The Committee would like to remind offices that regulations governing the use of the Members' Representational Allowance (MRA), provides that travel expenses (transportation to/from, lodging, meals, and incidentals) incurred by a Member or staff in support of attendance or participation in the Republican Conference Retreat (January 13-15, 2011 in Baltimore, MD) or the Democratic Caucus Retreat (January 20-22, 2011 in Cambridge, MD)
are not
eligible for reimbursement from the MRA. However, the Federal Election Commission has advised, as in the past, that campaign funds may be used for such purposes. In addition, Members may, as always, use personal funds to defray such expenses.