

1 of more than the minimal value as established by section
2 7342(a)(5) of title 5, United States Code, or \$100, which-
3 ever is less from any person, organization, or corporation
4 unless, in limited and appropriate circumstances, a waiver
5 is granted by the Select Committee on Ethics.

6 “(b) The prohibitions of subparagraph (a) do not
7 apply to gifts—

8 “(1) from relatives; or

9 “(2) of personal hospitality of an individual.

10 “2. For purposes of this rule—

11 “(a) The term ‘gift’ means a payment, sub-
12 scription, advance, forbearance, rendering, or deposit
13 of money, services, or anything of value, including
14 food, lodging, mementos, transportation, or enter-
15 tainment, and reimbursement for expenses, unless
16 consideration of equal or greater value is received,
17 but does not include (1) a political contribution oth-
18 erwise reported as required by law, (2) a loan made
19 in a commercially reasonable manner (including re-
20 quirements that the loan be repaid and that a rea-
21 sonable rate of interest be paid), (3) a bequest, in-
22 heritance, or other transfer at death, (4) a bona fide
23 award presented in recognition of public service and
24 available to the general public, (5) anything of value
25 given to a spouse or dependent of a reporting indi-

1 vidual by the employer of such spouse or dependent
2 in recognition of the service provided by such spouse
3 or dependent, (6) free attendance at a widely at-
4 tended event (as such term is defined by the Select
5 Committee on Ethics) connected with the official du-
6 ties of the Member, officer, or employee, (7) permis-
7 sible travel, lodging, and meals at an event con-
8 nected with the official duties of the Member, offi-
9 cer, or employee, or (8) permissible travel, lodging,
10 and meals at an event to raise funds for a bona fide
11 charity, subject to a determination by the Select
12 Committee on Ethics that participation in the char-
13 ity event is in the interest of the Senate and the
14 United States.

15 “(b) The term ‘relative’ has the same meaning
16 given to such term in section 107(2) of title I of the
17 Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-
18 521).

19 “(c) The term ‘permissible travel’ means rea-
20 sonable expenses for transportation which are in-
21 curred by a Member, officer, or employee of the Sen-
22 ate in connection with services provided to or partici-
23 pation in an event sponsored by the organization
24 which provided reimbursement for such expenses or
25 which provides transportation directly, however ex-

1 penses do not include the provision of transpor-
2 tation, or the payment for such expenses, for a con-
3 tinuous period in excess of 3 days exclusive of travel
4 time within the United States of 7 days exclusive of
5 travel time outside of the United States unless such
6 travel is approved by the Select Committee on Eth-
7 ics as necessary for participation in the event.

8 “(d) The terms ‘lodging’ and ‘meals’ do not in-
9 clude expenditures for recreational activities or en-
10 tertainment, other than that provided to all
11 attendees as an integral part of the event.

12 “3. (a) For purposes of the exceptions provided by
13 paragraphs 2(a)(6), 2(a)(7), and 2(a)(8), a sponsor’s un-
14 solicited offer of free attendance at an event for an accom-
15 panying spouse shall not be considered to be a gift if oth-
16 ers in attendance will generally be accompanied by spouses
17 or if such attendance is appropriate to assist in the rep-
18 resentation of the Senate.

19 “(b) The Select Committee on Ethics shall publish
20 notice in the Congressional Record of the attendance by
21 a Member, officer, or employee at an event permitted by
22 paragraphs 2(a)(7) and 2(a)(8) not later than 30 days
23 after such attendance. Attendance by an employee at an
24 event permitted by paragraphs 2(a)(7) and 2(a)(8) shall
25 be subject to approval of the employee’s supervisor.

1 “4. If a Member, officer, or employee, after exercising
2 reasonable diligence to obtain the information necessary
3 to comply with this rule, unknowingly accepts a gift de-
4 scribed in paragraph 1, such Member, officer, or employee
5 shall, upon learning of the nature of the gift and its
6 source, return the gift or, if it is not possible to return
7 the gift, reimburse the donor for the value of the gift.

8 “5. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this rule,
9 a Member, officer, or employee of the Senate may partici-
10 pate in a program, the principal objective of which is edu-
11 cational, sponsored by a foreign government or a foreign
12 educational or charitable organization involving travel to
13 a foreign country paid for by that foreign government or
14 organization if such participation is not in violation of any
15 law and if the Select Committee on Ethics has determined
16 that participation in such program by Members, officers,
17 or employees of the Senate is in the interests of the Senate
18 and the United States.

19 “(b) Any Member who accepts an invitation to par-
20 ticipate in any such program shall notify the Select Com-
21 mittee in writing of his acceptance. A Member shall also
22 notify the Select Committee in writing whenever he has
23 permitted any officer or employee whom he supervises
24 (within the meaning of paragraph 11 of rule XXXVII) to
25 participate in any such program. The chairman of the Se-

1 lect Committee shall place in the Congressional Record a
2 list of all individuals participating; the supervisors of such
3 individuals, where applicable; and the nature and itinerary
4 of such program.

5 “(c) No Member, officer, or employee may accept
6 funds in connection with participation in a program per-
7 mitted under subparagraph (a) if such funds are not used
8 for necessary food, lodging, transportation, and related ex-
9 penses of the Member, officer, or employee.”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendment made by section 2 shall take effect
12 on October 1, 1995.

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