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118TH CONGRESS
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To require the head of each agency to allow members of Congress access to certain Federal buildings, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ALFORD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Access
5 to Bureaucratic Offices Act” or the “CABO Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ACCESS TO FEDERAL BUILDINGS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The head of each agency shall
8 allow Members of Congress and congressional staff mem-

1 bers to access the building that serves as the headquarters
2 of such agency during regular business hours.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

4 (1) IDENTIFICATION.—The head of each agency
5 shall require a Member of Congress seeking access
6 to a building described in subsection (a) to provide
7 congressional identification.

8 (2) CONGRESSIONAL STAFF.—The head of each
9 agency shall allow a congressional staff member to
10 access a building described in subsection (a) if—

11 (A) such staff member is accompanied by
12 the Member of Congress that employs the staff
13 member; and

14 (B) such staff member provides a valid
15 congressional staff identification badge upon
16 seeking access to such building.

17 (c) EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES.—The require-
18 ments of subsection (a) shall apply during an extenuating
19 circumstance and any restriction on access to a building
20 that is imposed on the public during such a circumstance
21 shall not apply to a Member of Congress or an applicable
22 congressional staff member.

23 (d) EXCEPTION FOR AREAS REQUIRING SECURITY
24 CLEARANCE.—The requirements of subsection (a) shall
25 not apply to any part of a building for which a security

1 clearance at the level of secret or higher is required for
2 entry.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) AGENCY.—The term “agency” has the
5 meaning given such term in section 551 of title 5,
6 United States Code.

7 (2) CONGRESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION.—The
8 term “congressional identification” means any form
9 of identification issued to Members by the Clerk or
10 Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives
11 (in the case of a Member of the House of Represent-
12 atives) or by the Secretary or Sergeant at Arms and
13 Doorkeeper of the Senate (in the case of a Senator).

14 (3) CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER.—The
15 term “congressional staff member” means a full-
16 time staff member of the House of Representatives
17 or the Senate.

18 (4) EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE.—The term
19 “extenuating circumstance” means an event for
20 which—

21 (A) the President has declared an emer-
22 gency pursuant to section 202 of the National
23 Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622); or

24 (B) the Secretary of Health and Human
25 Services has declared an emergency pursuant to

1 section 319 of the Public Health Service Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 247d).

3 (5) MEMBER OF CONGRESS.—The term “Mem-
4 ber of Congress” means a Member of the House of
5 Representatives or a Senator.

6 **SEC. 3. COMPLIANCE WITH CUTGO.**

7 No additional amounts are authorized to be appro-
8 priated to carry out this Act. Such Act shall be carried
9 out using amounts otherwise appropriated to the head of
10 the agency.