

Congresswoman Matsui Calls for Real Reform of Congress

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Washington, DC - Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) gave the following floor statement ca

The Honest Leadership, Open Government Act, H.R.4682, would ban travel on corporate jets, prohibit l

Below is the text of the Congresswoman's remarks:

"Mr. Speaker, the American people are demanding real reform of Congress. This bill isn't,

"The second session of the 109th Congress began with Members on both side of the aisle deep

"Newspapers across the country ran stories almost every day about the illegal practices of well-c

"We read about the K Street Project. We read about legislation written in secret by lobbyists and

"In May, the House passed a fundamentally-flawed approach to reform. It included some new re

"There is a better approach. I have joined many of my colleagues as a cosponsor of the Honest

“It injects transparency and accountability into Congress itself. There would be no more K Street

“And it would ensure better legislation. Members would be guaranteed 24 hours to read a bill be

“The Majority is interested in none of this. This legislation was rejected in May along party lines.

“And so, here we are, in the waning days of the 109th Congress, debating only a narrow, earmar

“Every Member of this House knows that this bill is not what the American people demanded of u

“Certainly, this resolution will not restore the integrity of the institution in which we serve.

“Mr. Speaker, the American people want reform. They will not be fooled by fig leaves. We still h

Unfortunately, this resolution falls far short of that necessary effort.”

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