



H.R. 2630 – Campaign Expenditure Transparency Act

Floor Situation

H.R. 2630 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) on June 7, 2007. The bill was referred to the Committee on House Administration, but was never considered.

H.R. 2630 is expected to be considered on the floor on July 23, 2007.

Note: In addition to not marking up the bill, the Committee did not hold any hearings regarding the topic.

Summary

H.R. 2630 amends the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit candidates from using campaign funds to pay their spouses for work on their political campaigns. The bill provides an exception that allows reimbursement for travel expenses.

Additionally, the bill requires campaign committees and leadership PACs to disclose payments to immediate family members to the Federal Elections Commission. The spousal pay prohibition and the reporting requirement do not apply to nominal reimbursements for supplies and equipment purchased for use by the committee or leadership PAC, as long as the reimbursements do not total more than \$500 per year.

Payments to entities of which the spouse or an immediate family member are officers or directors are treated as payments to the spouse or immediate family member.

Penalties for violations of the bill would be imposed on the candidate, not on the campaign committee or leadership PAC.

Cost

This bill has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

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