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H. RES. 441

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require Members to post on their official public websites information on official travel taken by the Member for which reimbursement was provided by a private source.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PETERS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require Members to post on their official public websites information on official travel taken by the Member for which reimbursement was provided by a private source.

Whereas the public deserves access to information on travel taken by Members of the House of Representatives when reimbursement for the travel is provided by an outside source;

Whereas accessible information on public websites will promote transparency between Congress and the public; and

Whereas improving the public's ability to easily gather this information allows the public to better hold Members of Congress accountable: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING MEMBERS TO POST INFORMATION**
3 **ON REIMBURSED OFFICIAL TRAVEL ON MEM-**
4 **BER WEBSITES.**

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Clause 5(b) of rule XXV of the
6 Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

8 “(6) At the time the Clerk of the House makes
9 information described in paragraph (5) with respect
10 to travel available for public inspection on the
11 website of the Office of the Clerk, the Clerk shall no-
12 tify the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
13 sioner who took the travel (or, in the case of travel
14 taken by an employee, the Member, Delegate, or
15 Resident Commissioner under whose direct super-
16 vision the employee works), who shall then post on
17 the official public website of the Member, Delegate,
18 or Resident Commissioner a brief description of the
19 travel, including the names of the individuals who
20 took the travel, the entity that paid for the travel,
21 and the dates, places, and costs of the travel, to-
22 gether with a hyperlink to the information with re-
23 spect to the travel that the Clerk made available for
24 public inspection on the website of the Office of the
25 Clerk.”.

1 (b) REGULATIONS; EFFECTIVE DATE.—

2 (1) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 60 days
3 after the date on which the House of Representa-
4 tives agrees to this resolution, the Committee on
5 House Administration of the House of Representa-
6 tives shall issue regulations to carry out the amend-
7 ment made by subsection (a).

8 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
9 by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to any
10 travel taken on or after the date on which the Com-
11 mittee on House Administration issues the regula-
12 tions required under paragraph (1).

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