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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1301, DEPARTMENT OF DE-FENSE APPROPRIATIONS 2017

Ms. CHENEY, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-26) on the resolution (H. Res. 174) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1301) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 725, INNOCENT PARTY PRO-TECTION ACT

Ms. CHENEY, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-27) on the resolution (H. Res. 175) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 725) to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent fraudulent joinder, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> OFFICE OF THE CLERK, House of Representatives, Washington, DC, March 7, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,

The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 7, 2017, at 4:48 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 44.

With best wishes, I am, Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 1362, by the yeas and nays; H.R. 375, de novo.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the

bill (H.R. 1362) to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Pago Pago, American Samoa, the Faleomavaega Eni Fa'aua'a Hunkin VA Clinic, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from America Samoa (Mrs. RADEWAGEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 2, not voting 16, as follows:

[Roll No. 127]

YEAS-411

Abraham Conyers Green, Al Green, Gene Adams Cook Aderholt Griffith Cooper Aguilar Correa Grijalva Allen Costa Grothman Costello (PA) Guthrie Amodei Courtney Hanabusa Arrington Cramer Harper Crawford Babin Bacon Crist Hartzler Banks (IN) Crowley Hastings Barletta Cuellar Heck Barr Cummings Hensarling Herrera Beutler Barragán Curbelo (FL) Davidson Hice, Jody B. Barton Bass Davis (CA) Higgins (LA) Beatty Davis, Danny Higgins (NY) BeraDavis, Rodney Holding Bergman DeFazio Hollingsworth Beyer DeGette Hoyer Biggs Delaney Hudson Bilirakis DeLauro Huffman Bishop (GA) DelBene Huizenga Bishop (MI) Demings Hultgren Bishop (UT) Denham Hunter Black Dent Hurd DeSantis Blackburn Issa DeSaulnier Jackson Lee Blum Blunt Rochester DesJarlais Jayapal Bonamici Deutch Jeffries Jenkins (WV) Diaz-Balart Bost Boyle, Brendan Johnson (GA) Dingell F Doggett Johnson (LA) Brady (PA) Johnson (OH) Donovan Doyle, Michael Brady (TX) Johnson, E. B. Brat F Johnson Sam Bridenstine Duffy Jones Brooks (AL) Duncan (SC) Jordan Joyce (OH) Brooks (IN) Duncan (TN) Brown (MD) Kaptur Dunn Brownley (CA) Ellison Katko Buchanan Emmer Keating Buck Engel Kelly (IL) Bucshon Eshoo Kelly (MS) Budd Espaillat Kelly (PA) Burgess Esty Kennedy Bustos Evans Khanna Butterfield Farenthold Kihuen Faso Byrne Kildee Calvert Ferguson Kilmer Capuano Fitzpatrick Kind King (IA) Fleischmann Carbajal Cárdenas Flores King (NY) Carson (IN) Fortenberry Kinzinger Carter (GA) Foster Knight Krishnamoorthi Carter (TX) Foxx Cartwright Frankel (FL) Kuster (NH) Castor (FL) Franks (AZ) Kustoff (TN) Castro (TX) Frelinghuysen Labrador Chabot LaHood Fudge Chaffetz Gabbard LaMalfa Cheney Gaetz Lamborn Chu, Judy Gallagher Lance Cicilline Clark (MA) Gallego Garamendi Langevin Larsen (WA) Clarke (NY) Garrett Larson (CT) Clay Gibbs Latta Clyburn Gohmert Lawrence Gonzalez (TX) Coffman Lawson (FL) Cohen Goodlatte Lee Levin Cole Gosar Collins (GA) Gottheimer Lewis (GA) Collins (NY) Gowdy Lewis (MN) Lieu, Ted Granger Comer Comstock Graves (GA) Lipinski Conaway Graves (LA) LoBiondo Graves (MO)

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Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUES-TION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause (2)(a)(1) of rule IX. I rise to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the form of the resolution appear in the RECORD at this point.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President shall immediately disclose his tax return information to Congress and the American people.

Whereas, in the United States' system of checks and balances, Congress has a responsibility to hold the Executive Branch of government to the highest standard of transparency to ensure the public interest is placed first;

Whereas, according to the Tax History Project, every President since Gerald Ford has disclosed their tax return information to the public;

Whereas, tax returns provide an important baseline disclosure because they contain highly instructive information including whether the candidate paid taxes, what they own, what they have borrowed and from whom, whether they have made any charitable donations, and whether they have taken advantage of tax loopholes;

Whereas, disclosure of the President's tax returns could help those investigating Russian influence in the 2016 election understand the President's financial ties to the Russian Federation and Russian citizens, including debts owed and whether he shares any partnership interests, equity interests, joint ventures or licensing agreements with Russia or Russians:

Whereas, the New York Times has reported that President Trump's close senior advisers, including Carter Page, Paul Manafort, Roger Stone, and General Michael Flynn, have been under investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their ties to the Russian Federation:

Whereas, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov told *Interfax*, a Russian media outlet, on November 10, 2016 that "there were contacts" with Donald Trump's 2016 campaign, and it has been reported that members of President Trump's inner circle were in contact with senior Russian officials throughout the 2016 campaign;

Whereas, according to his 2016 candidate filing with the Federal Election Commission, the President has 564 financial positions in companies located in the United States and around the world;

Whereas, against the advice of ethics attorneys and the Office of Government Ethics, the President has refused to divest his ownership stake in his businesses:

Whereas, the director of the nonpartisan Office of Government Ethics said that the President's plan to transfer his business holdings to a trust managed by family members is "meaningless" and "does not meet the standards that . . . every president in the past four decades has met";

Whereas, the Emoluments Clause was included in the U.S. Constitution for the express purpose of preventing federal officials from accepting any "present, Emolument, Office, or Title . . . from any King, Prince, or foreign state";

Whereas, according to the Washington Post, the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. has hired a "director of diplomatic sales" to generate high-priced business among foreign leaders and diplomatic delegations;

Whereas, according to Reuters, the Trump International Hotel could receive up to \$60,000 from the Kuwaiti government for a party it held at the Hotel on February 22, 2017.

Whereas, according to the New York Times, the President used a legally dubious tax maneuver in 1995 that could have allowed him to avoid paying federal taxes for 18 years;

Whereas, the most signed petition on the White House website calls for the release of the President's tax return information to verify compliance with the Emoluments Clause, with 1 million, 78 thousand signatures as of the date of this resolution;

Whereas, the Chairmen of the Ways and Means Committee, Joint Committee on Taxation, and Senate Finance Committee have the authority to request the President's tax returns under Section 6103 of the tax code:

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Taxation reviewed the tax returns of President Richard Nixon in 1974 and made the information public:

Whereas, the Ways and Means Committee used IRC 6103 authority in 2014 to make public the confidential tax information of 51 taxpayers:

Whereas, the American people have the right to know whether or not their President is operating under conflicts of interest related to international affairs, tax reform, government contracts, or otherwise: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved. That the House of Representatives shall—

- 1. Immediately request the tax return information of Donald J. Trump for tax years 2006 through 2015 for review in closed executive session by the Committee on Ways and Means, as provided under Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code, and vote to report the information therein to the full House of Representatives.
- 2. Support transparency in government and the longstanding tradition of Presidents and Presidential candidates disclosing their tax returns.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now recognize the gentle-woman from California to offer the resolution just noticed. Does the gentle-woman offer the resolution?

Ms. ESHOO. I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

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the information therein to the full House of Representatives

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentlewoman from California wish to present argument on the parliamentary question whether the resolution presents a question of the privileges of the House?

Ms. ESHOO. I do, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from California is recognized.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, under clause 1 of rule IX, questions of the privilege of the House are "those affecting the rights of the House collectively, its safety, dignity, and the integrity of its proceedings."

I believe the dignity and the integrity of the House are put at risk when this body refuses to exercise its statutory authority and constitutional obligation to operate as a check on the executive branch.

Under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code, three congressional committees have jurisdiction to request tax returns: House Ways and Means, Senate Finance, and the Joint Committee on Taxation.

This authority was placed in the Tax Code by Congress in 1924 to allow for full investigations of several scandals in the Harding administration, including the Teapot Dome bribery scandal. Section 6103 was the subject of considerable debate in this Chamber, but, ultimately, Congress passed it in order to provide an important investigatory check on the executive branch.

In 1974, section 6103 authority was used by the members of the Joint Committee on Taxation to publish a staff report on President Nixon's tax returns revealing that he owed nearly a half a million dollars in back taxes. Today, I worry that we are rapidly approaching a scandal of a similar magnitude to these previous events.

Since we voted on a similar resolution last week, the Attorney General and other senior administration officials have admitted that they met with Russian officials during the campaign and the transition period. This comes after the campaign and unequivocally last year saying that there was "no communications between the campaign and any foreign entity during the campaign."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will suspend.

The gentlewoman is reminded that she must confine her remarks to the parliamentary question of whether the resolution qualifies under rule IX.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I understand, and I am working to establish that case.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will confine her remarks to that question or the Chair will be prepared to rule.

Ms. ESHOO. Further reports about the President's potential conflicts of interest suggest that the House should exercise its oversight authority immediately, including massive foreign payments to the President's hotels and prior business deals with foreign oligarchs around the world. The only way to determine whether these dealings represent—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will suspend.

Does the gentlewoman wish to present an argument as to whether the resolution qualifies under rule IX?

The Chair has been patient. The gentlewoman must confine her remarks to make that argument. If not, the Chair is prepared to rule.

The gentlewoman from California is recognized.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I am attempting to set forward the question of the privileges of the House on a privileged resolution, and this is a part of it.

I believe the only way to determine whether these dealings represent violations of the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution is by fully examining the President's tax records.

Contrary to the Chair's ruling last Monday, there is no direct precedent in section 706 of the House Practice manual for the situation because the current situation is unprecedented. The President's business empire makes him more susceptible to conflicts of interest than any President in our history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

The Chair is prepared to rule on the question.

The gentlewoman from California seeks to offer a resolution as a question of the privileges of the House under rule IX.

As the Chair ruled on February 27, 2017, and as demonstrated by section 706 of the House Rules and Manual, a resolution directing a committee to meet and conduct certain business does not qualify as a question of the privileges of the House.

The resolution offered by the gentlewoman from California directs the Committee on Ways and Means to meet and consider an item of business under the procedures set forth in 26 U.S. Code 6103. Accordingly, the resolution does not qualify as a question of the privileges of the House.

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I appeal the ruling of the Chair.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is: Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. McCarthy moves that the appeal be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to lay the appeal on the table.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on tabling the appeal will be followed by a 5-minute vote on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 375, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 227, noes 186, answered "present" 1, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 128]

AYES-227

Abraham Goodlatte Aderholt Gosar Gowdy Granger Amash Graves (GA) Amodei Arrington Graves (LA) Babin Graves (MO) Griffith Bacon Banks (IN) Grothman Barletta Guthrie Barr Harper Barton Harris Bergman Hartzler Hensarling Biggs Bilirakis Herrera Beutler Bishop (MI) Hice, Jody B. Higgins (LA) Bishop (UT) Holding Black Hollingsworth Blackburn Blum Hudson Bost. Huizenga. Brady (TX) Hultgren Hunter Brat Bridenstine Hurd Brooks (AL) Issa. Jenkins (WV) Buchanan Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Buck Johnson, Sam Bucshon Budd Jordan Joyce (OH) Burgess Katko Kelly (MS) Calvert Kelly (PA) Carter (GA) Carter (TX) King (IA) Chabot King (NY) Chaffetz Kinzinger Cheney Knight Kustoff (TN) Coffman Labrador Cole Collins (GA) LaHood Collins (NY) LaMalfa Comer Lamborn Lance Comstock Conaway Latta Cook Lewis (MN) Costello (PA) LoBiondo Cramer Long Crawford Loudermilk Curbelo (FL) Love Davidson Lucas Davis, Rodney Luetkemeyer Denham MacArthur Marchant Dent DeSantis Marino Marshall DesJarlais Diaz-Balart Massie Donovan Mast Duffv McCarthy Duncan (SC) McCaul Duncan (TN) McClintock Dunn McHenry Emmer McKinley Farenthold McMorris Faso Rodgers Ferguson McSallv Fitzpatrick Meadows Fleischmann Meehan Messer Flores Fortenberry Mitchell Foxx Moolenaar Franks (AZ) Mooney (WV) Frelinghuysen Mullin Murphy (PA) Gaetz Gallagher Newhouse Noem Gibbs

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Olson Palazzo Palmer Paulsen Pearce Perry Pittenger Poe (TX) Poliquin Posev Ratcliffe Reed Reichert Renacci Rice (SC) RobyRoe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rokita. Rooney, Francis Rooney, Thomas J. Ros-Lehtinen Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Royce (CA) Russell Rutherford Scalise Schweikert Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Sessions Shimkus Shuster Simpson Sinema Smith (MO) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Smucker Stefanik Stewart Stivers Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiberi Trott Turner Upton Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Williams Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack Woodall Yoder

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ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

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Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Messrs. ROKITA and LaHOOD changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FRED D. THOMPSON FEDERAL BUILDING AND UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FERGUSON). The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules

and passing the bill (H.R. 375) to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 719 Church Street in Nashville, Tennessee, as the "Fred D. Thompson Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BARLETTA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The question was taken; and (twothirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR ANTHONY "TONY" BEILENSON

(Mr. SHERMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I regret to inform the House that my predecessor, Anthony "Tony" C. Beilenson, died over the weekend.

Anthony Beilenson was known for integrity, civility, intelligence, courage, and a willingness to work across the aisle, even when that caused him to differ from the orthodoxy of his own party.

He served in this House for 20 years, from 1977 through 1997, and served for 2 years as chair of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. He passed on Sunday, and I ask that Members rise and that the House observe a moment of silence.

PUBLIC TIRED OF BIASED MEDIA

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, from Investor's Business Daily: "The mainstream media's open hostility to President Trump may be starting to backfire, according to the latest IBD/TIPP poll. The poll found that 55 percent of the public says they have grown 'weary from the media's persistently negative coverage of President Trump.' A roughly equal share, 54 percent, also believe that the news media 'has assumed the role of the opposition party, constantly opposing the president and his policies at every turn.'"

"The results are understandable, given the unusually hostile relationship the press has with Trump.

"A study by the nonpartisan group Media Tenor found that only 3 percent of network news stories in the first month of the Trump administration could be described as positive."

"The poll found that 57 percent back Trump's plan to hire 10,000 more immigration agents; 58 percent support the deportation of illegal immigrants charged with a crime, even if they haven't been convicted; and 53 percent back Trump's call to withhold federal aid to 'sanctuary cities.'"

"Meanwhile, 42 percent say Trump is providing strong leadership for the country, which is higher than the 40 percent Obama got last October."

HOUSE REPUBLICANS' BILL TO REPEAL THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, it took 7 years, but it is finally here: the House Republican plan to make America sick again.

Under this plan, millions of Americans will lose their health insurance, and millions of other families will pay more for worse coverage. At the same time, the Republicans' bill rolls back Medicaid expansion and allows insurers to charge older enrollees more.

We always knew that the House Republican plan would harm the most vulnerable Americans, but we still do not know how much this bill will cost and how many Americans it will cover.

Now, House Republicans prefer it this way. They know that their bill will cover far fewer people than the Affordable Care Act does. They want to hide this fact from the American people and rush this bill through committee.

Mr. Speaker, this is an obvious and embarrassing display of cowardice from the House Republicans. The American people deserve to know the consequences of this bill just as they deserve quality and affordable access to health care. With the Republican plan, it looks like the American people will get neither.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LILLIAN COX

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I work for the Texans in Meadows Place. They are led by Mayor Charles Jessup. The locals call Meadows Place the best square mile of small-town America.

Meadows Place has a secret. Shhhhh. Every man who lives there is in love with the same woman. We all love Lillian Cox

Lillian turned 110 on February 22. In 352 days, I am taking Lillian out for her 111th birthday. She will put on a nice dress, a necklace, and earrings. I will take her to the Live Oak Grill, where she will have the fried catfish she loves so much. I will have the chicken fried steak. And we may go dancing, if I can keep up with her.

Lillian, happy 110th birthday. I will pick you up at 5 p.m. on February 22, 2018.

THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House