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Authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

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Mr. BLUNT, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, reported the following original resolution; which was placed on the calendar

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Considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by committees of the Senate for the periods March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, and October 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. AGGREGATE AUTHORIZATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out the
4 powers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules
5 of the Senate, and under the appropriate authorizing reso-
6 lutions of the Senate, there is authorized for the period
7 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, in the aggre-

1 gate of \$57,801,217, for the period October 1, 2015
2 through September 30, 2016, in the aggregate of
3 \$99,087,800, and for the period October 1, 2016 through
4 February 28, 2017, in the aggregate of \$41,286,584, in
5 accordance with the provisions of this resolution, for
6 standing committees of the Senate, the Special Committee
7 on Aging, the Select Committee on Intelligence, and the
8 Committee on Indian Affairs.

9 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized
10 to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses
11 of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate such sums
12 as may be necessary for agency contributions related to
13 the compensation of employees of the committees for the
14 period March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015, for
15 the period October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016,
16 and for the period October 1, 2016 through February 28,
17 2017.

18 **SEC. 2. COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND**
19 **FORESTRY.**

20 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
21 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
22 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
23 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
24 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
25 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules

1 of the Senate, the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
2 and Forestry is authorized from March 1, 2015 through
3 February 28, 2017, 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 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
14 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
15 section shall not exceed \$2,463,834, of which—

16 (1) not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended
17 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
18 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
19 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
20 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$40,000 may be expended for
22 the training of the professional staff of such com-
23 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
24 of that Act).

1 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
3 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
4 not exceed \$4,223,716, of which—

5 (1) not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended
6 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
7 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
8 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
9 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

10 (2) not to exceed \$40,000 may be expended for
11 the training of the professional staff of such com-
12 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
13 of that Act).

14 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
15 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
16 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
17 tion shall not exceed \$1,759,882, of which—

18 (1) not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended
19 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
20 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
21 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
22 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$40,000 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of such com-

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

3 **SEC. 3. COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES.**

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 Armed Services is author-
11 ized from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, in
12 its discretion—

13 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
14 fund of the Senate;

15 (2) to employ personnel; and

16 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
17 department or agency concerned and the Committee
18 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
19 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
20 sonnel of any such department or agency.

21 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
22 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
23 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
24 section shall not exceed \$3,783,845, of which—

1 (1) not to exceed \$46,667 may be expended for
2 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
3 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
4 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
5 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

6 (2) not to exceed \$17,500 may be expended for
7 the training of the professional staff of such com-
8 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
9 of that Act).

10 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

11 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
12 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
13 not exceed \$6,486,591, of which—

14 (1) not to exceed \$80,000 may be expended for
15 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
16 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
17 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
18 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

19 (2) not to exceed \$30,000 may be expended for
20 the training of the professional staff of such com-
21 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
22 of that Act).

23 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
24 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-

1 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
 2 tion shall not exceed \$2,702,746, of which—

3 (1) not to exceed \$33,334 may be expended for
 4 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
 5 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
 6 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
 7 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

8 (2) not to exceed \$12,500 may be expended for
 9 the training of the professional staff of such com-
 10 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
 11 of that Act).

12 **SEC. 4. COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN**
 13 **AFFAIRS.**

14 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
 15 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
 16 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
 17 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
 18 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
 19 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
 20 of the Senate, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
 21 Urban Affairs is authorized from March 1, 2015 through
 22 February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

23 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
 24 fund of the Senate;

25 (2) to employ personnel; and

1 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
2 department or agency concerned and the Committee
3 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
4 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
5 sonnel of any such department or agency.

6 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
7 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
8 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
9 section shall not exceed \$3,119,153, of which—

10 (1) not to exceed \$8,370 may be expended for
11 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
12 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
13 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
14 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

15 (2) not to exceed \$503 may be expended for the
16 training of the professional staff of such committee
17 (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that
18 Act).

19 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
20 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
21 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
22 not exceed \$5,347,119, of which—

23 (1) not to exceed \$14,348 may be expended for
24 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
25 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-

1 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
2 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

3 (2) not to exceed \$861 may be expended for the
4 training of the professional staff of such committee
5 (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that
6 Act).

7 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
8 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
9 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
10 tion shall not exceed \$2,227,966, of which—

11 (1) not to exceed \$5,978 may be expended for
12 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
13 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
14 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
15 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

16 (2) not to exceed \$358 may be expended for the
17 training of the professional staff of such committee
18 (under procedures specified by section 202(j) of that
19 Act).

20 **SEC. 5. COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET.**

21 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
22 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
23 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
24 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
25 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by

1 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
2 of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget is authorized
3 from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, in its
4 discretion—

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

7 (2) to employ personnel; and

8 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
9 department or agency concerned and the Committee
10 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
11 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
12 sonnel of any such department or agency.

13 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
14 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
15 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
16 section shall not exceed \$3,534,372, of which—

17 (1) not to exceed \$35,000 may be expended for
18 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
19 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
20 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
21 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

1 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
3 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
4 not exceed \$6,058,924, of which—

5 (1) not to exceed \$60,000 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. 4301(i))); and

10 (2) not to exceed \$36,000 may be expended for
11 the training of the professional staff of such com-
12 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
13 of that Act).

14 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
15 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
16 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
17 tion shall not exceed \$2,524,552, of which—

18 (1) not to exceed \$25,000 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 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$15,000 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of such com-

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

3 **SEC. 6. COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANS-**
4 **PORTATION.**

5 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
6 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
7 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
8 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
9 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
10 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
11 of the Senate, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
12 Transportation is authorized from March 1, 2015 through
13 February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

14 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
15 fund of the Senate;

16 (2) to employ personnel; and

17 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
18 department or agency concerned and the Committee
19 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
20 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
21 sonnel of any such department or agency.

22 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
23 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
24 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
25 section shall not exceed \$3,879,581, of which—

1 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
2 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
3 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
4 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
5 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

6 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
7 the training of the professional staff of such com-
8 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
9 of that Act).

10 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

11 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
12 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
13 not exceed \$6,650,710, of which—

14 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
15 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
16 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
17 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
18 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

19 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
20 the training of the professional staff of such com-
21 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
22 of that Act).

23 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
24 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-

1 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
 2 tion shall not exceed \$2,771,129, of which—

3 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
 4 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
 5 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
 6 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
 7 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

8 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
 9 the training of the professional staff of such com-
 10 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
 11 of that Act).

12 **SEC. 7. COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RE-**
 13 **SOURCES.**

14 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
 15 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
 16 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
 17 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
 18 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
 19 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
 20 of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
 21 sources is authorized from March 1, 2015 through Feb-
 22 ruary 28, 2017, in its discretion—

23 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
 24 fund of the Senate;

25 (2) to employ personnel; and

1 of the Senate, the Committee on Environment and Public
2 Works is authorized from March 1, 2015 through Feb-
3 ruary 28, 2017, 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 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
14 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
15 section shall not exceed \$3,060,871, of which—

16 (1) not to exceed \$4,666.67 may be expended
17 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
18 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
19 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
20 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$1,166.67 may be expended
22 for the training of the professional staff of such
23 committee (under procedures specified by section
24 202(j) of that Act).

1 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
3 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
4 not exceed \$5,247,208, of which—

5 (1) not to exceed \$8,000 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. 4301(i))); and

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

14 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
15 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
16 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
17 tion shall not exceed \$2,186,337, of which—

18 (1) not to exceed \$3,333.33 may be expended
19 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
20 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
21 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
22 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$833.33 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of such com-

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

3 **SEC. 9. COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**

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 Finance is authorized
11 from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, in its
12 discretion—

13 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
14 fund of the Senate;

15 (2) to employ personnel; and

16 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
17 department or agency concerned and the Committee
18 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
19 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
20 sonnel of any such department or agency.

21 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
22 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
23 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
24 section shall not exceed \$4,710,670, of which—

1 (1) not to exceed \$17,500 may be expended for
2 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
3 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
4 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
5 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

6 (2) not to exceed \$5,833 may be expended for
7 the training of the professional staff of such com-
8 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
9 of that Act).

10 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

11 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
12 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
13 not exceed \$8,075,434, of which—

14 (1) not to exceed \$30,000 may be expended for
15 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
16 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
17 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
18 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

23 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
24 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-

1 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
2 tion shall not exceed \$3,364,764, of which—

3 (1) not to exceed \$12,500 may be expended for
4 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
5 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
6 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
7 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

8 (2) not to exceed \$4,166 may be expended for
9 the training of the professional staff of such com-
10 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
11 of that Act).

12 **SEC. 10. COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS.**

13 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
14 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
15 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
16 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
17 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
18 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
19 of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Relations is au-
20 thorized from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017,
21 in its discretion—

22 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
23 fund of the Senate;

24 (2) to employ personnel; and

1 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
2 department or agency concerned and the Committee
3 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
4 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
5 sonnel of any such department or agency.

6 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
7 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
8 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
9 section shall not exceed \$3,889,028, of which—

10 (1) not to exceed \$58,000 may be expended for
11 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
12 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
13 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
14 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

15 (2) not to exceed \$11,600 may be expended for
16 the training of the professional staff of such com-
17 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
18 of that Act).

19 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
20 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
21 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
22 not exceed \$6,666,904, of which—

23 (1) not to exceed \$100,000 may be expended
24 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
25 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by

1 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
2 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

3 (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
4 the training of the professional staff of such com-
5 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
6 of that Act).

7 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
8 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
9 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
10 tion shall not exceed \$2,777,877, of which—

11 (1) not to exceed \$42,000 may be expended for
12 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
13 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
14 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
15 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

16 (2) not to exceed \$8,400 may be expended for
17 the training of the professional staff of such com-
18 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
19 of that Act).

20 **SEC. 11. COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND**
21 **PENSIONS.**

22 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
23 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
24 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
25 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such

1 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
2 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
3 of the Senate, the Committee on Health, Education,
4 Labor, and Pensions is authorized from March 1, 2015
5 through February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

6 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
7 fund of the Senate;

8 (2) to employ personnel; and

9 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
10 department or agency concerned and the Committee
11 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
12 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
13 sonnel of any such department or agency.

14 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
15 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
16 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
17 section shall not exceed \$5,105,487, of which—

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 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of such com-

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

3 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

4 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
5 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
6 not exceed \$8,752,264, of which—

7 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
8 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
9 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
10 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
11 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

12 (2) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for
13 the training of the professional staff of such com-
14 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
15 of that Act).

16 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
17 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
18 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
19 tion shall not exceed \$3,646,777, of which—

20 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
21 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
22 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
23 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
24 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

1 (2) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for
2 the training of the professional staff of such com-
3 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
4 of that Act).

5 **SEC. 12. COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOV-**
6 **ERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.**

7 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
8 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
9 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
10 of such rules and S. Res. 445, agreed to October 9, 2004
11 (108th Congress), including holding hearings, reporting
12 such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
13 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
14 of the Senate, the Committee on Homeland Security and
15 Governmental Affairs is authorized from March 1, 2015
16 through February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

17 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
18 fund of the Senate;

19 (2) to employ personnel; and

20 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
21 department or agency concerned and the Committee
22 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
23 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
24 sonnel of any such department or agency.

1 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
3 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
4 section shall not exceed \$5,591,653, of which—

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. 4301(i))); and

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

14 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
15 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
16 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
17 not exceed \$9,585,691, of which—

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 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

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

3 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
4 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
5 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
6 tion shall not exceed \$3,994,038, of which—

7 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
8 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
9 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
10 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
11 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

16 (e) INVESTIGATIONS.—

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

20 (A) the efficiency and economy of oper-
21 ations of all branches of the Government in-
22 cluding the possible existence of fraud, misfea-
23 sance, malfeasance, collusion, mismanagement,
24 incompetence, corruption or unethical practices,
25 waste, extravagance, conflicts of interest, and

1 the improper expenditure of Government funds
2 in transactions, contracts, and activities of the
3 Government or of Government officials and em-
4 ployees and any and all such improper practices
5 between Government personnel and corpora-
6 tions, individuals, companies, or persons affili-
7 ated therewith, doing business with the Govern-
8 ment, and the compliance or noncompliance of
9 such corporations, companies, or individuals or
10 other entities with the rules, regulations, and
11 laws governing the various governmental agen-
12 cies and the Government's relationships with
13 the public;

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

24 (C) organized criminal activity which may
25 operate in or otherwise utilize the facilities of

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

16 (D) all other aspects of crime and lawless-
17 ness within the United States which have an
18 impact upon or affect the national health, wel-
19 fare, and safety, including investment fraud
20 schemes, commodity and security fraud, com-
21 puter fraud, and the use of offshore banking
22 and corporate facilities to carry out criminal ob-
23 jectives;

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

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

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

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

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

22 (F) the efficiency, economy, and effective-
23 ness of all agencies and departments of the
24 Government involved in the control and man-

1 agement of energy shortages including their
2 performance with respect to—

3 (i) the collection and dissemination of
4 accurate statistics on fuel demand and
5 supply;

6 (ii) the implementation of effective en-
7 ergy conservation measures;

8 (iii) the pricing of energy in all forms;

9 (iv) coordination of energy programs
10 with State and local government;

11 (v) control of exports of scarce fuels;

12 (vi) the management of tax, import,
13 pricing, and other policies affecting energy
14 supplies;

15 (vii) maintenance of the independent
16 sector of the petroleum industry as a
17 strong competitive force;

18 (viii) the allocation of fuels in short
19 supply by public and private entities;

20 (ix) the management of energy sup-
21 plies owned or controlled by the Govern-
22 ment;

23 (x) relations with other oil producing
24 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.

14 (2) EXTENT OF INQUIRIES.—In carrying out
15 the duties provided in paragraph (1), the inquiries
16 of this committee or any subcommittee of the com-
17 mittee shall not be construed to be limited to the
18 records, functions, and operations of any particular
19 branch of the Government and may extend to the
20 records and activities of any persons, corporation, or
21 other entity.

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 is au-
2 thorized, in its, his, her, or their discretion—

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

6 (B) to hold hearings;

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

10 (D) to administer oaths; and

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

17 (4) AUTHORITY OF OTHER COMMITTEES.—

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

24 (5) SUBPOENA AUTHORITY.—All subpoenas and
25 related legal processes of the committee and any

1 duly authorized subcommittee of the committee au-
2 thorized under S. Res. 253, agreed to October 3,
3 2013 (113th Congress) are authorized to continue.

4 **SEC. 13. COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY.**

5 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
6 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
7 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
8 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
9 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
10 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
11 of the Senate, the Committee on the Judiciary is author-
12 ized from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, in
13 its discretion—

14 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
15 fund of the Senate;

16 (2) to employ personnel; and

17 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
18 department or agency concerned and the Committee
19 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
20 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
21 sonnel of any such department or agency.

22 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
23 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
24 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
25 section shall not exceed \$5,461,388, of which—

1 (1) not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended
2 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
3 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
4 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
5 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

6 (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
7 the training of the professional staff of such com-
8 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
9 of that Act).

10 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

11 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
12 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
13 not exceed \$9,362,379, of which—

14 (1) not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended
15 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
16 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
17 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
18 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

23 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
24 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-

1 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
 2 tion shall not exceed \$3,900,991, of which—

3 (1) not to exceed \$200,000 may be expended
 4 for the procurement of the services of individual con-
 5 sultants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by
 6 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act
 7 of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

12 **SEC. 14. COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION.**

13 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
 14 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
 15 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
 16 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
 17 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
 18 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
 19 of the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration
 20 is authorized from March 1, 2015 through February 28,
 21 2017, in its discretion—

22 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
 23 fund of the Senate;

24 (2) to employ personnel; and

1 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
2 department or agency concerned and the Committee
3 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
4 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
5 sonnel of any such department or agency.

6 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
7 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
8 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
9 section shall not exceed \$1,375,819, of which—

10 (1) not to exceed \$43,750 may be expended for
11 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
12 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
13 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
14 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

15 (2) not to exceed \$7,000 may be expended for
16 the training of the professional staff of such com-
17 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
18 of that Act).

19 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
20 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
21 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
22 not exceed \$2,358,546, of which—

23 (1) not to exceed \$75,000 may be expended for
24 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
25 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-

1 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
2 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

3 (2) not to exceed \$12,000 may be expended for
4 the training of the professional staff of such com-
5 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
6 of that Act).

7 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
8 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
9 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
10 tion shall not exceed \$982,728, of which—

11 (1) not to exceed \$31,250 may be expended for
12 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
13 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
14 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
15 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

16 (2) not to exceed \$5,000 may be expended for
17 the training of the professional staff of such com-
18 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
19 of that Act).

20 **SEC. 15. COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRE-**
21 **NEURSHIP.**

22 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
23 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
24 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
25 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such

1 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
2 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
3 of the Senate, the Committee on Small Business and En-
4 trepreneurship is authorized from March 1, 2015 through
5 February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

6 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
7 fund of the Senate;

8 (2) to employ personnel; and

9 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
10 department or agency concerned and the Committee
11 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
12 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
13 sonnel of any such department or agency.

14 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
15 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
16 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
17 section shall not exceed \$1,520,944, of which—

18 (1) not to exceed \$25,000 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 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of such com-

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

3 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—

4 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
5 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
6 not exceed \$2,607,332, of which—

7 (1) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for
8 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
9 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
10 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
11 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

16 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
17 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
18 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
19 tion shall not exceed \$1,086,388, of which—

20 (1) not to exceed \$25,000 may be expended for
21 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
22 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
23 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
24 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

5 **SEC. 16. COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
7 ers, duties, and functions under the Standing Rules of the
8 Senate, in accordance with its jurisdiction under rule XXV
9 of such rules, including holding hearings, reporting such
10 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
11 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
12 of the Senate, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs is au-
13 thorized from March 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017,
14 in its discretion—

15 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
16 fund of the Senate;

17 (2) to employ personnel; and

18 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
19 department or agency concerned and the Committee
20 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
21 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
22 sonnel of any such department or agency.

23 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
24 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period

1 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
2 section shall not exceed \$1,283,522, of which—

3 (1) not to exceed \$10,000 may be expended for
4 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
5 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
6 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
7 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

8 (2) not to exceed \$3,500 may be expended for
9 the training of the professional staff of such com-
10 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
11 of that Act).

12 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
13 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
14 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
15 not exceed \$2,200,323, of which—

16 (1) not to exceed \$20,000 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. 4301(i))); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$5,000 may be expended for
22 the training of the professional staff of such com-
23 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
24 of that Act).

1 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
 2 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
 3 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
 4 tion shall not exceed \$916,801, of which—

5 (1) not to exceed \$8,000 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. 4301(i)); and

10 (2) not to exceed \$1,500 may be expended for
 11 the training of the professional staff of such com-
 12 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
 13 of that Act).

14 **SEC. 17. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING.**

15 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
 16 ers, duties, and functions imposed by section 104 of S.
 17 Res. 4, agreed to February 4, 1977 (95th Congress), and
 18 in exercising the authority conferred on it by such section,
 19 the Special Committee on Aging is authorized from March
 20 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

21 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
 22 fund of the Senate;

23 (2) to employ personnel; and

24 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
 25 department or agency concerned and the Committee

1 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
2 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
3 sonnel of any such department or agency.

4 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
5 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
6 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
7 section shall not exceed \$1,399,763, of which—

8 (1) not to exceed \$3,055 may be expended for
9 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
10 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
11 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
12 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

13 (2) not to exceed \$3,000 may be expended for
14 the training of the professional staff of such com-
15 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
16 of that Act).

17 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
18 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
19 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
20 not exceed \$2,399,594, of which—

21 (1) not to exceed \$6,000 may be expended for
22 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
23 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
24 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
25 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

1 (2) not to exceed \$6,000 may be expended for
2 the training of the professional staff of such com-
3 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
4 of that Act).

5 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
6 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
7 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
8 tion shall not exceed \$999,831, of which—

9 (1) not to exceed \$2,500 may be expended for
10 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
11 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
12 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
13 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

14 (2) not to exceed \$1,500 may be expended for
15 the training of the professional staff of such com-
16 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
17 of that Act).

18 **SEC. 18. SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE.**

19 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
20 ers, duties, and functions under S. Res. 400, agreed to
21 May 19, 1976 (94th Congress), as amended by S. Res.
22 445, agreed to October 9, 2004 (108th Congress), in ac-
23 cordance with its jurisdiction under sections 3(a) and 17
24 of such S. Res. 400, including holding hearings, reporting
25 such hearings, and making investigations as authorized by

1 section 5 of such S. Res. 400, the Select Committee on
2 Intelligence is authorized from March 1, 2015 through
3 February 28, 2017, 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 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
14 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
15 section shall not exceed \$3,217,448, of which not to exceed
16 \$10,000 may be expended for the procurement of the serv-
17 ices of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as
18 authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganiza-
19 tion Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))).

20 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
21 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
22 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
23 not exceed \$5,515,626, of which not to exceed \$17,144
24 may be expended for the procurement of the services of
25 individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as au-

1 thORIZED by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganiza-
2 tion Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)).

3 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
4 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
5 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
6 tion shall not exceed \$2,298,177, of which not to exceed
7 \$7,143 may be expended for the procurement of the serv-
8 ices of individual consultants, or organizations thereof (as
9 authorized by section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganiza-
10 tion Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))).

11 **SEC. 19. COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.**

12 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—In carrying out its pow-
13 ers, duties, and functions imposed by section 105 of S.
14 Res. 4, agreed to February 4, 1977 (95th Congress), and
15 in exercising the authority conferred on it by that section,
16 the Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized from March
17 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017, in its discretion—

18 (1) to make expenditures from the contingent
19 fund of the Senate;

20 (2) to employ personnel; and

21 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
22 department or agency concerned and the Committee
23 on Rules and Administration, to use on a reimburs-
24 able, or nonreimbursable, basis the services of per-
25 sonnel of any such department or agency.

1 (b) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2 2015.—The expenses of the committee for the period
3 March 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015 under this
4 section shall not exceed \$1,184,317, of which—

5 (1) not to exceed \$20,000 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. 4301(i))); and

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

14 (c) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 PERIOD.—
15 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
16 2015 through September 30, 2016 under this section shall
17 not exceed \$2,030,258, of which—

18 (1) not to exceed \$20,000 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 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

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

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

3 (d) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
4 2017.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
5 tober 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017 under this sec-
6 tion shall not exceed \$845,941, of which—

7 (1) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
8 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
9 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
10 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
11 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)); and

12 (2) not to exceed \$20,000 may be expended for
13 training consultants of the professional staff of such
14 committee (under procedures specified by section
15 202(j) of that Act).

16 **SEC. 20. SPECIAL RESERVE.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Within the funds in the ac-
18 count “Expenses of Inquiries and Investigations”, there
19 is authorized to be established a special reserve to be avail-
20 able to any committee funded by this resolution as pro-
21 vided in subsection (b) of which—

22 (1) for the period March 1, 2015 through Sep-
23 tember 30, 2015, an amount shall be available, not
24 to exceed 7 percent of the amount equal to $\frac{7}{12}$ th of
25 the appropriations for the account that are available

1 for the period October 1, 2014 through September
2 30, 2015;

3 (2) for the period October 1, 2015 through Sep-
4 tember 30, 2016, an amount shall be available, not
5 to exceed 7 percent of the appropriations for the ac-
6 count that are available for that period; and

7 (3) for the period October 1, 2016 through
8 February 28, 2017, an amount shall be available,
9 not to exceed 7 percent of the amount equal to $\frac{5}{12}$ th
10 of the appropriations for the account that are avail-
11 able for the period October 1, 2016 through Sep-
12 tember 30, 2017.

13 (b) AVAILABILITY.—The special reserve authorized in
14 subsection (a) shall be available to any committee—

15 (1) on the basis of special need to meet unpaid
16 obligations incurred by that committee during the
17 periods referred to in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3)
18 of subsection (a); and

19 (2) at the request of a Chairman and Ranking
20 Member of that committee subject to the approval of
21 the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Com-
22 mittee on Rules and Administration.

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