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PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

APRIL 16, 2021.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Ms. LOFGREN, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 316]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 316) providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the resolution be agreed to.

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BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE RESOLUTION

Pursuant to House rule X, clause 6, the Committee on House Administration (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") reports an omnibus, biennial "primary expense resolution" to cover the expenses of each standing and select committee of the House, except the Committee on Appropriations. House Resolution 316 is the primary expense resolution reported by the Committee on House Administration for the 117th Congress.

On April 15, 2021, by voice vote, the Committee agreed to a motion to report H. Res. 316 favorably to the House amendment.

The resolution authorizes the aggregate amount of funding for standing and permanent select committees for the 117th Congress, and also includes a provision to require a review of the use of committee funds at the beginning of the second session of the 117th Congress.

To gather the information necessary to create the omnibus primary expense resolution, the Committee required the standing and permanent select committees to submit estimates for their expected expenses for both sessions of the 117th Congress. The Committee asked that committees provide line item estimates for the following expenses: personnel compensation (including salaries and lump sum payments), overtime, travel, communications, and printing and reproduction costs.

The Committee also requested that committees estimate their expenses for other services, including consultant contracts, detailees from executive and other agencies, training, representational expenses, and other services. Furthermore, the Committee requested budget estimates for the costs of supplies, materials, and equipment. The Committee also asked the committees to discuss their operations during a pandemic, and to discuss their plans to create an increasingly diverse workforce.

The Committee used these specific requests from individual committees to create an omnibus expense resolution, introduced by Chairperson Lofgren and Ranking Member Davis, to authorize funding for all of the committees. The resolution includes a provision to require the Chairs and Ranking Members to return to the Committee after one year for an additional oversight hearing to review the use of funds from the first session, unless waived by the Committee. The provision is intended to promote accountability, transparency, and oversight of each committee's resources.

In reporting out this resolution, the committee is recommending to the House an authorization to expend approximately $150,244,570 in the first session, and $150,935,691 in the second session, exclusive of the reserve fund for unanticipated expenses. The resolution includes such a reserve fund for unanticipated expenses of $1,500,000 in the first session and $2,500,000 in the second session.

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION

Section 1 adjusts the aggregate amount paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives with respect to the 117th Congress for the expenses (including the expense of all staff salaries) of the permanent select and standing committees of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations).

Section 2 adjusts the amount provided for the expenses of each standing and permanent select committee of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations) for expenses incurred during the first session of the 117th Congress (the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2021, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2022).

Section 3 adjusts the amount provided for the expenses of each standing and permanent select committee of the House (except the Committee on Appropriations) for expenses incurred during the

second session of the 117th Congress (the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2022, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2023).

The amounts provided each committee is as follows:

	1st Session	2nd Session	Total
Committee on Agriculture	$6,144,497	$6,144,497	$12,288,994
Committee on Armed Services	8,917,992	9,237,992	18,155,984
Committee on the Budget	5,449,723	5,449,723	10,899,446
Select Committee on the Climate Crisis	1,915,000	1,950,000	3,865,000
Committee on Education and Labor	7,863,825	7,863,825	15,727,650
Committee on Energy and Commerce	11,417,377	11,417,377	22,834,754
Committee on Ethics	3,507,696	3,507,696	7,015,392
Committee on Financial Services	8,965,878	8,965,878	17,931,756
Committee on Foreign Affairs	8,653,430	8,653,430	[1] 17,306,860
Committee on Homeland Security	8,036,701	8,036,701	16,073,402
Committee on House Administration	5,590,190	5,892,211	11,482,401
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence	6,543,075	6,543,075	13,086,150
Committee on the Judiciary	8,406,115	8,406,115	16,812,230
Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress	971,250	971,250	1,942,500
Committee on Natural Resources	7,295,361	7,295,361	14,590,722
Committee on Oversight and Reform	13,896,964	13,896,964	27,793,928
Committee on Rules	3,410,369	3,444,469	6,854,838
Committee on Science, Space and Technology	5,816,818	5,816,818	11,633,636
Committee on Small Business	3,253,055	3,253,055	6,506,110
Committee on Transportation and	9,597,173	9,597,173	19,194,346
Infrastructure Committee on Veterans' Affairs	4,791,977	4,791,977	9,583,954
Committee on Ways and Means	9,800,104	9,800,104	19,600,208
Reserve Fund	1,500,000	2,500,000	4,000,000

[1] The amount provided to the Committee on Foreign Affairs includes $560,000 ($280,000 for the first session and $280,000 for the second session) to provide funding for the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, and $270,000 ($135,000 for the first session and $135,000 for the second session) for the House Democracy Partnership.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL

On April 14, 2021, Representative Zoe Lofgren of California, Chairperson of the Committee on House Administration, and Representative Rodney Davis of Illinois, Ranking Member of the Committee on House Administration, introduced House Resolution 316 which was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

HEARINGS

On Friday, March 12, 2021, the Committee held a hearing titled "Committee Funding for the 117th Congress." Following the practice from last Congress, committees who submitted a bipartisan budget request would not be required to appear before the Committee, although all committees were invited to appear if they chose to do so. The Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary appeared before the Committee and provided testimony regarding that Committee's budget request for the 117th Congress. This hearing contributed to the development of House Resolution 316.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On Thursday, April 15, 2021, the Committee met in open session and ordered the resolution, H. Res. 316, favorably reported to the House by voice vote, a quorum being present.

COMMITTEE VOTES

In compliance with House Rule XIII, clause 3(b), with respect to each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, the Committee states that there were no recorded votes during the consideration of this resolution.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS

In compliance with clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII and clause (2)(b)(1) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the descriptive portions of this report.

STATEMENT OF BUDGET AUTHORITY AND RELATED ITEMS

The resolution does not provide new budget authority, new spending authority, new credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures and a statement under House rule XIII, clause 3(c)(2), and section 308(a)(1) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 is not required.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATE

In compliance with House Rule XIII, clause 3(c)(3), the Committee states, with respect to House Resolution 316, that the Director of the Congressional Budget Office did not submit a cost estimate and comparison under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

In compliance with House rule XIII, clause 3(c)(4), the Committee states that House Resolution 316 serves as the biennial "primary expense resolution" to cover the expenses of each standing and select committee of the House, except the Committee on Appropriations. The performance goal and objective of House Resolution 316 is thus to provide adequate expenses for each standing and permanent select committee of the House, ensuring that each may acquire and retain appropriate staff and equipment to carry out their legislative and oversight duties.

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