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S. RES. 56

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, reported the following original resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

RESOLUTION

Authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce,
Science, and Transportation.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. GENERAL AUTHORITY.**

3 In carrying out its powers, duties, and functions
4 under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in accordance
5 with its jurisdiction under rule XXV of the Standing Rules
6 of the Senate, including holding hearings, reporting such
7 hearings, and making investigations as authorized by
8 paragraphs 1 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules
9 of the Senate, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
10 Transportation (in this resolution referred to as the “com-

1 mittee”) is authorized from March 1, 2021 through Feb-
 2 ruary 28, 2023, in its discretion, to—

3 (1) make expenditures from the contingent fund
 4 of the Senate;

5 (2) employ personnel; and

6 (3) with the prior consent of the Government
 7 department or agency concerned and the Committee
 8 on Rules and Administration, use on a reimbursable
 9 or nonreimbursable basis the services of personnel of
 10 any such department or agency.

11 **SEC. 2. EXPENSES.**

12 (a) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
 13 2021.—The expenses of the committee for the period
 14 March 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 under this
 15 resolution shall not exceed \$4,561,289, of which amount—

16 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
 17 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
 18 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
 19 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
 20 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
 22 the training of the professional staff of the com-
 23 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
 24 of that Act).

1 (b) EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 PERIOD.—

2 The expenses of the committee for the period October 1,
3 2021 through September 30, 2022 under this resolution
4 shall not exceed \$7,869,484, of which amount—

5 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
6 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
7 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
8 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
9 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

10 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
11 the training of the professional staff of the com-
12 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)
13 of that Act).

14 (c) EXPENSES FOR PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28,
15 2023.—The expenses of the committee for the period Oc-
16 tober 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023 under this reso-
17 lution shall not exceed \$3,278,947, of which amount—

18 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
19 the procurement of the services of individual consult-
20 ants, or organizations thereof (as authorized by sec-
21 tion 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of
22 1946 (2 U.S.C. 4301(i))); and

23 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for
24 the training of the professional staff of the com-

1 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j))
 2 of that Act).

3 **SEC. 3. EXPENSES AND AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.**

4 (a) EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 6 graph (2), expenses of the committee under this res-
 7 olution shall be paid from the contingent fund of the
 8 Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of
 9 the committee.

10 (2) VOUCHERS NOT REQUIRED.—Vouchers shall
 11 not be required for—

12 (A) the disbursement of salaries of employ-
 13 ees paid at an annual rate;

14 (B) the payment of telecommunications
 15 provided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms
 16 and Doorkeeper;

17 (C) the payment of stationery supplies pur-
 18 chased through the Keeper of the Stationery;

19 (D) payments to the Postmaster of the
 20 Senate;

21 (E) the payment of metered charges on
 22 copying equipment provided by the Office of the
 23 Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper;

24 (F) the payment of Senate Recording and
 25 Photographic Services; or

1 (G) the payment of franked and mass mail
2 costs by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper.

3 (b) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS.—There are authorized
4 to be paid from the appropriations account for “Expenses
5 of Inquiries and Investigations” of the Senate such sums
6 as may be necessary for agency contributions related to
7 the compensation of employees of the committee—

8 (1) for the period March 1, 2021 through Sep-
9 tember 30, 2021;

10 (2) for the period October 1, 2021 through Sep-
11 tember 30, 2022; and

12 (3) for the period October 1, 2022 through
13 February 28, 2023.

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