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To prohibit the use of official funds for airline accommodations for Members of Congress which are not coach-class accommodations or for long-term vehicle leases for Members of Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2015

Ms. GRAHAM (for herself and Mr. BLUM) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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A BILL

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

SECTION 1. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR OFFICIAL TRAVEL EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS FOR AIRLINE ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN COACH-CLASS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or otherwise made available during a fiscal year for the official

travel expenses of a Member of Congress may be used for airline accommodations which are not coach-class accommodations.

(b) COACH-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''coach-class accommodations'' means the basic class of accommodation by airlines that is normally the lowest fare offered regardless of airline terminology used, and (as referred to by airlines) may include tourist class or economy class, as well as single class when the airline offers only one class of accommodations to all travelers.

SEC. 2. PROHIBITING USE OF FUNDS FOR LONG-TERM VEHICLE LEASES BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

No funds appropriated or otherwise made available during a fiscal year for the operations of a House of Congress, including the official and representational expenses of a Member of Congress or the expenses of a committee or leadership office of a House of Congress, may be used for the long-term leasing of a vehicle.

SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.

The Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives (with respect to Representatives in, and Delegates and the Resident Commissioner to, the Congress) and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate (with respect to Senators) shall each

promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 4. MEMBER OF CONGRESS DEFINED.

In this Act, the term ''Member of Congress'' means a Senator or a Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2016 and each succeeding fiscal year.

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