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## U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF  
OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515-6328

December 14, 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 November including:

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

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

Enclosures

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COMMITTEE  
HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

## COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

November 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*, 110<sup>th</sup> 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 15 requests for advisory opinions in November of 2010.

In accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Committee continued to review and approve requests to accept privately sponsored, officially connected travel. The Committee received 90 such requests in November 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 November of 2010. The Committee provided training sessions attended by 51 individuals in November 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 several pending matters.

Representative Charles B. Rangel. On November 15, 2010, the Adjudicatory Subcommittee in the Matter of Rep. Charles B. Rangel began an adjudicatory hearing to determine whether any of the 13 counts included in the Statement of Alleged Violation adopted by the Investigative Subcommittee regarding Rep. Rangel had been proved by clear and convincing evidence.

On November 16, 2010, the Adjudicatory Subcommittee found that the evidence presented by Committee counsel on behalf of the Investigative Subcommittee was sufficient to prove Counts I, II, IV, and VI-XIII of the Statement of Alleged Violation by clear and convincing evidence. On November 17, 2010, the Adjudicatory Subcommittee reported its findings to the full Committee pursuant to Committee Rule 23(p).

On November 18, 2010, the full Committee held a public sanction hearing at which Committee counsel and Rep. Rangel, pro se, made oral submissions regarding what sanction, if any, the Committee should recommend to the House. Following the hearing, the Committee met in executive session to deliberate on what, if any, sanction would be recommended to the House of Representatives, pursuant to Committee Rule 24(c).

The Committee recommended to the House of Representatives that, pursuant to Article I, Section 5, Clause 2 of the United States Constitution and Committee Rule 24(e), Representative Rangel be censured by the House. Although prior Committee precedent for recommendation of censure involved many cases of direct financial gain, the Committee's recommendation for censure was based on the cumulative nature of the violations and not any direct personal financial gain.

After considering the Adjudicatory Subcommittee report and the oral submissions of Committee counsel and Rep. Rangel at the sanction hearing, the Committee concluded that the eleven violations committed by Rep. Rangel on a continuous and prolonged basis were more serious in character, meriting a strong Congressional response rebuking his behavior. In addition to censure, the Committee recommended that Rep. Rangel pay restitution to the appropriate taxing authorities or the U.S. Treasury for any unpaid estimated taxes outlined in Exhibit 066 on income received from his property in the Dominican Republic and provide proof of payment to the Committee.

The Committee also adopted a resolution for submission to the House of Representatives and adopted a report to accompany that resolution. The Committee adopted as its findings the report of the Adjudicatory Subcommittee. A majority of the Committee agreed to recommend that the House of Representatives adopt a resolution in the following form:

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION

*Resolved*, That (1) Representative Charles B. Rangel of New York be censured; (2) Representative Charles B. Rangel forthwith present himself in the well of the House for the pronouncement of censure; (3) Representative Charles B. Rangel be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker; and (4) Representative Rangel pay restitution to the appropriate taxing authorities or the U.S. Treasury for any unpaid estimated taxes outlined in Exhibit 066 on income received from his property in the Dominican Republic and provide proof of payment to the Committee.

On November 29, 2010, the Committee transmitted its report and recommendation to the full House for its consideration.

Representatives Robert Aderholt, G.K. Butterfield, Eliot Engel, Alcee Hastings, Solomon Ortiz, and Joe Wilson. On November 15, 2010, the Chair and Ranking Republican Member of the Committee announced that they had jointly decided to extend the matters regarding Reps. Robert Aderholt, G.K. Butterfield, Eliot Engel, Alcee Hastings, Solomon Ortiz, and Joe Wilson, which were transmitted to the Committee by the Office of Congressional Ethics on July 30, 2010. The Committee will announce its course of action in these matters on or before December 30, 2010.

Representative Jesse Jackson, Jr. On November 15, 2010, the Chair and Ranking Republican Member of the Committee announced that the Committee had agreed to the Department of Justice's request to continue to defer taking action into whether Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., or an agent of Rep. Jackson, Jr., may have offered to raise funds for then-Governor Rod Blagojevich of Illinois in return for the appointment of Rep. Jackson to a vacant U.S. Senate seat. The Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will consider pursuing avenues of inquiry that it concludes do not interfere with the activities of the Department of Justice. At least annually, the Committee will make a public statement if it continues to defer taking action on the matter.

Representative Maxine Waters. On November 19, 2010, the Chair and Ranking Republican Member of the Committee announced that the Committee had voted to recommit the matter regarding Rep. Maxine Waters to the Investigative Subcommittee due to materials discovered that may have had an effect on the Investigative Subcommittee's transmittal to the Committee.

As a result, the Adjudicatory Subcommittee no longer has jurisdiction over this matter and the adjudicatory hearing previously scheduled for November 29, 2010, will not be held.

Other materials the Committee has publicly released in these matters, including the Committee's report in the matter of Rep. Rangel, are available on the Committee's web site, at <http://ethics.house.gov>.

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# Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

H. Res. Resolution: 279B

Statement of expenses from 11/1/2010 to 11/30/2010

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, December 14, 2010

<b>Category</b>	<b>November 2010</b>	<b>Cumulative For Funding Resolution: 279B</b>	<b>11/30/2010</b>
Staff Salaries	\$217,260.61	\$2,377,950.05	
Overtime	\$292.06	\$4,823.25	
Consultant Contracts	\$0.00	\$14,650.00	
Equipment	\$1,506.10	\$7,719.75	
Travel	\$2,943.69	\$26,953.63	
Rent, Communications and Utilities	\$2,500.68	\$26,854.70	
Printing and Reproduction	\$75.64	\$264.44	
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$1,837.83	\$18,737.87	
Specialized Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Training Expenses	\$0.00	\$1,895.00	
Representational Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Supplies and Materials	\$10,130.52	\$59,091.18	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$236,547.13</b>	<b>\$2,538,939.87</b>	

United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct  
Fund Balance Statement as of 11/30/2010

All BOC codes

Resolution: 279B

Report Done: 12/14/2010

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
2010 August	\$230,639.97
2010 September	\$236,497.59
2010 October	\$232,814.71
2010 November	\$236,547.13
<b>Total Committee Expenses to Date</b>	<b>\$2,538,939.87</b>
<b>Unexpended Authorization</b>	<b>\$902,982.13</b>

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Resolution: 279BF

Report Done: 12/14/2010

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
2010 August	\$137.39
2010 September	\$113.18
2010 October	\$98.98
2010 November	\$84.86
Total Committee Expenses to Date	\$857.65
Unexpended Authorization	\$4,142.35

# Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

H. Res. Resolution: 279BF

Statement of expenses from 11/1/2010 to 11/30/2010

Whole Committee - Funding Limit

Report Done: Tuesday, December 14, 2010

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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	\$84.86	\$857.65	\$857.65
Printing and Reproduction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Other Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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**COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT**

**NOVEMBER 2010**

**STANDING COMMITTEE STAFF**

<b><u>NAMES</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESSES</u></b>	<b><u>DUTIES</u></b>	<b><u>MONTHLY SALARIES</u></b>
Marc Borodin	Fairfax, VA	Counsel	11,833.33
Blake Chisam	Arlington, VA	Chief Counsel/Staff Director	14,375.00
Sheria Clarke	Woodbridge, VA	Counsel	8,750.00
Frank Davies	McLean, VA	Senior Investigator	8,755.00
Carol Dixon	Washington, DC	Counsel	12,482.32
Samuel Harvey	Washington, DC	Staff Assistant	3,333.33
Donna Hayes	Hyattsville, MD	Staff Assistant	2,753.63
Amelia Johnson	Arlington, VA	Investigative Clerk	3,750.00
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

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>	<u>DUTIES</u>	<u>SALARIES</u>
Thomas A. Rust	Arlington, VA	Counsel	8,750.00
Donald Sherman	Washington, DC	Counsel	8,750.00
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	444.44
Joanne White	Ft. Wash., MD	Administrative Staff Director	9,942.46

**Overtime**

Amelia Johnson      292.06

Travel Performed: Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

10/15/2010 to 10/31/2010

Travel Order	Traveler	Begin	End	Purpose	Pay #	Date	Transportation	Per_Diem	Other	Total Amounts
111B-029	Deborah Morris	10/7/2010	10/8/2010	Official Travel - New York	111B-073	10/19/2010	\$338.00	\$0.00	\$402.85	\$740.85
111B-031	Deborah Morris	10/15/2010	10/15/2010	Official Travel - New York	111B-077	10/18/2010	\$386.16	\$0.00	\$44.91	\$431.07
111B-033	Deborah Morris	10/18/2010	10/18/2010	Official Travel - New York	111B-078	10/19/2010	\$398.67	\$0.00	\$26.09	\$424.76
<b>Totals</b>							\$1,122.83	\$0.00	\$473.85	\$1,596.68