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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515-6328

August 13, 2010

The Honorable Robert Brady
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with the regulations of the Committee on House Administration, I am submitting herewith three copies of the monthly report for July including:

1. Summary of Progress and projected programs;
2. Statements of Expenses under H.R. 279B (111th Congress, 2nd Session); and
3. A listing of Committee employees showing addresses, duties, and gross monthly salaries.

This letter certifies that copies of this report are available to each Member of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct.

Sincerely,



Zoe Lofgren
Chair

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HOUSE ADMINISTRATION
COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

July 2010

The Committee continued to fulfill its responsibilities to advise and educate Members and staff on the laws, rules and standards of official conduct. (An enumeration of those laws and rules is found in H. Rep. 110-938, *Summary of Activities, One Hundred Tenth Congress, A Report of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct*, 110th Cong., 2d Sess. (Jan. 3, 2009).) As a general matter, the Committee's activities in receiving and responding to requests for advice from House Members and staff are conducted on a confidential basis. The Committee received 31 requests for advisory opinions in July of 2010.

In accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 111th Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve privately sponsored, officially connected travel. The Committee received 124 such requests in July of 2010.

In addition, the Committee is required under the House rules to offer annual ethics training to each Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, and employee of the House. Such training is mandatory for all House officers and employees, and new officers or employees must receive training not later than 60 days after beginning service to the House. The Committee continued to provide such training in July of 2010. The Committee provided training sessions attended by 227 individuals in July of 2010. The Committee also continued to provide training online, through a number of training videos. Additional information about the calendar of upcoming in-person training sessions and online training opportunities is available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

The Committee continued to fulfill its investigatory responsibilities, and publicly announced action with respect to two investigations.

Representative Charles B. Rangel. On July 22, 2010, in accordance with Clause 3 of House Rule XI and Committee Rules 22 and 23, the Committee announced that the investigative subcommittee in the matter of Representative Charles B. Rangel had transmitted a Statement of Alleged Violation and related motions and replies to the Chair and Ranking Republican Member of the Committee.

Pursuant to Committee Rule 23(a), the Chair designated members of the Committee to serve on an adjudicatory subcommittee to determine whether any counts in the Statement of Alleged Violation have been proved by clear and convincing evidence and to make findings of fact.

Chair Zoe Lofgren will act as Chair of the adjudicatory subcommittee and Representative Michael McCaul will act as Ranking Member. Representatives G.K. Butterfield, Kathy Castor, Peter Welch, Mike Conaway, Charles Dent, and Gregg Harper will also serve on the subcommittee. Under Committee Rule 23(a) and House Rule 11, clause 3(m)(1)(B), members who served on the Rangel investigative subcommittee may not serve on the adjudicatory subcommittee. Under the rules, an equal number of Democrats and Republicans serve on adjudicatory subcommittees.

The Committee also announced that the adjudicatory subcommittee would hold an organizational meeting open to the public on Thursday, July 29, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in 1310 Longworth House Office Building.

At the adjudicatory subcommittee's public meeting on July 29, the Chair and Ranking Member of the adjudicatory subcommittee, Representatives Lofgren and McCaul, and the Chair and Ranking Member of the investigative subcommittee, Representatives Gene Green and Jo Bonner, each made a public statement. In addition, the adjudicatory subcommittee publicly released the Statement of Alleged Violation and related motions and replies in the matter. All of those documents are publicly available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

Representative Laura Richardson. On July 1, 2010, the Committee announced that, based on the findings and conclusions of the investigative subcommittee following a thorough seven-month investigation, the Committee had unanimously voted to dismiss its review of the allegations regarding Representative Richardson that were referred to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE). Representative Richardson did not knowingly accept a gift from Washington Mutual or violate any applicable standard of conduct in connection with the purchase of, foreclosure on, rescission of foreclosure sale for, or modification of loan terms for a residential property she owns in Sacramento, California. In addition, Representative Richardson did not violate the Ethics in Government Act (EIGA) in connection with her financial disclosure statements relating to her California properties.

On October 29, 2009, the Committee, in accordance with clause 3 of House Rule XI and Committee Rules 14(a)(6), 17A(f), and 19, unanimously voted to establish an investigative subcommittee to determine whether Representative Laura Richardson violated the Code of Official Conduct or any law, rule, regulation or other standard of conduct applicable to her conduct in the performance of her duties or the discharge of her responsibilities by failing to disclose certain real property, income and liabilities on her financial disclosure forms (and amendments thereto) and whether Representative Richardson received an impermissible "gift" or received preferential treatment from her lender relating to the foreclosure, rescission of the foreclosure sale, or loan modification agreement for or relating to her property in Sacramento, California. This followed a referral from the OCE regarding this matter, which was forwarded to the Committee on August 6, 2009. Prior to establishing the investigative subcommittee, the Committee conducted an initial investigation into the matter pursuant to Committee Rule 18(a), during which the Committee authorized the issuance of three subpoenas.

The investigative subcommittee conducted a thorough seven-month investigation. The investigative subcommittee authorized the issuance of fourteen subpoenas; interviewed seven witnesses; and reviewed approximately seven thousand pages of documents. The investigative subcommittee also hired an independent consultant with experience in the mortgage industry to advise the investigative subcommittee. At the conclusion of the investigative subcommittee's investigation, the independent mortgage consultant reviewed the documents collected by the investigative subcommittee and the transcripts of the investigative subcommittee's interviews. Based on his review of the documents and interview transcripts, the mortgage consultant advised the investigative subcommittee as to whether the actions of Washington Mutual Bank (Washington Mutual), the bank that granted Representative Richardson the loan to purchase her Sacramento, California, property, were commercially reasonable practices within the mortgage industry.

Following its investigation, the members of the investigative subcommittee voted unanimously to adopt a report finding that Representative Richardson did not knowingly accept a gift from Washington Mutual or violate any applicable standard of conduct in connection with the purchase of, foreclosure on, rescission of foreclosure sale for, or modification of loan terms for a residential property she owns in Sacramento, California. In addition, the investigative subcommittee found that Representative Richardson did not violate the Ethics in Government Act in connection with her financial disclosure statements relating to her California properties. The investigative subcommittee recommended that the Committee refer the matter involving the mortgage broker used in connection with the purchase of Representative Richardson's Sacramento property, who during the course of the investigation admitted to knowingly submitting fraudulent information, without Representative Richardson's knowledge, to Washington Mutual in connection with her mortgage application, to the Justice Department for such action as the Department deems necessary and appropriate.

The investigative subcommittee presented its report to the full Committee. On June 30, 2010, in accordance with clause 3 of House Rule XI and Committee Rules 19 and 21(a), the Committee unanimously voted to adopt the Report of the investigative subcommittee and to include that Report as part of the Committee's Report to the House of Representatives on this matter. The Committee also unanimously voted to refer the mortgage broker, Charles Thomas, to the Justice Department for further action as it deems necessary and appropriate. OCE's report and findings are contained within the investigative subcommittee's report. The report is publicly available on the Committee's Web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov/>.

The Committee thanks the members of the investigative subcommittee for their hard work, dedication, and service to the Committee and to the House. Representative Ben Chandler served as Chair of the investigative subcommittee. Representative Gregg Harper served as Ranking Republican Member. Representatives Emmanuel Cleaver, II and Sue Myrick also served on the subcommittee. Each of these members devoted substantial time and effort to the investigation, and the Committee thanks each of them for their service.

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Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

H. Res. Resolution: 279B

Statement of expenses from 7/1/2010 to 7/31/2010

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Friday, August 13, 2010

Category	July 2010	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 279B 7/31/2010
Staff Salaries	\$211,052.29	\$1,523,074.25
Overtime	\$126.20	\$3,272.22
Consultant Contracts	\$14,650.00	\$14,650.00
Equipment	\$804.00	\$5,417.13
Travel	\$196.25	\$995.28
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$2,402.29	\$16,445.73
Printing and Reproduction	\$0.00	\$152.30
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$1,837.83	\$13,097.81
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Expenses	\$1,895.00	\$1,895.00
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	\$4,473.15	\$23,440.75
Grand Total	\$237,437.01	\$1,602,440.47

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
Fund Balance Statement as of 7/31/2010

All BOC codes

Resolution: 279B

Report Done: 8/13/2010

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization \$3,441,922.00

Year Month	
2010 January	\$210,652.85
2010 February	\$231,251.72
2010 March	\$235,497.76
2010 April	\$230,607.78
2010 May	\$231,433.11
2010 June	\$225,560.24
2010 July	\$237,437.01
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Total Committee Expenses to Date	\$1,602,440.47
Unexpended Authorization	\$1,839,481.53

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

H. Res. Resolution: 279BF

Statement of expenses from 7/1/2010 to 7/31/2010

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Friday, August 13, 2010

Category	July 2010	Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 279BF	7/31/2010
Staff Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Overtime	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$153.30	\$423.24	\$423.24
Printing and Reproduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Materials	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$153.30	\$423.24	\$423.24

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct
Fund Balance Statement as of 7/31/2010

All BOC codes

Resolution: 279BF

Report Done: 8/13/2010

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Less Expenses

Total Authorization \$5,000.00

Year	Month	
2010	January	\$19.60
2010	February	\$22.76
2010	March	\$26.09
2010	April	\$9.41
2010	May	\$121.35
2010	June	\$70.73
2010	July	\$153.30
Total Committee Expenses to Date		\$423.24
Unexpended Authorization		\$4,576.76

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

July 2010

STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u>
Marc Borodin	Fairfax, VA	Counsel	11,833.33
Blake Chisam	Arlington, VA	Chief Counsel/Staff Director	14,375.00
Sheria Clarke	Woodbridge, VA	Counsel	6,666.67
Frank Davies	McLean, VA	Senior Investigator	8,755.00
Carol Dixon	Washington, DC	Counsel	12,482.32
Samuel Harvey	Washington, DC	Staff Assistant	2,708.33
Donna Hayes	Hyattsville, MD	Staff Assistant	2,753.63
Amelia Johnson	Arlington, VA	Investigative Clerk	2,916.67
Peter L. Johnson	Alexandria, VA	System & Financial Disclosure Admin.	7,275.89
Heather Jones	Arlington, VA	Counsel	9,166.67
Morgan Kim	Arlington, VA	Deputy Chief Counsel	13,977.79
Deborah M. Morris	Alexandria, VA	Counsel	11,833.33
Susan Olson	Arlington, VA	Counsel	12,482.32
Deborah Peay	Washington, DC	Senior Financial Disclosure Manager	9,876.98

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Abigail Pinkele	Washington, DC	Committee Investigative Staff	611.11
Thomas A. Rust	Arlington, VA	Counsel	8,750.00
Donald Sherman	Washington, DC	Counsel	6,666.67
Stan Simpson	Takoma Park, MD	Director of Financial Disclosure Review	11,172.00
Stacey Sovereign	McLean, VA	Counsel	12,291.67
Clifford Stoddard, Jr.	Clinton, MD	Counsel	10,000.00
Kelle Strickland	Arlington, VA	Counsel to the Ranking Republican Member	11,951.67
Daniel Taylor	Arlington, VA	Counsel to the Chair	11,951.67
Todd Ungerecht	Herndon, VA	Committee Investigative Staff	611.11
Joanne White	Ft. Wash., MD	Administrative Staff Director	9,942.46

Overtime

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