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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2017

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Taxpayers
3 From Corruption Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FORFEITURE OF WORKER’S COMPENSATION BENE-**
5 **FITS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CON-**
6 **VERTING CAMPAIGN FUNDS TO PERSONAL**
7 **USE OR ENGAGING IN OTHER OFFENSES RE-**
8 **LATING TO ABUSE OF THE PUBLIC TRUST.**

9 Section 8148 of title 5, United States Code, is
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(d)(1) If an individual is finally convicted of an of-
13 fense described in paragraph (2) and every act or omission
14 of the individual that is needed to satisfy the elements of
15 the offense occurs while the individual is a Member of
16 Congress, the individual shall forfeit (as of the date of
17 such conviction) any entitlement to any benefit such indi-
18 vidual would otherwise be entitled to under this sub-
19 chapter for any injury occurring on or before the date of
20 such final conviction.

21 “(2) An offense described in this paragraph is any
22 of the following:

23 “(A) An offense under section 201 of title 18
24 (relating to bribery of public officials and witnesses).

25 “(B) An offense under section 203 of title 18
26 (relating to compensation to Member of Congress,

1 officers, and others in matters affecting the Govern-
2 ment).

3 “(C) An offense under section 204 of title 18
4 (relating to practice in the United States Court of
5 Federal Claims or the United States Court of Ap-
6 peals for the Federal Circuit by Member of Con-
7 gress).

8 “(D) An offense under section 219 of title 18
9 (relating to officers and employees acting as agents
10 of foreign principals).

11 “(E) An offense under section 286 of title 18
12 (relating to conspiracy to defraud the Government
13 with respect to claims).

14 “(F) An offense under section 287 of title 18
15 (relating to false, fictitious or fraudulent claims).

16 “(G) An offense under section 597 of title 18
17 (relating to expenditures to influence voting).

18 “(H) An offense under section 599 of title 18
19 (relating to promise of appointment by candidate).

20 “(I) An offense under section 602 of title 18
21 (relating to solicitation of political contributions).

22 “(J) An offense under section 606 of title 18
23 (relating to intimidation to secure political contribu-
24 tions).

1 “(K) An offense under section 607 of title 18
2 (relating to place of solicitation).

3 “(L) An offense under section 641 of title 18
4 (relating to public money, property or records).

5 “(M) An offense under section 666 of title 18
6 (relating to theft or bribery concerning programs re-
7 ceiving Federal funds).

8 “(N) An offense under section 1001 of title 18
9 (relating to statements or entries generally).

10 “(O) An offense under section 1503 of title 18
11 (relating to influencing or injuring officer or juror).

12 “(P) An offense under section 1505 of title 18
13 (relating to obstruction of proceedings before depart-
14 ments, agencies, and committees).

15 “(Q) An offense under section 1512 of title 18
16 (relating to tampering with a witness, victim, or an
17 informant).

18 “(R) An offense under section 1951 of title 18
19 (relating to interference with commerce by threats of
20 violence).

21 “(S) An offense under section 1952 of title 18
22 (relating to interstate and foreign travel or transpor-
23 tation in aid of racketeering enterprises).

24 “(T) An offense under section 1956 of title 18
25 (relating to laundering of monetary instruments).

1 “(U) An offense under section 1957 of title 18
2 (relating to engaging in monetary transactions in
3 property derived from specified unlawful activity).

4 “(V) An offense under chapter 96 of title 18
5 (relating to racketeer influenced and corrupt organi-
6 zations).

7 “(W) An offense under section 7201 of the In-
8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to attempt to
9 evade or defeat tax).

10 “(X) An offense under section 313(b) of the
11 Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 (52 U.S.C.
12 30114(b)) (relating to the conversion of contribu-
13 tions or donations to personal use).

14 “(Y) An offense under section 104(a) of the
15 Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 (relating to
16 prohibited foreign trade practices by domestic con-
17 cerns).

18 “(Z) An offense under section 10(b) of the Se-
19 curities Exchange Act of 1934 (relating to fraud,
20 manipulation, or insider trading of securities).

21 “(AA) An offense under section 4c(a) of the
22 Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 6c(a)) (relating
23 to fraud, manipulation, or insider trading of com-
24 modities).

1 “(BB) An offense under section 371 of title 18
2 (relating to conspiracy to commit offense or to de-
3 fraud United States), to the extent of any conspiracy
4 to commit an act which constitutes—

5 “(i) an offense under any of the previous
6 subparagraphs of this paragraph; or

7 “(ii) an offense under section 207 of title
8 18 (relating to restrictions on former officers,
9 employees, and elected officials of the executive
10 and legislative branches).

11 “(3) For purposes of this subsection—

12 “(A) the terms ‘finally convicted’ and ‘final con-
13 viction’ refer to a conviction (i) which has not been
14 appealed and is no longer appealable because the
15 time for taking an appeal has expired, or (ii) which
16 has been appealed and the appeals process for which
17 is completed; and

18 “(B) the term ‘Member of Congress’ includes a
19 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Con-
20 gress.”.

1 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING ANNUAL REPORT ON INDIVIDUALS RE-**
2 **CEIVING WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENE-**
3 **FITS ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY OR DEATH OF**
4 **MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF**
5 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

6 (a) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each year,
7 the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives shall submit a report to the Committee on
9 House Administration of the House of Representatives
10 containing a list of each individual with respect to whom
11 benefits and other payments were made from the Employ-
12 ees' Compensation Fund under section 8147 of title 5,
13 United States Code, on account of the injury or death of
14 any Member, officer, or employee of the House (or any
15 former Member, officer, or employee of the House) during
16 the most recent July 1 through June 30 expense period
17 for which information on such reimbursements is avail-
18 able, as described in section 8417(b) of such title.

19 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Committee on House Ad-
20 ministration shall promulgate such regulations as the com-
21 mittee considers necessary to carry out subsection (a), in-
22 cluding regulations to protect the privacy of any individual
23 cited in any report submitted by the Chief Administrative
24 Officer under such subsection.

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