

Committee Resolution 115-__

Resolved, the Committee on House Administration adopts the following regulations amending and superseding prior regulations known collectively as the Members' Congressional Handbook:

- After “1. The MRA may only be used for official and representational expenses.” insert:

“2. The MRA may not be used to pay a settlement or award in connection with conduct prohibited under the *Congressional Accountability Act of 1995*.”

- After “19. Requests to obligate prior year funds after January 2 of the succeeding year will be considered by the Committee when a Member provides documentation demonstrating a bona fide intent to obligate the prior year’s funds during the applicable year.” strike the remainder of the paragraph and insert:

“Applicable to equipment and software in both D.C. and district offices, and to furnishings and security enhancements in the district office only. Please see the *Security* section for more information on district office security enhancements.”

- After “Ordinary and necessary expenses associated with security measures necessitated by official duties are reimbursable.” insert:

“For questions concerning security equipment and services in the district, please call the District Security Service Center maintained by the House Sergeant at Arms at 202-225-3380.”

- After “*Non-Capital Improvements*” strike the following paragraph and insert:

“The House Sergeant at Arms (HSAA) will provide certain security enhancements for district offices. For any additional expenditures, the MRA is available if the item or expenditure has received approval from the HSAA.”

- After “*Capital Improvements*” strike the following paragraph and insert:

“The costs of security enhancements considered capital improvements (e.g., constructing a new doorway, installing bulletproof glass) are not reimbursable and must be borne by the landlord. However, these costs can later be incorporated into the monthly rent of the district office lease. For questions on capital improvements or modifying district office leases, please contact the CAO Office of the Administrative Counsel at x56969.”

- After “*Security Personnel Support*” strike the following paragraph and insert:

“Payment for security personnel is an ordinary and necessary reimbursable expense when such personnel is hired:

1. To provide security at official, Member-hosted district events (e.g., town halls);
2. To accompany Members during the performance of their official duties; or
3. To be stationed inside or outside the district office during business hours.

Members may contract with firms or individuals to provide personal security as referenced above. Please see the Contractors section for additional information. Members should consult the District Security Service Center before hiring a security provider and should coordinate any security needs through the HSAA’s Law Enforcement Coordinator Program.”

- After “*Security Items*” strike the following paragraph and insert:

“If an item exceeds \$500, it must be added to the office inventory. The purchase of a bulletproof vest for the Member is a reimbursable expense.”

- After “10. District office security” insert:

“enhancements, including equipment, installation, labor, monitoring, and maintenance costs. Please see the *Security* section for more information.”