

1 dential election as part of a decades-long effort to
2 “undermine American democracy”.

3 (4) On Feb. 16, 2017, Defense Secretary
4 James Mattis stated “there is very little doubt”
5 Russia interfered in the United States and other
6 elections.

7 (5) On April 2, 2017, Ambassador Nikki Haley,
8 stated she believes Russia interfered in the United
9 States election: “Certainly, I think Russia was in-
10 volved in the election. There’s no question about
11 that”.

12 (6) Haley further stated: “We don’t want any
13 country involved in our elections, ever. . . We need
14 to be very strong on that.”.

15 (7) On May 14, 2017, Secretary of State Rex
16 Tillerson stated that Russian interference in the
17 2016 United States election has been “well docu-
18 mented”. Tillerson further stated: “I don’t think
19 there’s any question that the Russians were playing
20 around in our electoral processes.”.

21 (8) Donald Trump during the campaign denied
22 Russia’s involvement, claiming in September 2016:
23 “‘It could be Russia, but it could also be China. It
24 could also be lots of other people. It also could be

1 somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400
2 pounds.”.

3 (9) President-elect Trump then stated on Janu-
4 ary 11, 2017, “As far as hacking, I think it was
5 Russia.”.

6 (10) On April 30, 2017, President Trump re-
7 versed himself and disavowed the conclusion that
8 Russia hacked the United States election. He stated:
9 “Could’ve been China, could’ve been a lot of dif-
10 ferent groups.”.

11 (11) In contradiction to the statements made by
12 numerous cabinet members and the Director of Na-
13 tional Intelligence, on July 6, 2017, President
14 Trump stated while visiting Poland that “nobody
15 really knows for sure” what happened with respect
16 to Russian interference in the election.

17 (12) In a Cabinet meeting on June 13, 2017,
18 Ambassador Haley stated: “People know what the
19 United States is for. They know what we are
20 against. And they see us in a new way across the
21 board. I think the international community knows
22 we are back.”.

23 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
24 Congress that—

1 (1) President Trump has refused to unequivocally
2 acknowledge Russia's hacking of the 2016
3 United States election, undermining the conclusions
4 of the intelligence community and his own cabinet
5 members;

6 (2) in contrast to Ambassador Haley's state-
7 ments, the world community does not know where
8 the United States stands on key issues, epitomized
9 by the President's contradictory statements on the
10 Russia's hacking of the 2016 United States election;
11 and

12 (3) President Trump's refusal to outright de-
13 fend United States democracy from Russia's hacking
14 of the 2016 United States election, one day before
15 a meeting with Russian President Putin, undermines
16 United States credibility, hinders deterrence, and
17 challenges United States standing with key allies.

