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Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental
Affairs, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Homeland
Security and Governmental Affairs.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

3 In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions
4 under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance
5 with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of the Standing Rules
6 of the Senate and S. Res. 445 (108th Congress), including
7 holding hearings, reporting such hearings, and making in-
8 vestigations as authorized by paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule
9 XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the Committee
10 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs (in this

1 resolution referred to as the “committee”) is authorized
 2 from March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, in its
 3 discretion to—

4 (1) make expenditures from the contingent fund
 5 of the Senate;

6 (2) employ personnel; and

7 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
 8 department or agency concerned and the Committee
 9 on Rules and Administration, use on a reimbursable
 10 or nonreimbursable basis the services of personnel of
 11 any such department or agency.

12 **SEC. 2. EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,**
 13 **2013.**

14 The expenses of the committee for the period March
 15 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013 under this resolution
 16 shall not exceed \$6,074,429, of which amount—

17 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
 18 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
 19 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
 20 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
 21 1946 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

22 (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
 23 the training of the professional staff of the com-
 24 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
 25 of that Act).

1 **SEC. 3. EXPENSES; AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS; AND INVES-**
2 **TIGATIONS.**

3 (a) **EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in para-
5 graph (2), expenses of the committee under this res-
6 olution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the
7 Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of
8 the committee.

9 (2) **VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.**—Vouchers shall
10 not be required for—

11 (A) the disbursement of salaries of employ-
12 ees paid at an annual rate;

13 (B) the payment of telecommunications
14 provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms
15 and Doorkeeper;

16 (C) the payment of stationery supplies pur-
17 chased through the Keeper of the Stationery;

18 (D) payments to the Postmaster of the
19 Senate;

20 (E) the payment of metered charges on
21 copying equipment provided by the Office of the
22 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

23 (F) the payment of Senate Recording and
24 Photographic Services; or

1 (G) the payment of franked and mass mail
2 costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,
3 United States Senate.

4 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized
5 such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions
6 related to the compensation of employees of the committee
7 from March 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013, to be
8 paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses of In-
9 quiries and Investigations” of the Senate.

10 (c) INVESTIGATIONS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The committee, or any duly
12 authorized subcommittee of the committee, is au-
13 thorized to study or investigate—

14 (A) the efficiency and economy of oper-
15 ations of all branches of the Government in-
16 cluding the possible existence of fraud, misfea-
17 sance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,
18 incompetence, corruption, or unethical prac-
19 tices, waste, extravagance, conflicts of interest,
20 and the improper expenditure of Government
21 funds in transactions, contracts, and activities
22 of the Government or of Government officials
23 and employees and any and all such improper
24 practices between Government personnel and
25 corporations, individuals, companies, or persons

1 affiliated therewith, doing business with the
2 Government; and the compliance or noncompli-
3 ance of such corporations, companies, or indi-
4 viduals or other entities with the rules, regula-
5 tions, and laws governing the various govern-
6 mental agencies and its relationships with the
7 public;

8 (B) the extent to which criminal or other
9 improper practices or activities are, or have
10 been, engaged in the field of labor-management
11 relations or in groups or organizations of em-
12 ployees or employers, to the detriment of inter-
13 ests of the public, employers, or employees, and
14 to determine whether any changes are required
15 in the laws of the United States in order to pro-
16 tect such interests against the occurrence of
17 such practices or activities;

18 (C) organized criminal activity which may
19 operate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of
20 interstate or international commerce in further-
21 ance of any transactions and the manner and
22 extent to which, and the identity of the persons,
23 firms, or corporations, or other entities by
24 whom such utilization is being made, and fur-
25 ther, to study and investigate the manner in

1 which and the extent to which persons engaged
2 in organized criminal activity have infiltrated
3 lawful business enterprise, and to study the
4 adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the oper-
5 ations of organized crime in interstate or inter-
6 national commerce; and to determine whether
7 any changes are required in the laws of the
8 United States in order to protect the public
9 against such practices or activities;

10 (D) all other aspects of crime and lawless-
11 ness within the United States which have an
12 impact upon or affect the national health, wel-
13 fare, and safety; including but not limited to in-
14 vestment fraud schemes, commodity and secu-
15 rity fraud, computer fraud, and the use of off-
16 shore banking and corporate facilities to carry
17 out criminal objectives;

18 (E) the efficiency and economy of oper-
19 ations of all branches and functions of the Gov-
20 ernment with particular reference to—

21 (i) the effectiveness of present na-
22 tional security methods, staffing, and proc-
23 esses as tested against the requirements
24 imposed by the rapidly mounting com-
25 plexity of national security problems;

1 (ii) the capacity of present national
 2 security staffing, methods, and processes
 3 to make full use of the Nation's resources
 4 of knowledge and talents;

5 (iii) the adequacy of present intergov-
 6 ernmental relations between the United
 7 States and international organizations
 8 principally concerned with national security
 9 of which the United States is a member;
 10 and

11 (iv) legislative and other proposals to
 12 improve these methods, processes, and re-
 13 lationships;

14 (F) the efficiency, economy, and effective-
 15 ness of all agencies and departments of the
 16 Government involved in the control and man-
 17 agement of energy shortages including, but not
 18 limited to, their performance with respect to—

19 (i) the collection and dissemination of
 20 accurate statistics on fuel demand and
 21 supply;

22 (ii) the implementation of effective en-
 23 ergy conservation measures;

24 (iii) the pricing of energy in all forms;

- 1 (iv) coordination of energy programs
- 2 with State and local government;
- 3 (v) control of exports of scarce fuels;
- 4 (vi) the management of tax, import,
- 5 pricing, and other policies affecting energy
- 6 supplies;
- 7 (vii) maintenance of the independent
- 8 sector of the petroleum industry as a
- 9 strong competitive force;
- 10 (viii) the allocation of fuels in short
- 11 supply by public and private entities;
- 12 (ix) the management of energy sup-
- 13 plies owned or controlled by the Govern-
- 14 ment;
- 15 (x) relations with other oil producing
- 16 and consuming countries;
- 17 (xi) the monitoring of compliance by
- 18 governments, corporations, or individuals
- 19 with the laws and regulations governing
- 20 the allocation, conservation, or pricing of
- 21 energy supplies; and
- 22 (xii) research into the discovery and
- 23 development of alternative energy supplies;
- 24 and

1 (G) the efficiency and economy of all
2 branches and functions of Government with
3 particular references to the operations and
4 management of Federal regulatory policies and
5 programs.

6 (2) EXTENT OF INQUIRIES.—In carrying out
7 the duties provided in paragraph (1), the inquiries
8 of this committee or any subcommittee of the com-
9 mittee shall not be construed to be limited to the
10 records, functions, and operations of any particular
11 branch of the Government and may extend to the
12 records and activities of any persons, corporation, or
13 other entity.

14 (3) SPECIAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY.—For the
15 purposes of this subsection, the committee, or any
16 duly authorized subcommittee of the committee, or
17 its chairman, or any other member of the committee
18 or subcommittee designated by the chairman is au-
19 thorized, in its, his, her, or their discretion—

20 (A) to require by subpoena or otherwise
21 the attendance of witnesses and production of
22 correspondence, books, papers, and documents;

23 (B) to hold hearings;

1 (C) to sit and act at any time or place dur-
2 ing the sessions, recess, and adjournment peri-
3 ods of the Senate;

4 (D) to administer oaths; and

5 (E) to take testimony, either orally or by
6 sworn statement, or, in the case of staff mem-
7 bers of the Committee and the Permanent Sub-
8 committee on Investigations, by deposition in
9 accordance with the Committee Rules of Proce-
10 dure.

11 (4) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—
12 Nothing contained in this subsection shall affect or
13 impair the exercise of any other standing committee
14 of the Senate of any power, or the discharge by such
15 committee of any duty, conferred or imposed upon
16 it by the Standing Rules of the Senate or by the
17 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

18 (5) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—All subpoenas and
19 related legal processes of the committee and its sub-
20 committee authorized under S. Res. 81, agreed to
21 March 2, 2011 (112th Congress), are authorized to
22 continue.

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