

## HR 4631

GSA Act of 2012

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Government Operations and Politics

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**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governm

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sep 12, 2012)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Walsh, Joe [R-IL-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (8 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Long, Billy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Paul, Ron [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Apr 25, 2012
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		May 8, 2012
Rep. Landry, Jeffrey M. [R-LA-3]	R · LA		May 8, 2012
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		May 8, 2012
Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-9]	R · MO		May 8, 2012
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-3]	R · PA		Jun 26, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 12, 2012
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 11, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Government Operations and Politics

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Government Spending Accountability Act of 2012 or the GSA Act of 2012 - Requires each federal agency to post on its public website detailed information on employee presentations at conferences, including: (1) the prepared text of any verbal presentation; and (2) any visual, digital, video, or audio materials presented, including photographs, slides, and audio-visual recordings.

Limits to \$500,000 the amount that any agency may spend to support a single conference. Allows an agency head to waive such limitation for a specific conference after making a determination that a higher expenditure is justified as the most cost-effective option to achieve a compelling purpose.

Prohibits an agency from paying the travel expenses for more than 50 employees stationed in the United States to attend any international conference, unless the Secretary of State determines that attendance of such employees is in the national interest.

Requires each agency to post on its public website quarterly reports on each conference for which the agency paid travel expenses during the preceding three months.

Limits agency travel expenses for FY2013-FY2017 to 70% of the aggregate amount of such expenses for FY2010. Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to establish guidelines for determining what expenses constitute travel expenses for purposes of the ceiling imposed on such expenses. Exempts from such limitation military travel expenses.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 12, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 112-664.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 479.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Mr. Walsh (IL) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5776-5778)
- **Sep 11, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4631.
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5776-5777)
- **Sep 11, 2012:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5776-5777)
- **Sep 11, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 27, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 27, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 25, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.