REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY

OF THE

HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

FOR THE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,

Hon. KAREN HAAS,
Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MS. HAAS: Pursuant to clause 1(d) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 115th Congress, I present herewith a report entitled “Report on the Activity of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 115th Congress.”

Sincerely,

DEVIN NUNES,
Chairman.
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Mr. Nunes of California, from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, submitted the following

REPORT

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JURISDICTION AND SPECIAL OVERSIGHT FUNCTION

Clause 11(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 115th Congress sets forth the jurisdiction of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence—

(A) The Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of National Intelligence, and the National Intelligence Program as defined in section 3(6) of the National Security Act of 1947.

(B) Intelligence and intelligence-related activities of all other departments and agencies of the Government, including the tactical intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the Department of Defense.

(C) The organization or reorganization of a department or agency of the Government to the extent that the organization or reorganization relates to a function or activity involving intelligence or intelligence-related activities.

(D) Authorizations for appropriations, both direct and indirect, for the following:

(i) The Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of National Intelligence, and the National Intelligence Program as defined in section 3(6) of the National Security Act of 1947.

(ii) Intelligence and intelligence-related activities of all other departments and agencies of the Government, in-
including the tactical intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the Department of Defense.

(iii) A department, agency, subdivision, or program that is a successor to an agency or program named or referred to in (i) or (ii).

Clause 3(m) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representa-
tives for the 115th Congress sets forth the Special Oversight Func-
tion of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence as fol-
low—\textquoteleft\textquoteleft The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence shall re-
view and study on a continuing basis laws, programs, and activities
of the intelligence community and shall review and study on an ex-
clusive basis the sources and methods of entities described in
clause 11(b)(1)(A).\textquoteleft\textquoteleft

**LEGISLATIVE AND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES**

During the 115th Congress, 91 bills or resolutions were referred
to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (the Com-
mittee).

**Committee Action**

The Committee reported three measures to the House. Those
measures were: H.R. 3180, the Intelligence Authorization Act for
Fiscal Year 2018, introduced by Chairman Devin Nunes; H.R.
4478, the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017, intro-
duced by Chairman Devin Nunes; and H.R. 6237, the Matthew
Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018
and 2019, introduced by Chairman Devin Nunes.

The Committee discharged one additional measure: H.R. 5925,
the Coordinated Response through Interagency Strategy and Infor-
mation Sharing Act, introduced by Mr. Trey Gowdy, a member of
the Committee.

**Other Measures Within the Committee’s Jurisdiction**

In addition to those measures described above, four measures re-
ferred to the Committee passed the House. Those measures were:
H.R. 3030, Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act of
2018, introduced by Mrs. Ann Wager; H.R. 3364, the Countering
America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act, introduced by Mr.
Edward Royce; H.R. 5841, the Foreign Investment Risk Review
Modernization Act of 2018, introduced by Mr. Robert Pittenger; and
H. Res. 970, Insisting that the Department of Justice fully comply
with the requests, including subpoenas, of the Permanent Select
Committee on Intelligence and the subpoena issued by the Com-
mittee on the Judiciary relating to potential violations of the For-
egn Intelligence Surveillance Act by personnel of the Department
of Justice and related matters, introduced by Mr. Mark Meadows.

At least two other measures containing matters within the juris-
diction of the Committee on Intelligence were enacted into law:
H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2018, introduced by Mr. William “Mac” Thornberry; and H.R. 5515,
Year 2019, introduced by Mr. William “Mac” Thornberry.

The following is a summary of the legislative and oversight ac-
tivities of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence the
115th Congress. In addition, this report includes a summary of
hearings held pursuant to clauses 2(n), (o), and (p) under House rule XI.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

FULL COMMITTEE

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

(H.R. 3180)

Summary

The purpose of H.R. 3180 was to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Legislative History

H.R. 3180 was introduced by Chairman Devin Nunes on July 11, 2017, and was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a business meeting on July 13, 2017, to consider H.R. 3180 and ordered the bill reported to the House, as amended, by a recorded vote of 21 ayes and zero noes.

On July 24, 2017, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence reported H.R. 3180, as amended, to the House.

On July 24, 2017, the House considered H.R. 3180, as amended, under suspension of the rules which failed by a recorded vote of 241 ayes and 163 noes.

On July 28, 2017, the House considered H.R. 3180, as amended, and passed the bill by a recorded vote of 380 ayes and 35 noes.

FISA AMENDMENTS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2017

(H.R. 4478)

Summary

The purpose of H.R. 4478 was to reauthorize title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) for four years, to enhance surveillance authorities, and to provide additional transparency and reporting requirements and privacy safeguards.

Legislative History

H.R. 4478 was introduced by Chairman Devin Nunes on November 29, 2017, and referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Homeland Security.

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a business meeting on December 1, 2017, to consider H.R. 4478 and ordered the bill reported to the House, as amended, by a voice vote.

On December 19, 2017, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence reported H.R. 4478, as amended, to the House.
MATTHEW YOUNG POLLARD INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019
(H.R. 6237)

Summary
The purpose of H.R. 6237 was to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

Legislative History
H.R. 6237 was introduced by Chairman Devin Nunes on June 27, 2018 and referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence held a business meeting on June 28, 2018, to consider H.R. 6237 and ordered the bill reported to the House, as amended, by a voice vote.

On July 3, 2018, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence reported H.R. 6237, as amended, to the House.

On July 3, 2018, the Committee on Ways and Means discharged H.R. 6237.

On July 12, 2018, the House considered H.R. 6237, as amended, and passed the bill by a recorded vote of 363 ayes and 54 noes.

COORDINATED RESPONSE THROUGH INTERAGENCY STRATEGY AND
INFORMATION SHARING ACT (H.R. 5925)

Summary
The purpose of H.R. 5925 was to reauthorize the Office of National Drug Control (the Office), to establish and detail the responsibilities and authorities of the Office, to reauthorize and codify the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas Program and the Drug-Free Communities Support Program, and to direct the Office to issue an Opioid Response Plan not later than 60 days after enactment.

Legislative History
H.R. 5925 was introduced by Mr. Trey Gowdy, a member of the Committee, on May 23, 2018 and referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Appropriations.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform held a business meeting on May 23, 2018, to consider H.R. 5925 and ordered the bill, as amended, reported to the House by a voice vote.

On June 20, 2018, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform reported the bill, as amended, to the House.

On June 20, 2018, H.R. 5925 was discharged from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, and Appropriations.

On June 20, 2018, the House considered H.R. 5925, as amended, under motion to suspend the rules and passed the bill by voice vote.
OVERSIGHT PLAN FOR THE 115TH CONGRESS

Clause 1(d)(2)(E) of rule XI also requires that each committee provide a delineation of any hearings held pursuant to clauses 2(n), (o), or (p) of rule XI. Those clauses require the Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, to hold at least one hearing on egregious instances of agency waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, at least one hearing on agency financial statements, and one hearing on programs that, according to reports issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, are at high risk for waste, fraud, and mismanagement. As part of the Committee’s oversight and authorization of the Intelligence Community budget, the Committee conducts numerous classified hearings and briefings that focus on issues of potential waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in federal agencies. These Committee efforts result in the annual intelligence authorization bill. That bill is accompanied by a detailed classified annex on all Intelligence Community programs and budgets. A review of potential waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement within these programs is an inextricable part of the development of the classified annex. In addition to the classified annex, the Committee also conducted a number of unclassified oversight activities during the 115th Congress.

Investigation into Russian Active Measures During the 2016 Presidential Election

On March 1, 2017, the Committee announced its scope of investigation into Russian active measures during the 2016 Presidential election. The Committee sought access and custody to information as part of the Committee’s oversight jurisdiction and investigative responsibilities. The Committee conducted a total of 73 witness interviews—including 55 transcribed interviews—held nine hearings and briefings, and reviewed more than 307,000 documents produced to the Committee.

Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act

Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) is a critical foreign intelligence collection authority signed into law in 2008 as part of the original FISA Amendments Act. Section 702 permits the U.S. Government to collect foreign intelligence information on non-U.S. persons located overseas with the assistance of U.S. electronic communication service providers. The authority was set to sunset in December 2017, thus requiring legislation to keep the authority.

Over the course of several years, the Committee hosted various hearings and briefings, both closed and open, regarding the reauthorization of title VII of FISA. After Committee passage of H.R. 4478 on December 1, 2017, the Committee coordinated with the House Committee on the Judiciary, as well as the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to craft a compromise bill, which became S. 139. S. 139, which provided an additional six-year sunset to Section 702 of FISA, passed the House by a recorded vote of 256 ayes and 164 noes. S. 139 subsequently passed out of the Senate with a recorded vote of 65 ayes and 34 noes and signed into law by President Trump on January 19, 2018.
Roles and Missions of the Defense Intelligence Agency

In spring 2017, the Committee began a bipartisan review of the roles and missions of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) at the direction of the Chairman. The Committee reviewed DIA's creation and evolution of its roles and missions, assessed DIA's current contributions to defense intelligence, identified unnecessary redundancies, ambiguous or conflicting authorities, and made recommendations for increased effectiveness for defense intelligence support. For the review, the Committee analyzed documents about DIA's creation and evolution and interviewed: all major DIA elements; four Combatant Commands; ten Component Commands; three combat support agencies; each service intelligence center; the Joint Staff; key partners and customers; 106 offices; and past and present DIA leadership, as well as held focus groups at the Naval and Army War Colleges. Many of the Committee's findings from this review have also been included as direction in the draft Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019 Intelligence Authorization Acts.

Other Oversight Activities

The Committee also undertook a detailed examination of China's power-projection around the world. The Committee's review considered China's efforts to expand its influence through military basing, economic pressure, and other tactics. The result is contained in a classified report and unclassified summary.

While details of the vast majority of the Committee's oversight activities must necessarily remain classified, a complete list of hearings and briefings is provided in Part C of Appendix I.

APPENDIX I

PART A—COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports filed with the House by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

115–251: To accompany H.R. 3180, the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
115–475: To accompany H.R. 4478, the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017
115–805: To accompany H.R. 6237, the Matthew Young Pollard Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019

PART B—PUBLIC LAWS

Three bills that contained matters within the jurisdiction of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence were enacted into law during the 115th Congress.

H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018
H.R. 3364, Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act
H.R. 5515, the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019

PART C—COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND BRIEFINGS

On January 10, 2017 the Committee held a closed business meeting.
On January 10, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On January 12, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On January 23, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On January 24, 2017, the Committee held a closed hearing.
On January 30, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On February 1, 2017, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On February 2, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On February 6, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On February 7, 2017, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On February 13, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On February 16, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On February 27, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On March 7, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On March 9, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On March 16, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On March 20, 2017, the Committee held an open hearing.
On March 23, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On April 3, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On April 4, 2017, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On April 6, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On April 25, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On April 27, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On April 27, 2017, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On May 1, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On May 3, 2017, the Central Intelligence Agency Subcommittee held a closed briefing.
On May 4, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On May 4, 2017, the Committee held a closed hearing.
On May 16, 2017, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On May 18, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On May 22, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On May 23, 2017, the Committee held an open hearing.
On May 25, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On June 6, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On June 8, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On June 12, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On June 15, 2017, the Committee held a closed hearing.
On June 21, 2017, the Committee held an open hearing.
On June 21, 2017, the NSA & Cybersecurity Subcommittee held a closed hearing.
On June 22, 2017, the Emerging Threats Subcommittee held a closed hearing.
On June 26, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On June 27, 2017, the Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture Subcommittee held a closed hearing.
On June 28, 2017, the Department of Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture Subcommittee held a closed hearing.
On June 29, 2017, the Committee held a closed hearing.
On July 11, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On July 13, 2017, the Committee held a closed business meeting.
On July 17, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On July 20, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On July 24, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
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On September 5, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On September 7, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On September 14, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On September 25, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On September 28, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On October 2, 2017, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On October 5, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On October 10, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
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On October 23, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On October 26, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On October 10, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On November 1, 2017, the Committee held an open hearing.
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On November 6, 2017, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On November 7, 2017, the Central Intelligence Agency Subcommittee held a closed briefing.
On November 8, 2017, the Department of Defense Intelligence Overhead Architecture Subcommittee held a closed roundtable.
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On July 19, 2018, the Committee held an open hearing.
On July 23, 2018, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On July 24, 2018, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
On July 26, 2018, the Central Intelligence Agency and NSA & Cybersecurity Subcommittees held a closed joint briefing.
On September 4, 2018, the Committee held a closed briefing.
On September 12, 2018, the Committee held a closed roundtable.
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