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Establishing a Select Committee on Homeland Security and Terrorism.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROBERTS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
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RESOLUTION

Establishing a Select Committee on Homeland Security and
Terrorism.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON**
3 **HOMELAND SECURITY AND TERRORISM.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a select
5 committee of the Senate, to be known as the Select Com-
6 mittee on Homeland Security and Terrorism (in this reso-
7 lution referred to as the “Select Committee”).

8 (b) PURPOSES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The purposes of the Select
10 Committee are—

1 (A) to assist the Senate in coordinating
2 and prioritizing Federal reforms, initiatives,
3 and proposals to detect, deter, and manage the
4 consequences of terrorism and incidents of ter-
5 rorism in the United States;

6 (B) to consult with and receive testimony
7 from the President's Office of Homeland Secu-
8 rity and other appropriate Federal agencies;

9 (C) to make such findings of fact as are
10 warranted and appropriate; and

11 (D) to make such recommendations, in-
12 cluding recommendations for new legislation
13 and amendments to existing laws and any ad-
14 ministrative or other actions, as the Select
15 Committee may determine to be necessary or
16 desirable.

17 (2) LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—There shall
18 be referred to the Select Committee all proposed leg-
19 islation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other
20 matters relating to Federal reforms, initiatives, and
21 proposals to detect, deter, and manage the con-
22 sequences of terrorism and incidents of terrorism in
23 the United States.

24 (c) COMPOSITION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee shall
2 be composed, as follows:

3 (A) The Majority Leader of the Senate
4 and the Minority Leader of the Senate.

5 (B) The chairman and ranking minority
6 member of each of the committees designated
7 by the Majority and Minority Leaders of the
8 Senate, acting jointly, as having primary and
9 preeminent jurisdiction over homeland security
10 and terrorism.

11 (C) Two Members of the Senate who do
12 not serve on any committee designated under
13 subparagraph (B), appointed by the Majority
14 Leader.

15 (D) Two Members of the Senate who do
16 not serve on any committee designated under
17 subparagraph (B), appointed by the Minority
18 Leader.

19 (E) Two Members with expertise and expe-
20 rience in homeland security and terrorism, ap-
21 pointed by the Majority Leader.

22 (F) Two Members with expertise and expe-
23 rience in homeland security and terrorism, ap-
24 pointed by the Minority Leader.

1 (2) COCHAIRMEN.—The Majority and Minority
2 Leaders of the Senate shall serve as cochairmen of
3 the Select Committee.

4 (3) CO-VICE CHAIRMEN.—The Majority Leader
5 of the Senate shall designate one of the Members of
6 the Senate appointed under paragraph (1)(C) to
7 serve as co-vice chairman. The Minority Leader of
8 the Senate shall designate one of the Members of
9 the Senate appointed under paragraph (1)(D) to
10 serve as co-vice chairman.

11 (4) SERVICE.—For the purpose of paragraph 4
12 or rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate,
13 service of a Senator as a member, chairman, or vice
14 chairman of the Select Committee shall not be taken
15 into account.

16 **SEC. 2. POWERS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—For the purposes of this resolu-
18 tion, the Select Committee is authorized—

19 (1) to make investigations into any matter with-
20 in its jurisdiction;

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

23 (3) to employ personnel;

24 (4) to hold hearings;

1 (5) to sit and act at any time or place during
2 the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the
3 Senate;

4 (6) to procure the service of individual consult-
5 ants or organizations thereof, in accordance with the
6 provisions of section 202(i) of the Legislative Reor-
7 ganization Act of 1946;

8 (7) to require, by subpoena or otherwise, the at-
9 tendance of witnesses and the production of cor-
10 respondence, books, papers, and documents; and

11 (8) to take depositions and other testimony.

12 (b) ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS.—The chairman of
13 the Select Committee or any member thereof may admin-
14 ister oaths to witnesses.

15 (c) SUBPOENAS.—Subpoenas authorized by the Se-
16 lect Committee may be issued over the signature of the
17 chairman, the vice chairman or any member of the Select
18 Committee designated by the chairman, and may be served
19 by any person designated by the chairman or any member
20 signing the subpoenas.

21 **SEC. 3. REPORTS.**

22 (a) TO THE SENATE.—The Select Committee, for the
23 purposes of accountability to the Senate, shall make reg-
24 ular and periodic reports to the Senate on the nature and
25 extent of the homeland security and antiterrorism activi-

1 ties of the various departments and agencies of the United
2 States. Such committee shall promptly call to the atten-
3 tion of the Senate or to any other appropriate committee
4 or committees of the Senate any matters requiring the at-
5 tention of the Senate or such other committee or commit-
6 tees.

7 (b) FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.—The Select
8 Committee shall obtain an annual report from the Presi-
9 dent. The report shall review the activities of the agencies
10 or departments concerned to detect, deter, and manage
11 the consequences of terrorism and incidents of terrorism
12 in the United States. An unclassified version of the report
13 may be made available to the public at the discretion of
14 the Select Committee.

15 **SEC. 4. INFORMATION SHARING.**

16 It is the sense of the Senate that the head of each
17 department and agency of the United States should keep
18 the Select Committee fully and currently informed with
19 respect to homeland security and antiterrorism activities,
20 including any significant anticipated activities, which are
21 the responsibility of or engaged in by such department or
22 agency, except that this does not constitute a condition
23 precedent to the implementation of any such activity.

1 **SEC. 5. CONSTRUCTION.**

2 Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as pro-
3 hibiting or otherwise restricting the authority of any other
4 committee to study and review any homeland security or
5 antiterrorism matter to the extent that such matter di-
6 rectly affects a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of
7 such committee.

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