

77TH CONGRESS  
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# S. RES. 71

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 1941

Mr. TRUMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on Military Affairs

FEBRUARY 22 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 13), 1941

Reported by Mr. TRUMAN, with an amendment; and referred to the Committee  
to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate

MARCH 1 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 13), 1941

Reported by Mr. BYRNES, with an amendment; considered, amended, and  
agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

1       *Resolved*, That a special committee of seven Senators,  
2 to be appointed by the President of the Senate, is  
3 authorized and directed to make a full and complete study  
4 and investigation of the operation of the program for the  
5 procurement and construction of supplies, materials, muni-  
6 tions, vehicles, aircraft, vessels, plants, camps, and other  
7 articles and facilities in connection with the national defense,  
8 including (1) the types and terms of contracts awarded on  
9 behalf of the United States; (2) the methods by which such

1 utilization of the facilities of small business concerns, through  
2 subcontracts or otherwise; (4) the geographic distribution  
3 of contracts and location of plants and facilities; (5) the  
4 effect of such program with respect to labor and the migra-  
5 tion of labor; (6) the performance of contracts and the  
6 accountings required of contractors; (7) benefits accruing to  
7 contractors with respect to amortization for the purposes of  
8 taxation or otherwise; (8) practices of management or labor,  
9 and prices, fees, and charges, which interfere with such pro-  
10 gram or unduly increase its cost; and (9) such other matters  
11 as the committee deems appropriate. The committee shall  
12 report to the Senate, as soon as practicable, the results of its  
13 study and investigation, together with its recommendations.

14 For the purposes of this resolution the committee, or  
15 any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to  
16 hold such hearings, to sit and act at such times and places  
17 during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of the  
18 Seventy-seventh and succeeding Congresses, to employ such  
19 clerical and other assistance, to require by subpoena, or  
20 otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the produc-  
21 tion of such correspondence, books, papers, and documents,  
22 to make such investigations, to administer such oaths, to  
23 take such testimony, and to incur such expenditures as it  
24 deems advisable. The cost of stenographic services to report  
25 such hearings shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred

1 words. The expenses of the committee, which shall not  
2 exceed \$15,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of  
3 the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the  
4 committee.

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For the appointment of a special committee to investigate the national-defense program and the handling of contracts.

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