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Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
Affairs, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

3 In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions
4 under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance
5 with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of the Standing Rules
6 of the Senate and S. Res. 445 (108th Congress), including
7 holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making in-
8 vestigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule
9 XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee
10 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (in this

1 resolution referred to as the “committee”) is authorized
2 from October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015, in its
3 discretion to—

4 (1) make expenditures from the contingent fund
5 of the Senate;

6 (2) employ personnel; and

7 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
8 department or agency concerned and the Committee
9 on Rules and Administration, use on a reimbursable
10 or nonreimbursable basis the services of personnel of
11 any such department or agency.

12 **SEC. 2. EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2015.**

13 (a) EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013,
14 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.—The expenses of the
15 committee for the period October 1, 2013, through Sep-
16 tember 30, 2014, under this resolution shall not exceed
17 \$9,488,952, of which amount—

18 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
19 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
20 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
21 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
22 1946 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of the com-

1 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
2 of that Act).

3 (b) EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2014,
4 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2015.—The expenses of the
5 committee for the period October 1, 2014, through Feb-
6 ruary 28, 2015, under this resolution shall not exceed
7 \$3,953,730, of which amount—

8 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
9 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
10 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
11 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
12 1946 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

13 (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
14 the training of the professional staff of the com-
15 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
16 of that Act).

17 **SEC. 3. EXPENSES; AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS; AND INVES-**
18 **TIGATIONS.**

19 (a) EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
21 graph (2), expenses of the committee under this res-
22 olution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the
23 Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of
24 the committee.

1 (2) VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.—Vouchers shall
2 not be required for—

3 (A) the disbursement of salaries of employ-
4 ees paid at an annual rate;

5 (B) the payment of telecommunications
6 provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms
7 and Doorkeeper;

8 (C) the payment of stationery supplies pur-
9 chased through the Keeper of the Stationery;

10 (D) payments to the Postmaster of the
11 Senate;

12 (E) the payment of metered charges on
13 copying equipment provided by the Office of the
14 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

15 (F) the payment of Senate Recording and
16 Photographic Services; or

17 (G) the payment of franked and mass mail
18 costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,
19 United States Senate.

20 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized
21 such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions
22 related to the compensation of employees of the committee
23 from October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015, to be
24 paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses of In-
25 quiries and Investigations” of the Senate.

1 (c) INVESTIGATIONS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The committee, or any duly
3 authorized subcommittee of the committee, is au-
4 thorized to study or investigate—

5 (A) the efficiency and economy of oper-
6 ations of all branches of the Government in-
7 cluding the possible existence of fraud, misfea-
8 sance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,
9 incompetence, corruption, or unethical prac-
10 tices, waste, extravagance, conflicts of interest,
11 and the improper expenditure of Government
12 funds in transactions, contracts, and activities
13 of the Government or of Government officials
14 and employees and any and all such improper
15 practices between Government personnel and
16 corporations, individuals, companies, or persons
17 affiliated therewith, doing business with the
18 Government; and the compliance or noncompli-
19 ance of such corporations, companies, or indi-
20 viduals or other entities with the rules, regula-
21 tions, and laws governing the various govern-
22 mental agencies and its relationships with the
23 public;

24 (B) the extent to which criminal or other
25 improper practices or activities are, or have

1 been, engaged in the field of labor-management
2 relations or in groups or organizations of em-
3 ployees or employers, to the detriment of inter-
4 ests of the public, employers, or employees, and
5 to determine whether any changes are required
6 in the laws of the United States in order to pro-
7 tect such interests against the occurrence of
8 such practices or activities;

9 (C) organized criminal activity which may
10 operate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of
11 interstate or international commerce in further-
12 ance of any transactions and the manner and
13 extent to which, and the identity of the persons,
14 firms, or corporations, or other entities by
15 whom such utilization is being made, and fur-
16 ther, to study and investigate the manner in
17 which and the extent to which persons engaged
18 in organized criminal activity have infiltrated
19 lawful business enterprise, and to study the
20 adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the oper-
21 ations of organized crime in interstate or inter-
22 national commerce; and to determine whether
23 any changes are required in the laws of the
24 United States in order to protect the public
25 against such practices or activities;

1 (D) all other aspects of crime and lawless-
2 ness within the United States which have an
3 impact upon or affect the national health, wel-
4 fare, and safety, including but not limited to in-
5 vestment fraud schemes, commodity and secu-
6 rity fraud, computer fraud, and the use of off-
7 shore banking and corporate facilities to carry
8 out criminal objectives;

9 (E) the efficiency and economy of oper-
10 ations of all branches and functions of the Gov-
11 ernment with particular reference to—

12 (i) the effectiveness of present na-
13 tional security methods, staffing, and proc-
14 esses as tested against the requirements
15 imposed by the rapidly mounting com-
16 plexity of national security problems;

17 (ii) the capacity of present national
18 security staffing, methods, and processes
19 to make full use of the Nation's resources
20 of knowledge and talents;

21 (iii) the adequacy of present intergov-
22 ernmental relations between the United
23 States and international organizations
24 principally concerned with national security

1 of which the United States is a member;

2 and

3 (iv) legislative and other proposals to
4 improve these methods, processes, and re-
5 lationships;

6 (F) the efficiency, economy, and effective-
7 ness of all agencies and departments of the
8 Government involved in the control and man-
9 agement of energy shortages including, but not
10 limited to, their performance with respect to—

11 (i) the collection and dissemination of
12 accurate statistics on fuel demand and
13 supply;

14 (ii) the implementation of effective en-
15 ergy conservation measures;

16 (iii) the pricing of energy in all forms;

17 (iv) coordination of energy programs
18 with State and local government;

19 (v) control of exports of scarce fuels;

20 (vi) the management of tax, import,
21 pricing, and other policies affecting energy
22 supplies;

23 (vii) maintenance of the independent
24 sector of the petroleum industry as a
25 strong competitive force;

1 (viii) the allocation of fuels in short
2 supply by public and private entities;

3 (ix) the management of energy sup-
4 plies owned or controlled by the Govern-
5 ment;

6 (x) relations with other oil producing
7 and consuming countries;

8 (xi) the monitoring of compliance by
9 governments, corporations, or individuals
10 with the laws and regulations governing
11 the allocation, conservation, or pricing of
12 energy supplies; and

13 (xii) research into the discovery and
14 development of alternative energy supplies;
15 and

16 (G) the efficiency and economy of all
17 branches and functions of Government with
18 particular references to the operations and
19 management of Federal regulatory policies and
20 programs.

21 (2) EXTENT OF INQUIRIES.—In carrying out
22 the duties provided in paragraph (1), the inquiries
23 of this committee or any subcommittee of the com-
24 mittee shall not be construed to be limited to the
25 records, functions, and operations of any particular

1 branch of the Government and may extend to the
2 records and activities of any persons, corporation, or
3 other entity.

4 (3) SPECIAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY.—For the
5 purposes of this subsection, the committee, or any
6 duly authorized subcommittee of the committee, or
7 its chairman, or any other member of the committee
8 or subcommittee designated by the chairman is au-
9 thORIZED, in its, his, her, or their discretion—

10 (A) to require by subpoena or otherwise
11 the attendance of witnesses and production of
12 correspondence, books, papers, and documents;

13 (B) to hold hearings;

14 (C) to sit and act at any time or place dur-
15 ing the sessions, recess, and adjournment peri-
16 ods of the Senate;

17 (D) to administer oaths; and

18 (E) to take testimony, either orally or by
19 sworn statement, or, in the case of staff mem-
20 bers of the Committee and the Permanent Sub-
21 committee on Investigations, by deposition in
22 accordance with the Committee Rules of Proce-
23 dure.

24 (4) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—
25 Nothing contained in this subsection shall affect or

1 impair the exercise of any other standing committee
2 of the Senate of any power, or the discharge by such
3 committee of any duty, conferred or imposed upon
4 it by the Standing Rules of the Senate or by the
5 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

6 (5) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—All subpoenas and
7 related legal processes of the committee and its sub-
8 committee authorized under S. Res. 64, agreed to
9 March 5, 2013 (113th Congress), are authorized to
10 continue.

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