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H. RES. 507

Affirming the validity of subpoenas duly issued and investigations undertaken by any standing or permanent select committee of the House of Representatives pursuant to authorities delegated by the Constitution and the Rules of the House of Representatives.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 23, 2019

Mr. RASKIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Affirming the validity of subpoenas duly issued and investigations undertaken by any standing or permanent select committee of the House of Representatives pursuant to authorities delegated by the Constitution and the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Whereas Congress' power to conduct oversight and investigations is firmly rooted in its legislative authority under Article I of the Constitution, which commits to the House of Representatives alone the authority to establish its rules governing the procedures and methods for the conduct of oversight and investigations, as well as to determine the powers that it delegates to its various committees;

Whereas those powers delegated to the committees include the power to conduct oversight into and to investigate, pursuant to the legitimate legislative purposes of the respective committees, matters involving, referring, or related, directly or indirectly, to the persons, entities, and organizations specified in this resolution;

Whereas committees of the House, pursuant to the authority delegated by clause 2(m) of rule XI and clause 11(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, have undertaken investigations and issued related subpoenas seeking personal, financial, banking, and tax information related to the President, his immediate family, and his business entities and organizations, among others;

Whereas the validity of some of these investigations and subpoenas has been incorrectly challenged in Federal court on the grounds that the investigations and subpoenas were not authorized by the full House and lacked a “clear statement” of intent to include the President, which the President’s personal attorneys have argued in Federal court is necessary before the committees may seek information related to the President; and

Whereas while these arguments are plainly incorrect as a matter of law, it is nevertheless in the interest of the institution of the House of Representatives to avoid any doubt on this matter and to unequivocally reject these challenges presented in ongoing or future litigation: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives ratifies
- 2 and affirms all current and future investigations, as well
- 3 as all subpoenas previously issued or to be issued in the
- 4 future, by any standing or permanent select committee of

1 the House, pursuant to its jurisdiction as established by
2 the Constitution of the United States and rules X and XI
3 of the Rules of the House of Representatives, concerning
4 or issued directly or indirectly to—

5 (1) the President in his personal or official ca-
6 pacity;

7 (2) his immediate family, business entities, or
8 organizations;

9 (3) the Office of the President;

10 (4) the Executive Office of the President;

11 (5) the White House;

12 (6) any entity within the White House;

13 (7) any individual currently or formerly em-
14 ployed by or associated with the White House;

15 (8) any Federal or State governmental entity or
16 current or former employee or officer thereof seeking
17 information involving, referring, or related to any in-
18 dividual or entity described in paragraphs (1)
19 through (7); or

20 (9) any third party seeking information involv-
21 ing, referring, or related to any individual or entity
22 described in paragraphs (1) through (7).

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