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PERMITTING ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE ASSIGNED TO A CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OBTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE EXERCISE FACILITY ESTABLISHED FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2008.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 1068]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 1068) permitting active duty members of the Armed Forces who are assigned to a Congressional liaison office of the Department of Defense at the House of Representatives to obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That any active duty member of the Armed Forces who is assigned to a Congressional liaison office of the Armed Forces at the House of Representatives may obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives (as described in section 103(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005) in the same manner as an employee of the House of Representatives, in accordance with such regulations as the Committee on House Administration may promulgate.

Amend the title so as to read:

Resolution permitting active duty members of the Armed Forces who are assigned to a Congressional liaison office of the Armed Forces at the House of Representatives to obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE ACTION

On April 2, 2008, by voice vote, a quorum being present, the Committee agreed to an amendment in the nature of a substitute, and by voice vote, with a quorum present, the Committee agreed

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to a motion to report House Resolution 1068, as amended, favorably to the House.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee states that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under clause 2(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, are as follows: The Committee believes that use of an exercise facility is likely to have a favorable impact on the fitness for duty of those who use it. The Committee finds further that this incremental increase in utilization can be appropriately managed to minimize the impact on current users.

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AUTHORITY AND RELATED ITEMS

The resolution does not provide new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures and a statement under clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is not required.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

In compliance with clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House, the Committee states, with respect to the resolution, that the Director of the Congressional Budget Office did not submit a cost estimate and comparison under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Committee states, with respect to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House, that the general discussion section of this report includes a statement of the general performance goals and objectives, including outcome-related goals and objectives, for which House Resolution 1068 authorizes funding.

RECORD VOTES

In compliance with rule 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House, with respect to each record vote on a motion to report the resolution and on any amendment offered to the resolution, there were no record votes on the motion to report the resolution or on any amendment offered to the resolution.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

The House Staff Exercise Facility is a self-sustaining operation supporting continued and improved employee health and welfare, with the attendant benefit to the House derived from employment retention and fewer and shorter employee absences due to sickness. Under current law, eligibility to join the Facility is limited to House employees.

The Committee received Member requests that on-site, active duty Armed Forces personnel be authorized to utilize the House Staff Exercise Facility in order to retain and enhance their fitness for duty. Because of the impracticality of using alternate military

exercise facilities while stationed on the Hill, the Committee reported this resolution to slightly expand the eligible class to include on-site active duty Armed Forces personnel.

Since the Facility is fully utilized by House employees during periods prior to and following the end of each workday, it is contemplated that the Armed Forces personnel will utilize the Facility consistent with military policy during off-peak periods to retain and enhance their fitness for duty when reassigned.

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