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Requiring all Members of Congress to publish a public schedule.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. KELLY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This resolution may be cited as the “Transparency
5 in Congress Resolution of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF PUBLIC SCHEDULE.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

8 (1) the term “disclosure” has the meaning
9 given that term in section 2302(a)(2) of title 5,
10 United States Code;

1 (2) the term “Member of Congress” has the
2 meaning given that term in section 2106 of title 5,
3 United States Code, except that such term does not
4 include the Vice President; and

5 (3) the term “public schedule” means the pub-
6 lic schedule of a Member of Congress required to be
7 published under subsection (b)(1).

8 (b) REQUIREMENT.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the last day
10 of each month, each Member of Congress shall pub-
11 lish a public schedule of the Member of Congress for
12 the preceding month that includes the following:

13 (A) A daily calendar of—

14 (i) each hearing, meeting, or event at-
15 tended by the Member of Congress during
16 the month, either in person or by tele-
17 conference or other electronic means, at
18 which the Member of Congress appears in
19 his or her official capacity; and

20 (ii) the floor activity of the Member of
21 Congress during the month.

22 (B) For each meeting or event described in
23 subparagraph (A), if known by the Member of
24 Congress—

1 (i) a general description of the indi-
2 viduals, entities, or organizations partici-
3 pating in the meeting or event; or

4 (ii) a general description of the meet-
5 ing or event.

6 (2) EXCLUSIONS.—A public schedule is not re-
7 quired to include—

8 (A) personal or campaign meetings or
9 events;

10 (B) meetings or events with congressional
11 staff; or

12 (C) meetings or events at which the Mem-
13 ber of Congress is not appearing in an official
14 capacity.

15 (c) INFORMATION NOT DISCLOSED.—A Member of
16 Congress may determine to not disclose in a public sched-
17 ule the following information:

18 (1) Any information—

19 (A) that implicates personal privacy or law
20 enforcement concerns;

21 (B) that implicates the personal safety of
22 congressional staff (including the time of the
23 arrival or departure of congressional staff from
24 their duty station); or

1 (C) the release or disclosure of which
2 would cause a threat to national security inter-
3 ests or reveal information that is confidential or
4 classified.

5 (2) Information related to particularly sensitive
6 meetings, including a meeting with an anonymous or
7 confidential whistleblower.

8 (d) AVAILABILITY.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—For each Congress and as
10 required under subsection (b)(1), a Member of Con-
11 gress shall make each monthly public schedule of the
12 Member of Congress publicly available on the
13 website of the Member of Congress at least until the
14 date that is 30 days after—

15 (A) the last day of the Congress; or

16 (B) in the case of a Member of Congress
17 whose service as a Member of Congress ends
18 before the last day of the Congress, the last day
19 of such service.

20 (e) ETHICS IMPLEMENTATION AND GUIDANCE.—The
21 Select Committee on Ethics of the Senate and the Com-
22 mittee on Ethics of the House of Representatives—

23 (1) shall have authority to implement this reso-
24 lution with respect to Members of Congress of the
25 applicable House; and

1 (2) may issue guidance as needed to implement
2 this resolution.

3 (f) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—A Member of Congress shall
4 make available the public schedule of the Member of Con-
5 gress in accordance with this section for each day on or
6 after the date that is 180 days after the date of adoption
7 of this resolution.

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