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To amend title 5, United States Code, to require Federal employees to use coach-class air travel in the United States except in limited circumstances, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCALISE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Controlling Our Air-
5 travel Costs at Home Act of 2011” or the “Coach Act
6 of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAVEL RESTRICTION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 57 of title
3 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
4 the following new section:

5 **“§ 5711. Domestic air travel restriction**

6 “(a) An employee may only be reimbursed for the ac-
7 tual and necessary expenses of official air travel within
8 the United States if such travel is coach-class, unless such
9 travel is necessary to accommodate a disability or other
10 special need.

11 “(b) If an employee is reimbursed in contravention
12 of this section, the employee shall pay to the agency 75
13 percent of the amount reimbursed for such travel.

14 “(c) For purposes of this section, the term ‘United
15 States’ means the several States, the District of Columbia,
16 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Vir-
17 gin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth
18 of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory
19 or possession of the United States, but does not include
20 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
22 chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by
23 adding after the item relating to section 5710 the fol-
24 lowing:

“5711. Domestic air travel restriction.”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies with respect to travel taken after
3 the date regulations are issued pursuant to section 3(b).

4 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF DOMESTIC**
5 **TRAVEL RULES.**

6 (a) CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF RULES.—The
7 Congress disapproves the following provisions of title 41,
8 Code of Federal Regulations, as such provisions apply to
9 air travel within the United States (as defined in section
10 5711 of title 5, United States Code, as added by section
11 2 of this Act), submitted by the General Services Adminis-
12 tration relating to Airline Accommodations, and such pro-
13 visions shall have no force or effect:

14 (1) Section 301–10.122.

15 (2) Paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) of sections
16 301–10.123.

17 (3) Paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (f), (h), and (j) of
18 section 301–10.124.

19 (b) REVISION OF REGULATIONS.—Not later than 90
20 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Ad-
21 ministrator of General Services shall issue regulations to
22 revise sections 301–10.121 through 301–10.124 of title
23 41, Code of Federal Regulations, in accordance with this

1 Act and section 5711 of title 5, United States Code, as
2 added by section 2 of this Act.

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