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Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee on the Events
Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in Benghazi.

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Mr. SESSIONS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Providing for the Establishment of the Select Committee
on the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack
in Benghazi.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3 There is hereby established the Select Committee on
4 the Events Surrounding the 2012 Terrorist Attack in
5 Benghazi (hereinafter referred to as the “Select Com-
6 mittee”).

7 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

8 (a) The Speaker shall appoint 12 Members to the Se-
9 lect Committee, five of whom shall be appointed after con-
10 sultation with the minority leader.

1 (b) The Speaker shall designate one Member to serve
2 as chair of the Select Committee.

3 (c) Any vacancy in the Select Committee shall be
4 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

5 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON THE EVENTS SUR-**
6 **ROUNDING THE 2012 TERRORIST ATTACK IN**
7 **BENGHAZI.**

8 (a) The Select Committee is authorized and directed
9 to conduct a full and complete investigation and study and
10 issue a final report of its findings to the House regard-
11 ing—

12 (1) all policies, decisions, and activities that
13 contributed to the attacks on United States facilities
14 in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012, as well
15 as those that affected the ability of the United
16 States to prepare for the attacks;

17 (2) all policies, decisions, and activities to re-
18 spond to and repel the attacks on United States fa-
19 cilities in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012,
20 including efforts to rescue United States personnel;

21 (3) internal and public executive branch com-
22 munications about the attacks on United States fa-
23 cilities in Benghazi, Libya, on September 11, 2012;

24 (4) accountability for policies and decisions re-
25 lated to the security of facilities in Benghazi, Libya,

1 and the response to the attacks, including individ-
2 uals and entities responsible for those policies and
3 decisions;

4 (5) executive branch authorities' efforts to iden-
5 tify and bring to justice the perpetrators of the at-
6 tacks on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya, on Sep-
7 tember 11, 2012;

8 (6) executive branch activities and efforts to
9 comply with Congressional inquiries into the attacks
10 on United States facilities in Benghazi, Libya, on
11 September 11, 2012;

12 (7) recommendations for improving executive
13 branch cooperation and compliance with congress-
14 sional oversight and investigations;

15 (8) information related to lessons learned from
16 the attacks and executive branch activities and ef-
17 forts to protect United States facilities and per-
18 sonnel abroad; and

19 (9) any other relevant issues relating to the at-
20 tacks, the response to the attacks, or the investiga-
21 tion by the House of Representatives into the at-
22 tacks.

23 (b) In addition to any final report addressing the
24 matters in subsection (a), the Select Committee may issue
25 such interim reports as it deems necessary.

1 (c) Any report issued by the Select Committee may
2 contain a classified annex.

3 **SEC. 4. PROCEDURE.**

4 (a) Notwithstanding clause 3(m) of rule X of the
5 Rules of the House of Representatives, the Select Com-
6 mittee is authorized to study the sources and methods of
7 entities described in clause 11(b)(1)(A) of rule X insofar
8 as such study is related to the matters described in section
9 3.

10 (b) Clause 11(b)(4), clause 11(e), and the first sen-
11 tence of clause 11(f) of rule X of the Rules of the House
12 of Representatives shall apply to the Select Committee.

13 (c) Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representa-
14 tives shall apply to the Select Committee except as follows:

15 (1) Clause 2(a) of rule XI shall not apply to the
16 Select Committee.

17 (2) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply to
18 the Select Committee in the same manner as it ap-
19 plies to the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
20 ligence.

21 (3) Pursuant to clause 2(h) of rule XI, two
22 Members of the Select Committee shall constitute a
23 quorum for taking testimony or receiving evidence
24 and one-third of the Members of the Select Com-
25 mittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any ac-

1 tion other than one for which the presence of a ma-
2 jority of the Select Committee is required.

3 (4) The chair of the Select Committee may au-
4 thorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause 2(m)
5 of rule XI in the investigation and study conducted
6 pursuant to section 3 of this resolution, including for
7 the purpose of taking depositions.

8 (5)(A) The chair of the Select Committee, upon
9 consultation with the ranking minority member, may
10 order the taking of depositions, under oath and pur-
11 suant to notice or subpoena, by a Member of the Se-
12 lect Committee or a counsel of the Select Committee.

13 (B) Depositions taken under the authority pre-
14 scribed in this paragraph shall be governed by the
15 procedures submitted by the chair of the Committee
16 on Rules for printing in the Congressional Record.

17 (6) The chair of the Select Committee may,
18 after consultation with the ranking minority mem-
19 ber, recognize—

20 (A) Members of the Select Committee to
21 question a witness for periods longer than five
22 minutes as though pursuant to clause
23 (2)(j)(2)(B) of rule XI; and

1 (B) staff of the Select Committee to ques-
2 tion a witness as though pursuant to clause
3 (2)(j)(2)(C) of rule XI.

4 **SEC. 5. RECORDS; STAFF; FUNDING.**

5 (a) Any committee of the House of Representatives
6 having custody of records in any form relating to the mat-
7 ters described in section 3 shall transfer such records to
8 the Select Committee within 14 days of the adoption of
9 this resolution. Such records shall become the records of
10 the Select Committee.

11 (b)(1)(A) To the greatest extent practicable, the Se-
12 lect Committee shall utilize the services of staff of employ-
13 ing entities of the House. At the request of the chair of
14 the Select Committee in consultation with the ranking mi-
15 nority member, staff of employing entities of the House
16 or a joint committee may be detailed to the Select Com-
17 mittee without reimbursement to carry out this resolution
18 and shall be deemed to be staff of the Select Committee.

19 (B) Section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization
20 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)) shall apply with respect
21 to the Select Committee in the same manner as such sec-
22 tion applies with respect to a standing committee of the
23 House of Representatives.

24 (2) The chair of the Select Committee, upon consulta-
25 tion with the ranking minority member, may employ and

1 fix the compensation of such staff as the chair considers
2 necessary to carry out this resolution.

3 (c) There shall be paid out of the applicable accounts
4 of the House of Representatives such sums as may be nec-
5 essary for the expenses of the Select Committee. Such pay-
6 ments shall be made on vouchers signed by the chair of
7 the Select Committee and approved in the manner directed
8 by the Committee on House Administration. Amounts
9 made available under this subsection shall be expended in
10 accordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee
11 on House Administration.

12 **SEC. 6. DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

13 (a) The Select Committee shall cease to exist 30 days
14 after filing the final report required under section 3.

15 (b) Upon dissolution of the Select Committee, the
16 records of the Select Committee shall become the records
17 of such committee or committees designated by the Speak-
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