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To prohibit the use of Federal funds for official travel after Election Day of members of Congress who will not serve as members during the next Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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A BILL

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for official travel after Election Day of members of Congress who will not serve as members during the next Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PROHIBITING USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF DEFEATED OR RETIRING MEMBERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—No reimbursement or payment may be made from Federal funds for travel and related expenses incurred during the post-election period of a Congress by any member of Congress who will not serve as

a member in the succeeding Congress (as certified by the appropriate State official).

(b) EXCEPTION FOR TRAVEL WITHIN DISTRICT OR BETWEEN DISTRICT AND WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to travel of a member of Congress—

(1) within the district or State the member represents (as the case may be);

(2) between the district or State the member represents (as the case may be) and the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area; or

(3) within the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act—

(1) the term ''member of Congress'' means a Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress;

(2) the term ''post-election period'' means, with respect to a Congress, the period beginning on the day after the date of the regularly scheduled general election held during the Congress and ending on the first day of the succeeding Congress; and

(3) the term ''Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area'' means the District of Columbia, the Counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland,

and the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudon and the Cities of Alexandria and Falls Church in Virginia.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall apply with respect to travel and related expenses incurred on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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