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S. RES. 31

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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 Environment and Public
10 Works (in this resolution referred to as the “committee”)

1 is authorized from March 1, 2015, through February 28,
2 2017, in its discretion, to—

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

5 (2) employ personnel; and

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

11 **SEC. 2. EXPENSES.**

12 (a) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
13 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
14 March 1, 2015, through September 30, 2015, under this
15 resolution shall not exceed \$3,060,871, of which amount—

16 (1) not to exceed \$4,666.67 may be expended
17 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
18 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
19 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
20 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$1,166.67 may be expended
22 for the training of the professional staff of the com-
23 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
24 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
4 shall not exceed \$5,247,208, of which amount—

5 (1) not to exceed \$8,000, 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 \$2,000, 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 \$2,186,337, of which amount—

18 (1) not to exceed \$3,333.33, may be expended
19 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
20 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
21 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
22 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$833.33, 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
17 September 30, 2016; and

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

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