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H. RES. 238

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 1, 1999

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

RESOLUTION

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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, upon authorization
7 by the employing authority of a Member, officer, or em-
8 ployee of the House of Representatives, payment may be
9 made from the account of the employing authority to reim-

1 burse the Member, officer, or employee for qualified adop-
2 tion expenses.

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) INDIVIDUALS COVERED.—Payment may be made
8 pursuant to this section to reimburse any individual whose
9 salary is disbursed by the Chief Administrative Officer of
10 the House of Representatives, including any individual
11 whose employing authority is a Member of the House, a
12 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress, a
13 committee of the House, the Clerk or any other officer
14 of the House of Representatives, or any other employing
15 authority of the House of Representatives.

16 (d) QUALIFIED ADOPTION EXPENSES DEFINED.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this resolution, the term
18 “qualified adoption expenses” means reasonable and
19 necessary adoption fees, court costs, attorney fees,
20 and other expenses—

21 (A) which are directly related to, and the
22 principal purpose of which is for, the legal
23 adoption of an eligible child by the Member, of-
24 ficer, or employee involved;

1 (B) which are not incurred in violation of
2 State or Federal law or in carrying out any sur-
3rogate parenting arrangement;

4 (C) which are not expenses in connection
5 with the adoption by an individual of a child
6 who is the child of the individual's spouse; and

7 (D) which are not otherwise reimbursed.

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

10 (A) has not attained age 18; or

11 (B) is physically or mentally incapable of
12 caring for himself.

13 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS.**

14 The Committee on House Administration shall issue
15 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
16 resolution.

17 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This resolution shall apply with respect to the second
19 session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress and each suc-
20 ceeding session of Congress.

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