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# S. RES. 154

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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# RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

1        *Resolved*, That, in carrying out its powers, duties, and  
2 functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in ac-  
3 cordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of such  
4 rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings,  
5 and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1  
6 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate,  
7 the Committee on Governmental Affairs is authorized  
8 from October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000, and  
9 October 1, 2000, through February 28, 2001, in its discre-  
10 tion (1) to make expenditures from the contingent fund

1 of the Senate; (2) to employ personnel; and (3) with the  
2 prior consent of the Government department or agency  
3 concerned and the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
4 tion to use, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis,  
5 the services of personnel of any such department or agen-  
6 cy.

7 SEC. 2. (a) The expenses of the committee for the  
8 period October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000,  
9 under this resolution shall not exceed \$5,026,582, of  
10 which amount (1) not to exceed \$75,000, may be expended  
11 for the procurement of the services of individual consult-  
12 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by section  
13 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as  
14 amended; and (2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended  
15 for the training of the professional staff of such committee  
16 (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of the Legis-  
17 lative Reorganization Act of 1946).

18 (b) For the period October 1, 2000, through Feb-  
19 ruary 28, 2001, expenses of the committee under this res-  
20 olution shall not exceed \$2,144,819, of which amount (1)  
21 not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for the procure-  
22 ment of the services of individual consultants, or organiza-  
23 tions thereof (as authorized by section 202(i) of the Legis-  
24 lative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended), and (2)  
25 not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for the training

1 of the professional staff of such committee (under proce-  
2 dures specified by section 202(j) of the Legislative Reorga-  
3 nization Act of 1946).

4 SEC. 3. The committee shall report its findings, to-  
5 gether with such recommendations for legislation as it  
6 deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable  
7 date, but not later than February 29, 2000, and February  
8 28, 2001, respectively.

9 SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolu-  
10 tion shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate  
11 upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the com-  
12 mittee, except that vouchers shall not be required (1) for  
13 the disbursement of salaries of employees paid at an an-  
14 nual rate, or (2) for the payment of telecommunications  
15 provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Door-  
16 keeper, United States Senate, or (3) for the payment of  
17 stationery supplies purchased through the Keeper of the  
18 Stationery, United States Senate, or (4) for payments to  
19 the Postmaster, United States Senate, or (5) for the pay-  
20 ment of metered charges on copying equipment provided  
21 by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper,  
22 United States Senate, or (6) for the payment of Senate  
23 Recording and Photographic Services, or (7) for payment  
24 of franked and mass mail costs by the Sergeant at Arms  
25 and Doorkeeper, United States Senate.

1 SEC. 5. There are authorized such sums as may be  
2 necessary for agency contributions related to the com-  
3 pensation of employees of the committee from October 1,  
4 1999, through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000,  
5 through February 28, 2001, to be paid from the Appro-  
6 priations account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Inves-  
7 tigations”.

8 INVESTIGATIONS

9       SEC. 6. (a) IN GENERAL.—The committee, or any  
10 duly authorized subcommittee of the committee, is author-  
11 ized to study or investigate—

12 (1) the efficiency and economy of operations of  
13 all branches of the Government including the pos-  
14 sible existence of fraud, misfeasance, malfeasance,  
15 collusion, mismanagement, incompetence, corruption,  
16 or unethical practices, waste, extravagance, conflicts  
17 of interest, and the improper expenditure of Govern-  
18 ment funds in transactions, contracts, and activities  
19 of the Government or of Government officials and  
20 employees and any and all such improper practices  
21 between Government personnel and corporations, in-  
22 dividuals, companies, or persons affiliated therewith,  
23 doing business with the Government; and the com-  
24 pliance or noncompliance of such corporations, com-  
25 panies, or individuals or other entities with the rules,

1 regulations, and laws governing the various govern-  
2 mental agencies and its relationships with the public;

3 (2) the extent to which criminal or other im-  
4 proper practices or activities are, or have been, en-  
5 gaged in the field of labor-management relations or  
6 in groups or organizations of employees or employ-  
7 ers, to the detriment of interests of the public, em-  
8 ployers, or employees, and to determine whether any  
9 changes are required in the laws of the United  
10 States in order to protect such interests against the  
11 occurrence of such practices or activities;

12 (3) organized criminal activity which may oper-  
13 ate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of interstate  
14 or international commerce in furtherance of any  
15 transactions and the manner and extent to which,  
16 and the identity of the persons, firms, or corpora-  
17 tions, or other entities by whom such utilization is  
18 being made, and further, to study and investigate  
19 the manner in which and the extent to which per-  
20 sons engaged in organized criminal activity have in-  
21 filtrated lawful business enterprise, and to study the  
22 adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the operations  
23 of organized crime in interstate or international  
24 commerce; and to determine whether any changes  
25 are required in the laws of the United States in

1 order to protect the public against such practices or  
2 activities;

3 (4) all other aspects of crime and lawlessness  
4 within the United States which have an impact upon  
5 or affect the national health, welfare, and safety; in-  
6 cluding but not limited to investment fraud schemes,  
7 commodity and security fraud, computer fraud, and  
8 the use of offshore banking and corporate facilities  
9 to carry out criminal objectives;

10 (5) the efficiency and economy of operations of  
11 all branches and functions of the Government with  
12 particular reference to—

13 (A) the effectiveness of present national se-  
14 curity methods, staffing, and processes as test-  
15 ed against the requirements imposed by the  
16 rapidly mounting complexity of national secu-  
17 rity problems;

18 (B) the capacity of present national secu-  
19 rity staffing, methods, and processes to make  
20 full use of the Nation's resources of knowledge  
21 and talents;

22 (C) the adequacy of present intergovern-  
23 mental relations between the United States and  
24 international organizations principally con-

1                   cerned with national security of which the  
2                   United States is a member; and

(D) legislative and other proposals to improve these methods, processes, and relationships;

(6) the efficiency, economy, and effectiveness of all agencies and departments of the Government involved in the control and management of energy shortages including, but not limited to, their performance with respect to—

11 (A) the collection and dissemination of accurate statistics on fuel demand and supply;  
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13 (B) the implementation of effective energy  
14 conservation measures;

15 (C) the pricing of energy in all forms;

16 (D) coordination of energy programs with  
17 State and local government;

18 (E) control of exports of scarce fuels;

19 (F) the management of tax, import, pricing,  
20 and other policies affecting energy supplies;

21 (G) maintenance of the independent sector  
22 of the petroleum industry as a strong competi-  
23 tive force;

24 (H) the allocation of fuels in short supply  
25 by public and private entities;

(J) relations with other oil producing and consuming countries;

5 (K) the monitoring of compliance by gov-  
6 ernments, corporations, or individuals with the  
7 laws and regulations governing the allocation,  
8 conservation, or pricing of energy supplies; and

(L) research into the discovery and development of alternative energy supplies; and

15 (b) EXTENT OF INQUIRIES.—In carrying out the du-  
16 ties provide in paragraph (1), the inquiries of this com-  
17 mittee or any subcommittee of the committee shall not be  
18 construed to be limited to the records, functions, and oper-  
19 ations of any particular branch of the Government and  
20 may extend to the records and activities of any persons,  
21 corporation, or other entity.

22 (c) SPECIAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY.—For the pur-  
23 poses of this subsection, the committee, or any duly au-  
24 thorized subcommittee of the committee, or its chairman,  
25 or any other member of the committee or subcommittee

1 designated by the chairman, from October 1, 1999,  
2 through September 30, 2000, and October 1, 2000,  
3 through February 28, 2001, is authorized, in its, his, or  
4 their discretion—

5                   (1) to require by subpoena or otherwise the at-  
6 tendance of witnesses and production of correspond-  
7 ence, books, papers, and documents;

8                   (2) to hold hearings;

9                   (3) to sit and act at any time or place during  
10 the sessions, recess, and adjournment periods of the  
11 Senate;

12                   (4) to administer oaths; and

13                   (5) to take testimony, either orally or by sworn  
14 statement, or, in the case of staff members of the  
15 Committee and the Permanent Subcommittee on In-  
16 vestigations, by deposition in accordance with the  
17 Committee Rules of Procedure.

18                   (d) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—Nothing  
19 in this subsection shall affect or impair the exercise of any  
20 other standing committee of the Senate of any power, or  
21 the discharge by such committee of any duty, conferred  
22 or imposed upon it by the Standing Rules of the Senate  
23 or by the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

24                   (e) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—All subpoenas and re-  
25 lated legal processes of the committee and its subcommit-

- 1 tees authorized under S. Res. 49, agreed to February 24,
- 2 1999 (106th Congress) are authorized to continue.

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