

HCONRES 178

Clarifying any potential misunderstanding as to whether actions taken by President-elect Donald Trump constitute a violation of the Emoluments Clause, and calling on President-elect Trump to divest his interest in, and sever his relationship to, the Trump Organization.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. (Dec 1, 2016)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VT • **Chamber:** Senate

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 1, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 SCONRES 56	Related bill	Nov 29, 2016: Referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S6554-6556; text of measure as introduced: CR S6553-6554)

Summary (as of Dec 1, 2016)

Calls upon President-elect Donald J. Trump to: (1) follow the precedent established by prior Presidents and convert his assets to conflict-free holdings, adopt blind trusts, or take other equivalent measures to ensure compliance with the Emoluments Clause of the U.S. Constitution; and (2) not use the powers or opportunities of his position as President-elect or President of the United States for any purpose related to the Trump Organization.

Declares that in the absence of such actions or specific authorization by Congress, Congress regards dealings that Donald Trump, as President, may have through his companies with foreign governments or entities owned or controlled by foreign governments to be potential violations of such clause.

Actions Timeline

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