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H. RES. 812

Censuring Representative Jamaal Bowman.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Mrs. MCCLAIN (for herself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. COLLINS, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. FRY, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Ms. MACE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MILLS, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. SANTOS, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SELF, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. WEBER of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ethics, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Censuring Representative Jamaal Bowman.

Whereas, on September 30, 2023, as the House of Representatives was considering legislation to avoid a cession of appropriations and shutdown of government, Jamaal Bowman, the Representative from the 16th District from the State of New York, pulled a fire alarm to obstruct the proceedings of the House;

Whereas the District of Columbia Criminal Code Section 22–1319 makes knowingly causing a false alarm of fire a

misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment up to six months, or both;

Whereas section 1505 of title 18, United States Code, forbids anyone from corruptly, or by threats of force or by any threatening communication, influencing, obstructing, or impeding any pending proceeding before a department or agency of the United States, or Congress;

Whereas the actions of Representative Bowman forced the evacuation of the Cannon House Office Building and disrupted the work of the Congress as a vote was underway on the floor of the House; and

Whereas the interruption of official proceedings of Congress by pulling a fire alarm was a theatrical attempt to cause panic, therefore endangering the safety and well-being of members of the House, of staff, and members of the public on the Capitol grounds: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the House of Representatives censures
3 Jamaal Bowman, Representative of the 16th Con-
4 gressional District of New York, for violating Dis-
5 trict of Columbia Criminal Code Section 22–1319 by
6 knowingly causing a false alarm of fire in an at-
7 tempt to obstruct official proceedings of the House;

8 (2) Representative Jamaal Bowman will forth-
9 with present himself in the well of the House of
10 Representatives for the pronouncement of censure;

1 (3) Representative Jamaal Bowman will be cen-
2 sured with the public reading of this resolution by
3 the Speaker; and

4 (4) Representative Bowman shall be removed
5 from all committee assignments forthwith and pro-
6 hibited from holding a seat on any committee of the
7 House during the One Hundred Eighteenth Con-
8 gress without a majority vote of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives.

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