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H. R. 1153

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and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2021

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York (for himself and Ms. JAYAPAL)
introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on
Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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of a felony, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restoring and Enfore-
5 ing Accountability of Presidents Act” or the “REAP Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS FOR FORMER PRESI-**
7 **DENTS CONVICTED OF A FELONY.**

8 The Act entitled “An Act to provide retirement, cler-
9 ical assistants, and free mailing privileges to former Presi-
10 dents of the United States, and for other purposes”, ap-

1 proved August 25, 1958 (commonly known as the
2 “Former Presidents Act of 1958”; 3 U.S.C. 102 note),
3 is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “Each former
5 President” and inserting “Subject to subsection (h),
6 each former President”;

7 (2) in subsection (f), by striking paragraph (2)
8 and inserting:

9 “(2) who has not been impeached by the House
10 of Representatives and convicted by the Senate pur-
11 suant to the impeachment.”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(h)(1) If a former President is finally convicted of
15 a felony for which every act or omission that is needed
16 to satisfy the elements of the felony is committed during
17 or after the period such former President holds the office
18 of President of the United States of America, or was fi-
19 nally convicted of such a felony while holding such office—

20 “(A) no monetary allowance under subsection
21 (a) may be provided to such former President;

22 “(B) no funds may be obligated or expended
23 under subsection (g) with respect to such former
24 President except to the extent necessary to maintain

1 the security of such former President, as determined
2 by the Director of the Secret Service; and

3 “(C) such former President shall repay any
4 amounts received under subsection (a) during the
5 period beginning on the date on which such former
6 President is initially convicted of the felony and end-
7 ing on the date such former President is finally con-
8 victed of the felony.

9 “(2) The term ‘finally convicted’ means a convic-
10 tion—

11 “(A) which has not been appealed and is no
12 longer appealable because the time for taking an ap-
13 peal has expired; or

14 “(B) which has been appealed and the appeals
15 process for which is completed.”.

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