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### **THE REID AMENDMENT TO S. 1**

The amendment offered by Majority Leader Reid contains three additional reforms beyond those contained in the Reid/McConnell substitute amendment:

**Strengthens Gift Ban (sec. 107):** The underlying bill generally prohibits gifts from lobbyists. The Reid amendment broadens the gift ban to prohibit gifts from companies and other entities that hire or retain a lobbyist.

**Strengthens Limits on Travel (sec. 109):** The underlying bill generally prohibits congressional travel paid for by lobbyists. The Reid amendment broadens this provision by generally prohibiting congressional travel paid for by companies and other entities that hire or retain a lobbyist. The amendment provides exceptions for one day participation at events (speech, conference, convention) and for *de minimus* lobbyist involvement. Requires advance approval by the Ethics Committee for all privately-funded travel, pursuant to guidelines issued by the Committee.

**Private Jets (sec. 109):** The Reid amendment goes significantly further than the underlying bill regarding travel on private jets by requiring Senators to pay the full charter fare when they travel on private aircraft for official, officially-connected, and campaign travel.