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## Summary of H.R. 3177 Lobbying Gift Ban Act of 2005

Rep. George Miller (D-Cal.)

Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, depending on jurisdiction to be determined by the Speaker.

- Prohibits a registered lobbyist from making a gift to members, congressional staff or their relatives, with the exceptions of: (1) campaign contributions; (2) gifts from relatives; (3) employee benefits; (4) informational materials; (5) items of nominal value; (6) gifts given on a friendship basis; (7) outside business or employment activities provided to his or her spouse; (8) opportunities and benefits unrelated to congressional employment; and (9) foods or refreshments of nominal value offered other than as part of a meal, such as a cup of coffee.
- Imposes a civil fine of up to \$50,000 for violation of this Act.

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