

House Calendar No. 118

117TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1253

[Report No. 117–501]

Of inquiry directing the Secretary of the Interior to transmit certain documents to the House of Representatives relating to the actions of the Department of the Interior’s Departmental Ethics Office.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2022

Mr. WESTERMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Reported adversely with an amendment, referred to the House Calendar, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced resolution, see copy of resolution as introduced on July 22, 2022]

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- 1 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior is directed*
- 2 *to transmit, to the House of Representatives, not later than*
- 3 *14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution,*

1 *copies of any document, memorandum, correspondence, and*
2 *other communication or any portion of any such commu-*
3 *nication, that refers or relates to the operation of the De-*
4 *partment of the Interior's Departmental Ethics Office and*
5 *the creation of ethics guidance, including the following:*

6 (1) *Any documents and communications relating*
7 *to the process for creating ethics compliance mate-*
8 *rials, including but not limited to any reference to—*

9 (A) *the creation of Ethics Guidance on*
10 *Recusal Obligations;*

11 (B) *the creation of Ethics Recusal and*
12 *Screening Arrangements;*

13 (C) *how the Departmental Ethics Office col-*
14 *lects information from political appointees; and*

15 (D) *how the Departmental Ethics Office*
16 *verifies the information provided by political ap-*
17 *pointees.*

18 (2) *Any documents and communications relating*
19 *to the time frame in which political appointees are*
20 *provided final ethics guidance.*

21 (3) *Any documents and communications relating*
22 *to ethics waivers for political appointees; including*
23 *but not limited to any reference to—*

24 (A) *requests for ethics waivers;*

25 (B) *denying an ethics waiver; and*

1 (C) granting an ethics waiver.

2 (4) Any documents and communications relating
3 to the drafting and finalization of ethics guidance for
4 all Interior Department political appointees.

5 (5) Any meeting or communication that occurred
6 between the Designated Agency Ethics Official and all
7 Interior Department political appointees, relating to
8 the drafting and finalization of ethics guidance.

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