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H. R. 6630

To require the Director of National Intelligence to investigate whether the National Rifle Association benefitted from Russia’s involvement in the United States presidential election of 2016.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2018

Mrs. TORRES (for herself, Ms. MENG, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. MCGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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 “Maria Butina NRA
5 Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) On January 6, 2017, the Office of the Di-
2 rector of National Intelligence issued its Intelligence
3 Community Assessment “Assessing Russian Activi-
4 ties and Intentions in Recent U.S. Elections”, which
5 stated that “We assess Russian President Vladimir
6 Putin ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed
7 at the U.S. presidential election. Russia’s goals were
8 to undermine public faith in the U.S. democratic
9 process, denigrate Secretary Clinton, and harm her
10 electability and potential presidency. We further as-
11 sess Putin and the Russian Government developed a
12 clear preference for President-elect Trump.”

13 (2) On July 2, 2018, the Select Committee on
14 Intelligence of the Senate released its evaluation of
15 the January 6, 2017, Intelligence Community As-
16 sessment, finding that “The Committee finds that
17 the Intelligence Community met President Obama’s
18 tasking and that the ICA is a sound intelligence
19 product. While the Committee had to rely on agen-
20 cies that the sensitive information and accesses had
21 been accurately reported, as part of our inquiry the
22 Committee reviewed analytic procedures, interviewed
23 senior intelligence officers well-versed with the infor-
24 mation, and based our findings on the entire body
25 of intelligence reporting included in the ICA.”

1 (3) On Monday, July 17, a Federal court in
2 Washington, DC, charged Maria Butina, a Russian
3 national with a long record of gun rights activism
4 and ties to the National Rifle Association, with con-
5 spiracy under section 371 of title 18, United States
6 Code, to act as an agent of a foreign government
7 (the Russian Federation) under section 951 of title
8 18, United States Code.

9 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ON RUSSIAN**
10 **INFLUENCE THROUGH NRA.**

11 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in
13 coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary
14 of the Treasury, shall produce a national intelligence esti-
15 mate of the total amount of the funds provided to the Na-
16 tional Rifle Association by the Russian Federation, includ-
17 ing funds provided through intermediaries, for the purpose
18 of influencing the 2016 presidential election in the United
19 States.

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