

SCONRES 56

A concurrent resolution 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.

Congress: 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

Introduced: Nov 29, 2016

Current Status: 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) (Nov 29, 2016)

Latest Action: 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) (Nov 29, 2016)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-concurrent-resolution/56>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

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

Cosponsors (27 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI] | D · WI | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] | D · CO | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ] | D · NJ | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA] | D · CA | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA] | D · PA | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE] | D · DE | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL] | D · IL | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN] | D · MN | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM] | D · NM | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] | D · HI | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT] | D · VT | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA] | D · MA | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR] | D · OR | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD] | D · MD | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT] | D · CT | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI] | D · RI | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV] | D · NV | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] | D · MI | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] | D · NM | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA] | D · MA | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI] | D · RI | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR] | D · OR | | Nov 29, 2016 |
| Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] | D · CT | | Nov 30, 2016 |
| Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH] | D · OH | | Nov 30, 2016 |
| Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA] | D · WA | | Nov 30, 2016 |
| Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] | D · MN | | Dec 1, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee | Senate | Referred To | Nov 29, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
|-----------------|--------------|---|
| 114 HCONRES 178 | Related bill | Dec 1, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. |

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

- **Nov 29, 2016:** Introduced in Senate
- **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)

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com