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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2018

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, the Judiciary, and Rules, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Foster Accountability,
 5 Integrity, Trust, and Honor in Congress Act” or the
 6 “FAITH in Congress Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF**
 8 **CONGRESS FOR FAILURE TO AGREE TO**
 9 **BUDGET RESOLUTION OR PASS REGULAR AP-**
 10 **PROPRIATIONS BILLS ON TIMELY BASIS.**

11 (a) FAILURE TO AGREE TO BUDGET RESOLUTION.—

12 (1) PROHIBITING COMPENSATION.—If by April
 13 15 of any calendar year occurring during a Congress
 14 (beginning with the One Hundred Sixteenth Con-
 15 gress), both Houses of Congress have not agreed to
 16 a concurrent resolution on the budget pursuant to
 17 section 301 of the Congressional Budget Act of
 18 1974 for the fiscal year which begins on October 1
 19 of that year, no Member of Congress may receive
 20 compensation with respect to the period described in
 21 paragraph (2).

1 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
2 in this paragraph is the period which begins on April
3 16 of the calendar year and ends on the day on
4 which both Houses of Congress agree to a concur-
5 rent resolution on the budget for the fiscal year
6 which begins on October 1 of that year.

7 (b) FAILURE TO PASS REGULAR APPROPRIATION
8 BILLS.—

9 (1) PROHIBITING COMPENSATION.—If by Sep-
10 tember 30 of any calendar year occurring during a
11 Congress (beginning with the One Hundred Six-
12 teenth Congress), both Houses of Congress have not
13 passed each of the regular appropriation bills for the
14 fiscal year which begins on October 1 of that year,
15 no Member of Congress may receive compensation
16 with respect to the period described in paragraph
17 (2).

18 (2) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period described
19 in this paragraph is the period which begins on Oc-
20 tober 1 of the calendar year and ends on the first
21 day by which both Houses of Congress have passed
22 each of the regular appropriation bills for the fiscal
23 year which begins on October 1 of that year.

24 (3) REGULAR APPROPRIATION BILL DE-
25 FINED.—The term “regular appropriation bill”

1 means any annual appropriation bill which, with re-
 2 spect to the Congress involved, is under the jurisdic-
 3 tion of a single subcommittee of the Committee on
 4 Appropriations of the House of Representatives
 5 (pursuant to the Rules of the House of Representa-
 6 tives for that Congress) and a single subcommittee
 7 of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate
 8 (pursuant to the Standing Rules of the Senate).

9 (c) TREATMENT OF DELEGATES AS MEMBERS; EX-
 10 CLUSION OF VICE PRESIDENT.—In this section, the term
 11 “Member of Congress” includes a Delegate or Resident
 12 Commissioner to the Congress but does not include the
 13 Vice President.

14 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF AUTOMATIC PAY ADJUSTMENTS**
 15 **FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 601(a)
 17 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C.
 18 4501(2)) is repealed.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 601(a)(1)
 20 of such Act (2 U.S.C. 4501) is amended—

- 21 (1) by striking “(a)(1)” and inserting “(a)”;
- 22 (2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
- 23 and (C) as paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), respectively;
- 24 and

1 (3) by striking “, as adjusted by paragraph (2)
2 of this subsection”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
4 ments made by this section shall take effect December 31,
5 2018.

6 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAV-**
7 **EL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**
8 **AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCH EMPLOYEES FOR**
9 **AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN**
10 **COACH-CLASS.**

11 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
12 (b), no funds appropriated or otherwise made available for
13 the official travel expenses of a Member of Congress or
14 other officer or employee of any office in the legislative
15 branch may be used for airline accommodations which are
16 not coach-class accommodations.

17 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Funds described in subsection (a)
18 may be used for airline accommodations which are not
19 coach-class accommodations for an individual described in
20 subsection (a) if the use of the funds for such accommoda-
21 tions would be permitted under sections 301–10.121
22 through 301–10.125 of title 41 of the Code of Federal
23 Regulations if the individual were an employee of an agen-
24 cy which is subject to chapter 301 of such title.

1 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
 2 tion may be construed to affect any officer or employee
 3 of an office of the legislative branch which, as of the date
 4 of the enactment of this Act, is subject to chapter 301
 5 of title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—

7 (1) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS.—In this
 8 section, the term “coach-class accommodations”
 9 means the basic class of accommodation by airlines
 10 that is normally the lowest fare offered regardless of
 11 airline terminology used, and (as referred to by air-
 12 lines) may include tourist class or economy class, as
 13 well as single class when the airline offers only one
 14 class of accommodations to all travelers.

15 (2) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—In this section,
 16 the term “Member of Congress” means a Senator or
 17 a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Com-
 18 missioner to, the Congress.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply with
 20 respect to fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding fiscal year.

21 **SEC. 5. PROHIBITING FORMER MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**
 22 **OF CONGRESS FROM LOBBYING CONGRESS.**

23 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 207(e)(1) of title 18,
 24 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(1) MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS OF
2 CONGRESS.—Any person who is a Senator, a Mem-
3 ber of the House of Representatives, or an elected
4 officer of the Senate or the House of Representa-
5 tives and who, after that person leaves office, know-
6 ingly makes, with the intent to influence, any com-
7 munication to or appearance before any Member, of-
8 ficer, or employee of either House of Congress or
9 any employee of any other legislative office of the
10 Congress, on behalf of any other person (except the
11 United States) in connection with any matter on
12 which such former Senator, Member, or elected offi-
13 cial seeks action by a Member, officer, or employee
14 of either House of Congress, in his or her official ca-
15 pacity, shall be punished as provided in section 216
16 of this title.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 207(e)(2)
18 of such title is amended—

19 (1) in the heading, by striking “OFFICERS AND
20 STAFF” and inserting “STAFF”;

21 (2) by striking “an elected officer of the Senate,
22 or”;

23 (3) by striking “leaves office or employment”
24 and inserting “leaves employment”; and

25 (4) by striking “former elected officer or”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply with respect to an individual who
3 leaves office on or after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

5 **SEC. 6. PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-**
6 **RESENTATIVES OF MEASURES LACKING DE-**
7 **MONSTRABLE BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.**

8 (a) AMENDMENT TO RULES OF HOUSE OF REP-
9 RESENTATIVES.—Rule XIV of the Rules of the House of
10 Representatives is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new clause:

12 “7. It shall not be in order in the House of Represent-
13 atives or in the Committee on the Whole House on the
14 State of the Union to consider a bill, joint resolution, reso-
15 lution, or conference report unless the measure involved
16 has demonstrable bipartisan support in the form in which
17 it is to be considered.”.

18 (b) SENSE OF THE HOUSE REGARDING MAJORITY
19 PARTY PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES.—It is the sense
20 of the House of Representatives that the majority party
21 of the House should ensure that its protocols and proce-
22 dures applicable to the consideration of measures by the
23 House are consistent with the requirements of clause 7
24 of rule XIV of the Rules of the House of Representatives
25 (as added by subsection (a)).

1 (c) EXERCISE OF RULEMAKING POWERS.—The pro-
2 visions of this section are enacted—

3 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of
4 the House of Representatives, and as such they shall
5 be considered as part of the rules of the House, and
6 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-
7 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

8 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional
9 right of the House of Representatives to change
10 such rules (so far as relating to the House) at any
11 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent
12 as in the case of any other rule of the House.

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