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SELECT SUBCOMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING
MEMORANDUM

November 29, 2024

TO: Members, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic

FROM: Brad Wenstrup, Chairman

SUBJECT: Select Subcommittee Business Meeting

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 10:30 AM ET in room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic will hold a business meeting to consider the following:

1. Report on “After Action Review of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Lessons Learned and a Path Forward”

I. REPORT ON “AFTER ACTION REVIEW OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: THE LESSONS LEARNED AND A PATH FORWARD”

A. Summary

H.Res.5 (118th Cong.) authorized and directed the Select Subcommittee to conduct a full and complete investigation and study and not later than January 2, 2025, issue a final report to the House of its findings (and such interim reports as it may deem necessary) regarding –

- (i) the origins of the Coronavirus pandemic, including but not limited to the Federal Government’s funding of gain-of-function research;
- (ii) the efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency of the use of taxpayer funds and relief programs to address the coronavirus pandemic, including any reports of waste, fraud, or abuse;
- (iii) the implementation or effectiveness of any Federal law or regulation applied, enacted, or under consideration to address the coronavirus pandemic and prepare for future pandemics;

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- (iv) the development of vaccines and treatments, and the development and implementation of vaccination policies for Federal employees and members of the armed forces;
- (v) the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic and associated government response on individuals, communities, small businesses, health care providers, States, and local government entities;
- (vi) the societal impact of decisions to close schools, how the decisions were made and whether there is evidence of widespread learning loss or other negative effects as a result of these decisions;
- (vii) executive branch policies, deliberations, decisions, activities, and internal and external communications related to the coronavirus pandemic;
- (viii) the protection of whistleblowers who provide information about waste, fraud, abuse, or other improper activities related to the coronavirus pandemic; and
- (ix) cooperation by the executive branch and others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the Government Accountability Office, and others in connection with oversight of the preparedness for and response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Report on “After Action Review of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Lessons Learned and a Path Forward” reflects key findings from the Select Subcommittee’s investigations into these topics.

B. Amendments

The Chairman will offer an ANS.

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II. AMENDMENT PROCESS:

Committee Rule 2(g) authorizes the chair of the Committee to prioritize the consideration of amendments filed 24 hours in advance of the consideration of matters before the Committee or subcommittees. Pursuant to this rule, and at the chair's discretion, the Committee may consider amendments that are pre-filed with the Committee clerk prior to amendments offered at a markup.

Members should pre-file amendments with the clerk of the Committee by emailing a searchable, electronic PDF copy of the amendment prepared by the House Legislative Counsel directly to GOP Oversight Clerks at Gop.Oversight.Clerks@mail.house.gov at least 24 hours before the scheduled start of the business meeting. Members should include in the email accompanying the amendment text:

1. The name(s) of the Member(s) who will offer the amendment;
2. The name and number of the measure to be amended;
3. A brief, one-sentence description of the amendment; and
4. The name and phone number of a staff member who will serve as the point of contact for the amendment.

Pre-filed amendments will be compiled into a single roster, and the roster will be made available to Committee members prior to business meetings. Any amendment to a measure or matter before the Committee or a subcommittee should be germane to the measure or matter, including in scope, subject matter, and Committee consideration. Votes on amendments likely will be grouped together at a time determined by the chair, pursuant to Committee Rules.