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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require a witness who appears before any committee of the House of Representatives in a nongovernmental capacity to disclose certain amounts received from the Federal Government or a foreign government or certain foreign entities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MANN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. CARL, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. POSEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. ROUZER, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. CLINE, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. KELLER, and Mr. MAST) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR A WITNESS TO DISCLOSE**
2 **CERTAIN AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Clause 2(g)(5)(B) of rule XI of
4 the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 “(B) In the case of a witness appearing in
7 a nongovernmental capacity, a written state-
8 ment of proposed testimony shall include—

9 “(i) a curriculum vitae;

10 “(ii) a disclosure of any Federal
11 grants or contracts received during the
12 past 36 months by the witness, an entity
13 represented by the witness, or an entity
14 with respect to which the witness is em-
15 ployed or under contract;

16 “(iii) a disclosure of any contracts,
17 grants, or payments, including payments in
18 kind, originating with a foreign govern-
19 ment, foreign political party, or foreign
20 state-owned enterprise (or any subsidiary,
21 agent, or instrumentality of a foreign gov-
22 ernment, foreign political party, or foreign-
23 state owned enterprise) received during the
24 past 36 months by the witness, an entity
25 represented by the witness, an entity with
26 respect to which the witness is employed,

1 or an entity the witness is under contract
2 with if the witness received aggregate pay-
3 ments under such contract in an amount
4 greater than \$5,000 in the last 12 months;

5 “(iv) a disclosure of whether the wit-
6 ness is a fiduciary (including, but not lim-
7 ited to, a director, officer, advisor, resident
8 agent, or fellow) of any entity which has
9 received payments originating with a for-
10 eign government, foreign political party, or
11 foreign state-owned enterprise (or any sub-
12 sidiary, agent, or instrumentality of a for-
13 eign government, foreign political party, or
14 foreign-state owned enterprise) during the
15 past 36 months;

16 “(v) a disclosure of any contracts with
17 a foreign government, foreign political
18 party, or foreign state-owned enterprise (or
19 any subsidiary, agent, or instrumentality of
20 a foreign government, foreign political
21 party, or foreign-state owned enterprise)
22 that the witness, an entity represented by
23 the witness, or an entity with respect to
24 which the witness is employed or under
25 contract applied for in the past 12 months

1 but under which no payments have been
2 received;

3 “(vi) a disclosure of any contracts
4 with a foreign government, foreign political
5 party, or foreign state-owned enterprise (or
6 any subsidiary, agent, or instrumentality of
7 a foreign government, foreign political
8 party, or foreign-state owned enterprise)
9 that is in effect on the date the witness
10 submits the written statement of proposed
11 testimony under which the foreign govern-
12 ment, foreign political party, or foreign
13 state-owned enterprise agrees to provide
14 the witness, or a business owned by the
15 witness, with payment for the provision of
16 advisory, consulting, or other services to
17 advance the interests of such foreign gov-
18 ernment, foreign political party, or foreign
19 state-owned enterprise; and

20 “(vii) a disclosure of any contracts
21 with a foreign person subject to the juris-
22 diction or direction of the government of
23 the People’s Republic of China, the Rus-
24 sian Federation, the Islamic Republic of
25 Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of

1 Korea, the Republic of Cuba, or the
2 Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela that is in
3 effect on the date the witness submits the
4 written statement of proposed testimony
5 under which the foreign person agrees to
6 provide the witness with payment for the
7 provision of advisory, consulting, or other
8 services to advance the interests of a for-
9 eign government described in this item.”.

10 (b) CONTENT OF DISCLOSURE.—Clause 2(g)(5)(C)
11 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives
12 is amended—

13 (1) by striking “disclosure” and inserting “dis-
14 closures”;

15 (2) by inserting “, subdivision (B)(iii), subdivi-
16 sion (B)(v), subdivision (B)(vi), and subdivision
17 (B)(vii)” after “subdivision (B)(ii)”;

18 (3) in item (i), by striking “related to the sub-
19 ject matter of the hearing”; and

20 (4) in item (ii)—

21 (A) by striking “related to the subject
22 matter of the hearing”; and

23 (B) by inserting “, foreign political party,
24 or foreign state-owned enterprise (or any sub-
25 sidiary, agent, or instrumentality of a foreign

1 government, foreign political party, or foreign-
 2 state owned enterprise)” after “foreign govern-
 3 ment”.

4 (c) PENALTY FOR KNOWING AND WILLFUL NON-
 5 COMPLIANCE.—Clause 2(g) of rule XI of the Rules of the
 6 House of Representatives is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (7) as sub-
 8 paragraph (8); and

9 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (6) the fol-
 10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(7) With respect to a witness described in sub-
 12 paragraph (5)(B), if the committee before which the
 13 witness appears determines at any time that the wit-
 14 ness knowingly and willfully failed to truthfully com-
 15 ply with the disclosure requirements under subpara-
 16 graph (5), such witness shall not be allowed to ap-
 17 pear before such committee to provide testimony for
 18 a period of 3 years beginning on the date such de-
 19 termination is made.”.

20 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amend-
 21 ments made by this section shall apply with respect to any
 22 witness who appears before any committee of the House
 23 of Representatives in a nongovernmental capacity on or
 24 after the date of enactment of this resolution.

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