

112TH CONGRESS  
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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

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## 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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