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H.Res. 1104—Providing for a severance payment for employees of leadership offices and committees of the House of Representatives who are separated from employment solely and directly as a result of a change in the party holding the majority of the membership in the House—as introduced (Ehlers, R-MI)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Friday, December 8th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.Res. 1104 would provide for up to two months of severance (at current pay) for employees of leadership offices and committees of the House of Representatives who are separated from employment solely and directly as a result of a change in the majority party. The committee chairman or head of the leadership office would have to certify that an employee (who must have served for no fewer than 183 days, not necessarily continuous) was terminated because of the switch in majority. Severance pay would terminate sooner than two months if an employee found another job.

The bill would authorize “such sums” for severance payments from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

Committee Action: The bill was introduced on December 8, 2006.

Possible Conservative Concerns: Some conservatives may be concerned at the optics of this resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: A CBO estimate is unavailable. It appears that the funds for the payments would come from existing funds.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

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