

ADJUSTING THE AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS

APRIL 21, 2022.—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

together with

MINORITY VIEWS

[To accompany H. Res. 1035]

The Committee on House Administration, to whom was referred the resolution (H. Res. 1035) adjusting the amount provided 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

House rule X, clause 6 charges the Committee on House Administration (“Committee”) with the responsibility of authorizing the expenses, including staff salaries, for the committees of the House of Representatives (“House”), except the Committee on Appropriations. During the first session of a Congress, the Committee will

typically report a primary expense resolution that accounts for both sessions of a Congress. The Committee fulfilled this responsibility for the 117th Congress when it reported, and the House agreed to, House Resolution 316.

To develop House Resolution 316, the Committee consulted with Chairs and Ranking Members, and, on April 15, 2021, the Committee met to markup the resolution. The Committee agreed by voice vote to report the resolution favorably to the House, which subsequently agreed to the resolution on April 20, 2021.

On March 15, 2022, President Joe Biden signed into the law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 (“Act”). In addition to funding various other Legislative Branch agencies and entities, Division I of the Act provided funding to committees of the House beyond what was previously authorized pursuant to House Resolution 316.

In accordance with the total amount of funds is provided in the chart below. These funds, to be used by committees for official expenses, including equipment and staff, were neither anticipated nor available at the time the Committee reported House Resolution 316, the primary expense resolution.

SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTION

Section 1 of House Resolution 1035 adjusts the aggregate amounts committees received for the entirety of the 117th Congress.

Section 2 of the resolution authorizes the adjusted amounts for the Second Session of the 117th Congress pursuant to the Act.

The amounts are as follows:

Committee	117th Total	Second Session, Adjusted
Agriculture	12,903,444	6,758,947
Armed Services	19,499,783	10,381,791
Budget	11,444,418	5,994,695
Select Committee on the Climate Crisis	4,060,000	2,145,000
Education and Labor	16,514,033	8,650,208
Energy and Commerce	24,276,492	12,559,115
Ethics	7,366,162	3,858,466
Financial Services	18,828,344	9,862,466
Foreign Affairs	18,172,203	9,518,773
Homeland Security	16,877,072	8,840,371
House Administration	12,071,622	6,481,432
PSC on Intelligence	13,740,458	7,197,383
Judiciary	17,862,842	9,356,727
Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress	2,146,625	1,145,375
Natural Resources	15,320,258	8,024,897
Oversight and Reform	29,183,624	15,286,660
Rules	7,578,176	4,167,807
Science, Space, and Technology	12,215,318	6,398,500
Small Business	6,831,416	3,578,361
Transportation and Infrastructure	20,154,063	10,556,890
Veterans' Affairs	10,063,152	5,271,175
Ways and Means	20,880,218	10,780,114
Totals	317,989,723	166,815,153

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1035

INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL

On April 6, 2022, Representative Zoe Lofgren of California and Representative Rodney Davis of Illinois introduced House Resolution 1035, which was referred to the Committee on House Administration.

HEARINGS

On March 12, 2021, the Committee held a hearing titled “Committee Funding for the 117th Congress.” Committees that submitted a bipartisan request to the Committee were not required to appear. Only the Vice Chair 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. The information provided by committees prior to and at the hearing further contributed to the development of House Resolution 316 and informed the Committee’s approach to House Resolution 1035.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

On April 7, 2022, the Committee met to markup House Resolution 1035. The Committee ordered the resolution reported favorably to the House by voice vote, with a quorum present.

COMMITTEE RECORD 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 AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In compliance with House rule XIII, clause 3(c)(1), the Committee states that the findings and recommendations of the Committee, based on oversight activities under House rule X, clause 2(b)(1), are incorporated into the descriptive section 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 COST ESTIMATE

In compliance with House rule XIII, clause 3(c)(3), the Committee states, with respect to House Resolution 1035, 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 1035 serves as a supplemental expense resolution for the Second Session of the 117th Congress. The performance goal and objective of House Resolution 1035 is thus to provide adequate expenses for certain committees of the House, ensuring that each may acquire and retain appropriate staff and equipment to carry out their legislative and oversight duties.

EXPENSE RESOLUTION SUBSEQUENT TO THE PRIMARY
EXPENSE RESOLUTION

In compliance with House rule X, clause 6(b)(2), the Committee states that this matter is necessary because the Act was not signed into law until after adoption of the primary expense resolution for the 117th Congress. The total amount of additional funds is \$15,509,462.00 for Committees to carry out their official duties.

MINORITY VIEWS

COMMITTEE REPORT ACCOMPANYING H. RES. 1035—ADJUSTING THE
AMOUNT PROVIDED FOR THE EXPENSES OF CERTAIN COMMITTEES OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ONE HUNDRED SEVEN-
TEENTH CONGRESS

We support adjusting the amount provided for the expenses of certain House committees for this Congress due to the increase in the Fiscal Year 2022 Legislative Branch Appropriation. This increase provides additional resources to the minority offices of each committee to ensure they can adequately compensate and retain experienced and qualified staff to fulfill committee's important oversight and legislative responsibilities.

It is unfortunate that committees will not receive the same level of increases that member offices received due, in part, to the unlimited resources provided to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol which was authorized "such sums as may be necessary for the expenses" of the Select Committee.

RODNEY DAVIS,
Ranking Member.

