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H. RES. 1253

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the actions of the Department of the Interior's Departmental Ethics Office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WESTERMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

RESOLUTION

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the actions of the Department of the Interior's Departmental Ethics Office.

1 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Interior is di-
2 rected to transmit, to the House of Representatives, not
3 later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this
4 resolution, copies of any document, memorandum, cor-
5 respondence, and other communication or any portion of
6 any such communication, that refers or relates to the oper-
7 ation of the Department of the Interior's Departmental

1 Ethics Office and the creation of ethics guidance, includ-
2 ing the following:

3 (1) Any documents and communications relat-
4 ing to the process for creating ethics compliance ma-
5 terials, including but not limited to—

6 (A) any reference to the creation of Ethics
7 Guidance on Recusal Obligations;

8 (B) any reference to the creation of Ethics
9 Recusal and Screening Arrangements;

10 (C) any reference to how the Departmental
11 Ethics Office collects information from political
12 appointees; and

13 (D) any reference to how the Depart-
14 mental Ethics Office verifies the information
15 provided by political appointees.

16 (2) Any documents and communications relat-
17 ing to the time frame in which political appointees
18 are provided final ethics guidance.

19 (3) Any documents and communications relat-
20 ing to ethics waivers for political appointees; includ-
21 ing but not limited to—

22 (A) any reference to requests for ethics
23 waivers;

24 (B) any reference to denying an ethics
25 waiver; and

1 (C) any reference to granting an ethics
2 waiver.

3 (4) Any documents and communications relat-
4 ing to the drafting and finalization of ethics guid-
5 ance for all Interior Department political appointees.

6 (5) Any meeting or communication that oc-
7 curred between the Designated Agency Ethics Offi-
8 cial and all Interior Department political appointees,
9 relating to the drafting and finalization of ethics
10 guidance.

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