

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2670

To limit the reimbursement of travel expenses of the members and employees of the Federal Communications Commission.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2003

Ms. WATSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Communica-  
5 tions Commission Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON RECEIPT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES.**

2 Section 1353 of title 31, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 section:

5 “(e) LIMITATION ON FCC.—Notwithstanding any  
6 other provision of this section, section 4111 of title 5,  
7 United States Code, or any other provision of law in pari  
8 materia, no commissioner or employee of the Federal  
9 Communications Commission may accept, nor may the  
10 Federal Communications Commission accept, payment or  
11 reimbursement from the nongovernmental sponsor (or any  
12 affiliated organization) of any convention, conference, or  
13 meeting for expenses for travel, subsistence, or related ex-  
14 penses incurred by a commissioner or employee of the  
15 Commission for the purpose of enabling that commissioner  
16 or employee to attend and participate in any such conven-  
17 tion, conference, or meeting. The Federal Communications  
18 Commission may establish a de minimus level of payment  
19 or value to which the preceding sentence does not apply.”.

20 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISION.**

21 Section 4(g) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47  
22 U.S.C. 154(g)) is amended—

23 (1) by striking paragraph (2); and

24 (2) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
25 graph (2).