

PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

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Ms. LOFGREN, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 245]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 245) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the resolution be agreed to.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE RESOLUTION

Pursuant to House rule X, clause 6, the Committee on House Administration (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) reports an omnibus, biennial “primary expense resolution” to cover the expenses of each standing, permanent select and select committee of the House, except the Committee on Appropriations. H. Res. 245 is the primary expense resolution reported by the Committee on House Administration for the 116th Congress.

On March 25, 2019, by voice vote, the Committee agreed to a motion to report H. Res. 245 favorably to the House without amendment.

The resolution authorizes the aggregate amount of funding for standing, permanent select, and select committees for the 116th Congress, and also includes a provision to require a review of the use of committee funds at the beginning of the second session of the 116th Congress.

To gather the information necessary to create the omnibus primary expense resolution, the Committee required the standing, permanent select, and select committees to submit estimates for their expected expenses for both sessions of the 116th Congress.

The Committee asked that committees provide line item estimates for the following expenses: personnel compensation (including salaries and lump sum payments), overtime, travel, communications, and printing and reproduction costs.

The Committee also requested that committees estimate their expenses for other services, including consultant contracts, detailees from executive and other agencies, training, representational expenses, and other services. Finally, the Committee requested budget estimates for the costs of supplies, materials, and equipment.

After the hearing, the Committee used the budget submissions and Member testimony to create an omnibus expense resolution, introduced by Chairperson Lofgren, to authorize funding for all of the committees. The resolution includes a provision to require the Chairs and Ranking Members to return to the Committee after one year for an additional oversight hearing to review the use of funds from the first session, unless waived by the Committee. These proceedings will be open to the public and will provide an opportunity to discover how effectively and efficiently funding allocations are being used. The provision is intended to promote accountability, transparency, and oversight of each committee's resources.

Since the 104th Congress, House majority leadership and the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee have encouraged the Chairs of the standing and permanent select committees to provide the minority with one-third of committee staff and/or resources authorized in the primary expense resolutions. Chairs were asked to specify in their budget request submissions how resources are allocated between the majority and minority within their committee. Based on the responses from the Chairs, all the standing and permanent select committees where appropriate are in compliance with the traditional "two-third/one-third" distribution of funds among majority and minority.

In reporting out this resolution, the committee is recommending to the House an authorization to expend approximately \$138,575,734 in the first session, and \$143,463,234 in the second session. The resolution also includes a reserve fund for unanticipated expenses of \$1,500,000 in the first session and \$6,500,000 in the second session.

#### SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION

Section 1 adjusts the aggregate amount paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives with respect to the 116th Congress for the expenses (including the expense of all staff salaries) of the permanent select, select, and standing committees of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations).

Section 2 adjusts the amount provided for the expenses of each standing, permanent select, and select committee of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations) for expenses incurred during the first session of the 116th Congress (the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2019 and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2020).

Section 3 adjusts the amount provided for the expenses of each standing, permanent select, and select committee of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations) for expenses incurred during the second session of the 116th Congress (the period beginning

at noon on January 3, 2020, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2021).

The amounts provided each committee is as follows:

	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
Committee on Agriculture .....	\$5,756,664	\$5,756,664	\$11,513,328
Committee on Armed Services .....	8,175,111	8,175,111	16,350,222
Committee on the Budget .....	5,190,212	5,190,212	10,380,424
Select Committee on the Climate Crisis .....	1,890,750	1,890,750	3,781,500
Committee on Education and Labor .....	7,289,357	7,289,357	14,578,714
Committee on Energy and Commerce .....	10,573,692	10,573,692	21,147,384
Committee on Ethics .....	3,507,696	3,507,696	7,015,392
Committee on Financial Services .....	8,538,931	8,538,931	17,077,862
Committee on Foreign Affairs .....	8,120,362	8,120,362	<sup>1</sup> 16,240,724
Committee on Homeland Security .....	7,654,001	7,654,001	15,308,002
Committee on House Administration .....	5,172,211	5,472,211	10,664,422
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence .....	6,231,500	6,231,500	12,463,000
Committee on the Judiciary .....	7,930,297	7,930,297	15,860,594
Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress .....	450,000	37,500	487,500
Committee on Natural Resources .....	6,947,963	6,947,963	13,895,926
Committee on Oversight and Reform .....	9,495,034	9,495,034	18,990,068
Committee on Rules .....	3,327,189	3,327,189	6,654,378
Committee on Science, Space and Technology .....	5,539,827	5,539,827	11,079,654
Committee on Small Business .....	3,098,148	3,098,148	6,196,296
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure .....	8,915,165	8,915,165	17,830,330
Committee on Veterans' Affairs .....	4,138,192	4,138,192	8,276,384
Committee on Ways and Means .....	9,133,432	9,133,432	18,266,864
Reserve Fund .....	1,500,000	6,500,000	

<sup>1</sup>The amount provided to the Committee on Foreign Affairs includes \$410,000 (\$205,000 for the first session and \$205,000 for the second session) to provide funding for the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission.

#### INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL

On March 21, 2019, Representative Zoe Lofgren of California introduced House Resolution 245 which was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

#### HEARINGS

On March 12, 2019, the Committee held a hearing titled “Committee Funding for the 116th Congress.” By prior agreement between Chairperson Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis determined that committees that submitted a bipartisan budget request would not be required to appear before the Committee. The Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Oversight and Reform appeared before the Committee and provided testimony regarding that Committee’s budget request for the 116th Congress. This hearing led to the development of House Resolution 245.

#### COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On Monday, March 25, 2019, the Committee met in open session and ordered the resolution, H. Res. 245, favorably reported to the House by voice vote, a quorum being present.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

In compliance with House Rule XIII, clause 3(b), with respect to each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, the Committee states that there were no recorded votes during the consideration of this resolution.

## COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII and clause (2)(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the descriptive portions of this report.

## STATEMENT OF BUDGET AUTHORITY AND RELATED ITEMS

The resolution does not provide new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures and a statement under House Rule XIII, clause 3(c)(2), and section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is not required.

## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE

In compliance with House Rule XIII, clause 3(c)(3), the Committee states, with respect to House Resolution 173, that the Director of the Congressional Budget Office did not submit a cost estimate and comparison under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

## PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In compliance with House Rule XIII, clause 3(c)(4), the Committee states that House Resolution 245 serves as the biennial "primary expense resolution" to cover the expenses of each standing and select committee of the House, except the Committee on Appropriations. The performance goal and objective of House Resolution 245 is thus to provide adequate expenses for each standing and permanent select committee of the House, ensuring that each may acquire and retain appropriate staff and equipment to carry out their legislative and oversight duties.