

111TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 665

To require a witness before a committee hearing to file a disclosure form identifying substantial financial interests or compensation from an organization or company directly related to the subject of the hearing.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. GRASSLEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Witness Sun-
4 shine Resolution”.

5 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING RULES.**

6 Paragraph 4(b) of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
7 of the Senate is amended by—

8 (1) inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

1 (2) inserting at the end the following:

2 “(2)(A) Each committee (including the Committee on
3 Appropriations) shall require each witness who is to ap-
4 pear before the committee in any hearing to file with the
5 clerk of the committee, at least 1 day before the date of
6 the appearance of that witness, a disclosure form identi-
7 fying any arrangement, affiliation, relationship, or sub-
8 stantial financial interest the witness has with any organi-
9 zation, company, private, or government entity directly re-
10 lated to the subject of the hearing as well as the nature
11 of the relationship disclosed, unless the committee chair-
12 man and the ranking minority member determine that
13 there is good cause for noncompliance.

14 “(B) For any witness who at the time of the hearing
15 is employed by the Federal Government, submission of his
16 or her Executive Branch Personnel Public Financial Dis-
17 closure Report may fulfill the requirements of this clause
18 at the discretion of the Chairman and the Ranking Mem-
19 ber so long as the completed form is up to date and dis-
20 closes all relevant arrangements, affiliations, relationships,
21 and substantial financial interests.

22 “(C) If so requested by the committee, the staff of
23 the committee shall prepare for the use of the members
24 of the committee before each day of hearing before the
25 committee a digest of the disclosure forms which have

1 been filed under this clause by witnesses who are to appear
2 before the committee on that day. In addition, the dislo-
3 sure forms shall be made part of the committee record.”.

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