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H. RES. 232

Establishing a Select Committee on Medical Research.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Committee on Medical Research.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.**

3 There is established a select committee to be known
4 as the Select Committee on Medical Research (hereinafter
5 in this resolution referred to as the “select committee”).

6 **SEC. 2. FUNCTIONS.**

7 The select committee shall conduct a thorough and
8 complete study of—

9 (1) the effectiveness of public/private (including
10 universities, foundations, and industries) partner-
11 ships in the advancement and funding of medical re-
12 search;

1 (2) intellectual property issues arising from the
2 advancement of medical research and research tech-
3 niques;

4 (3) ethical and social issues arising from ad-
5 vancements in medical research;

6 (4) regulatory barriers to the performance of
7 medical research and to the dissemination and appli-
8 cation of research findings; and

9 (5) other important issues relating to medical
10 research.

11 The select committee shall not have legislative jurisdiction.

12 **SEC. 3. APPOINTMENT AND MEMBERSHIP.**

13 (a) MEMBERS.—The membership of the select com-
14 mittee shall be appointed by the Speaker and shall be com-
15 prised of the number of members he so appoints.

16 (b) VACANCY.—A vacancy in the membership of the
17 select committee shall be filled in the same manner as the
18 original appointment.

19 (c) CHAIRMAN.—The Speaker shall designate one
20 member of the select committee as chairman.

21 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURES.**

22 (a) AUTHORITY.—For purposes of carrying out this
23 resolution, the select committee may sit and act during
24 the present Congress at any time and place within the
25 United States or elsewhere, whether the House is in ses-

1 sion, has recessed, or has adjourned and hold such hear-
2 ings as it considers necessary.

3 (b) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—Clauses 1, 2 (including
4 subpoena authority in paragraph (m)), 4, and 5 of rule
5 XI of the Rules of the House shall apply to the select com-
6 mittee.

7 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

8 (a) EXPENSES.—There are authorized to be
9 appropriated such such sums as may be necessary for ex-
10 penses of the select committee to carry out this resolution.

11 (b) STAFF AND TRAVEL.—In carrying out its func-
12 tions under this resolution, the select committee may—

13 (1) appoint, either on a permanent basis or as
14 experts or consultants, any staff that the select com-
15 mittee considers necessary;

16 (2) prescribe the duties and responsibilities of
17 the staff;

18 (3) fix the compensation of the staff at per
19 annum gross rates that do not exceed the highest
20 rate of basic pay, as in effect from time to time, of
21 level V of the Executive Schedule in section 5316 of
22 title 5, United States Code;

23 (4) terminate the employment of any such staff
24 as the select committee considers appropriate;

1 (5) reimburse members of the select committee
2 and its staff for travel, subsistence, and other nec-
3 essary expenses incurred by them in the performance
4 of their functions for the select committee, other
5 than expenses in connection with any meeting of the
6 select committee held in the District of Columbia;
7 and

8 (6) obtain detailees or staff from the executive
9 or legislative branch of the Government, who shall
10 be deemed staff of the select committee.

11 (c) EXPIRATION.—The select committee shall cease
12 to exist at the close of the 107th Congress.

13 **SEC. 6. REPORTS AND RECORDS.**

14 (a) REPORTS.—The select committee shall submit to
15 the House reports setting forth its findings and rec-
16 ommendations.

17 (b) FILING OF REPORTS.—Any report made by the
18 select committee when the House is not in session shall
19 be filed with the Clerk of the House.

20 (c) REFERRAL OF REPORTS.—Any report made by
21 the select committee shall be referred to the committee
22 or committees that have jurisdiction over the subject mat-
23 ter of the report.

24 (d) RECORDS, FILES, AND MATERIALS.—(1) Upon
25 dissolution of the select committee, the records, files, and

1 materials of the select committee shall be transferred to
2 the Clerk of the House.

3 (2) If any equipment is purchased by the select com-
4 mittee, then upon its dissolution, the Chief Administrative
5 Officer shall make such equipment available to Members,
6 committees, or other entities of the House, under the di-
7 rection of the Committee on House Administration.

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