

Calendar No. 9

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**S. RES. 54**

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2015

Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, reported the following original resolution; which was placed on the calendar

RESOLUTION

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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, including holding hearings, reporting such
7 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
8 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
9 of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration

1 (in this resolution referred to as the “committee”) is au-
 2 thorized from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017,
 3 in its 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.**

13 (a) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
 14 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
 15 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
 16 resolution shall not exceed \$1,375,819, of which amount—

17 (1) not to exceed \$43,750 may be expended for
 18 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
 19 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
 20 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
 21 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

22 (2) not to exceed \$7,000 may be expended for
 23 the training of the professional staff of the com-
 24 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
 25 of that Act).

1 (b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
3 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
4 not exceed \$2,358,546, of which amount—

5 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
6 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
7 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
8 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
9 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

10 (2) not to exceed \$12,000 may be expended for
11 the training of the professional staff of the com-
12 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
13 of that Act).

14 (c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
15 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
16 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
17 tion shall not exceed \$982,728, of which amount—

18 (1) not to exceed \$31,250 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. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$5,000 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 **SEC. 3. REPORTING LEGISLATION.**

4 The committee shall report its findings, together with
 5 such recommendations for legislation as it deems advis-
 6 able, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date, but
 7 not later than February 28, 2017.

8 **SEC. 4. EXPENSES AND AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

9 (a) EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 11 graph (2), expenses of the committee under this res-
 12 olution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the
 13 Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of
 14 the committee.

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

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

19 (B) the payment of telecommunications
 20 provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms
 21 and Doorkeeper;

22 (C) the payment of stationery supplies pur-
 23 chased through the Keeper of the Stationery;

24 (D) payments to the Postmaster of the
 25 Senate;

1 (E) the payment of metered charges on
2 copying equipment provided by the Office of the
3 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

4 (F) the payment of Senate Recording and
5 Photographic Services; or

6 (G) the payment of franked and mass mail
7 costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,
8 United States Senate.

9 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized
10 to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses
11 of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate such sums
12 as may be necessary for agency contributions related to
13 the compensation of employees of the committee—

14 (1) for the period March 1, 2015 through Sep-
15 tember 30, 2015;

16 (2) for the period October 1, 2015 through Sep-
17 tember 30, 2016; and

18 (3) for the period October 1, 2016 through
19 February 28, 2017.

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