

Amendment to the Chairman's Mark

Offered by Representatives Moulton, Yarmuth, Lee, Lujan Grisham, Jeffries, Higgins, Wasserman Schultz, Boyle, Khanna, Jayapal, Jackson Lee, and Schakowsky

Fully Fund the Investigation of Russian Interference in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election

1. At the end of Title V, add the following:

“POLICY STATEMENT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

(a) FINDINGS. — The House finds the following:

- (1) Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our democracy, and foreign interference in them undermines the public trust and casts doubt on the legitimacy of our government.
- (2) The country's intelligence agencies all agree that Russia launched a campaign to undermine the 2016 U.S. presidential election, which included cyber-attacks, dissemination of false information, and other intelligence operations to malign Secretary Hillary Clinton and increase the odds of a Donald Trump presidency.
- (3) Members of the Trump campaign had repeated contact with Russian government officials and oligarchs and then failed to report this contact in testimony to Congress and in security clearance applications. One such meeting reportedly included a request for a back-channel line of communications with the Russian government using Russian facilities, which would preclude U.S. government oversight. Another involved a Kremlin-linked Russian lawyer and a former Soviet counterintelligence officer under the assumption that they would provide politically damaging information about Secretary Hillary Clinton as part of the Russian government's effort to support the Trump campaign.
- (4) Under the direction of Federal Bureau of Investigation Director James Comey, the FBI was investigating whether members of President Trump's campaign colluded with Russia to influence the election.

- (5) On May 9, 2017, President Trump fired FBI Director Comey and then made statements suggesting his dismissal was to stop the investigation of collusion.
- (6) On May 17, 2017, the Department of Justice announced the appointment of former FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III to serve as Special Counsel to investigate Russian interference into the 2016 presidential election and any coordination between the Russian government and individuals associated with the Trump campaign.

(b) POLICY ON THE INVESTIGATION OF RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. — It is the policy of the resolution that to restore confidence in our government and to preserve the sanctity of our electoral process Congress must ensure adequate funding for the Special Counsel appointed by the Department of Justice so that he can perform a thorough and nonpartisan investigation of Russia’s campaign to affect the 2016 U.S. presidential election and any individuals in the United States that may have colluded in those efforts.”

2. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution supports full funding of the Special Counsel investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. Presidential election and any individuals in the United States who may have colluded in those efforts. Such interference threatens to undermine public confidence in our government and to weaken our standing in the world. Uncovering the extent of Russian interference in our election is the first step in restoring the public’s trust and preventing our adversaries from meddling in our elections in the future.