



1           (1) Five Members of the Senate from the ma-  
2           jority party and four Members of the Senate from  
3           the minority party shall be appointed by the Presi-  
4           dent pro tempore of the Senate, including at least  
5           one but not more than two members from each of  
6           the following committees: the Committee on Appro-  
7           priations; the Committee on Armed Services; the  
8           Committee on Foreign Relations; and the Committee  
9           on the Judiciary.

10           (2) Five Members of the House of Representa-  
11           tives from the majority party and four Members of  
12           the House from the minority party shall be ap-  
13           pointed by the Speaker of the House, including at  
14           least one but not more than two members from each  
15           of the following committees: the Committee on Ap-  
16           propriations; the Committee on National Security;  
17           the Committee on International Relations; and the  
18           Committee on the Judiciary.

19 The majority leader and minority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives and the majority leader and minority  
21 leader of the Senate shall be ex officio members of the  
22 joint committee but shall have no vote in the joint commit-  
23 tee and shall not be counted for purposes of determining  
24 a quorum.

1 (b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no Mem-  
2 ber of the Congress shall serve continuously on the joint  
3 committee for more than eight years, except that the in-  
4 cumbent chairman or ranking minority member having  
5 served on the joint committee for eight years and having  
6 served as chairman or ranking minority member for not  
7 more than two years shall be eligible for reappointment  
8 to the joint committee as chairman or ranking minority  
9 member for an additional two years.

10 (2)(A) Of the members of the joint committee ini-  
11 tially appointed, three Members from the Senate, no more  
12 than two of whom are members of the same party, and  
13 three Members of the House of Representatives, no more  
14 than two of whom are members of the same party, shall  
15 be appointed to each of four classes of initial terms; for  
16 two years, four years, six years, and eight years, respec-  
17 tively.

18 (B)(i) No member who begins service on the joint  
19 committee during the first session of a Congress shall  
20 serve continuously for more than seven years plus the re-  
21 mainder of the session during which such service began.

22 (ii) No member who begins service on the joint com-  
23 mittee during the second session of a Congress shall serve  
24 continuously for more than eight years plus the remainder  
25 of the session during which such service began.



1           (1) any intelligence activity conducted by any  
2           agency or department of the Federal Government;  
3           and

4           (2) authorizations for appropriations, both di-  
5           rect and indirect, for the following:

6                   (A) The Central Intelligence Agency and  
7           Director of Central Intelligence.

8                   (B) The Defense Intelligence Agency.

9                   (C) The National Security Agency.

10                   (D) The intelligence and intelligence-relat-  
11           ed activities of other agencies and subdivisions  
12           of the Department of Defense.

13                   (E) The intelligence and intelligence-relat-  
14           ed activities of the Department of State.

15                   (F) The intelligence and intelligence-relat-  
16           ed activities of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
17           tion, including all activities of the Intelligence  
18           Division.

19                   (G) Any department, agency, or subdivi-  
20           sion which is the successor to any agency  
21           named in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C); and  
22           the activities of any department, agency, or  
23           subdivision which is the successor to any de-  
24           partment, agency, bureau, or subdivision named  
25           in subparagraph (D), (E), or (F), to the extent



1           (2) Ten members of the joint committee shall con-  
2 stitute a quorum for reporting any recommendation.

3           (c) Subpoenas may be issued over the signature of  
4 the chairman of the joint committee or of any member  
5 designated by the chairman or by the joint committee to  
6 the extent the chairman or such member is authorized by  
7 a majority of the joint committee to issue such subpoenas,  
8 and may be served by any person designated by such  
9 chairman or member.

10          (d) The chairman of the joint committee or any mem-  
11 ber thereof may administer oaths or affirmations to wit-  
12 nesses.

13          (e) The joint committee shall, under such regulations  
14 as the joint committee shall prescribe, make any informa-  
15 tion in its possession available to any other committee or  
16 Member of the Congress, and may permit any other Mem-  
17 ber of the Congress to attend any hearing of the joint com-  
18 mittee which is closed to the public. Whenever the joint  
19 committee makes such information available, the joint  
20 committee shall keep a written record showing, in the case  
21 of any particular information, which committee or which  
22 Members of the Congress received such information. No  
23 Member of Congress who, and no committee which, re-  
24 ceives any information under this subsection shall disclose

1 such information except in a closed session of the House  
2 of Representatives or the Senate.

3 (f) The joint committee may permit any individual  
4 designated by the President as a liaison to the joint com-  
5 mittee to attend any meeting of the joint committee which  
6 is closed to the public.

7 INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES AND

8 DEPARTMENTS

9 SEC. 5. Any agency or department of the Federal  
10 Government described in section 3(a)(2)(A) through (F)  
11 and any other agency or department of the Federal Gov-  
12 ernment conducting any intelligence activity, shall keep  
13 the joint committee fully and currently informed with re-  
14 spect to any such activity. Any such agency or department  
15 shall furnish any periodic reports requested by the joint  
16 committee with respect to any such activity.

17 CLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

18 SEC. 6. (a) The joint committee shall classify infor-  
19 mation originating within the joint committee, and the  
20 records of the joint committee, in accordance with stand-  
21 ards used generally by the executive branch of the Federal  
22 Government for the classification of information. The joint  
23 committee shall establish guidelines under which such in-  
24 formation and records may be (1) maintained; (2) used  
25 by the staff of the joint committee; and (3) made available  
26 to any Member of the Congress who requests such infor-



1 mation or records and has an appropriate security clear-  
2 ance, as determined by the joint committee.

3 (b)(1) The joint committee may, subject to the provi-  
4 sions of this subsection, disclose publicly any information  
5 in the possession of the joint committee after a determina-  
6 tion by the joint committee that the public interest would  
7 be served by such disclosure.

8 (2)(A) In any case in which the joint committee votes  
9 to disclose publicly any information which has been classi-  
10 fied under established security procedures, which has been  
11 submitted to it by the executive branch, and which the  
12 executive branch requests be kept secret, the joint commit-  
13 tee shall notify the President of such vote.

14 (B) The joint committee may disclose publicly such  
15 information after the expiration of a five-day period fol-  
16 lowing the day on which notice of such vote is transmitted  
17 to the President, unless prior to the expiration of such  
18 five-day period, the President, personally in writing, noti-  
19 fies the joint committee that he objects to the disclosure  
20 of such information, provides his reasons therefor, and  
21 certifies that the threat to the national interest of the  
22 United States posed by such disclosure is of such gravity  
23 that it outweighs any public interest in the disclosure.

24 (3)(A) If the President notifies the joint committee  
25 of his objections to the disclosure of such information as

1 provided in paragraph (2)(B), the joint committee may,  
2 by majority vote, refer the question of the disclosure of  
3 such information with a recommendation thereon to the  
4 House of Representatives and the Senate for consider-  
5 ation.

6 (B) The joint committee shall not publicly disclose  
7 such information unless a two-thirds majority of each  
8 House has, by recorded vote in open session but without  
9 divulging the information with respect to which the vote  
10 is being taken, agreed to the recommendation of the joint  
11 committee to disclose such information.

12 (C) If within four calendar days on which the House  
13 of Representatives is in session, after such recommenda-  
14 tion is reported to the House, no motion has been made  
15 by the chairman or vice chairman of the joint committee  
16 to consider, in closed session, the matter reported under  
17 subparagraph (A), then such a motion will be deemed priv-  
18 ileged and may be made by any Member. The motion  
19 under this subparagraph shall not be subject to debate or  
20 amendment. When made, it shall be decided without inter-  
21 vening motion, except one motion to adjourn.

22 (D) If the House adopts a motion to resolve into  
23 closed session, the Speaker shall then be authorized to de-  
24 clare a recess subject to the call of the Chair. At the expi-  
25 ration of such recess, the pending question, in closed ses-

1 sion, shall be, “Shall the House approve the recommenda-  
2 tions of the joint committee?”.

3 (E) After not more than two hours of debate on the  
4 motion, such debate to be equally divided and controlled  
5 by the chairman or vice chairman and ranking minority  
6 member of the joint committee, or their designees, the pre-  
7 vious question shall be considered as ordered and the  
8 House, without intervening motion except one motion to  
9 adjourn, shall immediately vote on the question, in open  
10 session but without divulging the information with respect  
11 to which the vote is being taken. If the recommendation  
12 of the joint committee is not agreed to by a two-thirds  
13 majority, the question shall be deemed recommitted to the  
14 joint committee for further recommendation.

#### 15 RECORDS

16 SEC. 7. The joint committee shall keep a complete  
17 record of all joint committee actions, including a record  
18 of the votes on any question on which a record vote is  
19 demanded. All records, data, charts, and files of the joint  
20 committee shall be the property of the joint committee and  
21 shall be kept in the office of the joint committee or such  
22 other places as the joint committee may direct.

#### 23 UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

24 SEC. 8. (a) The joint committee shall establish and  
25 carry out such rules and procedures as it considers nec-  
26 essary to prevent the disclosure, outside the joint commit-

1 tee, of any information which (1) relates to any intel-  
2 ligence activity which is conducted by any agency or de-  
3 partment of the Federal Government; (2) is obtained by  
4 the joint committee, any member of the joint committee,  
5 or any member of the staff of the joint committee; and  
6 (3) is not authorized by the joint committee to be dis-  
7 closed.

8 (b)(1) Before any member of the joint committee or  
9 any member of the staff of the joint committee may have  
10 access to classified information, the following oath (or af-  
11 firmation) shall be executed:

12 “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not dis-  
13 close any classified information received in the  
14 course of my service with the joint committee, except  
15 as authorized by the joint committee or in accord-  
16 ance with the rules of the joint committee.”.

17 (2) No member of the staff of the joint committee  
18 shall be given access to any classified information by the  
19 joint committee unless such staff member has received an  
20 appropriate security clearance as determined by the joint  
21 committee, in consultation with the Director of Central In-  
22 telligence and other appropriate intelligence community  
23 officials. The type of security clearance to be required in  
24 the case of any such staff member or any class of staff  
25 members shall, within the determination of the joint com-

1 mittee, in consultation with the Director of Central Intel-  
2 ligence and other appropriate intelligence community offi-  
3 cials, be commensurate with the sensitivity of the classi-  
4 fied information to which such staff member or class of  
5 staff members will be given access by the joint committee.

6 (c)(1) The joint committee may take appropriate ac-  
7 tions against any member of the joint committee, or any  
8 staff member of the joint committee, who violates any pro-  
9 vision of this section or any guideline established under  
10 section 6.

11 (2)(A) In the case of a member of the joint commit-  
12 tee, such action may include (i) the censure of such mem-  
13 ber by the joint committee; (ii) the expulsion of such mem-  
14 ber from the joint committee, unless such expulsion is ob-  
15 jected to, within five legislative days after the joint com-  
16 mittee reports such expulsion, by a majority vote in the  
17 House of Congress of which such member is a Member;  
18 and (iii) recommendation to the Senate or the House of  
19 Representatives, as the case may be, by the joint commit-  
20 tee that such member be censured or expelled by the Sen-  
21 ate or the House of Representatives.

22 (B) Unless an objection is adopted under subpara-  
23 graph (A)(ii) of this paragraph, no member of the joint  
24 committee who the joint committee has expelled shall at-





1 (1) the term “intelligence activities” includes—

2 (A) the collection, analysis, production, dis-  
3 semination, or use of information which relates  
4 to any foreign country, or any government, po-  
5 litical group, party, military force, movement,  
6 or other association in such foreign country,  
7 and which relates to the defense, foreign policy,  
8 national security, or related policies of the Unit-  
9 ed States, and other activity which is in support  
10 of such activities;

11 (B) activities taken to counter similar ac-  
12 tivities directed against the United States;

13 (C) covert or clandestine activities affect-  
14 ing the relations of the United States with any  
15 foreign government, political group, party, mili-  
16 tary force, movement, or other association; and

17 (D) the collection, analysis, production,  
18 dissemination, or use of information about ac-  
19 tivities of persons within the United States, its  
20 territories and possessions, or nationals of the  
21 United States abroad whose political and relat-  
22 ed activities pose, or may be considered by any  
23 department, agency, bureau, office, division, in-  
24 strumentality, or employee of the United States  
25 to pose, a threat to the internal security of the



1 United States, and covert or clandestine activi-  
2 ties directed against such persons; and

3 (2) the term “staff” includes any employee of  
4 the joint committee and any person engaged by con-  
5 tract or otherwise to perform services for the joint  
6 committee.

7 RULES

8 SEC. 12. (a)(1) Clause 1(h)(1) of rule X of the Rules  
9 of the House of Representatives is amended by inserting  
10 “and the Joint Committee on Intelligence” after “Appro-  
11 priations”.

12 (2) Clause 1(k)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the  
13 House of Representatives is amended by inserting imme-  
14 diately before the period at the end the following:  
15 “, except for matters exclusively within the legislative ju-  
16 risdiction of the Joint Committee on Intelligence”.

17 (3) Clause 1(k)(4) of rule X of the Rules of the  
18 House of Representatives is amended by inserting imme-  
19 diately before the period at the end the following: “, except  
20 for matters exclusively within the legislative jurisdiction  
21 of the Joint Committee on Intelligence”.

22 (4) Clause 1(k)(15) of rule X of the Rules of the  
23 House of Representatives is amended by inserting imme-  
24 diately before the period at the end the following: “, except  
25 for matters exclusively within the legislative jurisdiction  
26 of the Joint Committee on Intelligence”.

1           (5) The matter following clause 1(i)(17) and clause  
2 3(d) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
3 tives are each amended by striking “intelligence activities  
4 relating to foreign policy,”.

5           (6) Clause 2(g)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the  
6 House of Representatives is amended by striking “, the  
7 Committee on National Security, and the Permanent Se-  
8 lect Committee on Intelligence” and inserting “and the  
9 Committee on National Security”.

10          (7) Clause 6(a)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the  
11 House of Representatives is amended by striking “the  
12 Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence” and insert-  
13 ing “the Joint Committee on Intelligence”.

14          (8) Rule XLVIII of the Rules of the House of Rep-  
15 resentatives is repealed.

16          (b) The provisions of this joint resolution are enacted  
17 by the Congress—

18               (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
19 the House of Representatives and the Senate, re-  
20 spectively, and as such they shall be considered as  
21 part of the rules of each House, respectively, or of  
22 that House to which they specifically apply, and  
23 such rules shall supersede other rules only to the ex-  
24 tent that they are inconsistent therewith; and

1           (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
2 right of either House to change such rules (so far  
3 as relating to such House) at any time, in the same  
4 manner, and to the same extent as in the case of  
5 any other rule of such House.

6           AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL SECURITY ACT OF 1947

7           SEC. 13. (a) Section 104(d) of the National Security  
8 Agency of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 403–4(d)) is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “Select Com-  
10 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Perma-  
11 nent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House  
12 of Representatives” and inserting “Joint Committee  
13 on Intelligence”; and

14           (2) in paragraph (5), by striking “Select Com-  
15 mittee on Intelligence of the Senate and to the Per-  
16 manent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
17 House of Representatives” and inserting “Joint  
18 Committee on Intelligence”.

19           (b) Section 501 of such Act is amended—

20           (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “intel-  
21 ligence committees are” and inserting “joint com-  
22 mittee is”;

23           (2) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “the term”  
24 and all that follows through the period and inserting  
25 “the term ‘joint committee’ means the Joint Com-

1       mittee on Intelligence (hereafter in this title referred  
2       to as the ‘joint committee’).”;

3           (3) as amended by paragraph (1), by striking  
4       “intelligence committees” each place it appears and  
5       inserting “joint committee”;

6           (4) in subsection (d), by striking “each of” and  
7       inserting “the Members of each House on”; and

8           (5) in subsection (d), by striking “its respec-  
9       tive” both places it appears and inserting “their re-  
10      spective”.

11      (c) Section 502 of such Act is amended—

12           (1) by striking “intelligence committees” and  
13      inserting “joint committee” each place it appears;  
14      and

15           (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “either of”.

16      (d) Section 503 of such Act is amended—

17           (1) by striking “intelligence committees” and  
18      inserting “joint committee” each place it appears;

19           (2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “either of”;  
20      and

21           (3) in subsection (c)(3), by striking “each intel-  
22      ligence committee” and inserting “the joint commit-  
23      tee”.

24      (e) Section 504 of such Act is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (d)(2), by striking “intel-  
2           ligence committees” and inserting “joint commit-  
3           tee”; and

4           (2) in subsection (e)(2)—

5                 (A) by striking “Permanent Select Com-  
6                 mittee on Intelligence” and inserting “joint  
7                 committee,”; and

8                 (B) by striking “and the Select Committee  
9                 on Intelligence” and inserting a comma.

10          (f) Section 602(c) of such Act is amended by striking  
11          “Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate” and all  
12          that follows through the period and inserting “Joint Com-  
13          mittee on Intelligence.”.

14          (g) Section 603 of the such Act is amended by strik-  
15          ing “submit to the Select” and all that follows through  
16          “House of Representatives” and inserting “submit to the  
17          Joint Committee on Intelligence”.

18          (h) Section 701(c)(3) of such Act is amended by  
19          striking “intelligence committees” and inserting “Joint  
20          Committee on Intelligence”.

21          (i) Section 801(b)(2) of such Act is amended by strik-  
22          ing “Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
23          House of Representatives and the Select Committee on In-  
24          telligence of the Senate” and inserting “Joint Committee  
25          on Intelligence”.

1 EFFECTIVE DATE

2 SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect at the beginning  
3 of the first Congress beginning after the date of enactment  
4 of this Act.

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