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Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 2019

Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. SHALALA, and Mr. DESAULNIER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

RESOLUTION

Directing certain committees to continue their ongoing investigations as part of the existing House of Representatives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the United States of America, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved*, That the Permanent Select Committee on
2 Intelligence and the Committees on Financial Services,
3 Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, and
4 Ways and Means, are directed to continue their ongoing
5 investigations as part of the existing House of Representa-
6 tives inquiry into whether sufficient grounds exist for the
7 House of Representatives to exercise its Constitutional
8 power to impeach Donald John Trump, President of the
9 United States of America.

10 **SEC. 2. OPEN AND TRANSPARENT INVESTIGATIVE PRO-**
11 **CEEDINGS BY THE PERMANENT SELECT COM-**
12 **MITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE.**

13 For the purpose of continuing the investigation de-
14 scribed in the first section of this resolution, the Perma-
15 nent Select Committee on Intelligence (referred to in this
16 resolution as the “Permanent Select Committee”) is au-
17 thorized to conduct proceedings pursuant to this resolu-
18 tion as follows:

19 (1) The chair of the Permanent Select Com-
20 mittee shall designate an open hearing or hearings
21 pursuant to this section.

22 (2) Notwithstanding clause 2(j)(2) of rule XI of
23 the Rules of the House of Representatives, upon rec-
24 ognition by the chair for such purpose under this
25 paragraph during any hearing designated pursuant

1 to paragraph (1), the chair and ranking minority
2 member of the Permanent Select Committee shall be
3 permitted to question witnesses for equal specified
4 periods of longer than five minutes, as determined
5 by the chair. The time available for each period of
6 questioning under this paragraph shall be equal for
7 the chair and the ranking minority member. The
8 chair may confer recognition for multiple periods of
9 such questioning, but each period of questioning
10 shall not exceed 90 minutes in the aggregate. Only
11 the chair and ranking minority member, or a Perma-
12 nent Select Committee employee if yielded to by the
13 chair or ranking minority member, may question
14 witnesses during such periods of questioning. At the
15 conclusion of questioning pursuant to this para-
16 graph, the committee shall proceed with questioning
17 under the five-minute rule pursuant to clause
18 2(j)(2)(A) of rule XI.

19 (3) To allow for full evaluation of minority wit-
20 ness requests, the ranking minority member may
21 submit to the chair, in writing, any requests for wit-
22 ness testimony relevant to the investigation de-
23 scribed in the first section of this resolution within
24 72 hours after notice is given for the first hearing
25 designated pursuant to paragraph (1). Any such re-

1 quest shall be accompanied by a detailed written jus-
2 tification of the relevance of the testimony of each
3 requested witness to the investigation described in
4 the first section of this resolution.

5 (4)(A) The ranking minority member of the
6 Permanent Select Committee is authorized, with the
7 concurrence of the chair, to require, as deemed nec-
8 essary to the investigation—

9 (i) by subpoena or otherwise—

10 (I) the attendance and testimony of
11 any person (including at a taking of a dep-
12 osition); and

13 (II) the production of books, records,
14 correspondence, memoranda, papers, and
15 documents; and

16 (ii) by interrogatory, the furnishing of in-
17 formation.

18 (B) In the case that the chair declines to con-
19 cur in a proposed action of the ranking minority
20 member pursuant to subparagraph (A), the ranking
21 minority member shall have the right to refer to the
22 committee for decision the question whether such
23 authority shall be so exercised and the chair shall
24 convene the committee promptly to render that deci-
25 sion, subject to the notice procedures for a com-

1 mittee meeting under clause 2(g)(3)(A) and (B) of
2 rule XI.

3 (C) Subpoenas and interrogatories so author-
4 ized may be signed by the ranking minority member,
5 and may be served by any person designated by the
6 ranking minority member.

7 (5) The chair is authorized to make publicly
8 available in electronic form the transcripts of deposi-
9 tions conducted by the Permanent Select Committee
10 in furtherance of the investigation described in the
11 first section of this resolution, with appropriate
12 redactions for classified and other sensitive informa-
13 tion.

14 (6) The Permanent Select Committee is di-
15 rected to issue a report setting forth its findings and
16 any recommendations and appending any informa-
17 tion and materials the Permanent Select Committee
18 may deem appropriate with respect to the investiga-
19 tion described in the first section of this resolution.
20 The chair shall transmit such report and appendices,
21 along with any supplemental, minority, additional, or
22 dissenting views filed pursuant to clause 2(l) of rule
23 XI, to the Committee on the Judiciary and make
24 such report publicly available in electronic form,
25 with appropriate redactions to protect classified and

1 other sensitive information. The report required by
2 this paragraph shall be prepared in consultation
3 with the chairs of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
4 and the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

5 **SEC. 3. TRANSMISSION OF ADDITIONAL MATERIALS.**

6 The chair of the Permanent Select Committee or the
7 chair of any other committee having custody of records
8 or other materials relating to the inquiry referenced in the
9 first section of this resolution is authorized, in consulta-
10 tion with the ranking minority member, to transfer such
11 records or materials to the Committee on the Judiciary.

12 **SEC. 4. IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY PROCEDURES IN THE**
13 **COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.**

14 (a) The House authorizes the Committee on the Judi-
15 ciary to conduct proceedings relating to the impeachment
16 inquiry referenced in the first section of this resolution
17 pursuant to the procedures submitted for printing in the
18 Congressional Record by the chair of the Committee on
19 Rules, including such procedures as to allow for the par-
20 ticipation of the President and his counsel.

21 (b) The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to
22 promulgate additional procedures as it deems necessary
23 for the fair and efficient conduct of committee hearings
24 held pursuant to this resolution, provided that the addi-
25 tional procedures are not inconsistent with the procedures

1 referenced in subsection (a), the Rules of the Committee,
2 and the Rules of the House.

3 (c)(1) The ranking minority member of the Com-
4 mittee on the Judiciary is authorized, with the concur-
5 rence of the chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, to
6 require, as deemed necessary to the investigation—

7 (A) by subpoena or otherwise—

8 (i) the attendance and testimony of any
9 person (including at a taking of a deposition);
10 and

11 (ii) the production of books, records, cor-
12 respondence, memoranda, papers, and docu-
13 ments; and

14 (B) by interrogatory, the furnishing of informa-
15 tion.

16 (2) In the case that the chair declines to concur in
17 a proposed action of the ranking minority member pursu-
18 ant to paragraph (1), the ranking minority member shall
19 have the right to refer to the committee for decision the
20 question whether such authority shall be so exercised and
21 the chair shall convene the committee promptly to render
22 that decision, subject to the notice procedures for a com-
23 mittee meeting under clause 2(g)(3)(A) and (B) of rule
24 XI.

1 (3) Subpoenas and interrogatories so authorized may
2 be signed by the ranking minority member, and may be
3 served by any person designated by the ranking minority
4 member.

5 (d) The Committee on the Judiciary shall report to
6 the House of Representatives such resolutions, articles of
7 impeachment, or other recommendations as it deems prop-
8 er.