

117TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 221

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2021

Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

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## A BILL

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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. MODIFICATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OR UNIFORMED SERVICES.**

6       Section 3331 of title 5, United States Code, is  
7       amended to read as follows:

8       **“§ 3331. Oath of office**

9       “An individual, except the President, elected or ap-  
10      pointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service

1 or uniformed services, shall take the following oath: ‘I,  
2 AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and  
3 defend the Constitution of the United States against all  
4 enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith  
5 and allegiance to the same; that I place this obligation  
6 above that to any individual, political party, or faction;  
7 that I take this obligation freely, without any mental res-  
8 ervation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and  
9 faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am  
10 about to enter. So help me God.’ This section does not  
11 affect other oaths required by law.”.

