

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL PROPERTY**

2 **FOR POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 18, United
4 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 611 the
5 following:

6 **“§ 612. Prohibition on use of Federal property for**
7 **certain political activities**

8 “(a) A convention of a national political party held
9 to nominate a candidate for the office of President or Vice
10 President may not be held on or in any Federal property.

11 “(b) Any candidate or the authorized committee of
12 the candidate under the Federal Election Campaign Act
13 of 1971 which was responsible for a convention in violation
14 of subsection (a) shall be subject to an assessment of a
15 civil penalty equal to the fair market value of the cost of
16 the convention or \$50,000, whichever is greater, or impris-
17 oned not more than five years, or both.

18 “(c) In this section, the term ‘Federal property’
19 means any building, land, or other real property owned,

1 leased, or occupied by any department, agency, or instru-
2 mentality of the United States, including the White House
3 grounds and the White House (including the Old Execu-
4 tive Office Building, the West Wing, the East Wing, the
5 Rose Garden, and the Executive Residence, but not includ-
6 ing the second floor of the Executive Residence).”.

7 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
8 for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item
9 relating to section 611 the following:

“612. Prohibition on use of Federal property for certain political activities.”.

10 (c) APPLICATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—This Act and the amend-
12 ments made by this Act shall apply to any conven-
13 tion described in section 612(a) of title 18, United
14 States Code, as added by subsection (a), occurring
15 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (2) TRAVEL.—Nothing in this Act or the
17 amendments made by this Act shall be construed to
18 limit or otherwise prevent the President or Vice
19 President from using vehicles (including aircraft)
20 owned or leased by the Government for travel to or
21 from any such convention.

