

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22  
U.S.C. 1754(b), U.S. SENATE NATIONAL SECURITY WORKING GROUP FOR TRAVEL FROM NOV. 10 TO NOV. 13, 2009

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Dianne Feinstein:									
Switzerland .....	Franc .....		1,303.00 .....						1,303.00
Senator Jon Kyl:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				4,059.40 .....				4,059.40
Switzerland .....	Franc .....		714.00 .....						714.00
David Grannis:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				6,144.60 .....				6,144.60
Switzerland .....	Franc .....		1,051.00 .....						1,051.00
Timothy Morrison:									
United States .....	Dollar .....				6,144.60 .....				6,144.60
Switzerland .....	Franc .....		1,173.00 .....						1,173.00
Delegation Expenses*:									
Switzerland .....	Franc .....						1,905.00 .....		1,905.00
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>4,241.00 .....</b>		<b>16,348.40 .....</b>		<b>1,905.00 .....</b>		<b>22,494.40</b>

\*Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State, under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR HARRY REID,  
Jan. 26, 2010.  
SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL,  
Jan. 26, 2010.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE FOR TRAVEL FROM OCT. 1 TO DEC. 31, 2009

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
James J. Tuite III:									
United Arab Emirates .....	Dirham .....		1,047.78 .....						1,047.78
Afghanistan .....	Dollar .....		20.00 .....						20.00
United States .....	Dollar .....				8,571.00 .....				8,571.00
<b>Total .....</b>			<b>1,067.78 .....</b>		<b>8,571.00 .....</b>				<b>9,638.78</b>

SENATOR ROBERT BYRD,  
President pro tempore, Feb. 1, 2010.

**SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY APPLICANTS' ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION ACT OF 2010**

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 4532, received from the House and at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4532) to provide for permanent extension of the attorney fee withholding procedures under title II of the Social Security Act to title XVI of such Act, and to provide for permanent extension of such procedures under titles II and XVI of such Act to qualified non-attorney representatives.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BAUCUS. Madam President, I urge the Senate to pass by unanimous consent H.R. 4532, the Social Security Disability Applicants' Access to Professional Representation Act of 2010, which was recently passed by the House of Representatives by a vote of 412 to 6.

Claimants of Social Security disability benefits who want to appeal decisions on their cases face many complexities. Therefore, many wish to hire professionals to represent them in these appeals. These representatives can request to have their fees withheld by SSA from the retroactive benefits owed to the claimant. The withheld

fees are forwarded directly to the representatives by SSA. This fee arrangement makes it much more attractive for these representatives to take on these cases, which will provide claimants with easier access to professionals willing to represent them before SSA. Prior to enactment of the Social Security Protection Act of 2004, this direct payment of fees was only available to attorneys, not to nonattorneys, and only applied to Social Security claims, not to supplemental security income, SSI, claims.

The Social Security Protection Act authorized two nationwide demonstration projects for a period of 5 years each. One project extended the attorney fee withholding and payment procedures that existed for Social Security claims to supplemental security income claims. A second project allowed nonattorney representatives the option of fee withholding for both Social Security and supplemental security income claims. This second project also required that nonattorney representatives who wish to apply for the direct fee payment program must have passed an examination written and administered by the Commissioner of Social Security, have met certain educational and professional liability insurance requirements, and have passed a criminal background check.

The demonstration projects have been successful, but both sunset on March 1, 2010. H.R. 4532 eliminates the

sunsets of both of the demonstration projects. This bill unifies the attorney and nonattorney fee withholding process for both Social Security and supplemental security income. The bill is a commonsense reform to the Social Security Act and should be enacted.

I would like to thank my colleagues in the House of Representatives for the work they put into this bill. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to support H.R. 4532.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4532) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

**DEPLORING THE RAPE AND ASSAULT OF WOMEN IN GUINEA AND THE KILLING OF POLITICAL PROTESTERS**

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 213, S. Res. 345.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.