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H. R. 4631

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2012

Mr. WALSH of Illinois (for himself, Mr. LONG, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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 “Government Spending
5 Accountability Act of 2012” or the “GSA Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGENCY REPORTS ON CONFERENCES AND MEET-**
7 **INGS.**

8 (a) QUARTERLY REPORTS REQUIRED.—Not less fre-
9 quently than quarterly, the head of each agency shall sub-
10 mit a detailed, itemized report to the relevant committee

1 of Congress on any conference or meeting that occurs at
2 a location for which the agency must pay a fee or at a
3 location not owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the
4 Federal Government and—

5 (1) that is attended by 50 or more employees;

6 or

7 (2) for which the total cost is \$100,000 or
8 more.

9 (b) EXCLUSIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply
10 with respect to any conference or meeting that the head
11 of an agency determines—

12 (1) that reporting on such conference or meet-
13 ing would not be in the interest of national security;

14 or

15 (2) is necessary because of an imminent threat
16 to health or safety or other emergency.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
19 meaning given that term in section 551 of title 5,
20 United States Code.

21 (2) EMPLOYEE.—The term “employee” has the
22 meaning given that term in section 2105 of title 5,
23 United States Code.

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