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Establishing a select committee to investigate and report on the surveillance operations of the National Security Agency.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Establishing a select committee to investigate and report on the surveillance operations of the National Security Agency.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is established a select committee to investigate
4 and report on the surveillance operations of the National
5 Security Agency (hereinafter referred to as the “select
6 committee”).

7 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

8 (a) The select committee shall be composed of 19
9 members as follows:

1 (1) The chairs and ranking members of the
2 Committee on Homeland Security, the Committee on
3 Intelligence, the Committee on the Judiciary, and
4 the Committee on Oversight and Government Re-
5 form (or designees from among the members of
6 these committees).

7 (2) One member selected by the chair of each
8 committee referred to in paragraph (1) from among
9 the members of that committee.

10 (3) Five members appointed by the Speaker
11 and two members appointed by the Speaker after
12 consultation with the minority leader, no more than
13 two of which can be from the same committee.

14 If the chair or ranking member of any such committee
15 declines to serve on the select committee, then the Speaker
16 in the case of a chair, or the Speaker after consultation
17 with the minority leader in the case of a ranking member,
18 shall designate the member or members from that com-
19 mittee to serve on the select committee.

20 (b) The Speaker shall designate one member as chair-
21 man and the minority leader shall designate one member
22 as the ranking minority member of the select committee.

1 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON THE SURVEIL-**
2 **LANCE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL SE-**
3 **CURITY AGENCY.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the initial meeting of
5 the select committee, the select committee shall conduct
6 an investigation of and submit to the House a report on—

7 (1) whether the National Security Agency vio-
8 lated the rights of American citizens in its surveil-
9 lance operations;

10 (2) any improper conduct by officials in the
11 conducting of the surveillance operations or in re-
12 porting to Congress about the National Security
13 Agency's activities;

14 (3) recommendations on what steps can be
15 taken to better guard American citizens' rights from
16 unconstitutional surveillance operations and what
17 further minimization procedures, if any, should be
18 employed by intelligence agencies to ensure Amer-
19 ican citizens' constitutional rights are protected;

20 (4) whether the large scope of the National Se-
21 curity Agency's surveillance operations is best suited
22 to protect national security; and

23 (5) any other relevant issues relating to the Na-
24 tional Security Agency's surveillance operations.

1 **SEC. 4. PROCEDURES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE.**

2 Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives,
3 including clause 2(j)(1) (guaranteeing the minority addi-
4 tional witnesses) and clause 2(m)(3) (providing for the au-
5 thority to subpoena witnesses and documents), shall apply
6 to the select committee.

7 **SEC. 5. JOINT OPERATIONS.**

8 The chair of the select committee, in conducting the
9 investigation described in section 3, may consult with the
10 chair of any Senate committee conducting a parallel inves-
11 tigation regarding meeting jointly to receive testimony, the
12 scheduling of hearings or issuance of subpoenas, and joint
13 staff interviews of key witnesses.

14 **SEC. 6. STAFF; FUNDING.**

15 (a)(1) To the extent practicable, the select committee
16 shall utilize the services of staff of employing entities of
17 the House. At the request of the chair in consultation with
18 the ranking minority member, staff of employing entities
19 of the House may be detailed to the select committee to
20 carry out this resolution and shall be deemed to be staff
21 of the select committee.

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

1 (b) There are authorized to be appropriated from the
2 applicable accounts of the House such sums as may be
3 necessary to carry out this resolution. Payments for the
4 expenses of the select committee shall be made on vouch-
5 ers signed by the chairman and approved in the manner
6 directed by the Committee on House Administration.
7 Amounts made available under this subsection shall be ex-
8 pended in accordance with regulations prescribed by the
9 Committee on House Administration.

10 **SEC. 7. DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

11 (a) The select committee shall cease to exist 30 days
12 after filing the report required under section 3.

13 (b) Upon dissolution of the select committee, the
14 records of the select committee shall become the records
15 of any committee designated by the Speaker.

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