

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 11

Providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States with respect to the implementation of the immigration laws.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BROOKS of Alabama (for himself, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. GORMERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. NUGENT, and Mr. SMITH of Texas) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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

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## RESOLUTION

Providing for authority to initiate litigation for actions by the President or other executive branch officials inconsistent with their duties under the Constitution of the United States with respect to the implementation of the immigration laws.

1       *Resolved*, That the Speaker is authorized to initiate  
2 or intervene in one or more civil actions on behalf of the  
3 House of Representatives in a Federal court of competent  
4 jurisdiction to seek any appropriate relief regarding the  
5 failure of the President, the head of any department or

1 agency, or any other officer or employee of the executive  
2 branch, to act in a manner consistent with that official's  
3 duties under the Constitution and laws of the United  
4 States with respect to immigration laws or laws pertaining  
5 or relating to illegal aliens, undocumented immigrants, or  
6 non-American citizens. The phrase "appropriate relief" in-  
7 cludes but is not limited to all forms of equitable relief,  
8 including a declaratory judgment action to determine the  
9 meaning of laws and whether they are being obeyed or  
10 disobeyed, and a writ of mandamus, temporary restraining  
11 order, preliminary injunction, permanent injunction, and  
12 such other relief as is necessary to compel obedience to  
13 law.

14       SEC. 2. The Speaker shall notify the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives of a decision to initiate or intervene in any  
16 civil action pursuant to this resolution.

17       SEC. 3. (a) The Office of the General Counsel of the  
18 House of Representatives, at the direction of the Speaker,  
19 shall represent the House in any civil action initiated, or  
20 in which the House intervenes, pursuant to this resolution,  
21 and may employ the services of outside counsel and other  
22 experts for this purpose.

23       (b) The chair of the Committee on House Adminis-  
24 tration shall cause to be printed in the Congressional  
25 Record a statement setting forth the aggregate amounts

1 expended by the Office of General Counsel on outside  
2 counsel and other experts pursuant to subsection (a) on  
3 a quarterly basis. Such statement shall be submitted for  
4 printing not more than 30 days after the expiration of  
5 each such period.

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