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# S. RES. 16

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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## RESOLUTION

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Security and Governmental Affairs.

1       *Resolved*,

2   **SECTION 1. COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND**  
3                   **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.**

4       (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-  
5       ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the  
6       Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV  
7       of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such  
8       hearings, and making investigations as authorized by  
9       paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules  
10      of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security and

1 Governmental Affairs (referred to in this resolution as the  
2 "committee") is authorized from March 1, 2005, through  
3 February 28, 2007, in its discretion—

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

6 (2) to 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, to use on a reimburs-  
10 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-  
11 sonnel of any such department or agency.

12 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,  
13 2005.—The expenses of the committee for the period  
14 March 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005, under this  
15 section shall not exceed \$5,112,891, of which amount—

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

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

## 1       (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,  
3 2005, through September 30, 2006, under this section  
4 shall not exceed \$8,977,796, of which amount—

5           (1) not to exceed \$75,000, may be expended for  
6 the procurement of the services of individual consult-  
7 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-  
8 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
9 1946 (2 U.S.C. 72a(i))); and

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

14       (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,  
15 2007.—For the period October 1, 2006, through February  
16 28, 2007, expenses of the committee under this section  
17 shall not exceed \$3,821,870, of which amount—

18           (1) not to exceed \$75,000, may be expended for  
19 the procurement of the services of individual consult-  
20 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-  
21 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of  
22 1946); and

23           (2) not to exceed \$20,000, may be expended for  
24 the training of the professional staff of the com-

1       mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)  
2       of that Act).

3   **SEC. 2. REPORTING LEGISLATION.**

4       The committee shall report its findings, together with  
5       such recommendations for legislation as it deems advis-  
6       able, to the Senate at the earliest practicable date, but  
7       not later than February 28, 2007.

8   **SEC. 3. EXPENSES; AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS; AND INVES-  
9       TIGATIONS.**

10      (a) EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—

11       (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
12       graph (2), any expenses of the committee under this  
13       resolution shall be paid from the contingent fund of  
14       the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman  
15       of the committee.

16       (2) VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.—Vouchers shall  
17       not be required for—

18           (A) the disbursement of salaries of employ-  
19           ees of the committee who are paid at an annual  
20           rate;

21           (B) the payment of telecommunications ex-  
22           penses provided by the Office of the Sergeant at  
23           Arms and Doorkeeper;

24           (C) the payment of stationery supplies pur-  
25           chased through the Keeper of Stationery;

1 (D) payments to the Postmaster of the  
2 Senate;

3 (E) the payment of metered charges on  
4 copying equipment provided by the Office of the  
5 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

6 (F) the payment of Senate Recording and  
7 Photographic Services; or

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

11 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized  
12 such sums as may be necessary for agency contributions  
13 related to the compensation of employees of the committee  
14 for the period March 1, 2005, through September 30,  
15 2005, for the period October 1, 2005, through September  
16 30, 2006, and for the period October 1, 2006, through  
17 February 28, 2007, to be paid from the appropriations  
18 account for “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations” of  
19 the Senate.

20 (c) INVESTIGATIONS.—

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

24 (A) the efficiency and economy of oper-  
25 ations of all branches of the Government in-

1       cluding the possible existence of fraud, misfea-  
2       sance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,  
3       incompetence, corruption, or unethical prac-  
4       tices, waste, extravagance, conflicts of interest,  
5       and the improper expenditure of Government  
6       funds in transactions, contracts, and activities  
7       of the Government or of Government officials  
8       and employees and any and all such improper  
9       practices between Government personnel and  
10       corporations, individuals, companies, or persons  
11       affiliated therewith, doing business with the  
12       Government; and the compliance or noncompli-  
13       ance of such corporations, companies, or indi-  
14       viduals or other entities with the rules, regula-  
15       tions, and laws governing the various govern-  
16       mental agencies and its relationships with the  
17       public;

18 (B) the extent to which criminal or other  
19 improper practices or activities are, or have  
20 been, engaged in the field of labor-management  
21 relations or in groups or organizations of em-  
22 ployees or employers, to the detriment of inter-  
23 ests of the public, employers, or employees, and  
24 to determine whether any changes are required  
25 in the laws of the United States in order to pro-

1                   tect such interests against the occurrence of  
2                   such practices or activities;

3                   (C) organized criminal activity which may  
4                   operate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of  
5                   interstate or international commerce in further-  
6                   ance of any transactions and the manner and  
7                   extent to which, and the identity of the persons,  
8                   firms, or corporations, or other entities by  
9                   whom such utilization is being made, and fur-  
10                  ther, to study and investigate the manner in  
11                  which and the extent to which persons engaged  
12                  in organized criminal activity have infiltrated  
13                  lawful business enterprise, and to study the  
14                  adequacy of Federal laws to prevent the oper-  
15                  ations of organized crime in interstate or inter-  
16                  national commerce; and to determine whether  
17                  any changes are required in the laws of the  
18                  United States in order to protect the public  
19                  against such practices or activities;

20                  (D) all other aspects of crime and lawless-  
21                  ness within the United States which have an  
22                  impact upon or affect the national health, wel-  
23                  fare, and safety; including but not limited to in-  
24                  vestment fraud schemes, commodity and secu-  
25                  rity fraud, computer fraud, and the use of off-

1 shore banking and corporate facilities to carry  
2 out criminal objectives;

3 (E) the efficiency and economy of oper-  
4 ations of all branches and functions of the Gov-  
5 ernment with particular reference to—

6 (i) the effectiveness of present na-  
7 tional security methods, staffing, and proc-  
8 esses as tested against the requirements  
9 imposed by the rapidly mounting com-  
10 plexity of national security problems;

11 (ii) the capacity of present national  
12 security staffing, methods, and processes  
13 to make full use of the Nation's resources  
14 of knowledge and talents;

15 (iii) the adequacy of present intergov-  
16 ernmental relations between the United  
17 States and international organizations  
18 principally concerned with national security  
19 of which the United States is a member;  
20 and

21 (iv) legislative and other proposals to  
22 improve these methods, processes, and re-  
23 lationships;

24 (F) the efficiency, economy, and effective-  
25 ness 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—

- (i) the collection and dissemination of accurate statistics on fuel demand and supply;
- (ii) the implementation of effective energy conservation measures;
- (iii) the pricing of energy in all forms;
- (iv) coordination of energy programs with State and local government;
- (v) control of exports of scarce fuels;
- (vi) the management of tax, import, pricing, and other policies affecting energy supplies;
- (vii) maintenance of the independent sector of the petroleum industry as a strong competitive force;
- (viii) the allocation of fuels in short supply by public and private entities;
- (ix) the management of energy supplies owned or controlled by the Government;
- (x) relations with other oil producing and consuming countries;

1 (xi) the monitoring of compliance by  
2 governments, corporations, or individuals  
3 with the laws and regulations governing  
4 the allocation, conservation, or pricing of  
5 energy supplies; and

6 (xii) research into the discovery and  
7 development of alternative energy supplies;  
8 and

9 (G) the efficiency and economy of all  
10 branches and functions of Government with  
11 particular references to the operations and  
12 management of Federal regulatory policies and  
13 programs.

22 (3) SPECIAL COMMITTEE AUTHORITY.—For the  
23 purposes of this subsection, the committee, or any  
24 duly authorized subcommittee of the committee, or  
25 its chairman, or any other member of the committee

1 or subcommittee designated by the chairman, from  
2 March 1, 2005, through February 28, 2007, is au-  
3 thorized, in its, his, or their discretion—

4 (A) to require by subpoena or otherwise  
5 the attendance of witnesses and production of  
6 correspondence, books, papers, and documents;

7 (B) to hold hearings;

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

11 (D) to administer oaths; and

12 (E) to take testimony, either orally or by  
13 sworn statement, or, in the case of staff mem-  
14 bers of the Committee and the Permanent Sub-  
15 committee on Investigations, by deposition in  
16 accordance with the Committee Rules of Proce-  
17 dure.

18 (4) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—

19 Nothing contained in this subsection shall affect or  
20 impair the exercise of any other standing committee  
21 of the Senate of any power, or the discharge by such  
22 committee of any duty, conferred or imposed upon  
23 it by the Standing Rules of the Senate or by the  
24 Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946.

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