

Washington, DC- Today Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement regarding his reintroduction of the Sunlight Act in the 112th Congress. Since 2006, King has introduced the Sunlight Act to increase transparency in the financial disclosure statements that Members of Congress must file on an annual basis. The Sunlight Act would require Members of Congress to report the exact dollar amounts of their earnings and assets, rather than allowing them to report these figures in broad ranges (e.g. between \$5 million and \$25 million), as is currently the case. The Sunlight Act would also require the subject-matter of debate to be projected onto the wall of the House Chamber to make it easier for Members and visitors in the gallery to track floor action; all bills be posted on the internet for 48 hours before being debated; and all donations to congressional campaigns in the 30 days leading up to an election be reported on the Federal Election Commission's website within 24 hours of the donation being received by the campaign.

"The Sunlight Act will give the general public the information and tools they need to identify Members of Congress who may be unethically taking advantage of their positions of influence," said King. "It will also allow the general public and outside groups ample time to look over legislation and ensure that Congress is not trying to slip bad laws past them in the dead of night. The American people deserve transparency and accountability from their elected officials, and the Sunlight Act delivers just that."

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