

119TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 581

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to advance responsible policies.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MASSIE (for himself and Mr. KHANNA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 185) to advance responsible policies.

1 *Resolved*, That immediately upon adoption of this res-
2 olution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in
3 the House of the bill (H.R. 185) to advance responsible
4 policies. All points of order against consideration of the
5 bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a sub-
6 stitute specified in section 4 of this resolution shall be con-
7 sidered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be consid-
8 ered as read. All points of order against provisions in the
9 bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall
10 be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on

1 any further amendment thereto, to final passage without
2 intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally
3 divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority
4 member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respec-
5 tive designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

6 SEC. 2. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX and clause 8 of rule
7 XX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 185.

8 SEC. 3. The Clerk shall transmit to the Senate a mes-
9 sage that the House has passed H.R. 185 no later than
10 one week after passage.

11 SEC. 4. The amendment in the nature of a substitute
12 referred to in the first section of this resolution is as fol-
13 lows:

14 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert
15 the following:

16 **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

17 “This Act may be cited as the ‘Epstein Files Trans-
18 parency Act’.

19 **“SEC. 2. RELEASE OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO JEFFREY**
20 **EPSTEIN.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
22 date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall,
23 subject to subsection (b), make publicly available in a
24 searchable and downloadable format all unclassified
25 records, documents, communications, and investigative

1 materials in the possession of the Department of Justice,
2 including the Federal Bureau of Investigation and United
3 States Attorneys' Offices, that relate to:

4 “(1) Jeffrey Epstein including all investiga-
5 tions, prosecutions, or custodial matters.

6 “(2) Ghislaine Maxwell.

7 “(3) Flight logs or travel records, including but
8 not limited to manifests, itineraries, pilot records,
9 and customs or immigration documentation, for any
10 aircraft, vessel, or vehicle owned, operated, or used
11 by Jeffrey Epstein or any related entity.

12 “(4) Individuals, including government officials,
13 named or referenced in connection with Epstein's
14 criminal activities, civil settlements, immunity or
15 plea agreements, or investigatory proceedings.

16 “(5) Entities (corporate, nonprofit, academic,
17 or governmental) with known or alleged ties to
18 Epstein's trafficking or financial networks.

19 “(6) Any immunity deals, non-prosecution
20 agreements, plea bargains, or sealed settlements in-
21 volving Epstein or his associates.

22 “(7) Internal DOJ communications, including
23 emails, memos, meeting notes, concerning decisions
24 to charge, not charge, investigate, or decline to in-
25 vestigate Epstein or his associates.

1 “(8) All communications, memoranda, direc-
2 tives, logs, or metadata concerning the destruction,
3 deletion, alteration, misplacement, or concealment of
4 documents, recordings, or electronic data related to
5 Epstein, his associates, his detention and death, or
6 any investigative files.

7 “(9) Documentation of Epstein’s detention or
8 death, including incident reports, witness interviews,
9 medical examiner files, autopsy reports, and written
10 records detailing the circumstances and cause of
11 death.

12 “(b) PROHIBITED GROUNDS FOR WITHHOLDING.—
13 No record shall be withheld, delayed, or redacted on the
14 basis of any of the following:

15 “(1) Embarrassment, reputational harm, or po-
16 litical sensitivity, including to any government offi-
17 cial, public figure, or foreign dignitary.

18 “(c) PERMITTED WITHHOLDINGS.—

19 “(1) The Attorney General may withhold or re-
20 dact the segregable portions of records that—

21 “(A) contain personally identifiable infor-
22 mation of victims or victims’ personal and med-
23 ical files and similar files the disclosure of
24 which would constitute a clearly unwarranted
25 invasion of personal privacy;

1 “(B) depicts or contains child sexual abuse
2 materials (CSAM) as defined under 18 U.S.C.
3 2256 and prohibited under 18 U.S.C. 2252–
4 2252A;

5 “(C) would jeopardize an active federal in-
6 vestigation or ongoing prosecution, provided
7 that such withholding is narrowly tailored and
8 temporary;

9 “(D) depicts or contains images of death,
10 physical abuse, or injury of any person; or

11 “(E) contain information specifically au-
12 thorized under criteria established by an Execu-
13 tive order to be kept secret in the interest of
14 national defense or foreign policy and are in
15 fact properly classified pursuant to such Execu-
16 tive order.

17 “(2) All redactions must be accompanied by a
18 written justification published in the Federal Reg-
19 ister and submitted to Congress.

20 “(3) To the extent that any covered information
21 would otherwise be redacted or withheld as classified
22 information under this section, the Attorney General
23 shall declassify that classified information to the
24 maximum extent possible.

1 “(A). If the Attorney General makes a de-
2 termination that covered information may not
3 be declassified and made available in a manner
4 that protects the national security of the United
5 States, including methods or sources related to
6 national security, the Attorney General shall re-
7 lease an unclassified summary for each of the
8 redacted or withheld classified information.

9 “(4) All decisions to classify any covered infor-
10 mation after July 1, 2025 shall be published in the
11 Federal Register and submitted to Congress, includ-
12 ing the date of classification, the identity of the
13 classifying authority, and an unclassified summary
14 of the justification.

15 **“SEC. 3. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 “Within 15 days of completion of the release required
17 under Section 2, the Attorney General shall submit to the
18 House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary a report
19 listing:

20 “(1) All categories of records released and with-
21 held.

22 “(2) A summary of redactions made, including
23 legal basis.

24 “(3) A list of all government officials and politi-
25 cally exposed persons named or referenced in the re-

- 1 leased materials, with no redactions permitted under
- 2 subsection (b)(1).”.

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