

used to continue funding the committee, the inquiry, and all other committees as usual.

So, Mr. Speaker, we come to the floor today with a resolution to authorize \$1.6 million in additional spending authority for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Although the committee already received an increase in its funding for efforts regarding terrorism, that effort is looking more broadly into terrorism and our Nation's preparedness rather than focusing in, in a comprehensive way, on the specific day of September 11. As I stated earlier, the resources made available to the committee which were allocated in the beginning of the committee funding process for the 107th could not have possibly taken into account what happened to this country on September 11. That is why it is necessary for us to augment both the funding levels and staff levels for the committee so that they may conduct a proper inquiry.

The amount being requested is approximately one-half of the total amount needed to hire staff and cover related administrative expenses, such as office supplies, travel, and computer systems. The other body, in separate action, has already allocated funds to its committees for the same purposes.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I ask for support of this resolution. We all know if we fail to learn from the mistakes of the past we are doomed to repeat them. I hope this inquiry will help us to learn from our mistakes so we can avoid a recurrence of these horrific events.

In closing, I would also note that this House was ahead of its time. Because last year, when we did the funding resolution, we gave the proper increases to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence before we ever could have dreamed what would have happened here in the United States. This, again, I think, is ahead of its time so that we can look back into what happened to help us in the future, not only to protect the United States but to, frankly, protect the world.

I thank the distinguished gentleman from Maryland for not only his cooperation but for yielding to me.

Mr. HOYER. Further reserving my right to object, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), the distinguished ranking member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the minority whip.

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland for his leadership and that of the distinguished chairman for facilitating this request and bringing it to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I support this legislation.

Next Monday is the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York City, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. With the war against the al Qaeda network, and terrorism

generally, well underway, it is important that the process of determining why the September 11 attacks were not prevented receive appropriate attention in Congress.

The performance of the intelligence agencies is an essential part of the September 11 story, and it is the responsibility of the House and Senate intelligence committees to thoroughly assess that performance. It is the judgment of the committees that a joint inquiry is the best way to get at the facts and recommend changes as supported by the facts. The committees intend that the inquiry will ascertain why the agencies did not learn of the attacks in advance and identify what, if anything, might be done to better position the agencies to warn of, or prevent, future terrorist actions against the United States.

The joint inquiry will be a considerable challenge and will require additional resources, primarily for staff. The measure now under consideration provides these resources, and I urge its adoption so that we may proceed as quickly as possible on this important task. Additional resources and staff positions have been provided by the Senate. It should be made clear that, although we intend for this inquiry to be comprehensive as far as the intelligence agencies are concerned, it will not be exhaustive of all of the issues surrounding the September 11 attacks. Other committees may want to examine matters within their jurisdiction and, at some point, it may be appropriate to consider the creation of an entity outside of Congress to take an across the board look at all of the components of the September 11 disaster. Our purpose in undertaking this joint inquiry, and in seeking funds to do it properly, is not to foreclose any other review, but to ensure that the intelligence committees properly discharge the oversight responsibility given to them by the House and Senate.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, under my reservation of objection, I certainly join the chairman of the Committee on House Administration in strong support of this funding resolution, which I think is appropriate, and I congratulate both the chairman and the ranking member, as well as the other body for the process that they have adopted to proceed on this matter, which I think will be efficient and effective.

Mr. Goss. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strongest possible support for the passage of this resolution, which will provide urgently needed funds to support an unprecedented bipartisan and bicameral inquiry. This joint congressional inquiry, involving the Members and staff of both the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, has several critical tasks: first, to review the events and the actions of our Government leading up to the terrorist attacks of last September; second, to ascertain accountability within our Government for the management of counterterrorist and homeland security functions, focusing specifically on our intelligence mechanisms; and third, to ensure that our Government is properly informed and prepared with accurate and timely intelligence to stop current and future terrorist attacks against our Nation and our people.

This joint inquiry is being handled on an urgent basis by the leadership of both parties in both Houses and with the full cooperation of the relevant agencies of the executive branch.

This inquiry is critically important to enhancing our Nation's security against the threat posed by global terrorism and to strengthening public confidence that our intelligence and law enforcement agencies are fully prepared to defuse the terrorist threats that now confront our Nation.

I want to thank the Ranking Member for her participation and her counsel in structuring the joint inquiry with the other body. I also want to express my sincere appreciation to Chairman NEY and Mr. HOYER of the House Administration Committee for their close cooperation and advice in moving the joint inquiry forward on an expedited basis.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 359

Resolved,

SECTION 1. FURTHER EXPENSES OF THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE.

For further expenses of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives not more than \$1,600,000.

SEC. 2. LIMITATION.

Amounts shall be available under this resolution for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2002, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2003.

SEC. 3. VOUCHERS.

Payments under this resolution shall be made on vouchers authorized by the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, signed by the chairman of such committee, and approved in the manner directed by the Committee on House Administration.

SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.

Amounts made available under this resolution shall be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on House Administration.

SEC. 5. ADJUSTMENT AUTHORITY.

The Committee on House Administration shall have authority to make adjustments in amounts under section 1, if necessary to comply with an order of the President issued under section 254 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 or to conform to any reduction in appropriations for the purposes of such section 1.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PENCE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)