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# H. RES. 467

Establishing the Select Committee on Gun Violence Prevention.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Ms. ESTY, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, and Ms. PELOSI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

Establishing the Select Committee on Gun Violence  
Prevention.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is hereby established the Select Committee on  
4 Gun Violence Prevention (hereafter referred to as the “Se-  
5 lect Committee”).

6 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

7 (a) COMPOSITION.—The Select Committee shall be  
8 composed of 12 Members appointed by the Speaker, of

1 whom 6 shall be appointed after consultation with the Mi-  
2 nority Leader.

3 (b) CHAIR AND RANKING MINORITY MEMBER.—The  
4 Speaker shall designate one Member to serve as chair of  
5 the Select Committee, and the Minority Leader shall des-  
6 ignate one Member to serve as ranking minority member  
7 of the Select Committee.

8 (c) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Select Com-  
9 mittee shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
10 appointment.

11 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

12 (a) INVESTIGATION AND STUDY.—The Select Com-  
13 mittee is authorized and directed to conduct a full and  
14 complete investigation and study, and to issue a report  
15 of its findings to the House, regarding each of the fol-  
16 lowing:

17 (1) The causes of mass shootings.

18 (2) Methods to improve the Federal firearms  
19 purchaser background check system.

20 (3) Connections between access to firearms and  
21 dangerously mentally ill individuals.

22 (4) Strengthening Federal penalties for traf-  
23 ficking and straw purchasing of firearms.

24 (5) Closing loopholes that allow some domestic  
25 abusers continued access to firearms.

1 (6) Linkages between firearms and suicide.

2 (7) Gun violence's effect on public health.

3 (8) The correlation between State gun violence  
4 prevention laws and the incidence of gun violence.

5 (9) The importance of having reliable and accu-  
6 rate information on gun violence and its toll on our  
7 Nation.

8 (10) The implementation of effective gun vio-  
9 lence prevention laws in accordance with the Second  
10 Amendment to the Constitution.

11 (11) Rates of gun violence in large metropolitan  
12 areas.

13 (b) HEARINGS.—In carrying out its duties under sub-  
14 section (a), the Select Committee shall hold at least one  
15 public hearing in the District of Columbia and at least  
16 two public hearings in locations outside of the District of  
17 Columbia.

18 **SEC. 4. RULES AND PROCEDURES.**

19 Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives  
20 shall apply to the Select Committee in the same manner  
21 as such rule applies to a standing committee of the House,  
22 except to the extent inconsistent with this resolution.

23 **SEC. 5. STAFF; FUNDING.**

24 (a) STAFF.—The chair of the Select Committee, upon  
25 consultation with the ranking minority member of the Se-

1 lect Committee, may employ and fix the compensation of  
2 such staff as the chair considers necessary to carry out  
3 this resolution.

4 (b) FUNDING.—There shall be paid out of the appli-  
5 cable accounts of the House of Representatives such sums  
6 as may be necessary for the expenses of the Select Com-  
7 mittee. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed  
8 by the chair of the Select Committee and approved in the  
9 manner directed by the Committee on House Administra-  
10 tion. Amounts made available under this subsection shall  
11 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by  
12 the Committee on House Administration.

13 **SEC. 6. RECOMMENDATIONS.**

14 (a) FINAL REPORT.—The Select Committee shall  
15 issue a final report and recommendations, including legis-  
16 lative proposals, not later than 60 days after the date of  
17 the adoption of this resolution.

18 (b) INTERIM FINDINGS AND REPORTS.—In addition  
19 to the final report and recommendations required under  
20 subsection (a), the Select Committee may issue such in-  
21 terim findings and reports as it deems necessary.

22 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee and all au-  
24 thority granted in this resolution shall expire upon the

1 issuance by the Select Committee of the final report and  
2 recommendations under section 6(a).

3 (b) RECORDS.—Upon the dissolution of the Select  
4 Committee, the records, files, and materials of the Select  
5 Committee shall be transferred to the Clerk of the House.

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