

HR 753

Serve the People, Not the Swamp Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Congress

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties. (Mar 22, 2021)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • State: WI • Chamber: House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 3, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021
Committee on House Administration	House	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 22, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 3, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 751	Related bill	Mar 15, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## **Serve the People, Not the Swamp Act**

This bill establishes requirements for Members of Congress related to consideration of appropriations bills, lobbying activities, and retirement benefits.

Specifically, the bill prohibits (1) the House of Representatives from adjourning for more than three calendar days in August until it has approved annual appropriations bills for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of that year, and (2) Congress from adjourning for more than three calendar days between October 1 and the end of the congressional session until the annual appropriations bills are presented to the President.

Neither chamber may recess or stand adjourned longer than 24 hours during any calendar year until Congress has agreed to a budget resolution for the fiscal year beginning on October 1 of such year that projects a balanced budget by the last fiscal year covered by the resolution.

The bill establishes a five-year ban on (1) individuals appointed to executive schedule positions from engaging in lobbying activities in the executive branch, and (2) lobbying activities by Members of Congress.

The Office of Government Ethics may waive lobbying restrictions for certain employees if it determines that the restrictions would create an undue hardship in obtaining qualified personnel for agency positions and granting such waiver would not create the potential for undue influence or unfair advantage.

The bill excludes future Members of Congress from the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) and requires Members currently enrolled in FERS to opt in to continue their enrollment.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, Rules, Oversight and Reform, and 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.