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# S. RES. 48

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental  
Affairs, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland  
Security and Governmental Affairs.

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 and S. Res. 445 (108th Congress), agreed  
7 to October 9, 2004, including holding hearings, reporting  
8 such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by  
9 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules  
10 of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security and

1 Governmental Affairs (in this resolution referred to as the  
2 “committee”) is authorized from March 1, 2021 through  
3 February 28, 2023, 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 2021.—The expenses of the committee for the period  
15 March 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 under this  
16 resolution shall not exceed \$6,430,401, of which amount—

17 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 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 \$20,000 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 2022 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,  
3 2021 through September 30, 2022 under this resolution  
4 shall not exceed \$11,023,545, 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 \$20,000 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 2023.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-  
16 tober 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 under this reso-  
17 lution shall not exceed \$4,593,144, of which amount—

18 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 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 \$20,000 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. EXPENSES AND AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

4        (a) EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—

5            (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
6        graph (2), expenses of the committee under this res-  
7        olution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the  
8        Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of  
9        the committee.

10          (2) VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.—Vouchers shall  
11        not be required for—

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

14            (B) the payment of telecommunications  
15        provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms  
16        and Doorkeeper;

17            (C) the payment of stationery supplies pur-  
18        chased through the Keeper of the Stationery;

19            (D) payments to the Postmaster of the  
20        Senate;

21            (E) the payment of metered charges on  
22        copying equipment provided by the Office of the  
23        Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

24            (F) the payment of Senate Recording and  
25        Photographic Services; or

1 (G) the payment of franked and mass mail  
2 costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.

3 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized  
4 to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses  
5 of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate such sums  
6 as may be necessary for agency contributions related to  
7 the compensation of employees of the committee—

8 (1) for the period March 1, 2021 through Sep-  
9 tember 30, 2021;

10 (2) for the period October 1, 2021 through Sep-  
11 tember 30, 2022; and

12 (3) for the period October 1, 2022 through  
13 February 28, 2023.

14 **SEC. 4. INVESTIGATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The committee, or any duly au-  
16 thorized subcommittee of the committee, is authorized to  
17 study or investigate—

18 (1) the efficiency and economy of operations of  
19 all branches of the Government including the pos-  
20 sible existence of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance,  
21 collusion, mismanagement, incompetence, corruption,  
22 or unethical practices, waste, extravagance, conflicts  
23 of interest, and the improper expenditure of Govern-  
24 ment funds in transactions, contracts, and activities  
25 of the Government or of Government officials and

1 employees and any and all such improper practices  
2 between Government personnel and corporations, in-  
3 dividuals, companies, or persons affiliated therewith,  
4 doing business with the Government, and the com-  
5 pliance or noncompliance of such corporations, com-  
6 panies, or individuals or other entities with the rules,  
7 regulations, and laws governing the various govern-  
8 mental agencies and its relationships with the public;

9 (2) the extent to which criminal or other im-  
10 proper practices or activities are, or have been, en-  
11 gaged in the field of labor-management relations or  
12 in groups or organizations of employees or employ-  
13 ers, to the detriment of interests of the public, em-  
14 ployers, or employees, and to determine whether any  
15 changes are required in the laws of the United  
16 States in order to protect such interests against the  
17 occurrence of such practices or activities;

18 (3) organized criminal activity which may oper-  
19 ate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of interstate  
20 or international commerce in furtherance of any  
21 transactions and the manner and extent to which,  
22 and the identity of the persons, firms, or corpora-  
23 tions, or other entities by whom such utilization is  
24 being made, and further, to study and investigate  
25 the manner in which and the extent to which per-

1        sons engaged in organized criminal activity have in-  
2        filtrated lawful business enterprise, and to study the  
3        adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the operations  
4        of organized crime in interstate or international  
5        commerce, and to determine whether any changes  
6        are required in the laws of the United States in  
7        order to protect the public against such practices or  
8        activities;

9            (4) all other aspects of crime and lawlessness  
10        within the United States which have an impact upon  
11        or affect the national health, welfare, and safety, in-  
12        cluding but not limited to investment fraud schemes,  
13        commodity and security fraud, computer fraud, and  
14        the use of offshore banking and corporate facilities  
15        to carry out criminal objectives;

16            (5) the efficiency and economy of operations of  
17        all branches and functions of the Government with  
18        particular reference to—

19            (A) the effectiveness of present national se-  
20        curity methods, staffing, and processes as test-  
21        ed against the requirements imposed by the  
22        rapidly mounting complexity of national secu-  
23        rity problems;

24            (B) the capacity of present national secu-  
25        rity staffing, methods, and processes to make

1 full use of the Nation's resources of knowledge  
2 and talents;

3 (C) the adequacy of present intergovern-  
4 mental relations between the United States and  
5 international organizations principally con-  
6 cerned with national security of which the  
7 United States is a member; and

8 (D) legislative and other proposals to im-  
9 prove these methods, processes, and relation-  
10 ships;

11 (6) the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of  
12 all agencies and departments of the Government in-  
13 volved in the control and management of energy  
14 shortages including, but not limited to, their per-  
15 formance with respect to—

16 (A) the collection and dissemination of ac-  
17 curate statistics on fuel demand and supply;

18 (B) the implementation of effective energy  
19 conservation measures;

20 (C) the pricing of energy in all forms;

21 (D) coordination of energy programs with  
22 State and local government;

23 (E) control of exports of scarce fuels;

24 (F) the management of tax, import, pric-  
25 ing, and other policies affecting energy supplies;



1 (G) maintenance of the independent sector  
2 of the petroleum industry as a strong competi-  
3 tive force;

4 (H) the allocation of fuels in short supply  
5 by public and private entities;

6 (I) the management of energy supplies  
7 owned or controlled by the Government;

8 (J) relations with other oil producing and  
9 consuming countries;

10 (K) the monitoring of compliance by gov-  
11 ernments, corporations, or individuals with the  
12 laws and regulations governing the allocation,  
13 conservation, or pricing of energy supplies; and

14 (L) research into the discovery and devel-  
15 opment of alternative energy supplies; and

16 (7) the efficiency and economy of all branches  
17 and functions of Government with particular ref-  
18 erences to the operations and management of Fed-  
19 eral regulatory policies and programs.

20 (b) EXTENT OF INQUIRIES.—In carrying out the du-  
21 ties provided in subsection (a), the inquiries of this com-  
22 mittee or any subcommittee of the committee shall not be  
23 construed to be limited to the records, functions, and oper-  
24 ations of any particular branch of the Government and

1 may extend to the records and activities of any persons,  
2 corporation, or other entity.

3 (c) SPECIAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY.—For the pur-  
4 poses of this section, the committee, or any duly author-  
5 ized subcommittee of the committee, or its chairman, or  
6 any other member of the committee or subcommittee des-  
7 igned by the chairman is authorized, in its, his, her, or  
8 their discretion—

9 (1) to require by subpoena or otherwise the at-  
10 tendance of witnesses and production of correspond-  
11 ence, books, papers, and documents;

12 (2) to hold hearings;

13 (3) to sit and act at any time or place during  
14 the sessions, recess, and adjournment periods of the  
15 Senate;

16 (4) to administer oaths; and

17 (5) to take testimony, either orally or by sworn  
18 statement, or, in the case of staff members of the  
19 Committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on In-  
20 vestigations, by deposition in accordance with the  
21 Committee Rules of Procedure.

22 (d) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—Nothing  
23 contained in this section shall affect or impair the exercise  
24 of any other standing committee of the Senate of any  
25 power, or the discharge by such committee of any duty,

1 conferred or imposed upon it by the Standing Rules of  
2 the Senate or by the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
3 1946.

4 (e) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—All subpoenas and re-  
5 lated legal processes of the committee and any duly au-  
6 thorized subcommittee of the committee authorized under  
7 S. Res. 70 (116th Congress), agreed to February 27,  
8 2019, are authorized to continue.

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