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Establishing the Select Committee on President Biden's Cognitive Decline.

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Mr. PATRONIS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Select Committee on President Biden's
Cognitive Decline.

Whereas overwhelming evidence shows President Biden and
his staff covered up the extent of his cognitive decline;

Whereas additional information has come to light following
his departure from the White House showing the full extent
of his cognitive infirmaries;

Whereas the 25th Amendment establishes a process whereby
the President or the Vice President and a majority of either
the principal officers of the executive departments or
such other body as Congress may by law provide may report
to Congress that the President is unable to discharge the
powers and duties of the office;

Whereas the American people deserve to have a President who is engaged and understands the nature and consequences of his actions; and

Whereas Congress has an institutional interest in understanding whether the President is capable of discharging these powers and duties: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is hereby established in the House of Rep-
4 resentatives a Select Committee on President Biden’s Cog-
5 nitive Decline (hereafter in this resolution referred to as
6 the “Select Committee”).

7 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

8 (a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—The Speaker shall
9 appoint 13 Members to the Select Committee, 5 of whom
10 shall be appointed after consultation with the minority
11 leader.

12 (b) DESIGNATION OF CHAIR.—The Speaker shall
13 designate one Member to serve as chair of the Select Com-
14 mittee.

15 (c) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Select Com-
16 mittee shall be filled in the same manner as the original
17 appointment.

18 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

19 Consistent with the functions described in section 4,
20 the purposes of the Select Committee are the following:

1 (1) To investigate and to report upon the facts,
2 circumstances, and causes related to the coverup of
3 President Biden’s cognitive decline (hereafter re-
4 ferred to as “the coverup”).

5 (2) To determine who was executing the powers
6 and duties of the President given the coverup.

7 (3) To examine and evaluate evidence developed
8 by relevant Federal, State, and local governmental
9 offices regarding the facts and circumstances sur-
10 rounding the coverup.

11 (4) To build upon the investigations of other
12 entities and avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts
13 by reviewing the investigations, findings, conclu-
14 sions, and recommendations of other executive
15 branch, congressional, or independent bipartisan or
16 nonpartisan investigations into the coverup.

17 **SEC. 4. FUNCTIONS.**

18 (a) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Select Com-
19 mittee are to—

20 (1) investigate the facts, circumstances, and
21 causes relating to the coverup, including facts and
22 circumstances relating to—

23 (A) activities of intelligence agencies, law
24 enforcement agencies, and the Armed Forces,
25 including with respect to intelligence collection,

1 analysis, and dissemination and information
2 sharing among the branches and other instru-
3 mentalities of government;

4 (B) influencing factors that contributed to
5 the coverup and how technology, including on-
6 line platforms, financing, and malign foreign in-
7 fluence operations and campaigns may have
8 factored into the motivation, organization, and
9 execution of the coverup; and

10 (C) other entities of the public and private
11 sector as determined relevant by the Select
12 Committee for such investigation;

13 (2) identify, review, and evaluate the causes of
14 and the lessons learned from the coverup regard-
15 ing—

16 (A) the command, control, and commu-
17 nications of the Federal Government;

18 (B) the structure, coordination, operational
19 plans, policies, and procedures of the Federal
20 Government;

21 (C) the structure, authorities, training,
22 manpower utilization, equipment, and oper-
23 ational planning of the Federal Government;
24 and

1 (D) the policies, protocols, processes, pro-
2 cedures, and systems of the Federal Govern-
3 ment;

4 (3) submit all legislative proposals to the House
5 or any committee of the House; and

6 (4) not later than September 25, 2026, issue a
7 final report to the House containing such findings,
8 conclusions, and recommendations for corrective
9 measures described in subsection (c) as it may deem
10 necessary.

11 (b) REPORTS.—

12 (1) INTERIM REPORTS.—In addition to the final
13 report required under subsection (a)(4), the Select
14 Committee may report to the House or any com-
15 mittee of the House from time to time the results
16 of its investigations, together with such detailed
17 findings and legislative proposals as it may deem ad-
18 visable.

19 (2) TREATMENT OF CLASSIFIED OR LAW EN-
20 FORCEMENT-SENSITIVE MATTER.—Any report issued
21 by the Select Committee shall be issued in unclassi-
22 fied form but may include a classified annex, a law
23 enforcement-sensitive annex, or both.

24 (c) CORRECTIVE MEASURES DESCRIBED.—The cor-
25 rective measures described in this subsection may include

1 changes in law, policy, procedures, rules, or regulations
2 that could be taken—

3 (1) to prevent future acts covering up the
4 President’s cognitive decline;

5 (2) to improve the public’s understanding of the
6 President’s cognitive health; and

7 (3) to strengthen the domestic institutions of
8 the United States.

9 (d) NO LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—The Select
10 Committee shall not have legislative jurisdiction and shall
11 have no authority to take legislative action on any bill or
12 resolution.

13 **SEC. 5. PROCEDURE.**

14 (a) ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM INTELLIGENCE
15 COMMUNITY.—Notwithstanding clause 3(m) of rule X of
16 the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Select
17 Committee is authorized to study the sources and methods
18 of entities described in clause 11(b)(1)(A) of rule X inso-
19 far as such study is related to the matters described in
20 sections 3 and 4.

21 (b) TREATMENT OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.—
22 Clause 11(b)(4), clause 11(e), and the first sentence of
23 clause 11(f) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives shall apply to the Select Committee.

1 (c) APPLICABILITY OF RULES GOVERNING PROCE-
2 DURES OF COMMITTEES.—Rule XI of the Rules of the
3 House of Representatives shall apply to the Select Com-
4 mittee except as follows:

5 (1) Clause 2(a) of rule XI shall not apply to the
6 Select Committee.

7 (2) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply to
8 the Select Committee in the same manner as it ap-
9 plies to the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
10 ligence.

11 (3) Pursuant to clause 2(h) of rule XI, two
12 Members of the Select Committee shall constitute a
13 quorum for taking testimony or receiving evidence
14 and one-third of the Members of the Select Com-
15 mittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any ac-
16 tion other than one for which the presence of a ma-
17 jority of the Select Committee is required.

18 (4) The chair of the Select Committee may au-
19 thorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause 2(m)
20 of rule XI in the investigation and study conducted
21 pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of this resolution, in-
22 cluding for the purpose of taking depositions.

23 (5) The chair of the Select Committee is au-
24 thorized to compel by subpoena the furnishing of in-
25 formation by interrogatory.

1 (6)(A) The chair of the Select Committee, upon
2 consultation with the ranking minority member, may
3 order the taking of depositions, including pursuant
4 to subpoena, by a Member or counsel of the Select
5 Committee, in the same manner as a standing com-
6 mittee pursuant to section 3(t) of House Resolution
7 5, One Hundred Nineteenth Congress.

8 (B) Depositions taken under the authority pre-
9 scribed in this paragraph shall be governed by the
10 most recent procedures submitted by the chair of the
11 Committee on Rules for printing in the Congres-
12 sional Record.

13 (7) Subpoenas authorized pursuant to this reso-
14 lution may be signed by the chair of the Select Com-
15 mittee or a designee.

16 (8) The chair of the Select Committee may,
17 after consultation with the ranking minority mem-
18 ber, recognize—

19 (A) Members of the Select Committee to
20 question a witness for periods longer than five
21 minutes as though pursuant to clause
22 2(j)(2)(B) of rule XI; and

23 (B) staff of the Select Committee to ques-
24 tion a witness as though pursuant to clause
25 2(j)(2)(C) of rule XI.

1 (9) The chair of the Select Committee may
2 postpone further proceedings when a record vote is
3 ordered on questions referenced in clause 2(h)(4) of
4 rule XI, and may resume proceedings on such post-
5 poned questions at any time after reasonable notice.
6 Notwithstanding any intervening order for the pre-
7 vious question, an underlying proposition shall re-
8 main subject to further debate or amendment to the
9 same extent as when the question was postponed.

10 (10) The provisions of paragraphs (f)(1)
11 through (f)(12) of clause 4 of rule XI shall apply to
12 the Select Committee.

13 (d) PUBLICATION.—The Select Committee shall en-
14 sure that reports and proposals prepared under this reso-
15 lution shall, upon completion, be made available to the
16 general public in widely accessible formats not later than
17 10 calendar days after the submission of the final report
18 under section 4(a)(4).

19 **SEC. 6. RECORDS; STAFF; TRAVEL; FUNDING.**

20 (a) ACCESS TO RECORDS OF COMMITTEES.—A com-
21 mittee of the House shall cooperate with the Select Com-
22 mittee in providing access to records of the committee
23 which will support the Select Committee in carrying out
24 its purposes and functions.

1 (b) STAFF.—The appointment and the compensation
2 of staff for the Select Committee shall be subject to regu-
3 lations issued by the Committee on House Administration.

4 (c) DETAIL OF STAFF FROM THE LEGISLATIVE AND
5 EXECUTIVE BRANCHES.—

6 (1) HOUSE STAFF.—Staff of employing entities
7 of the House or a joint committee may be detailed
8 to the Select Committee to carry out this resolution
9 and shall be deemed to be staff of the Select Com-
10 mittee.

11 (2) EXECUTIVE BRANCH STAFF.—The Select
12 Committee may request the head of any Federal
13 agency to detail, on a nonreimbursable basis, any of
14 the personnel of the agency to the Select Committee.

15 (d) USE OF CONSULTANTS PERMITTED.—Section
16 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 (2
17 U.S.C. 4301(i)) shall apply with respect to the Select
18 Committee in the same manner as such section applies
19 with respect to a standing committee of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives.

21 (e) TRAVEL.—Clauses 8(a), (b), and (c) of rule X of
22 the Rules of the House of Representatives shall apply to
23 the Select Committee.

24 (f) FUNDING; PAYMENTS.—There shall be paid out
25 of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives

1 such sums as may be necessary for the expenses of the
2 Select Committee. Such payments shall be made on vouch-
3 ers signed by the chair of the Select Committee and ap-
4 proved in the manner directed by the Committee on House
5 Administration. Amounts made available under this sub-
6 section shall be expended in accordance with regulations
7 prescribed by the Committee on House Administration.

8 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

9 (a) TERMINATION.—The Select Committee shall ter-
10minate 30 days after filing the final report under section
11 4.

12 (b) DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.—Upon termination
13 of the Select Committee—

14 (1) the records of the Select Committee shall
15 become the records of such committee or committees
16 designated by the Speaker; and

17 (2) the copies of records provided to the Select
18 Committee by a committee of the House under sec-
19 tion 6(a) shall be returned to the committee.

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