2011:** Referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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.
112 HR 3550	Related bill	**Dec 5, 2011:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

Summary (as of Dec 2, 2011)

Congressional Blind Trust Act of 2011 - Amends the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 to require each Member of Congress to place all of his or her stocks, bonds, commodities futures, and other forms of securities, including securities held jointly with a spouse, in a qualified blind trust.

Exempts from such requirement any financial interests in or income derived from: (1) the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS), including the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP); (2) any other federal retirement system for U.S. officers and employees, including the President, or for members of the uniformed services; or (3) benefits received under the Social Security Act.

Requires new Members to comply with this Act within 30 days after taking office, and incumbent Members within 30 days after enactment of this Act. Allows a Member to file, as appropriate, with the Clerk of the House of Representative or the Secretary of the Senate for an additional 30-day extension in order to comply.

Authorizes the Attorney General to bring a civil action against any Member of Congress for noncompliance.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 2, 2011:** Introduced in House
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