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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPORTS ON TRAVEL OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH**  
4 **OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.**

5 (a) REPORTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—(1) Ex-  
6 cept as provided in paragraph (2), each officer and em-  
7 ployee of an Executive Branch agency who travels abroad  
8 to attend an international conference shall submit to the  
9 Director of the Office of International Conferences of the  
10 Department of State a report with respect to such travel

1 under subsection (b) not later than 30 days after the com-  
2 pletion of such travel.

3 (2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of travel  
4 by the following:

5 (A) The President.

6 (B) The Vice President.

7 (C) Any officer or employee who is—

8 (i) carrying out an intelligence or intel-  
9 ligence-related activity;

10 (ii) performing a protective function; or

11 (iii) engaged in a sensitive diplomatic mis-  
12 sion.

13 (b) REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall  
14 set forth the following:

15 (1) The name and agency of the officer or em-  
16 ployee concerned.

17 (2) The duration and cost of the travel in-  
18 volved.

19 (3) The name of the official who authorized the  
20 travel.

21 (c) BIENNIAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—(1) Not  
22 later than April 1, 1999, and every six months thereafter,  
23 the Director shall submit to the Committees on Foreign  
24 Relations and Appropriations of the Senate and the Com-  
25 mittees on International Relations and Appropriations of

1 the House of Representatives a report regarding the travel  
2 covered by the reports submitted to the Director under  
3 subsection (a) during the six-month period ending on the  
4 date of the report under this paragraph.

5 (2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall set forth  
6 with respect to the period covered by such report the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 (A) The names and agencies of the officers and  
9 employees who traveled abroad to attend an inter-  
10 national conference during such period.

11 (B) Each official who authorized the travel cov-  
12 ered by subparagraph (A) and the total number of  
13 officers and employees whose travel was authorized  
14 by such official.

15 (C) The total cost of the travel covered by sub-  
16 paragraph (A).

17 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
18 than six months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
19 and annually thereafter, the President shall submit to the  
20 committees referred to in subsection (c) a report setting  
21 forth—

22 (1) the total expenditures by the Federal Gov-  
23 ernment on all official travel abroad by each Execu-  
24 tive Branch agency during the preceding fiscal year;  
25 and

1           (2) the total number of officials, officers, and  
2 employees of each such agency who engaged in such  
3 travel during that fiscal year.

4 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5           (1) The term “Executive Branch agency” has  
6 the meaning given the term “Executive agency” in  
7 section 105 of title 5, United States Code, except  
8 that the term also includes the Executive Office of  
9 the President but does not include the General Ac-  
10 counting Office.

11           (2) The term “international conference” means  
12 any meeting held under the auspices of an inter-  
13 national organization or foreign government at  
14 which representatives of more than two foreign gov-  
15 ernments are expected to be in attendance and to  
16 which one or more Executive Branch agencies will  
17 send an aggregate of 10 or more representatives.

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