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H. R. 407

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 24, 2011

Mr. JONES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. DETERMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF TRANS-**
2 **PORTATION COSTS INCURRED BY SEC-**
3 **RETARY OF DEFENSE FOR CONGRESSIONAL**
4 **TRIPS OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

5 (a) DETERMINATION AND DISCLOSURE OF COSTS BY
6 SECRETARY.—In the case of a trip taken by a Member,
7 officer, or employee of the House of Representatives or
8 Senate in carrying out official duties outside the United
9 States for which the Department of Defense provides
10 transportation, the Secretary of Defense shall—

11 (1) determine the cost of the transportation
12 provided with respect to the Member, officer, or em-
13 ployee; and

14 (2) provide the Member, officer, or employee
15 with a written statement of the cost not later than
16 10 days after completion of the trip involved.

17 (b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION IN TRAVEL RE-
18 PORTS.—Any Member, officer, or employee of the House
19 of Representatives or Senate who takes a trip to which
20 subsection (a) applies shall include the information con-
21 tained in the written statement provided to the Member,
22 officer, or employee under subsection (a)(2) with respect
23 to the trip in any report that the Member, officer, or em-
24 ployee is required to file with respect to the trip under
25 any provision of law and under any provision of the Rules

1 of the House of Representatives or the Standing Rules of
2 the Senate (as the case may be).

3 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—This section does not apply with
4 respect to any trip the sole purpose of which is to visit
5 one or more United States military installations or to visit
6 United States military personnel in a war zone (or both).

7 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) MEMBER.—The term “Member”, with re-
9 spect to the House of Representatives, includes a
10 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

11 (2) UNITED STATES.—The term “United
12 States” means the several States, the District of Co-
13 lumbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Com-
14 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the
15 Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and any
16 other territory or possession of the United States.

17 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 This Act shall apply with respect to trips taken on
19 or after the date of the enactment of this Act, except that
20 this Act does not apply with respect to any trip which
21 began prior to such date.

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