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Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis as a select investigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

1 *Resolved*, That there is hereby established a select in-
2 vestigative subcommittee of the Committee on Oversight
3 and Reform called the Select Subcommittee on the
4 Coronavirus Crisis (hereinafter referred to as the “select
5 subcommittee”).

6 SEC. 2. (a) The select subcommittee shall be com-
7 posed of not more than 12 Members, Delegates, or the
8 Resident Commissioner appointed by the Speaker, of
9 whom not more than 5 shall be appointed on the rec-
10 ommendation of the minority leader. The Speaker shall

1 designate one member of the select subcommittee as its
2 chair. Any vacancy in the select subcommittee shall be
3 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4 (b) Each member appointed to the select sub-
5 committee shall be treated as though a member of the
6 Committee on Oversight and Reform for purposes of the
7 select subcommittee.

8 SEC. 3. (a) The select subcommittee is authorized
9 and directed to conduct a full and complete investigation
10 and study and issue a final report to the House of its find-
11 ings (and such interim reports as it may deem necessary)
12 regarding—

13 (1) the efficiency, effectiveness, equity, and
14 transparency of the use of taxpayer funds and relief
15 programs to address the coronavirus crisis, including
16 through Federal agencies, State and local govern-
17 ment entities, financial institutions and other private
18 businesses, contracts, grants, loans, loan guarantees,
19 investments, cooperative agreements, or any other
20 means;

21 (2) reports of waste, fraud, abuse, price
22 gouging, profiteering, or other abusive practices re-
23 lated to the coronavirus crisis;

24 (3) the implementation or effectiveness of any
25 Federal law applied, enacted, or under consideration

1 to address the coronavirus crisis and prepare for fu-
2 ture pandemics;

3 (4) preparedness for and response to the
4 coronavirus crisis, including the planning for and
5 implementation of testing, containment, mitigation,
6 and surveillance activities; the acquisition, distribu-
7 tion, or stockpiling of protective equipment and med-
8 ical supplies; and the development of vaccines and
9 treatments;

10 (5) the economic impact of the coronavirus cri-
11 sis on individuals, communities, small businesses,
12 health care providers, States, and local government
13 entities;

14 (6) any disparate impacts of the coronavirus
15 crisis on different communities and populations, in-
16 cluding with respect to race, ethnicity, age, sex, gen-
17 der identity, sexual orientation, disability, and geo-
18 graphic region, and any measures taken to address
19 such disparate impacts;

20 (7) executive branch policies, deliberations, deci-
21 sions, activities, and internal and external commu-
22 nications related to the coronavirus crisis;

23 (8) the protection of whistleblowers who provide
24 information about waste, fraud, abuse, or other im-
25 proper activities related to the coronavirus crisis;

1 (9) cooperation by the executive branch and
2 others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the
3 Government Accountability Office, and others in
4 connection with oversight of the preparedness for
5 and response to the coronavirus crisis; and

6 (10) any other issues related to the coronavirus
7 crisis.

8 (b) The select subcommittee may report to the House
9 or any committee of the House from time to time the re-
10 sults of its investigations and studies, together with such
11 detailed findings and legislative recommendations as it
12 may deem advisable.

13 (c) The select subcommittee may not hold a markup
14 of legislation.

15 SEC. 4. (a) Rule XI and the rules of the Committee
16 on Oversight and Reform shall apply to the select sub-
17 committee in the same manner as a subcommittee except
18 as follows:

19 (1) The chair of the select subcommittee may
20 authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause
21 2(m) of rule XI and rule 12(g) of the rules of the
22 Committee on Oversight and Reform in the inves-
23 tigation and study conducted pursuant to section 3,
24 including for the purpose of taking depositions.

1 (2) The chair of the select subcommittee is au-
2 thorized to compel by subpoena the furnishing of in-
3 formation by interrogatory.

4 (3) Subpoenas so authorized may be signed by
5 the chair of the select subcommittee or a designee.

6 (4) The chair of the select subcommittee may
7 order the taking of depositions, under oath and pur-
8 suant to notice or subpoena, by a member of the se-
9 lect subcommittee or a counsel of the select sub-
10 committee. Such depositions shall be governed by
11 rule 15 of the rules of the Committee on Oversight
12 and Reform. For purposes of such rule, references
13 to “the Committee” shall be construed as references
14 to the select subcommittee.

15 (5) The chair of the select subcommittee may,
16 after consultation with the ranking minority mem-
17 ber, recognize—

18 (A) members of the select subcommittee to
19 question a witness for periods longer than five
20 minutes as though pursuant to clause
21 2(j)(2)(B) of such rule XI; and

22 (B) staff of the select subcommittee to
23 question a witness as though pursuant to clause
24 2(j)(2)(C) of such rule XI.

1 (6) Agenda and reports required by rule 2(f)
2 and rule 4(c) of the rules of the Committee on Over-
3 sight and Reform shall be required on the third cal-
4 endar day before a meeting, hearing, or consider-
5 ation of a report, as applicable.

6 (b) The provisions of this resolution shall govern the
7 proceedings of the select subcommittee in the event of any
8 conflict with the rules of the House or of the Committee
9 on Oversight and Reform.

10 SEC. 5. Any committee of the House having custody
11 of records in any form relating to the matters described
12 in section 3 shall transfer copies of such records to the
13 select subcommittee within 7 days of the adoption of this
14 resolution or receipt of such records. Such records shall
15 become the records of the select subcommittee.

16 SEC. 6. Service on the select subcommittee shall not
17 count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2)(A) of rule
18 X.

19 SEC. 7. The Committee on Oversight and Reform is
20 the “successor in interest” to the select subcommittee for
21 purposes of clause 8(c) of rule II.

22 SEC. 8. The select subcommittee shall cease to exist
23 30 days after filing the final report required under section
24 3.

1 SEC. 9. (a) For further expenses of the Committee
2 on Oversight and Reform for the One Hundred Sixteenth
3 Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable ac-
4 counts of the House of Representatives an additional
5 amount of \$2,000,000.

6 (b) Payments under this resolution shall be made on
7 vouchers authorized by the Committee on Oversight and
8 Reform, signed by the chair of that committee, and ap-
9 proved in the manner directed by the Committee on House
10 Administration.

11 SEC. 10. Amounts made available under this resolu-
12 tion shall be expended in accordance with regulations pre-
13 scribed by the Committee on House Administration.

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