

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 15-B)



Type or Print all Information Clearly:

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Office/Appointment/Employment held: SENATOR

List the full name, post office address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of the source of any reportable honorarium or expense reimbursement.

Source of Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement:

Name of source: [Redacted]

Post Office Address: [Redacted]

Occupation: [Redacted]

Principal Place of Business: [Redacted]

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If source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: AMERICAN ISRAEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Name of Corporate/Entity Representative: RICHARD FISHMAN, EXEC. DIRECTOR

Work Address of Representative: 251 H. STREET, NW - WASHINGTON, DC 20001

Food and/or beverages consumed pursuant to RSA 15-B:6, II with value over \$25.00 []

Value of Honorarium: \$10,438.89 Date Received: 7/12/15 - 7/19/15 If exact value is unknown, provide an estimate of the value of the gift or honorarium and identify the value as an estimate. [x] Exact [] Estimate

Value of Expense Reimbursement: [] Exact [] Estimate Date Received: [] A copy of the agenda or an equivalent document must be attached to this filing.

Briefly describe the service or event this Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement relates to:

Educational Seminar

"I have read RSA 15-B and hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief"

Signature of Filer: Donna M. Soucy

Date Filed: 8-14-2015

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RSA 15-B:9 Penalty. Any person who knowingly fails to comply with the provisions of this chapter or knowingly files a false report shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Return to: Secretary of State's Office, State House Room 204, Concord, NH 03301



State of New Hampshire

GENERAL COURT

LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE

State House - Room 112
Concord, NH 03301-4951

June 3, 2015

Honorable Dan Feltes
Legislative Office Building, Room 5
33 North State Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

Honorable Donna M. Soucy
State House, Room 120
107 North Main Street
Concord, N.H. 03301

Re: Advisory Opinion 2015-1

Dear Senators Feltes and Soucy,

In response to your request please find enclosed Advisory Opinion 2015-1, which has been issued by the Legislative Ethics Committee.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Committee's Executive Administrator, Richard Lambert. We thank you for your inquiry, and are glad to have been of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Sytek".

Donna Sytek
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Chuck W. Morse, President of the Senate
Honorable Shawn N. Jasper, Speaker of the House
Honorable Jeff Woodburn, Senate Minority Leader
Honorable Stephen J. Shurtleff, House Minority Leader
Kristy Merrill, Senate Chief of Staff
Terence R. Pfaff, House Chief of Staff
Richard Lehmann, Senate Legal Counsel
Charles G. Douglas, III, House Legal Counsel
Members of the Legislative Ethics Committee

Advisory Opinion 2015-1
Response to a Request for an Advisory Opinion
from Senator Dan Feltes and Senator Donna M. Soucy

Senator Dan Feltes and Senator Donna M. Soucy have sought an Advisory Opinion about whether acceptance of payment for the costs of travel, lodging, and meals related to a proposed trip to Israel, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), will qualify for exemption from the prohibition on "Gifts" under RSA 15-B:3, as "Expense Reimbursement" under RSA 15-B:5.

According to a memorandum and an agenda submitted by AIEF, the purpose of the trip is to attend an educational seminar comprised of "meetings, briefings and site visits that highlight the vital importance of the US-Israel relationship." The educational seminar would be structured to showcase Israeli approaches to issues that are relevant to the State of New Hampshire, such as public health care, homeland and border security, law enforcement in a democratic society, protecting civil liberties, information-based economic development, comparative democracy, renewable energy, water conservation, comparative business-labor relations, the role of first responders, and the preservation of historical and natural landmarks.

Based on the information provided by Sen. Feltes and Sen. Soucy about the trip's purpose and activities, acceptance of the payment of expenses associated with the trip would qualify for the exemption. See Interpretive Ruling 2013-1.

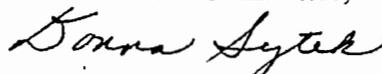
The Senators must report their attendance in accordance with RSA 15-B:6.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance.

June 3, 2015

Donna Sytek, Chairman
Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman
Representative Janet G. Wall
Senator Martha Fuller Clark
Representative David A. Welch
Honorable John A. Graham
Attorney David H. Bradley

For the Committee,



Donna Sytek
Chairman

[Vote: 7-0]

STATE DEMOCRATIC LEADERS
July 12-18, 2015

SUNDAY, July 12

- 5:20 PM Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport
View from the Haas Promenade
Check-in at Mamilla hotel
- 7:30 PM Welcome and Orientation
- 8:00 PM *Why a Jewish State*
Einat Wilf, former Member of Knesset
- at Spoons
- 9:30 PM *Shalom Jerusalem*
Walking Tour of the Old City
- 10:00 PM Overnight at Mamilla

MONDAY, July 13

- 8:00 AM *Israeli Political Primer*
Breakfast with Reuven Hazan
Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- at the hotel
- 9:15 AM *Strategic Survey of Jerusalem*
Old City and Holy Basin / Jerusalem tour
- 12:30 PM Depart for Lunch
- 12:45 PM *Minorities in Israel: the Arab-Israeli Experience*
Lunch with Muhammad Darwashe, Attorney
- at Piccolino
- 2:00 PM Depart
- 2:30 PM Security check
- 2:45 PM *The Israeli Knesset*
Meet with Members of Knesset from:
 - The Honorable Member of Knesset Michael Oren, Kulanu
 - The Honorable Member of Knesset Stav Shaffir, Zionist Union-at the Knesset