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# S. RES. 56

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
Transportation.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-  
tation, 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 Commerce,  
Science, and Transportation.

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 Commerce, Science, and  
10 Transportation (in this resolution referred to as the “com-

1 mittee”) is authorized from March 1, 2021 through Feb-  
2 ruary 28, 2023, 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 2021.—The expenses of the committee for the period  
14 March 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 under this  
15 resolution shall not exceed \$4,561,289, of which amount—

16 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for  
17 the procurement of the services of individual consult-  
18 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-  
19 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
20 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for  
22 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 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 \$7,869,484, of which amount—

5 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 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 \$50,000 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 \$3,278,947, of which amount—

18 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 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 \$50,000 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.

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