

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1535

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2015

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. PITTENGER, and Mrs. LUMMIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safeguarding Amer-
5 ica’s Congressional Oversight Act” or the “SACO Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAUSE FOR TERMINATION WHEN GRANTED IMMUN-**
7 **NITY.**

8 Any Federal employee who refuses to answer ques-
9 tions in a congressional hearing after being granted immu-
10 nity shall be terminated from employment.

1 **SEC. 3. CAUSE FOR TERMINATION WITHOUT WAIVER OF IM-**
2 **MUNITY.**

3 Any Federal employee who, in a congressional hear-
4 ing, refuses to answer questions specifically, directly, and
5 narrowly relating to the official duties of such employee,
6 without being required to waive immunity with respect to
7 the use of answers or the fruits thereof in a criminal pros-
8 ecution of such employee, shall be terminated from em-
9 ployment.

10 **SEC. 4. FALSE TESTIMONY CAUSE FOR TERMINATION.**

11 If three-fourths of the congressional body to whom
12 the testimony was given finds that a Federal employee
13 willfully or knowingly gave false testimony in a congres-
14 sional hearing, then such employee shall be terminated
15 from employment.

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