

**Amendment Offered by Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS)  
To Committee on Homeland Security Committee Rules for the 115<sup>th</sup>  
Congress**

On Page 2, strike and replace Rule III with the following:

**Rule III. SPECIAL COMMITTEE PANEL.**

(A) Designation.—The Chairman of the Full Committee, with the concurrence of the Ranking Minority Member, may designate a panel of the Committee consisting of Members of the Committee to inquire into and take testimony on a matter or matters that warrant enhanced consideration and to report to the Committee.

(B) Duration.—No panel appointed by the Chairman shall continue in existence for more than six months after the appointment.

(C) Party Ratios and Appointment.— The ratio of Majority to Minority Members shall be comparable to the Full Committee, consistent with the party ratios established by the Majority party, with all Majority members of the panels appointed by the Chairman of the Committee and all Minority members appointed by the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall choose one of the Majority Members so appointed who does not currently chair another Subcommittee of the Committee to serve as Chairman of the panel. The Ranking Minority Member of the Committee shall similarly choose the Ranking Minority Member of the panel.

(D) Ex Officio Members.—The Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee may serve as ex-officio Members of each committee panel but are not authorized to vote on matters that arise before a committee panel and shall not be counted to satisfy the quorum requirement for any purpose other than taking testimony.

(E) Jurisdiction.—No panel shall have legislative jurisdiction.

(F) Applicability of Committee Rules.—Any designated panel shall be subject to all Committee Rules herein.