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A COMPILATION OF THE AUTHORITY AND RULES OF SENATE AND JOINT COMMITTEES, AND RELATED MATERIALS

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RULE 14. CHANGES IN RULES

These Rules may be modified, amended, or repealed by the Committee, provided that a notice in writing of the proposed change has been given to each member at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at which action thereon is to be taken.

APPENDIX A

S. Res. 400, 94th Cong., 2d Sess. (1976)¹

Resolved, That it is the purpose of this resolution to establish a new select committee of the Senate, to be known as the Select Committee on Intelligence, to oversee and make continuing studies of the intelligence activities and programs of the United States Government, and to submit to the Senate appropriate proposals for legislation and report to the Senate concerning such intelligence activities and programs. In carrying out this purpose, the Select Committee on Intelligence shall make every effort to assure that the appropriate departments and agencies of the United States provide informed and timely intelligence necessary for the executive and legislative branches to make sound decisions affecting the security and vital interests of the Nation. It is further the purpose of this resolution to provide vigilant legislative oversight over the intelligence activities of the United States to assure that such activities are in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

SEC. 2. (a)(1) There is hereby established a select committee to be known as the Select Committee on Intelligence (hereinafter in this resolution referred to as the “select committee”). The select committee shall be composed of not to exceed fifteen Members appointed as follows:

(A) two members from the Committee on Appropriations;
(B) two members from the Committee on Armed Services;
(C) two members from the Committee on Foreign Relations;
(D) two members from the Committee on the Judiciary; and
(E) not to exceed seven members to be appointed from the Senate at large.

(2) Members appointed from each committee named in clauses (A) through (D) of paragraph (1) shall be evenly divided between the two major political parties and shall be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate upon the recommendations of the majority and minority leaders of the Senate. Of any members appointed under paragraph (1)(E), the majority leader shall appoint the majority members and the minority leader shall appoint the minority members, with the majority having a one vote margin.

(3)(A) The majority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the Senate shall be ex officio members of the select committee but shall have no vote in the Committee and shall not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum.

(B) The Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services (if not already a member of the select Committee)

shall be ex officio members of the select Committee but shall have
no vote in the Committee and shall not be counted for purposes of
determining a quorum.

(b) At the beginning of each Congress, the Majority Leader of the
Senate shall select a chairman of the select Committee and the Mi-
nority Leader shall select a vice chairman for the select Committee.
The vice chairman shall act in the place and stead of the chairman
in the absence of the chairman. Neither the chairman nor the vice
chairman of the select committee shall at the same time serve as
chairman or ranking minority member of any other committee re-
ferred to in paragraph 4(e)(1) of rule XXV of the Standing Rules
of the Senate.

(c) The select Committee may be organized into subcommittees.
Each subcommittee shall have a chairman and a vice chairman
who are selected by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the select
Committee, respectively.

SEC. 3. (a) There shall be referred to the select committee all pro-
posed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other mat-
ters relating to the following:

1. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the
   Director of National Intelligence.
2. The Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of the
   Central Intelligence Agency.
3. Intelligence activities of all other departments and agen-
cies of the Government, including, but not limited to, the intel-
gence activities of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Na-
tional Security Agency, and other agencies of the Department
of Defense; the Department of State; the Department of Jus-
tice; and the Department of the Treasury.
4. The organization or reorganization of any department or
   agency of the Government to the extent that the organization
   or reorganization relates to a function or activity involving in-
telligence activities.
5. Authorizations for appropriations, both direct and indi-
rect, for the following:
   (A) The Office of the Director of National Intelligence
   and the Director of National Intelligence.
   (B) The Central Intelligence Agency and the Director of
   the Central Intelligence Agency.
   (C) The Defense Intelligence Agency.
   (D) The National Security Agency.
   (E) The intelligence activities of other agencies and sub-
divisions of the Department of Defense.
   (F) The intelligence activities of the Department of
   State.
   (G) The intelligence activities of the Federal Bureau of
   Investigation.
   (H) Any department, agency, or subdivision which is the
   successor to any agency named in clause (A), (B), (C) or
   (D); and the activities of any department, agency, or sub-
division which is the successor to any department, agency,
bureau, or subdivision named in clause (E), (F), or (G) to
the extent that the activities of such successor department,
agency, or subdivision are activities described in clause (E), (F), or (G).

(b)(1) Any proposed legislation reported by the select Committee except any legislation involving matters specified in clause (1), (2), (5)(A), or (5)(B) of subsection (a), containing any matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of any standing committee shall, at the request of the chairman of such standing committee, be referred to such standing committee for its consideration of such matter and be reported to the Senate by such standing committee within 10 days after the day on which such proposed legislation, in its entirety and including annexes, is referred to such standing committee; and any proposed legislation reported by any committee, other than the select Committee, which contains any matter within the jurisdiction of the select Committee shall, at the request of the chairman of the select Committee, be referred to the select Committee for its consideration of such matter and be reported to the Senate by the select Committee within 10 days after the day on which such proposed legislation, in its entirety and including annexes, is referred to such committee.

(2) In any case in which a committee fails to report any proposed legislation referred to it within the time limit prescribed in this subsection, such Committee shall be automatically discharged from further consideration of such proposed legislation on the 10th day following the day on which such proposed legislation is referred to such committee unless the Senate provides otherwise, or the Majority Leader or Minority Leader request, prior to that date, an additional 5 days on behalf of the Committee to which the proposed legislation was sequentially referred. At the end of that additional 5 day period, if the Committee fails to report the proposed legislation within that 5 day period, the Committee shall be automatically discharged from further consideration of such proposed legislation unless the Senate provides otherwise.

(3) In computing any 10 or 5 day period under this subsection there shall be excluded from such computation any days on which the Senate is not in session.

(4) The reporting and referral processes outlined in this subsection shall be conducted in strict accordance with the Standing Rules of the Senate. In accordance with such rules, committees to which legislation is referred are not permitted to make changes or alterations to the text of the referred bill and its annexes, but may propose changes or alterations to the same in the form of amendments.

(c) Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as prohibiting or otherwise restricting the authority of any other committee to study and review any intelligence activity to the extent that such activity directly affects a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of such committee.

(d) Nothing in this resolution shall be construed as amending, limiting, or otherwise changing the authority of any standing committee of the Senate to obtain full and prompt access to the product of the intelligence activities of any department or agency of the Government relevant to a matter otherwise within the jurisdiction of such committee.