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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

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

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

1 whom not more than 5 shall be appointed on the rec-
2 ommendation of the minority leader. The Speaker shall
3 designate one member of the select subcommittee as its
4 chair. Any vacancy in the select subcommittee shall be
5 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

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

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

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

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

1 (3) the implementation or effectiveness of any
2 Federal law applied, enacted, or under consideration
3 to address the coronavirus crisis and prepare for fu-
4 ture pandemics;

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

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

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

22 (7) Executive Branch policies, deliberations, de-
23 cisions, activities, and internal and external commu-
24 nications related to the coronavirus crisis;

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

4 (9) cooperation by the Executive Branch and
5 others with Congress, the Inspectors General, the
6 Government Accountability Office, and others in
7 connection with oversight of the preparedness for
8 and response to the coronavirus crisis; and

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

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

16 (c) The select subcommittee may not hold a markup
17 of legislation.

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

22 (1) The chair of the select subcommittee may
23 authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause
24 2(m) of rule XI and rule 12(g) of the rules of the
25 Committee on Oversight and Reform in the inves-

1 tigation and study conducted pursuant to section 3,
2 including for the purpose of taking depositions.

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

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

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

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

20 (A) members of the select subcommittee to
21 question a witness for periods longer than five
22 minutes as though pursuant to clause
23 2(j)(2)(B) of such rule XI; and

1 (B) staff of the select subcommittee to
2 question a witness as though pursuant to clause
3 2(j)(2)(C) of such rule XI.

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

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

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

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

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

1 SEC. 8. The select subcommittee shall cease to exist
2 30 days after filing the final report required under section
3 3.

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

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

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