AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 676, AS REPORTED

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Add at the end the following new sections:

Sec. 4. (a)(1) If the Office of the General Counsel enters into a contract to employ the services of outside counsel or other experts under section 3, every 7 days during the period described in paragraph (2) the General Counsel shall submit a report to the Clerk of the House of Representatives containing the following information:

(A) The number of hours spent by outside counsel or other experts in providing services under the contract since the most recent report under this subsection.

(B) An estimate of the amount owed by the House under the contract which is attributable to the hours spent by outside counsel or other experts in providing such services since the most recent report under this subsection.

(C) The amount of any payment made to outside counsel or other experts under the contract since the most recent report under this subsection.
(2) The period described in this paragraph is, with respect to a contract to employ the services of outside counsel or other experts under section 3, the period—

(A) which begins on the date the Office of General Counsel enters into the contract; and

(B) which ends 7 days after the date on which the final payment is made under the contract.

(3) Upon receiving a report from the General Counsel under this subsection, the Clerk shall post the report immediately on the official public website of the Office of the Clerk.

(b)(1) If the Office of General Counsel enters into a contract to employ an outside counsel or other expert under section 3, the contract shall include—

(A) a provision prohibiting such outside counsel or expert from employing or retaining a lobbyist who makes any lobbying contact regarding any issue with a covered legislative branch official during the period in which the contract is in effect;

(B) a provision prohibiting such outside counsel or expert from employing or retaining a lobbyist who makes any lobbying contact regarding the implementation of any provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, title I or subtitle B of title II of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act
of 2010, including any amendment made by such provision, or any other related provision of law, with a covered executive branch official during the period in which the contract is in effect; and

(C) a provision requiring such outside counsel or expert to certify that such counsel or expert does not have any direct financial interest in the implementation of any provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, title I or subtitle B of title II of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, including any amendment made by such provision, or any other related provision of law, during the period in which the contract is in effect.

(2) In this subsection, the terms “lobbyist, lobbying contact, and covered legislative branch official” have the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).

Sec. 5. All payments made to carry out this resolution, including any payment made under a contract to employ the services of outside counsel or other experts under section 3, shall be made using funds derived by the transfer or reprogramming of amounts made available prior to the adoption of this resolution for expenses of the Select Committee on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist
1 Attack in Benghazi, established pursuant to House Resolution 567, agreed to May 8, 2014.