

H. RES. 726

Whereas, on January 30, 2018, Representative Paul Gosar tweeted a series of statements that included “Today, Congressman Paul Gosar contacted the U.S. Capitol Police, as well as Attorney General Jeff Sessions, asking that they consider checking identification of all attending the State of the Union address and arresting any illegal aliens in attendance.”;

Whereas Representative Gosar went on to tweet “Any illegal aliens attempting to go through security, under any pretext of invitation or otherwise, should be arrested and deported,” said Congressman Gosar;

Whereas Representative Gosar’s comments explicitly targeted the DACA recipients that Members of Congress brought as their guests to the State of the Union;

Whereas DACA recipients have been granted deferred action, are contributing to this country, and have been thoroughly vetted by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services;

Whereas Representative Gosar’s actions to inappropriately pressure the U.S. Capitol Police to detain and deport Dreamers, who are staying in the country according to U.S. Department of Homeland Security regulations, intimidated these young people who are already facing fear and uncertainty;

Whereas Representative Gosar abused the power in an attempt to interfere with and politicize the United States Capitol Police’s efforts to provide for a safe, secure, and open environment during the State of the Union;

Whereas Representative Gosar has violated clause 1 of rule XXIII of the Code of Official Conduct which states that “A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer or employee of the House shall behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House”: Now, therefore, be it:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives strongly condemns Representative Paul Gosar for his inappropriate actions that intimidated State of the Union guests and discredited the House of Representatives.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. BUCK. 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. Buck moves that the resolution be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion by the gentleman from Colorado.

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

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to lay the resolution on the table will be followed by 5-minute votes on:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 725; and

Adopting House Resolution 725, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 231, nays 187, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 53]

YEAS—231

Abraham	Gohmert	Noem
Aderholt	Goodlatte	Norman
Allen	Gosar	Nunes
Amash	Gowdy	Olson
Amodei	Granger	Palmer
Arrington	Graves (GA)	Paulsen
Babin	Graves (LA)	Perry
Bacon	Graves (MO)	Pittenger
Banks (IN)	Griffith	Poe (TX)
Barletta	Grothman	Poliquin
Barr	Guthrie	Posey
Barton	Handel	Ratcliffe
Bergman	Harper	Reed
Biggs	Harris	Reichert
Billirakis	Hartzler	Renacci
Bishop (MI)	Hensarling	Rice (SC)
Bishop (UT)	Herrera Beutler	Roby
Black	Hice, Jody B.	Roe (TN)
Blackburn	Higgins (LA)	Rogers (AL)
Blum	Hill	Rogers (KY)
Bost	Holding	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Hollingsworth	Rokita
Brat	Hudson	Rooney, Francis
Brooks (AL)	Huizenga	Ros-Lehtinen
Brooks (IN)	Hultgren	Roskam
Buchanan	Hunter	Ross
Buck	Hurd	Rothfus
Bucshon	Issa	Rouzer
Budd	Jenkins (KS)	Royce (CA)
Burgess	Jenkins (WV)	Russell
Byrne	Johnson (OH)	Rutherford
Calvert	Johnson, Sam	Sanford
Carter (GA)	Jones	Scalise
Carter (TX)	Jordan	Schweikert
Chabot	Joyce (OH)	Scott, Austin
Cheney	Katko	Sensenbrenner
Coffman	Kelly (MS)	Sessions
Cole	Kelly (PA)	Shimkus
Collins (GA)	King (IA)	Shuster
Collins (NY)	King (NY)	Simpson
Comer	Kinzing	Smith (MO)
Comstock	Knight	Smith (NE)
Conaway	Kustoff (TN)	Smith (NJ)
Cook	Labrador	Smith (TX)
Costello (PA)	LaHood	Smucker
Cramer	LaMalfa	Stefanik
Crawford	Lamborn	Stewart
Culberson	Lance	Stivers
Curbelo (FL)	Latta	Taylor
Curtis	Lewis (MN)	Tenney
Davidson	LoBiondo	Thompson (PA)
Davis, Rodney	Long	Thornberry
Denham	Loudermilk	Tipton
Dent	Love	Trott
DeSantis	Lucas	Turner
DesJarlais	Luetkemeyer	Upton
Diaz-Balart	MacArthur	Valadao
Donovan	Marchant	Wagner
Duffy	Marino	Walberg
Duncan (SC)	Marshall	Walden
Duncan (TN)	Massie	Walker
Dunn	Mast	Walorski
Emmer	McCarthy	Walters, Mimi
Estes (KS)	McCaul	Weber (TX)
Farenthold	McClintock	Webster (FL)
Faso	McHenry	Wenstrup
Ferguson	McKinley	Westerman
Fitzpatrick	McMorris	Williams
Fleischmann	Rodgers	Wilson (SC)
Flores	McSally	Wittman
Fortenberry	Meadows	Womack
Fox	Meehan	Woodall
Frelinghuysen	Messer	Yoder
Gaetz	Mitchell	Yoho
Gallagher	Moolenaar	Young (IA)
Garrett	Mooney (WV)	Zeldin
Gianforte	Mullin	
Gibbs	Newhouse	

NAYS—187

Adams	Butterfield	Cooper
Aguilar	Capuano	Correa
Barragán	Carbajal	Costa
Bass	Cárdenas	Courtney
Beatty	Carson (IN)	Crist
Bera	Cartwright	Crowley
Bishop (GA)	Castor (FL)	Cuellar
Blumenauer	Castro (TX)	Davis (CA)
Blunt Rochester	Chu, Judy	Davis, Danny
Bonamici	Cicilline	DeFazio
Boyle, Brendan	Clark (MA)	DeGette
F.	Clarke (NY)	Delaney
Brady (PA)	Cleaver	DeLauro
Brown (MD)	Clyburn	DelBene
Brownley (CA)	Cohen	Demings
Bustos	Connolly	DeSaulniers

Deutch	Larson (CT)	Quigley
Dingell	Lawrence	Raskin
Doggett	Lawson (FL)	Rice (NY)
Doyle, Michael	Lee	Richmond
F.	Levin	Rosen
Ellison	Lewis (GA)	Roybal-Allard
Engel	Lieu, Ted	Ruiz
Eshoo	Lipinski	Ruppersberger
Espallat	Loebach	Rush
Esty (CT)	Lofgren	Ryan (OH)
Evans	Lowenthal	Sánchez
Foster	Lowe	Sarbanes
Frankel (FL)	Lujan Grisham,	Schakowsky
Fudge	M.	Schiff
Gabbard	Luján, Ben Ray	Schneider
Gallo	Lynch	Schrader
Garamendi	Maloney,	Scott (VA)
Gomez	Carolyn B.	Scott, David
Gonzalez (TX)	Maloney, Sean	Serrano
Gottheimer	Matsui	Sewell (AL)
Green, Al	McCollum	Shea-Porter
Green, Gene	McEachin	Sherman
Grijalva	McGovern	Sinema
Hanabusa	McNerney	Sires
Hastings	Meeks	Slaughter
Heck	Meng	Smith (WA)
Higgins (NY)	Moore	Soto
Himes	Moulton	Speier
Hoyer	Murphy (FL)	Suozi
Huffman	Nadler	Swalwell (CA)
Jackson Lee	Napolitano	Takano
Jayapal	Neal	Thompson (CA)
Jeffries	Nolan	Thompson (MS)
Johnson (GA)	Norcross	Titus
Johnson, E. B.	O'Halleran	Tonko
Kaptur	O'Rourke	Torres
Keating	Pallone	Tsongas
Kelly (IL)	Panetta	Vargas
Kennedy	Pascrell	Veasey
Khanna	Payne	Vela
Kihuen	Pelosi	Velázquez
Kildee	Perlmutter	Visclosky
Kilmer	Peters	Wasserman
Kind	Peterson	Schultz
Krishnamoorthi	Pingree	Waters, Maxine
Kuster (NH)	Pocan	Watson Coleman
Langevin	Polis	Welch
Larsen (WA)	Price (NC)	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—12

Beyer	Johnson (LA)	Walz
Bridenstine	Palazzo	Wilson (FL)
Clay	Pearce	Young (AK)
Cummings	Rooney, Thomas	
Gutiérrez	J.	

□ 1126

Ms. BROWNLEY of California and Mr. BROWN of Maryland changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. REED, WEBSTER of Florida, HARRIS, and KATKO changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 772, COMMON SENSE NUTRITION DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1153, MORTGAGE CHOICE ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4771, SMALL BANK HOLDING COMPANY RELIEF ACT OF 2018; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 725) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 772) to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve and clarify certain disclosure requirements for restaurants and similar retail food establishments, and to amend the authority

to bring proceedings under section 403A; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1153) to amend the Truth in Lending Act to improve upon the definitions provided for points and fees in connection with a mortgage transaction; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4771) to raise the consolidated assets threshold under the small bank holding company policy statement, and for other purposes; and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 231, nays 188, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 54]

YEAS—231

Abraham	Fleischmann	Marino
Aderholt	Flores	Marshall
Allen	Fortenberry	Mast
Amash	Fox	McCarthy
Amodei	Frelinghuysen	McCaul
Arrington	Gaetz	McClintock
Babin	Gallagher	McHenry
Bacon	Garrett	McKinley
Banks (IN)	Gianforte	McMorris
Barletta	Gibbs	Rodgers
Barr	Gohmert	McSally
Barton	Goodlatte	Meadows
Bergman	Gosar	Meehan
Biggs	Gowdy	Messer
Bilirakis	Granger	Mitchell
Bishop (MI)	Graves (GA)	Moolenaar
Bishop (UT)	Graves (LA)	Mooney (WV)
Black	Graves (MO)	Mullin
Blackburn	Griffith	Newhouse
Blum	Grothman	Noem
Bost	Guthrie	Norman
Brady (TX)	Handel	Nunes
Brat	Harper	Olson
Brooks (AL)	Harris	Palmer
Brooks (IN)	Hartzler	Paulsen
Buchanan	Hensarling	Perry
Buck	Herrera Beutler	Pittenger
Bucshon	Hice, Jody B.	Poe (TX)
Budd	Higgins (LA)	Poliquin
Burgess	Hill	Posey
Byrne	Holding	Ratcliffe
Calvert	Hollingsworth	Reed
Carter (GA)	Hudson	Reichert
Carter (TX)	Huizenga	Renacci
Chabot	Hultgren	Rice (SC)
Cheney	Hunter	Roby
Coffman	Hurd	Roe (TN)
Cole	Issa	Rogers (AL)
Collins (GA)	Jenkins (KS)	Rogers (KY)
Collins (NY)	Jenkins (WV)	Rohrabacher
Comer	Johnson (OH)	Rokita
Comstock	Johnson, Sam	Rooney, Francis
Conaway	Jones	Ros-Lehtinen
Cook	Jordan	Roskam
Costello (PA)	Joyce (OH)	Ross
Cramer	Katko	Rothfus
Crawford	Kelly (MS)	Rouzer
Culberson	Kelly (PA)	Royce (CA)
Curbelo (FL)	King (IA)	Russell
Curtis	King (NY)	Rutherford
Davidson	Kinzing	Sanford
Davis, Rodney	Knight	Scalise
Denham	Kustoff (TN)	Schweikert
Dent	Labrador	Scott, Austin
DeSantis	LaHood	Sensenbrenner
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Sessions
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Shimkus
Donovan	Lance	Shuster
Duffy	Latta	Simpson
Duncan (SC)	Lewis (MN)	Smith (MO)
Duncan (TN)	LoBiondo	Smith (NE)
Dunn	Long	Smith (NJ)
Emmer	Loudermilk	Smith (TX)
Estes (KS)	Love	Smucker
Farenthold	Lucas	Stefanik
Faso	Luetkemeyer	Stewart
Ferguson	MacArthur	Stivers
Fitzpatrick	Marchant	Taylor

Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tipton
Trott
Turner
Upton
Valadao
Wagner
Walberg

Walden
Walker
Walorski
Walters, Mimi
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Wenstrup
Westerman
Williams
Wilson (SC)

Wittman
Womack
Woodall
Yoder
Yoho
Young (AK)
Young (IA)
Zeldin

NAYS—188

Adams
Aguilar
Barragán
Bass
Beatty
Bera
Bishop (GA)
Blumenauer
Blunt Rochester
Bonamici
Boyle, Brendan
F.
Brady (PA)
Brown (MD)
Brownley (CA)
Bustos
Butterfield
Capuano
Carbajal
Cárdenas
Carson (IN)
Cartwright
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chu, Judy
Cicilline
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Connolly
Cooper
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Crist
Crowley
Cuellar
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny
DeFazio
DeGette
Delaney
DeLauro
DelBene
Demings
DeSaulnier
Deutch
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle, Michael
F.
Ellison
Engel
Eshoo
Españallat
Esty (CT)
Evans
Foster
Frankel (FL)
Fudge
Gabbard
Gallego
Garamendi

NOT VOTING—11

Beyer
Bridenstine
Clay
Cummings

Gomez
Gonzalez (TX)
Gottheimer
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Hanabusa
Hastings
Heck
Higgins (NY)
Himes
Hoyer
Huffman
Jackson Lee
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy
Khanna
Kihuen
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
Krishnamoorthi
Kuster (NH)
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lawrence
Lawson (FL)
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lieu, Ted
Lipinski
Sinema
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (WA)
Soto
Speier
Suozzi
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tonko
Torres
Tsongas
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters, Maxine
Watson Coleman
Welch
Yarmuth

Rooney, Thomas
J.
Walz
Wilson (FL)

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

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 231, noes 186, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 55]

AYES—231

Abraham	Goodlatte	Nunes
Aderholt	Gosar	Olson
Allen	Gottheimer	Palmer
Amodei	Gowdy	Paulsen
Arrington	Granger	Perry
Babin	Graves (GA)	Pittenger
Bacon	Graves (LA)	Poe (TX)
Banks (IN)	Graves (MO)	Poliquin
Barletta	Griffith	Posey
Barr	Grothman	Ratcliffe
Barton	Guthrie	Reed
Bergman	Handel	Reichert
Biggs	Harper	Renacci
Bilirakis	Harris	Rice (SC)
Bishop (MI)	Hartzler	Roby
Bishop (UT)	Hensarling	Roe (TN)
Black	Herrera Beutler	Rogers (AL)
Blackburn	Hice, Jody B.	Rogers (KY)
Blum	Higgins (LA)	Rohrabacher
Bost	Hill	Rokita
Brady (TX)	Holding	Rooney, Francis
Brat	Hollingsworth	Ros-Lehtinen
Brooks (AL)	Hudson	Roskam
Brooks (IN)	Huizenga	Ross
Buchanan	Hultgren	Rothfus
Buck	Hunter	Rouzer
Bucshon	Hurd	Royce (CA)
Budd	Issa	Russell
Burgess	Jenkins (KS)	Rutherford
Byrne	Jenkins (WV)	Sanford
Calvert	Johnson (OH)	Scalise
Carter (GA)	Johnson, Sam	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Jones	Scott, Austin
Chabot	Jordan	Sensenbrenner
Cheney	Joyce (OH)	Sessions
Coffman	Katko	Shimkus
Cole	Kelly (MS)	Shuster
Collins (GA)	Kelly (PA)	Simpson
Collins (NY)	King (IA)	Sinema
Comer	King (NY)	Smith (MO)
Comstock	Kinzing	Smith (NE)
Conaway	Knight	Smith (NJ)
Cook	Kustoff (TN)	Smith (TX)
Costello (PA)	Labrador	Smucker
Cramer	LaHood	Stefanik
Crawford	LaMalfa	Stewart
Culberson	Lamborn	Stivers
Curbelo (FL)	Lance	Taylor
Curtis	Latta	
Davidson	Lewis (MN)	
Davis, Rodney	LoBiondo	
Denham	Long	
Dent	Loudermilk	
DeSantis	Love	
DesJarlais	Lucas	
Diaz-Balart	Luetkemeyer	
Donovan	Marchant	
Duffy	Marino	
Duncan (SC)	Marshall	
Duncan (TN)	Mast	
Dunn	McCarthy	
Emmer	McCaul	
Estes (KS)	McClintock	
Farenthold	McHenry	
Faso	McKinley	
Ferguson	McMorris	
Fitzpatrick	Rodgers	
	McSally	
	Meadows	
	Meehan	
	Messer	
	Mitchell	
	Moolenaar	
	Mooney (WV)	
	Mullin	
	Newhouse	
	Noem	
	Norman	

□ 1134

So the previous question was ordered. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

NOES—186

Adams	Garamendi	Nolan
Aguilar	Gomez	Norcross
Amash	Gonzalez (TX)	O'Halleran
Barragán	Green, Al	O'Rourke
Bass	Green, Gene	Pallone
Beatty	Grijalva	Panetta
Bera	Hanabusa	Pascarell
Bishop (GA)	Hastings	Payne
Blumenauer	Heck	Pelosi
Blunt Rochester	Higgins (NY)	Perlmutter
Bonamici	Himes	Peters
Boyle, Brendan	Hoyer	Peterson
F.	Huffman	Pingree
Brady (PA)	Jackson Lee	Pocan
Brown (MD)	Jayapal	Polis
Brownley (CA)	Jeffries	Price (NC)
Bustos	Johnson (GA)	Quigley
Butterfield	Johnson, E. B.	Raskin
Capuano	Kaptur	Rice (NY)
Carbajal	Keating	Richmond
Cárdenas	Kelly (IL)	Rosen
Carson (IN)	Kennedy	Roybal-Allard
Cartwright	Khanna	Ruiz
Castor (FL)	Kihuen	Ruppersberger
Castro (TX)	Kildee	Rush
Ciциlline	Kilmer	Ryan (OH)
Clark (MA)	Kind	Sánchez
Clarke (NY)	Krishnamoorthi	Sarbanes
Cleaver	Kuster (NH)	Schakowsky
Clyburn	Langevin	Schiff
Cohen	Larsen (WA)	Schneider
Connolly	Larson (CT)	Schrader
Cooper	Lawrence	Scott (VA)
Correa	Lawson (FL)	Scott, David
Costa	Lee	Serrano
Courtney	Levin	Sewell (AL)
Crist	Lewis (GA)	Shea-Porter
Crowley	Lieu, Ted	Sherman
Cuellar	Lipinski	Sires
Davis (CA)	Loebach	Slaughter
Davis, Danny	Lofgren	Smith (WA)
DeFazio	Lowenthal	Soto
DeGette	Lowe	Speier
Delaney	Lujan Grisham,	Suozi
DeLauro	M.	Swalwell (CA)
DelBene	Luján, Ben Ray	Takano
Demings	Lynch	Thompson (CA)
DeSaulnier	Maloney,	Thompson (MS)
Deutch	Carolyn B.	Titus
Dingell	Maloney, Sean	Tonko
Doggett	Massie	Torres
Doyle, Michael	Matsui	Tsongas
F.	McCollum	Vargas
Ellison	McEachin	Veasey
Engel	McGovern	Vela
Eshoo	McNerney	Velázquez
Espallat	Meeks	Visclosky
Esty (CT)	Meng	Wasserman
Evans	Moore	Schultz
Foster	Moulton	Waters, Maxine
Frankel (FL)	Murphy (FL)	Watson Coleman
Fudge	Nadler	Welch
Gabbard	Napolitano	Yarmuth
Gallego	Neal	

NOT VOTING—13

Beyer	Gutiérrez	Rooney, Thomas
Bridenstine	Johnson (LA)	J.
Chu, Judy	MacArthur	Walz
Clay	Palazzo	Wilson (FL)
Cummings	Pearce	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1141

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for rollcall votes, 53, 54, and 55 on Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall votes 53, 54, and 55.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995 REFORM ACT

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4924) to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to reform the procedures provided under such Act for the initiation, investigation, and resolution of claims alleging that employing offices of the legislative branch have violated the rights and protections provided to their employees under such Act, including protections against sexual harassment, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4924

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES IN ACT; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act”.

(b) REFERENCES IN ACT.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to that section or other provision of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.).

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; references in Act; table of contents.

TITLE I—REFORM OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Subtitle A—Reform of Procedures for Initiation, Investigation, and Resolution of Claims

Sec. 101. Description of procedures available for consideration of alleged violations.

Sec. 102. Reform of process for initiation of procedures.

Sec. 103. Investigation of claims by General Counsel.

Sec. 104. Availability of mediation during investigations.

Subtitle B—Other Reforms

Sec. 111. Requiring Members of Congress to reimburse Treasury for amounts paid as settlements and awards in cases of acts committed personally by Members.

Sec. 112. Automatic referral to congressional ethics committees of disposition of certain claims alleging violations of Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 involving Members of Congress and senior staff.

Sec. 113. Availability of remote work assignment or paid leave of absence during pendency of procedures.

Sec. 114. Modification of rules on confidentiality of proceedings.

Sec. 115. Reimbursement by other employing offices of legislative branch of payments of certain awards and settlements.

TITLE II—IMPROVING OPERATIONS OF OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE

Sec. 201. Reports on claims, awards, and settlements.

Sec. 202. Workplace climate surveys of employing offices.

Sec. 203. Record retention.

Sec. 204. GAO study of management practices.

Sec. 205. GAO audit of cybersecurity.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS REFORMS

Sec. 301. Extension to unpaid staff of rights and protections against employment discrimination.

Sec. 302. Coverage of employees of Library of Congress.

Sec. 303. Clarification of coverage of employees of Helsinki and China Commissions.

Sec. 304. Training and education programs of other employing offices.

Sec. 305. Renaming Office of Compliance as Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

TITLE IV—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 401. Effective date.

TITLE I—REFORM OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Subtitle A—Reform of Procedures for Initiation, Investigation, and Resolution of Claims

SEC. 101. DESCRIPTION OF PROCEDURES AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

(a) PROCEDURES DESCRIBED.—Section 401 (2 U.S.C. 1401) is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 401. PROCEDURE FOR CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

“(a) FILING AND INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS.—Except as otherwise provided, the procedure for consideration of an alleged violation of part A of title II consists of—

“(1) the filing of a claim by the covered employee alleging the violation, as provided in section 402;

“(2) an investigation of the claim, to be conducted by the General Counsel as provided in section 403; and

“(3) a formal hearing as provided in section 405, subject to Board review as provided in section 406, and judicial review in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit as provided in section 407, but only if, pursuant to an investigation conducted by the General Counsel as provided in section 403, the General Counsel finds either—

“(A) that there is reasonable cause to believe that the employing office involved committed a violation of part A of title II as alleged in the covered employee’s claim; or

“(B) that the General Counsel cannot determine whether or not there is reasonable cause to believe that the employing office committed a violation of part A of title II as alleged in the covered employee’s claim.

“(b) RIGHT OF EMPLOYEE TO FILE CIVIL ACTION.—

“(1) CIVIL ACTION.—A covered employee who files a claim as provided in section 402 may, during the period described in paragraph (3), file a civil action in a District Court of the United States with respect to the alleged violation involved, as provided in section 408.

“(2) EFFECT OF FILING CIVIL ACTION.—Notwithstanding paragraph (2) or paragraph (3) of subsection (a), if the covered employee files such a civil action—

“(A) the investigation of the claim by the General Counsel as provided in section 403,