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Directing Members required to reimburse the Treasury for payments related to certain claims to appear before the Clerk for public disclosure of the reasons for the reimbursement.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BICE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Directing Members required to reimburse the Treasury for payments related to certain claims to appear before the Clerk for public disclosure of the reasons for the reimbursement.

Whereas each Member, Delegate, and Resident Commissioner in the House of Representatives has an obligation to uphold and follow the Rules of the House of Representatives;

Whereas clause 9 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, “A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House may not discharge and may not refuse to hire an indi-

vidual, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of the race, color, religion, sex (including marital or parental status), sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or national origin of such individual, including by committing an act of sexual harassment against such individual, but may take into consideration the domicile or political affiliation of such individual.”;

Whereas clause 18(a) of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, “A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may not engage in a sexual relationship with any employee of the House who works under the supervision of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, or who is an employee of a committee on which the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner serves.”;

Whereas clause 18(b) of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives provides, “A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House may not engage in unwelcome sexual advances or conduct towards another Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House.”; and

Whereas any sexual harassment or unwelcomed sexual advance by a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner violates clauses 9 and 18 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and reflects poorly on the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS WHO MUST REIM-**
2 **BURSE THE UNITED STATES TREASURY FOR**
3 **CERTAIN PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) OCWR REPORT TO COMMITTEE ON HOUSE AD-
5 MINISTRATION.—After the Executive Director of the Of-
6 fice of Congressional Workplace Rights submits a report
7 under section 1102 of the Legislative Branch Appropria-
8 tions Act, 2014 (2 U.S.C. 1387), to the Committee on
9 House Administration, the Committee shall immediately
10 transmit the report to the Clerk, and the Committee, in
11 coordination with the Clerk, shall distribute—

12 (1) a copy of the report to—

13 (A) each Member who must reimburse the
14 United States Treasury for a payment related
15 to a claim under section 415(d) of the Congres-
16 sional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C.
17 1415(d)); and

18 (B) each former Member who must reim-
19 burse the United States Treasury for a pay-
20 ment related to a claim under section 415(d) of
21 the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2
22 U.S.C. 1415(d)); and

23 (2) a copy of the report and a list of the Mem-
24 bers and former Members described in paragraph
25 (1) to the Sergeant-at-Arms.

26 (b) PUBLIC READING.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to this subsection,
2 each Member who receives the report described in
3 subsection (a) shall personally appear in the well of
4 the House of Representatives, at a time determined
5 by the Clerk while the House is in session, and the
6 Clerk shall conduct a public reading of the name of
7 the Member, the amount of any payment referred to
8 in the report subject to reimbursement by the Mem-
9 ber, whether the Member has completed reimburse-
10 ment of such a payment, and the information in-
11 cluded in the report related to the payment.

12 (2) DETERMINATION OF TIME.—A public read-
13 ing under paragraph (1) related to a Member with
14 respect to any part of a report described in sub-
15 section (a) shall be conducted—

16 (A) not earlier than 14 days after the date
17 on which the Clerk receives a copy of the report
18 under subsection (a); and

19 (B) on the earliest date available after the
20 Clerk receives notice from the Member that the
21 Member is available for the public reading.

22 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—A Member who receives the
24 report described in subsection (a) and who does not
25 comply with subsection (b) within 30 days after the

1 date on which the Member receives the report shall
2 cease, until the Member complies with subsection
3 (b), any activity in connection with—

4 (A) a committee to which the Member is
5 appointed; and

6 (B) any duty, responsibility, or obligation
7 of the Member, as determined by the Speaker
8 or the Minority Leader, as the case may be, re-
9 lated to the Member being—

10 (i) the Speaker;

11 (ii) the Majority Leader;

12 (iii) the Minority Leader; or

13 (iv) in a party caucus or conference
14 leadership position (as such term is used in
15 clause 10(b) of rule XXIII of the Rules of
16 the House of Representatives).

17 (2) NOTICE TO COMMITTEES AND LEADER-
18 SHIP.—On the date that is 30 days after the des-
19 ignated staff employee of the Committee on House
20 Administration carries out subsection (a) with re-
21 spect to a report described in the subsection, for
22 each Member named in the report who does not
23 comply with subsection (b) by such date, the Clerk
24 shall provide notice to the Speaker, the Minority
25 Leader, and the chair and ranking minority member

1 of each committee to which the Member is appointed
2 that the Member is not in compliance with sub-
3 section (b).

4 (3) COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.—An allegation of
5 failure to comply with this resolution or of material
6 deception in complying with this resolution shall be
7 treated as a separate matter for investigation or ac-
8 tion by the Committee on Ethics from any act, alle-
9 gation, or claim related to, or referred to in, any re-
10 port described in subsection (a).

11 (d) FORMER MEMBERS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—A former Member who re-
13 ceives the report described in subsection (a) may not
14 be admitted to the Hall of the House or rooms lead-
15 ing thereto, under rule IV of the Rules of the House
16 of Representatives, until the former Member com-
17 pletes reimbursement of the amounts paid by the
18 United States Treasury referred to in the report.

19 (2) PUBLIC READING.—A former Member who
20 completes reimbursement in accordance with para-
21 graph (1) shall have the privilege of admission to the
22 Hall of the House or rooms leading thereto restored
23 to the former Member, to the extent provided under
24 rule IV of the Rules of the House of Representa-
25 tives, if the former Member carries out the provi-

1 sions applicable to a Member under subsection (b)
2 as if the former Member is a Member, and the
3 former Member shall be admitted to the Hall of the
4 House if such admission is necessary to carry out
5 the subsection.

6 (3) ASSISTANCE OF THE CLERK.—The Clerk
7 shall carry out the provisions applicable to the Clerk
8 under subsection (b) with respect to a former Mem-
9 ber who, in carrying out paragraph (2), carries out
10 the provisions applicable to a Member under sub-
11 section (b) as if the former Member is a Member.

12 (4) NOTICE TO SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.—The
13 Clerk shall notify the Sergeant-at-Arms of any
14 former Member who, having lost the privilege of ad-
15 mission to the Hall of the House or rooms leading
16 thereto under paragraph (1), has such privilege re-
17 stored after carrying out paragraph (2).

18 (e) MEMBER DEFINED.—In this resolution, the term
19 “Member” means a Member, a Delegate, or a Resident
20 Commissioner of the House of Representatives.