

RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO TRANSMIT
CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REFER-
RING TO THE TERMINATION, REMOVAL, PLACEMENT ON ADMINISTRA-
TIVE LEAVE, MOVED TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL EMPLOY-
EES AND INSPECTORS GENERAL OF AGENCIES

APRIL 9, 2025.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. COMER, from the Committee on Oversight and Government
Reform, submitted the following

ADVERSE REPORT

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H. Res. 187]

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to whom
was referred the resolution (H. Res. 187) of inquiry requesting the
President to transmit certain information to the House of Rep-
resentatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on
administrative leave, moved to another department of Federal em-
ployees and Inspectors General of agencies, having considered the
same, reports unfavorably thereon without amendment and rec-
ommends that the resolution not be agreed to.

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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

H. Res. 187 requests the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, or move to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The Committee opposes this resolution, which is a partisan attempt by House Democrats to distract President Trump and his Administration from bringing accountability and efficiency to the Executive Branch.

The expansion of the federal government has led to a frequently redundant, bureaucratic black box. There are currently more than 400 executive branch agencies and sub-agencies and roughly 1,000 federal boards and commissions. To support this, the federal workforce has grown to more than two million federal civilian employees.

Instead of working to find areas of agreement with the Trump Administration, House Democrats are refusing to acknowledge obvious government waste and are attempting to obstruct common-sense reforms. Considering the partisan nature of this resolution, the Committee recommends not considering this resolution further in the U.S. House.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

H. Res. 187 requests the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, moved to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies. The Resolution officially requests the President transmit to the U.S. House in 14 days after adoption of the resolution information related to:

- Documents and communications related to each Federal employee placed on administrative leave, removed due to a reduction in force, terminated, transferred, or reassigned to another department on orders, advice, or recommendation of Elon Musk or any member of a DOGE agency team or the U.S. DOGE Service.
- Documents and communications related to the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) determination that employees classified as Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) or employed in a position in a DEIA office would be deemed a competitive area subject to a reduction in force notice.
- Documents and communication between the Executive Office of the President, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OPM, Elon Musk, any official of the U.S. DOGE Service, any member of a DOGE agency team, or any other agency or Office of Inspector General regarding the removal or termination of agency inspectors general.

- Documents and communications between OMB or OPM and Elon Musk, the Trump Campaign, the Trump Transition Team, or Trump Administration regarding the removal or termination of any Inspector General of an agency.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

H. Res. 187, of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, moved to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies, was introduced on March 4, 2025, by Representative Kweisi Mfume. The resolution was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The following Representatives are cosponsors of the bill: Gerald Connolly (D-VA), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Ro Khanna (D-CA), Shontel Brown (D-OH), Melanie Stansbury (D-NM), Robert Garcia (D-CA), Maxwell Frost (D-FL), Summer Lee (D-PA), Greg Casar (D-TX), Jasmine Crockett (D-TX), Emily Randall (D-WA), Suhas Subramanyam (D-VA), Yassamin Ansari (D-AZ), Wesley Bell (D-MO), Lateefah Simon (D-CA), Dave Min (D-CA), Ayanna Pressley (D-MA), and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI).

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On March 25, 2025, the Committee met in open session to consider and debate the resolution, with a vote to favorably report H. Res. 187 failing by a roll call vote of 21 to 23, a quorum being present. On April 9, 2025, the Committee met a second time in open session and ordered the resolution, H. Res. 187, unfavorably reported by a roll call vote of 20 to 15, a quorum being present.

ROLL CALL VOTES

In compliance with clause 3(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, there was one roll call vote during the Committee's consideration of H. Res. 187 on March 25, 2025. Favorably reporting H. Res. 187 to the House failed on a recorded vote of 21 to 23. There was a second roll call vote during the Committee's consideration of H. Res. 187 on April 9, 2025. H. Res. 186 was ordered unfavorably reported to the House on a recorded vote of 20 to 15.

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

119TH CONGRESS

RATIO 26-21

ROLL CALL

Vote on favorably reporting the resolution: H.Res. 187, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, move to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies.

Date: 3/25/2025

VOTE #: 25

Republicans	Aye	No	Present	Democrats	Aye	No	Present
MR. COMER (KY) <i>(Chairman)</i>		X		MR. CONNOLLY (VA) <i>(Ranking Member)</i>	X		
MR. JORDAN (OH)				MS. NORTON (DC)	X		
MR. TURNER (OH)				MR. LYNCH (MA)	X		
MR. GOSAR (AZ)		X		MR. KRISHNAMOORTHY (IL)	X		
MS. FOXX (NC)		X		MR. KHANNA (CA)	X		
MR. GROTHMAN (WI)		X		MR. MFUME (MD)	X		
MR. CLOUD (TX)		X		MS. BROWN (OH)	X		
MR. PALMER (AL)		X		MS. STANSBURY (NM)	X		
MR. HIGGINS (LA)		X		MR. GARCIA (CA)	X		
MR. SESSIONS (TX)		X		MR. FROST (FL)	X		
MR. BIGGS (AZ)		X		MS. LEE of PENNSYLVANIA (PA)	X		
MS. MACE (SC)		X		MR. CASAR (TX)	X		
MR. FALLON (TX)		X		MS. CROCKETT (TX)	X		
MR. DONALDS (FL)		X		MS. RANDALL (WA)	X		
MR. PERRY (PA)		X		MR. SUBRAMANYAM (VA)	X		
MR. TIMMONS (SC)		X		MS. ANSARI (AZ)	X		
MR. BURCHETT (TN)		X		MR. BELL (MO)	X		
MS. GREENE OF GEORGIA (GA)		X		MS. SIMON (CA)	X		
MS. BOEBERT (CO)		X		MR. MIN (CA)	X		
MRS. LUNA (FL)		X		MS. PRESSLEY (MA)	X		
MR. LANGWORTHY (NY)				MS. TLAIB (MI)	X		
MR. BURLISON (MO)		X					
MR. CRANE (AZ)		X					
MR. JACK (GA)		X					
MR. MCGUIRE (VA)		X					
MR. GILL (TX)		X					

Roll Call Totals:

Ayes: 21

Nays: 23

Present:

Passed: _____

Failed: X

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM

119TH CONGRESS

RATIO 26-21

ROLL CALL

Vote on Ordering the Resolution Reported Unfavorably: H.Res. 187, Of inquiry requesting the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, move to another department of Federal employees and inspectors General of agencies.

Date: 4/9/2025

VOTE #: 1

Republicans	Aye	No	Present	Democrats	Aye	No	Present
MR. COMER (KY) <i>(Chairman)</i>	X			MR. CONNOLLY (VA) <i>(Ranking Member)</i>			
MR. JORDAN (OH)				MS. NORTON (DC)		X	
MR. TURNER (OH)				MR. LYNCH (MA)			
MR. GOSAR (AZ)	X			MR. KRISHNAMOORTHY (IL)		X	
MS. FOXX (NC)				MR. KHANNA (CA)		X	
MR. GROTHMAN (WI)	X			MR. MFUME (MD)			
MR. CLOUD (TX)	X			MS. BROWN (OH)		X	
MR. PALMER (AL)	X			MS. STANSBURY (NM)		X	
MR. HIGGINS (LA)	X			MR. GARCIA (CA)		X	
MR. SESSIONS (TX)	X			MR. FROST (FL)		X	
MR. BIGGS (AZ)	X			MS. LEE of PENNSYLVANIA (PA)		X	
MS. MACE (SC)				MR. CASAR (TX)		X	
MR. FALLON (TX)				MS. CROCKETT (TX)			
MR. DONALDS (FL)	X			MS. RANDALL (WA)		X	
MR. PERRY (PA)	X			MR. SUBRAMANYAM (VA)		X	
MR. TIMMONS (SC)	X			MS. ANSARI (AZ)		X	
MR. BURCHETT (TN)	X			MR. BELL (MO)		X	
MS. GREENE OF GEORGIA (GA)				MS. SIMON (CA)			
MS. BOEBERT (CO)	X			MR. MIN (CA)			
MRS. LUNA (FL)	X			MS. PRESSLEY (MA)		X	
MR. LANGWORTHY (NY)	X			MS. TLAIB (MI)		X	
MR. BURLISON (MO)	X						
MR. CRANE (AZ)	X						
MR. JACK (GA)	X						
MR. MCGUIRE (VA)	X						
MR. GILL (TX)	X						

Roll Call Totals:

Ayes: 20

Nays: 15

Present:

Passed: X Failed:

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS

During Committee consideration of the resolution, Representative James Comer (R-KY), Chairman of the Committee, offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute that would make certain technical changes to the bill. The amendment in the nature of a substitute failed by voice vote.

LIST OF RELATED COMMITTEE HEARINGS

The Committee did not hold any hearings on this resolution.

STATEMENT OF OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII and clause (2)(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the Background and Need for Legislation section above.

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In accordance with clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the performance goals or objectives of this resolution are to request the President to transmit certain information to the House of Representatives referring to the termination, removal, placement on administrative leave, moved to another department of Federal employees and Inspectors General of agencies.

APPLICATION OF LAW TO THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 102(b)(3) of Public Law 104-1 requires a description of the application of this resolution to the legislative branch where the resolution relates to the terms and conditions of employment or access to public services and accommodations. This resolution does not relate to employment or access to public services and accommodations in the legislative branch.

DUPLICATION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

In accordance with clause 3(c)(5) of rule XIII no provision of this resolution establishes or reauthorizes a program of the Federal Government known to be duplicative of another Federal program, a program that was included in any report from the Government Accountability Office to Congress pursuant to section 21 of Public Law 111-139, or a program related to a program identified in the most recent Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance.

FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT STATEMENT

Pursuant to section 5(b) of Public Law 92-463 (5 U.S.C. 1004(b)), the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Committee finds that this resolution does not direct the establishment of advisory committees.

UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT STATEMENT

The Committee finds that H. Res 187 does not contain any unfunded mandates.

EARMARK IDENTIFICATION

This resolution does not include any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE COST ESTIMATE

The Committee finds that H. Res. 187 would not affect direct spending.

NEW BUDGET AUTHORITY AND CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST
ESTIMATE

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the House of Representatives, the Congressional Budget Office will not produce a cost estimate as the resolution does not have the force of law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

The resolution makes no change to existing law.

MINORITY VIEWS

President Trump's reckless purge of the civilian federal workforce is not just a cruel and arbitrary attack against civil servants. It is a deliberate attempt to undermine the mission readiness of federal agencies and will have direct negative impacts on Americans' access to federal benefits and services that they rely on. Democrats stand in strong opposition to the Administration's efforts to illegally purge the nonpartisan workforce of the federal government.

At the order of President Trump and with the help of Elon Musk and DOGE, the Office of Personnel Management ordered federal agencies to impose mass reductions in force and prioritize the terminations of individuals who are in their probationary period, simply because they are easier to fire and not based on any objective evaluation.

New court records show that more than 24,000 probationary employees in just 18 federal agencies were fired at the direction of the President. But this is just a small picture of the full scope of fired employees across the federal government. On his first day in office, the President directed mass terminations of federal employees simply because they worked in an office that conducted activities involving diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility. This order led to the shuttering of agency offices of civil rights, including at the Social Security Administration, whose employees ensure that the federal government complies with our civil rights laws.

Since then, the Administration has imposed additional reductions in force. The Department of Education laid off half of its workforce in advance of a haphazard and illegal executive order to shut down the Department of Education. The Defense Department has indicated that it is planning to fire more than 60,000 civilian employees, with no consideration for its impact on mission readiness. And according to new public reporting, the White House is preparing plans to conduct a second round of mass layoffs within the next few weeks.

Because this Administration has failed to be transparent with the American people and Congress, we don't actually know the full scope of the Trump-Musk purge of our government. This resolution of inquiry requests documents and information that are necessary for this Committee to understand the number and type of federal employees that were purged by these actions, and to help the Committee fully grasp the impact on programs and services each agency provides.

A recent court ruling found that the Administration illegally terminated employees in at least six federal agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Department of Defense, and Department of Energy. The court required the agencies to reinstate the workers, but the Trump Ad-

ministration is blatantly ignoring the federal judge's order or placing reinstated federal employees on administrative leave.

As Members of the House Oversight Committee, we have a mandate to ensure this Administration complies with court orders and the law and reinstates every wrongfully terminated federal employee.

This resolution of inquiry also requests documents and information to better understand the preparations and coordination involved in the late-night purge of 17 inspectors general. This unlawful purge was a disturbing attack on the independent, nonpartisan, and objective oversight of federal programs and activities and must be investigated further.

Since January 20, 2025, Committee Democrats have sent 82 letters and 230 document and information requests to the Trump Administration about plans and actions related to the purge of nonpartisan, civil servants and independent government watchdogs. President Trump and his Administration have failed to provide any responsive information to the Committee's inquiries.

The majority should stop shielding DOGE and President Trump from reasonable transparency and accountability and support this resolution to bring DOGE out of the darkness.

GERALD E. CONNOLLY,
Ranking Member.