

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1701

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits  
of officers and employees of the Federal Government.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2017

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. JONES, Mr. LANCE, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. RICE of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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

---

## A BILL

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting  
portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Gov-  
ernment.

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 “Eliminating Govern-  
5 ment-funded Oil-painting Act” or the “EGO Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PORTRAITS.**

2 (a) PROHIBITION.—No funds appropriated or other-  
3 wise made available to the Federal Government may be  
4 used to pay for the painting of a portrait of an officer  
5 or employee of the Federal Government, including the  
6 President, the Vice President, a Member of Congress, the  
7 head of an executive agency, or the head of an office of  
8 the legislative branch.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

10 (1) the term “executive agency” has the mean-  
11 ing given the term in section 133 of title 41, United  
12 States Code; and

13 (2) the term “Member of Congress” includes a  
14 Delegate or Resident Commissioner to Congress.

○