

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4975
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Page 14, line 1, strike “**SUSPENSION OF**” and insert “**CRITERIA FOR**”.

Page 14, strike line 4 and all that follows through page 15, line 24 and insert the following (and redesignate accordingly):

1 **SEC. 301. REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PRI-**
2 **VATELY-FUNDED TRAVEL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A Member, officer, or employee
4 of the House of Representatives may not accept a gift of
5 travel (including transportation, lodging, and meals dur-
6 ing such travel) from any private person unless—

7 (1) the Committee on Standards of Official
8 Conduct (hereafter in this section referred to as the
9 “Committee”) has designated the private source as
10 an eligible travel provider under subsection (b);

11 (2) the Committee has designated the travel as
12 an eligible trip under subsection (c); and

13 (3) the Committee has approved the participa-
14 tion of the Member, officer, or employee in the eligi-
15 ble trip under subsection (d), unless the travel oc-

1 curs entirely within the United States (including any
2 territory or possession of the United States).

3 (b) DESIGNATION OF ELIGIBLE TRAVEL PRO-
4 VIDERS.—

5 (1) ELIGIBILITY OF PRIVATE PERSONS.—The
6 Committee may designate a private person as an eli-
7 gible travel provider under this subsection if the per-
8 son submits to the Committee (at such time and in
9 such form as the Committee may require) an appli-
10 cation containing the information required under
11 paragraph (2).

12 (2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—The information re-
14 quired under this paragraph with respect to an
15 applicant is as follows:

16 (i) The name and occupation of each
17 member of the applicant's board of direc-
18 tors (if any).

19 (ii) A description of any association
20 the applicant may have with a lobbyist reg-
21 istered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act
22 of 1995, including the names of any such
23 lobbyist and any clients of such lobbyist
24 who have provided financial assistance to
25 the applicant during the application period.

1 (iii) The name and occupation of any
2 person providing financial assistance to the
3 applicant during any year occurring during
4 the application period in an amount equal
5 to or greater than 5% of the applicant's
6 total operating budget for the year.

7 (iv) A general statement of the pur-
8 poses of the applicant and the purposes of
9 the travel it proposes to provide to Mem-
10 bers, officers, and employees of the House.

11 (v) A certification that (if the applica-
12 tion is approved) the applicant will provide
13 the updated information required under
14 subsection (d).

15 (vi) Such other information as the
16 Committee may require.

17 (B) APPLICATION PERIOD DEFINED.—In
18 this paragraph, the “application period” means,
19 with respect to an applicant, the 5-year period
20 ending on the last day of the month preceding
21 the month in which the applicant submits the
22 application under this subsection.

23 (3) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON AP-
24 PROVED APPLICATIONS.—

1 (A) PUBLICATION UPON APPROVAL.—Not
2 later than 10 legislative days after approving an
3 application and designating a person as an eli-
4 gible travel provider under this subsection, the
5 Committee shall submit a statement for publi-
6 cation in the Congressional Record which an-
7 nounces that the person is an eligible travel
8 provider and includes the information submitted
9 in the person’s application.

10 (B) MAINTENANCE OF LIST BY CLERK.—
11 The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
12 maintain and regularly update a list of eligible
13 travel providers and shall include the list on the
14 Clerk’s public Internet site in a manner which
15 promotes rapid and easy public access to the in-
16 formation involved, along with links to the
17 statement published in the Congressional
18 Record under subparagraph (A) for each eligi-
19 ble provider.

20 (4) UPDATING INFORMATION.—If any of the in-
21 formation included in the approved application of a
22 designated travel provider changes after the designa-
23 tion occurs, the provider shall submit the updated
24 information to the Committee, and the Committee
25 shall submit the revised information for publication

1 in the Congressional Record not later than the first
2 legislative day which occurs after the expiration of
3 the 30-day period beginning on the date of receipt.

4 (5) PERIOD OF DESIGNATION.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—A person's designation
6 as an eligible travel provider under this sub-
7 section shall expire at the end of the Congress
8 which follows the Congress during which the
9 designation occurs.

10 (B) REVOCATION.—The Committee may
11 revoke the designation of a person as an eligible
12 travel provider prior to the expiration under
13 subparagraph (A) if—

14 (i) the provider fails to submit up-
15 dated information to the Committee, as re-
16 quired under paragraph (4);

17 (ii) after reviewing the updated infor-
18 mation submitted under paragraph (4), the
19 Committee determines that the person no
20 longer meets the requirements for eligi-
21 bility as a designated travel provider under
22 this subsection;

23 (iii) the Committee determines that
24 the provider is in violation of the Lobbying

1 Disclosure Act of 1995 or any other Fed-
2 eral law, rule, or regulation; or

3 (iv) in the case of a provider who
4 sponsored any travel which was designated
5 as an eligible trip under subsection (c)—

6 (I) the provider did not carry out
7 the trip in accordance with the infor-
8 mation contained in the request sub-
9 mitted for the travel under such sub-
10 section, or

11 (II) the provider failed to submit
12 the updated itinerary required under
13 subsection (c) of such section or the
14 post-travel report required under
15 paragraph (4) of such subsection.

16 (C) NOTICE UPON REVOCATION.—If the
17 Committee revokes the designation of a person
18 as an eligible travel provider, the Committee
19 shall notify the person in writing, and shall sub-
20 mit a statement containing the notice of revoca-
21 tion for publication in the Congressional Record
22 not later than 10 legislative days after the rev-
23 ocation occurs.

24 (D) PROHIBITING REDESIGNATION OF
25 PROVIDERS SUBJECT TO REVOCATION.—Not-

1 withstanding any other provision of this sub-
2 section, if the Committee revokes the designa-
3 tion of a person as an eligible travel provider,
4 the Committee may not designate the person as
5 an eligible travel provider at any time during
6 the 4-year period which begins on the date of
7 the revocation.

8 (c) DESIGNATION OF ELIGIBLE TRIPS.—

9 (1) SUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR DESIGNA-
10 TION.—The Committee may designate proposed
11 travel as an eligible trip if—

12 (A) the travel is sponsored by an eligible
13 travel provider;

14 (B) the eligible travel provider submits to
15 the Committee a request to designate the travel
16 as an eligible trip not later than 60 days prior
17 to the commencement of the travel, except that
18 the Committee may permit a provider to submit
19 a request fewer than 60 days prior to the com-
20 mencement of the travel in extraordinary cir-
21 cumstances;

22 (C) the request contains the information
23 required under paragraph (2);

24 (D) the eligible travel provider certifies to
25 the Committee that the travel will be carried

1 out in accordance with the information con-
2 tained in the request; and

3 (E) the eligible travel provider certifies to
4 the Committee that (if the travel is designated
5 as eligible travel) it will submit the updated
6 itinerary required under paragraph (3) and the
7 post-travel report required under paragraph (4).

8 (2) ITINERARY AND OTHER INFORMATION.—
9 The information required under this paragraph with
10 respect to proposed travel sponsored by an eligible
11 travel provider is as follows:

12 (A) The itinerary for the trip.

13 (B) The number and (if available) the
14 names of the Members, officers, and employees
15 of the House to be invited on the trip.

16 (C) The anticipated costs of the trip to the
17 sponsor.

18 (D) Such other information as the Com-
19 mittee may require.

20 (3) SUBMISSION OF UPDATED ITINERARY.—

21 (A) IN GENERAL.—If the Committee des-
22 ignates proposed travel as an eligible trip under
23 this subsection, the eligible travel provider spon-
24 soring the trip shall submit to the Committee
25 an updated itinerary for the trip not later than

1 7 days prior to the commencement of the trip,
2 except that the Committee may permit a pro-
3 vider to submit the updated itinerary fewer
4 than 7 days prior to the commencement of the
5 trip in extraordinary circumstances.

6 (B) CONTENTS.—The updated itinerary
7 required to be submitted under this subsection
8 shall contain updates to the information re-
9 quired in the provider's request submitted
10 under paragraph (1).

11 (4) SUBMISSION OF POST-TRAVEL REPORT.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
13 after the completion of an eligible trip, the eligi-
14 ble travel provider who sponsored the trip shall
15 submit to the Committee a report containing
16 the actual itinerary carried out on the trip, in-
17 cluding the names of the Members, officers, and
18 employees of the House who participated in the
19 trip and the name, title (if any), and occupation
20 of each other individual who participated in the
21 trip, together with an explanation for any dif-
22 ferences between the actual itinerary and the
23 updated itinerary submitted under paragraph
24 (3).

1 (B) PUBLICATION.—Not later than 10 leg-
2 islative days after receiving the report under
3 this paragraph, the Committee shall submit the
4 report for publication in the Congressional
5 Record.

6 (5) PROHIBITING PUBLICATION OF INFORMA-
7 TION PRIOR TO TRIP.—

8 (A) PROHIBITION.—No information sub-
9 mitted under this subsection with respect to an
10 eligible trip or a request by an eligible travel
11 provider to designate proposed travel as an eli-
12 gible trip may be published in the Congressional
13 Record prior to the conclusion of the trip.

14 (B) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense
15 of the Congress that the publishing in the Con-
16 gressional Record of travel dates and itineraries
17 for eligible travel under this section prior to the
18 dates of travel will place at risk the health and
19 safety of the Members, officers, and employees
20 participating in the trips.

21 (d) APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATION OF INDIVIDUAL.—

22 (1) APPROVAL.—The Committee may approve
23 the participation of a Member, officer, or employee
24 of the House of Representatives in an eligible trip
25 if—

1 (A) the Member, officer, or employee sub-
2 mits an application for approval not later than
3 14 days prior to the commencement of the trip,
4 except that the Committee may permit an indi-
5 vidual to submit a request fewer than 14 days
6 prior to the commencement of the trip in ex-
7 traordinary circumstances;

8 (B) the application contains the informa-
9 tion required under paragraph (2); and

10 (C) after reviewing the application, the
11 Committee determines that the participation of
12 the individual is an appropriate exercise of the
13 individual's official duties and is consistent with
14 the Rules of the House of Representatives.

15 (2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—The informa-
16 tion described in this paragraph with respect to the
17 application of a Member, officer, or employee to par-
18 ticipate in an eligible trip is as follows:

19 (A) A copy of the most current version of
20 the itinerary for the trip.

21 (B) In the case of an employee, a written
22 letter from the employee's employing authority
23 authorizing the participation of the employee in
24 the trip.

1 (C) Such other information as the Com-
2 mittee may require.

3 (3) RESPONSE BY COMMITTEE.—The Com-
4 mittee shall issue a written response to the applica-
5 tion of a Member, officer, or employee under this
6 subsection as soon as practicable after receipt,
7 and—

8 (A) shall transmit a copy of the response
9 to the Clerk of the House of Representatives,
10 who shall maintain the copy in the files of the
11 Clerk for not fewer than 10 years after receipt;
12 and

13 (B) in the case of an employee, shall trans-
14 mit a copy of the response to the employee's
15 employing authority.

16 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RULES.—
17 Clause 5 of rule XXV of the Rules of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
19 lowing:

20 “(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
21 clause, no Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, of-
22 ficer, or employee of the House may accept a gift of travel
23 (including any transportation, lodging, and meals during
24 such travel) which is not permitted to be accepted under

1 section 301 of Lobbying Accountability and Transparency
2 Act of 2006.”.

3 (f) DEVELOPMENT OF FORMS.—The Clerk of the
4 House of Representatives and the Committee shall jointly
5 develop forms to be used for the applications, reports, and
6 other documents required under this section.