

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 221

To amend title 5, United States Code, to modify the oath of office taken by individuals in the civil service or uniformed services, and of other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2021

Ms. ESHOO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and 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. MODIFICATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR INDI-**
4 **VIDUALS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE OR UNI-**
5 **FORMED SERVICES.**

6 Section 3331 of title 5, United States Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 **“§ 3331. Oath of office**

9 “An individual, except the President, elected or ap-
10 pointed to an office of honor or profit in the civil service

1 or uniformed services, shall take the following oath: ‘I,
2 AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and
3 defend the Constitution of the United States against all
4 enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith
5 and allegiance to the same; that I place this obligation
6 above that to any individual, political party, or faction;
7 that I take this obligation freely, without any mental res-
8 ervation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and
9 faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am
10 about to enter. So help me God.’ This section does not
11 affect other oaths required by law.”.

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