

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To prohibit funding for heads of state meetings and multilateral summits at any Trump Organization-owned property.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

*by Mr. MERKLEY and Ms. HIRONO*

Mr. MERKLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

**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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Scrutinizing White  
5 House Activities that Make Profits Act of 2019” or the  
6 “SWAMP Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress makes the following findings:

9 (1) The United States Government directing  
10 business to a property owned by the President of the

1 United States constitutes a profound financial con-  
2 flict of interest.

3 (2) The delegates to the Constitutional Conven-  
4 tion included the emoluments clause to the United  
5 States Constitution (Article I, Section 9, Clause 8)  
6 to guard against the corrupting influence of United  
7 States officeholders profiting from gifts from foreign  
8 governments.

9 (3) Many experts agree that a plain reading of  
10 the emoluments clause prohibits the President from  
11 directing business from a foreign state to a property  
12 owned by him.

13 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR HEADS OF STATE**  
14 **MEETINGS AND MULTILATERAL SUMMITS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—No funds appropriated or other-  
16 wise made available for fiscal year 2020 or any other fiscal  
17 year may be obligated or expended to host any head of  
18 state meeting or multilateral summit at a covered prop-  
19 erty.

20 (b) COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—For the pur-  
21 poses of the prohibition in subsection (a), the term “cov-  
22 ered property” means—

23 (1) Trump International Hotel, Washington  
24 D.C.;

25 (2) Trump Tower, New York;

- 1           (3) Trump National Doral Golf Resort;
- 2           (4) Mar-a-Lago Club; and
- 3           (5) any other property in which the President
- 4           or his immediate family holds a majority ownership.