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H. RES. 213

Establishing the Special Committee on Sexual Assault and Abuse in the Armed Forces to conduct oversight, ensure accountability, and report on the activities of the Department of Defense to prevent, reduce, prosecute, and provide victims' services for cases of sexual assault and abuse in the Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2013

Ms. MCCOLLUM (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RANGEL, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. SINEMA) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is hereby established the Special Committee on
4 Sexual Assault and Abuse in the Armed Forces (herein-
5 after referred to as the “Special Committee”) to conduct

1 oversight, ensure accountability, and report on the activi-
2 ties of the Department of Defense to prevent, reduce,
3 prosecute, and provide victims' services for cases of sexual
4 assault and abuse in the Armed Forces.

5 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

6 (a) MEMBERSHIP.—The Special Committee shall be
7 composed of 19 members as follows:

8 (1) Six members appointed by the Speaker.

9 (2) Five members appointed by the Minority
10 Leader.

11 (3) The chair and ranking minority member of
12 the Committee on Armed Services (or a designee
13 from among the members of that committee).

14 (4) The chair and ranking minority member of
15 the Committee on Appropriations (or a designee
16 from among the members of that committee).

17 (5) The chair and ranking minority member of
18 the Committee on the Judiciary (or a designee from
19 among the members of that committee).

20 (6) The chair and ranking minority member of
21 the Committee on Oversight and Government Re-
22 form (or a designee from among the members of
23 that committee).

24 If the chair or ranking minority member of any such com-
25 mittee declines to serve on the Special Committee, then

1 the Speaker (in the case of a chair), or the Speaker after
2 consultation with the minority leader (in the case of a
3 ranking minority member), shall designate the member or
4 members from that committee to serve on the Special
5 Committee.

6 (b) DESIGNATION OF CHAIR AND RANKING MINOR-
7 ITY MEMBER.—The Speaker shall designate one member
8 of the Special Committee to serve as its chair and the mi-
9 nority leader shall designate one member of the Special
10 Committee to serve as its ranking minority member.

11 **SEC. 3. JURISDICTION; REPORT.**

12 (a) INVESTIGATIONS.—The Special Committee shall
13 have jurisdiction and oversight responsibility to conduct
14 investigations into issues related to sexual assault and
15 abuse in the Department of Defense, including the fol-
16 lowing:

17 (1) Prevention.

18 (2) Reported and unreported incidents of sexual
19 assault and abuse perpetrated by members of the
20 Armed Forces and employees of the Department of
21 Defense.

22 (3) Prosecution.

23 (4) Victim services and care.

24 (5) All other related issues.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after its ini-
2 tial meeting, the Special Committee shall submit to the
3 House a report on its investigations under this section.

4 **SEC. 4. POWERS AND PROCEDURES.**

5 Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives
6 shall apply with respect to the Special Committee.

7 **SEC. 5. STAFF; FUNDING.**

8 (a) STAFF.—(1) To the extent practicable, the Spe-
9 cial Committee shall utilize the services of staff of employ-
10 ing entities of the House. At the request of the chair in
11 consultation with the ranking minority member, staff of
12 employing entities of the House may be detailed to the
13 Special Committee to carry out this resolution, and shall
14 be deemed to be staff of the Special Committee.

15 (2) The chair, upon consultation with the ranking mi-
16 nority member, may employ and fix the compensation of
17 such staff as the chair considers necessary to carry out
18 this resolution.

19 (b) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
20 priated from the applicable accounts of the House such
21 sums as may be necessary to carry out this resolution.
22 Payments for the expenses of the Special Committee shall
23 be made on vouchers signed by the chair and approved
24 in the manner directed by the Committee on House Ad-
25 ministration. Amounts made available under this sub-

1 section shall be expended in accordance with regulations
2 prescribed by the Committee on House Administration.

3 **SEC. 6. TERMINATION; DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

4 (a) TERMINATION.—The Special Committee shall ter-
5minate on the last day of the One Hundred Thirteenth
6 Congress.

7 (b) RECORDS.—Upon termination of the Special
8 Committee, the records of the Committee shall become the
9 records of any committee designated by the Speaker.

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