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# H. RES. 593

Permitting payments to be made by the House of Representatives to reimburse Members, officers, and employees for qualified adoption expenses.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 1998

Mr. BLILEY (for himself and Mr. OBERSTAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Oversight

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## RESOLUTION

Permitting payments to be made by the House of Representatives to reimburse Members, officers, and employees for qualified adoption expenses.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. PAYMENT OF QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES**

3                       **OF MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES**

4                       **OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

5       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6 sion of law or any rule or regulation, payment may be  
7 made from the applicable accounts of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives to reimburse any Member, officer, or em-  
9 ployee of the House for qualified adoption expenses, if au-

1 thORIZED by the employing authority of the Member, offi-  
2 cer, or employee.

3 (b) LIMIT ON AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—The amount  
4 that may be paid under this section with respect to any  
5 child adopted by a Member, officer, or employee may not  
6 exceed \$2,000.

7 (c) QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES DEFINED.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this resolution, the term  
9 “qualified adoption expenses” means reasonable and  
10 necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees,  
11 and other expenses—

12 (A) which are directly related to, and the  
13 principal purpose of which is for, the legal  
14 adoption of an eligible child by the Member, of-  
15 ficer, or employee involved;

16 (B) which are not incurred in violation of  
17 State or Federal law or in carrying out any sur-  
18rogate parenting arrangement;

19 (C) which are not expenses in connection  
20 with the adoption by an individual of a child  
21 who is the child of the individual’s spouse; and

22 (D) which are not otherwise reimbursed.

23 (2) ELIGIBLE CHILD.—The term “eligible  
24 child” means any individual who—

25 (A) has not attained age 18; or

1                   (B) is physically or mentally incapable of  
2                   caring for himself.

3 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS.**

4           The Committee on House Oversight shall issue such  
5 regulations as may be necessary to carry out this resolu-  
6 tion.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8           This resolution shall apply with respect to the One  
9 Hundred Sixth Congress and each succeeding Congress.

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