

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3118

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Oversight and Reform, 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Clean Up Congress
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
5 **FROM LOBBYING CONGRESS.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—

7 (1) FORMER SENATORS.—Subparagraph (A) of
8 section 207(e)(1) of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking “within 2 years after that per-
10 son leaves office” and inserting “at any time after
11 that person leaves office”.

12 (2) FORMER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
13 RESENTATIVES.—Paragraph (1) of section 207(e) of
14 such title is amended by striking subparagraph (B)
15 and inserting the following:

16 “(B) MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
17 RESENTATIVES.—Any person who is a Member
18 of the House of Representatives and who, at
19 any time after that person leaves office, know-
20 ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any
21 communication to or appearance before any
22 Member, officer, or employee of either House of
23 Congress and any employee of any other legisla-
24 tive office of the Congress, on behalf of any
25 other person (except the United States) in con-
26 nection with any matter on which such former

1 Member seeks action by a Member, officer, or
2 employee of either House of Congress, in his or
3 her official capacity, shall be punished as pro-
4 vided in section 216 of this title.

5 “(C) OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE OF REP-
6 REPRESENTATIVES.—Any person who is an elected
7 officer of the House of Representatives and
8 who, within 1 year after that person leaves of-
9 fice, knowingly makes, with the intent to influ-
10 ence, any communication to or appearance be-
11 fore any Member, officer, or employee of the
12 House of Representatives, on behalf of any
13 other person (except the United States) in con-
14 nection with any matter on which such former
15 elected officer seeks action by a Member, offi-
16 cer, or employee of either House of Congress, in
17 his or her official capacity, shall be punished as
18 provided in section 216 of this title.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply with respect to any individual who,
21 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act, leaves
22 an office to which section 207(e)(1) of title 18, United
23 States Code, applies.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAV-**
2 **EL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
3 **FOR AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER**
4 **THAN COACH-CLASS.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—

6 (1) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or
7 otherwise made available during a fiscal year for the
8 official travel expenses of a Member of Congress
9 may be used for airline accommodations which are
10 not coach-class accommodations.

11 (2) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS DE-
12 FINED.—In this section, the term “coach-class ac-
13 commodation” means the basic class of accommo-
14 dation by airlines that is normally the lowest fare of-
15 fered regardless of airline terminology used, and (as
16 referred to by airlines) may include tourist class or
17 economy class, as well as single class when the air-
18 line offers only one class of accommodations to all
19 travelers.

20 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Ad-
21 ministration of the House of Representatives (with respect
22 to Representatives in, and Delegates and the Resident
23 Commissioner to, the Congress) and the Committee on
24 Rules and Administration of the Senate (with respect to
25 Senators) shall each promulgate such regulations as may
26 be necessary to carry out this section.

1 (c) MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this sec-
2 tion, the term “Member of Congress” means a Senator
3 or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commis-
4 sioner to, the Congress.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
6 respect to expenses incurred on or after the date of the
7 enactment of this Act.

8 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING ADJUSTMENT IN PAY RATES FOR**
9 **MEMBERS OF CONGRESS IN YEAR FOL-**
10 **LOWING BUDGET DEFICIT.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 601(a)(2) of the Legisla-
12 tive Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4501(2)) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) An adjustment in rates of pay may be made
15 under this paragraph in a year only if the aggregate out-
16 lays of the United States during the last completed fiscal
17 year did not exceed the aggregate receipts of the United
18 States during such fiscal year, as determined by the Con-
19 gressional Budget Office.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
21 601(a)(2)(A) of such Act (2 U.S.C. 4501(2)(A)) is amend-
22 ed by striking “Subject to subparagraph (B),” and insert-
23 ing “Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C),”.

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