

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
CASTLE OF DELAWARE, OR HIS  
DESIGNEE, TO BE DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES:

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4975, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. CASTLE OF DELAWARE**

Insert the following after section 106 and redesignate the succeeding section accordingly:

1 **SEC. 107. PENALTIES FOR OFFERING GIFTS.**

2 Section 7 of the Act (2 U.S.C. 1606), as amended  
3 by section 106, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
4 lowing:

5 “(c) PENALTIES FOR OFFERING GIFTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any person who is—

7 “(A) a lobbyist registered under this Act,

8 “(B) a lobbyist who is an employee of an  
9 organization registered under this Act, or

10 “(C) the client of any such lobbyist or or-  
11 ganization,

12 and who offers to a covered legislative branch official  
13 of the House of Representatives any gift, knowing  
14 that such gift violates the rules of the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives, shall, upon proof thereof by a prepon-  
16 derance of the evidence, be subject to a civil fine of  
17 not more than \$50,000.



1           “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
2 ‘covered legislative branch official of the House of  
3 Representatives’ means—

4           “(A) a Representative in, or Delegate or  
5 Resident Commissioner to, the Congress; and

6           “(B) an employee of, or any other indi-  
7 vidual functioning in the capacity of an em-  
8 ployee of—

9           “(i) an individual described in sub-  
10 paragraph (A);

11           “(ii) a committee of the House of  
12 Representatives;

13           “(iii) the leadership staff of the House  
14 of Representatives;

15           “(iv) a joint committee of Congress;  
16 or

17           “(v) a working group or caucus orga-  
18 nized to provide legislative services to indi-  
19 viduals described in subparagraph (A).”.

