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117TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. _____

Establishing the Select Committee on Older Americans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. TENNEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SELECT COMMITTEE ON OLDER AMERICANS.**

3 There is hereby established in the House of Rep-
4 resentatives the Select Committee on Older Americans
5 (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the “Select
6 Committee”).

7 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Speaker shall appoint 12
9 Members to the Select Committee, 6 of whom shall be ap-
10 pointed on the recommendation of the Minority Leader.

1 (b) CHAIR; RANKING MINORITY MEMBER.—The
2 Speaker shall designate one Member to serve as chair of
3 the Select Committee. On the recommendation of the Mi-
4 nority Leader, the Speaker shall designate one Member
5 to serve as the ranking minority member of the Select
6 Committee.

7 (c) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Select Com-
8 mittee shall be filled in the same manner as the original
9 appointment.

10 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee shall—

12 (1) serve as a forum for bipartisan discussion
13 of and inquiry into the unique economic, health,
14 housing, and social issues facing older Americans
15 generally, and with specific emphasis on challenges
16 arising from the COVID–19 pandemic;

17 (2) through regular briefings and hearings,
18 raise awareness of challenges that older Americans
19 face; and

20 (3) collaborate with committees of Congress,
21 other entities of the legislative branch, entities of the
22 executive branch, and nongovernmental organiza-
23 tions to promote initiatives within the House of Rep-
24 resentatives, organize and publish reports, and issue

1 recommendations that advance policies that support
2 the well-being of older Americans.

3 (b) EXCLUSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO
4 SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE.—The Select Com-
5 mittee may not issue recommendations related to the pro-
6 gram for Federal old-age, survivors, and disability insur-
7 ance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) or the program for health insurance
9 for the aged and disabled under titles XVIII of the Social
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

11 **SEC. 4. RULES AND PROCEDURES.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided in
13 this section, the Select Committee shall have the authori-
14 ties and responsibilities of, and shall be subject to the
15 same limitations and restrictions as, a standing committee
16 of the House, and shall be deemed a committee of the
17 House for all purposes of law or rule.

18 (b) APPLICABILITY OF GENERAL RULES FOR STAND-
19 ING COMMITTEES.—Rules X and XI of the Rules of the
20 House of Representatives shall apply to the Select Com-
21 mittee except as follows:

22 (1) Service on the Select Committee shall not
23 count against the limitations in clause 5(b)(2) of
24 rule X.

1 (2) Clause 2(m)(1)(B) of rule XI, clause
2 2(m)(3) of rule XI, and section 3(a) of House Reso-
3 lution 8, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, shall
4 not apply to the Select Committee, but the Select
5 Committee may recommend subpoenas and deposi-
6 tions and submit such recommendations to the rel-
7 evant standing committee.

8 (3) Clause 2(d) of rule X shall not apply to the
9 Select Committee.

10 (c) NO LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—The Select
11 Committee shall not have legislative jurisdiction and shall
12 have no authority to take legislative action on any bill or
13 resolution.

14 **SEC. 5. STAFF; FUNDING.**

15 (a) STAFF.—

16 (1) USE OF EXISTING STAFF.—The Select
17 Committee may use the services of staff of the
18 House

19 (2) AUTHORITY TO APPOINT STAFF.—The chair
20 of the Select Committee, upon consultation with the
21 ranking minority member of the Select Committee,
22 may appoint and fix the compensation of such staff
23 as the chair considers necessary to carry out this
24 resolution.

1 (3) DETAIL OF HOUSE EMPLOYEES.—Upon the
2 request of the Select Committee, the head of any of-
3 fice of the House of Representatives is authorized to
4 detail, without reimbursement, any of the personnel
5 of such office to the Select Committee to assist the
6 Select Committee in carrying out its duties.

7 (b) AUTHORITY TO USE EXPERTS AND CONSULT-
8 ANTS.—Section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization
9 Act of 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i)) shall apply with respect
10 to the Select Committee in the same manner as such sec-
11 tion applies with respect to a standing committee of the
12 House of Representatives.

13 (b) FUNDING.—There shall be paid out of the appli-
14 cable accounts of the House of Representatives such sums
15 as may be necessary for the expenses of the Select Com-
16 mittee. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed
17 by the chair of the Select Committee and approved in the
18 manner directed by the Committee on House Administra-
19 tion. Amounts made available under this subsection shall
20 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by
21 the Committee on House Administration.

22 **SEC. 6. REPORTS.**

23 (a) INTERIM STATUS REPORTS.—Not later than 120
24 days after the appointment of its members and every 120
25 days thereafter, the Select Committee shall submit to the

1 Committee on House Administration and the Committee
2 on Rules an interim status report on its activities, and
3 shall include in each such report—

4 (1) transcripts of the hearings and meetings
5 held by the Select Committee since the most recent
6 such report;

7 (2) an itemized statement of Select Committee's
8 expenditures since the most recent such report; and

9 (3) a plan for the activities to be carried out by
10 the Select Committee during the next 120 days.

11 (b) FINAL REPORT.—No later than 2 years after the
12 appointment of its members, the Select Committee shall
13 submit a final report to the House which shall include the
14 results of the Select Committee's studies, detailed find-
15 ings, and any policy recommendations as the select com-
16 mittee may deem advisable. The Select Committee shall
17 submit the policy recommendations included in the final
18 report to the relevant standing committees.

19 (c) PUBLICATION.—The Select Committee shall en-
20 sure that each report submitted under subsection (a) or
21 (b) is, upon completion, made available to the general pub-
22 lic in widely accessible formats not later than 30 calendar
23 days following the date the report is submitted to a com-
24 mittee or the House, as the case may be.

1 (d) OTHER FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—In
2 addition to the reports required under subsections (a) and
3 (b), the Select Committee may report to the House or any
4 committee from time to time the results of its investiga-
5 tions and studies, together with such detailed findings and
6 policy recommendations as it may deem advisable.

7 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

8 The Select Committee shall terminate on the date on
9 which the final report submitted under section 6(b) is
10 made available to the general public under section 6(c).