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Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the
Permanent Select Committee on Oversight of the Executive Branch.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOHO (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas) submitted the following
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

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establish the Permanent Select Committee on Oversight
of the Executive Branch.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON OVER-**
3 **SIGHT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Rule X of the Rules of the
5 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new clause:

1 **“Permanent Select Committee on Oversight of the**
2 **Executive Branch**

3 “12.(a) There is hereby established the Permanent
4 Select Committee on Oversight of the Executive Branch
5 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Select Committee’).

6 “(b)(1) The Speaker shall appoint 12 Members to the
7 Select Committee, five of whom shall be appointed after
8 consultation with the minority leader.

9 “(2) The Speaker shall designate one Member to
10 serve as chair of the Select Committee, and the minority
11 leader shall designate one Member to serve as ranking mi-
12 nority member of the Select Committee.

13 “(3) Any vacancy in the Select Committee shall be
14 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

15 “(4) The Select Committee shall enlist the assistance
16 of a Special Task Force established by the Federal Bureau
17 of Investigation, for the sole purpose of assisting the Se-
18 lect Committee in its investigations.

19 “(c) The Select Committee shall investigate allega-
20 tions of misconduct by officials of the executive branch.
21 The Select Committee shall not have legislative jurisdic-
22 tion.

23 “(d)(1) Notwithstanding clause 3(m) of rule X, the
24 Select Committee is authorized to study the sources and
25 methods of entities described in clause 11(b)(1)(A) of rule

1 X insofar as such study is related to the matters described
2 in paragraph (c).

3 “(2) Clause 11(e) and the first sentence of clause
4 11(f) of rule X (relating to the Permanent Select Com-
5 mittee on Intelligence) shall apply to the Select Com-
6 mittee.

7 “(3) Rule XI applies to the Select Committee except
8 as follows:

9 “(A) Clause 2(a) of rule XI shall not apply to
10 the Select Committee.

11 “(B) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply
12 to the Select Committee in the same manner as it
13 applies to the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
14 ligence.

15 “(C) Pursuant to clause 2(h) of rule XI, two
16 Members of the Select Committee shall constitute a
17 quorum for taking testimony or receiving evidence
18 and one-third of the Members of the Select Com-
19 mittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any ac-
20 tion other than one for which the presence of a ma-
21 jority of the Select Committee is required.

22 “(D) The chair of the Select Committee may
23 authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause
24 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation and study con-
25 ducted pursuant to section 3 of this resolution, in-

cluding for the purpose of taking depositions, as is deemed necessary in the pursuit of truth and justice for the American people.

“(E)(i) The chair of the Select Committee, upon consultation with the ranking minority member, may order the taking of depositions, under oath and pursuant to notice or subpoena, by a Member of the Select Committee or a counsel of the Select Committee.

“(ii) Depositions taken under the authority prescribed in this subdivision shall be governed by the procedures submitted by the chair of the Committee on Rules for printing in the Congressional Record.

“(F) The chair of the Select Committee may, after consultation with the ranking minority member, recognize—

“(i) Members of the Select Committee to question a witness for periods longer than five minutes as though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(B) of rule XI; and

“(ii) staff of the Select Committee to question a witness as though pursuant to clause 2(j)(2)(C) of rule XI.”.

(b) FUNDING FOR ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS.—

1 (1) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—There shall be
2 paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of
3 Representatives such sums as may be necessary for
4 the expenses of the Permanent Select Committee on
5 Oversight of the Executive Branch established under
6 clause 12 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of
7 Representatives (as added by subsection (a)) during
8 the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

9 (2) VOUCHERS.—Payments under this sub-
10 section shall be made on vouchers signed by the
11 chair of the Select Committee and approved in the
12 manner directed by the Committee on House Admin-
13 istration.

14 (3) REGULATIONS.—Amounts made available
15 under this subsection shall be expended in accord-
16 ance with regulations prescribed by the Committee
17 on House Administration.

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