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97TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 18

To amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the Committee on Internal Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1981

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

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved*, That (a) clause 1 of rule X of the Rules of the
2 House of Representatives is amended by redesignating para-
3 graph (m) through paragraph (v) as paragraph (n) through
4 paragraph (w), respectively, and by inserting immediately
5 after paragraph (l) the following new paragraph:

6 “(m) **Committee on Internal Security.**

7 “(1) Communist, terrorist, and other subversive
8 activities affecting the internal security of the United
9 States.

1 “(2) The Committee on Internal Security, acting
2 as a whole or by subcommittee, is authorized to make
3 investigations from time to time of (A) the extent,
4 character, objectives, and activities within the United
5 States of organizations or groups, whether of foreign or
6 domestic origin, their members, agents, and affiliates,
7 which seek to establish, or assist in the establishment
8 of, a totalitarian dictatorship within the United States,
9 or to overthrow or alter, or assist in the overthrow or
10 alteration of, the form of government of the United
11 States or of any State thereof, by force, violence,
12 treachery, espionage, sabotage, insurrection, or any un-
13 lawful means, (B) the extent, character, objectives, and
14 activities within the United States or organizations or
15 groups, their members, agents, and affiliates, which
16 incite or employ acts of force, violence, or any unlaw-
17 ful means, to obstruct or oppose the lawful authority of
18 the Government of the United States in the execution
19 of any law or policy affecting the internal security of
20 the United States or advocate the use of terrorism to
21 achieve their objectives, and (C) all other questions, in-
22 cluding the administration and execution of any law of
23 the United States, or any portion of law, relating to
24 the foregoing that would aid the Congress or any com-
25 mittee of the House in any necessary remedial legisla-

1 tion. The Committee on Internal Security shall report
2 to the House (or to the Clerk of the House if the
3 House is not in session) the results of any such investi-
4 gation, together with such recommendations as it
5 deems advisable.”.

6 For the purpose of any such investigation, the Committee on
7 Internal Security, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized
8 to sit and act at such times and places within the United
9 States, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or has
10 adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to require, by subpoena
11 or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such witnesses
12 and the production of such books, records, correspondence,
13 memorandums, papers, and documents, as it deems neces-
14 sary. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the
15 chairman of the committee or any subcommittee, or by any
16 member designated by any such chairman, and may be
17 served by any person designated by any such chairman or
18 member.

19 (b) Clause 1(n) of rule X of the Rules of the House of
20 Representatives, as so redesignated by subsection (a), is
21 amended by striking out subparagraph (19) and by striking
22 out the two undesignated paragraphs immediately following
23 paragraph (19).

24 SEC. 2. Subparagraphs (4) and (5) of clause 1(k) of rule
25 X of the Rules of the House of Representatives are amended

1 by striking out "clause 1(p)(4)" each place it appears therein
2 and inserting in lieu thereof "clause 1(q)(4)".

3 SEC. 3. On the date of enactment of this resolution, all
4 property and records of the former Committee on Internal
5 Security of the House of Representatives under the control of
6 the Judiciary Committee of such House, or under the control
7 of any other agency of Government, in accordance with para-
8 graph (m) of clause 1 of rule X of the Rules of the House of
9 Representatives shall be transferred to the Committee on In-
10 ternal Security for its use.

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H. J. RES. 18

To establish a Joint Committee on Internal Security, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1981

Mr. ASHBROOK introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Internal Security, and for other purposes.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

4 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby established a joint congress-
5 sional committee which shall be known as the Joint Commit-
6 tee on Internal Security (hereinafter in this joint resolution
7 referred to as the "joint committee").

8 **MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION**

9 **SEC. 2. (a)** The joint committee shall be composed of
10 ten members as follows:

1 (1) five Members of the Senate shall be appointed
2 by the President pro tempore of the Senate. Not more
3 than three of the Members appointed under this para-
4 graph may be of the same political party; and

5 (2) five Members of the House of Representatives
6 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives. Not more than three of the Members
8 appointed under this paragraph may be of the same po-
9 litical party.

10 (b) Any appointment of any Member under subsection
11 (a) or (c) of this section shall be for the duration of the elected
12 term of office of such Member.

13 (c) Vacancies in the membership of the joint committee
14 shall not affect the power of the remaining members to
15 execute the functions of the joint committee and shall be
16 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original ap-
17 pointment.

18 (d) The joint committee shall select a chairman and a
19 vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of
20 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place and
21 stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman. In
22 determining the first chairman of the joint committee, the
23 Members from each House appointed to such joint committee
24 shall nominate one Member from among their number to
25 serve as the first chairman. After such nominations, the first

1 chairman shall be chosen by lot from the two nominees with
2 the successful nominee being designated as the chairman
3 and the unsuccessful nominee being designated as the vice
4 chairman. Thereafter, the chairmanship and the vice chair-
5 manship shall alternate between the Senate and the House of
6 Representatives with each Congress, and the chairman shall
7 be selected by the members of the joint committee from that
8 House entitled to the chairmanship. The vice chairman shall
9 be selected from the House other than that of the chairman
10 by the members of the joint committee from that House.

11 (e) The joint committee may establish such subcommit-
12 tees as it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out the
13 purposes of this joint resolution.

14 (f) The members of the joint committee shall serve with-
15 out pay in addition to that received for their services as Mem-
16 bers of the Senate or the House of Representatives; but they
17 shall be reimbursed at the current per diem allowance, or at
18 the actual cost when such actual cost is provided for by the
19 Standing Rules of the Senate or by the Rules of the House of
20 Representatives, for travel, subsistence, and other necessary
21 expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties
22 vested in the joint committee, other than expenses in connec-
23 tion with meetings of the joint committee held in the District
24 of Columbia during such times as the Congress is in session.

1 DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

2 SEC. 3. (a) The joint committee, acting as a whole or by
3 subcommittee, is authorized to make investigations from time
4 to time of (1) Communist and other subversive activities
5 affecting the internal security of the United States, (2) the
6 extent, character, objectives, and activities within the United
7 States of organizations or groups, whether of foreign or
8 domestic origin, their members, agents, and affiliates, which
9 seek, serve, or operate to establish, or assist in the establish-
10 ment of, a totalitarian dictatorship within the United States,
11 or to overthrow or alter, or assist in the overthrow or alter-
12 ation of, the form of government of the United States or of
13 any State thereof, by force, violence, treachery, espionage,
14 sabotage, insurrection, or any unlawful means, (3) the extent,
15 character, objectives, and activities within the United States
16 of organizations or groups, their members, agents, and affili-
17 ates, which incite or employ acts of force, violence, terrorism,
18 or any unlawful means, to obstruct or oppose the lawful au-
19 thority of the Government of the United States in the execu-
20 tion of any law or policy affecting the internal security of the
21 United States, and (4) all other questions, including the
22 administration and execution of any law of the United States,
23 or any portion of law, executive order, or regulation, relating
24 to the foregoing that would aid the Congress in the discharge
25 of its legislative duties.

1 (b)(1) All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the
2 Senate or the House of Representatives relating primarily to
3 the internal security of the United States described in subsec-
4 tion (a) of this section shall be referred to the joint
5 committee.

6 (2) The members of the joint committee who are Mem-
7 bers of the Senate shall from time to time report to the
8 Senate, and the members of the joint committee who are
9 Members of the House of Representatives shall from time to
10 time report to the House, by bill or otherwise, their recom-
11 mendations with respect to matters within the jurisdiction of
12 their respective Houses which are referred to the joint com-
13 mittee or otherwise within the jurisdiction of the joint
14 committee.

15 (c) The joint committee shall keep a complete record of
16 all committee actions, including a record of the votes on any
17 question on which a record vote is demanded. All committee
18 materials, including records, data, charts, and files, shall be
19 the property of the joint committee and shall be kept in the
20 offices of the joint committee or other places as the joint
21 committee may direct under such security safeguards as the
22 joint committee shall determine in the interest of the common
23 defense and security.

1 POWERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE

2 SEC. 4. (a) The joint committee, or any duly authorized
3 subcommittee thereof, may—

4 (1) sit and act at such places and times during the
5 sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods of Congress,

6 (2) require by subpoena or otherwise the attend-
7 ance of such witnesses and the production of such
8 books, records, correspondence, papers, and documents,

9 (3) administer such oaths and affirmations,

10 (4) take such testimony,

11 (5) procure such printing and binding, and

12 (6) make such expenditures,

13 as it deems advisable.

14 (b) The joint committee may make such rules respecting
15 its organization and procedures as it deems necessary, except
16 that no recommendation shall be reported from the joint com-
17 mittee unless a majority of the joint committee assent. Sub-
18 penas may be issued over the signature of the chairman of
19 the joint committee or of any member designated by him or
20 by the joint committee, and may be served by such person or
21 persons as may be designated by such chairman or member.
22 The chairman of the joint committee or any member thereof
23 may administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses.

24 (c) In carrying out its duties in accordance with the pro-
25 visions of this resolution, the joint committee is authorized to

1 receive classified information. The joint committee shall
2 secure the protection of such classified information by such
3 methods and systems as will afford protection which is at
4 least equal to that provided by the executive branch for the
5 protection of similarly classified material. No Member of the
6 Senate or the House of Representatives shall make public
7 any part of such classified material without the prior approval
8 of the Senate or the House of Representatives, respectively.

9 STAFF OF JOINT COMMITTEE

10 SEC. 5. (a)(1) In carrying out its functions under this
11 joint resolution, the joint committee may—

12 (A) appoint, on a permanent basis, without regard
13 to political affiliation and solely on the basis of fitness
14 to perform their duties, such professional, technical,
15 clerical, and other personnel as the joint committee
16 considers appropriate;

17 (B) prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

18 (C) fix their pay at respective per annum gross
19 rates not in excess of the highest rate of basic pay, as
20 in effect from time to time, of the General Schedule of
21 section 5332(a) of title 5, United States Code; and

22 (D) terminate their employment as the joint com-
23 mittee may deem appropriate.

1 (2) Not less than one-third of the personnel appointed in
2 accordance with paragraph (1) shall be assigned to the minor-
3 ity members of the joint committee.

4 (b) In carrying out any of its functions under this joint
5 resolution, the joint committee may utilize the services, infor-
6 mation, facilities, and personnel of the departments and
7 establishments of the Government, and may procure the tem-
8 porary (not to exceed one year) or intermittent services of
9 experts or consultants or organizations thereof by contract at
10 rates of pay not in excess of the per diem equivalent of the
11 highest rate of basic pay set forth in the General Schedule of
12 section 5332(a) of title 5, United States Code, including pay-
13 ment of such rates for necessary traveltime.

14 (c) The joint committee may reimburse any member of
15 its staff at the current per diem allowance, or at the actual
16 cost when such actual cost is provided for by the Standing
17 Rules of the Senate or by the Rules of the House of Repre-
18 sentatives, for travel, subsistence, and other necessary
19 expenses incurred by him in the performance of the functions,
20 powers, and duties of the joint committee while outside the
21 District of Columbia.

22 **ADDITIONAL POWER TO SECURE INFORMATION**

23 **SEC. 6.** The joint committee, upon the approval of the
24 chairman, may secure directly from any department, agency,
25 office, or other organizational unit of the Federal Govern-

1 ment, such information as is necessary to enable it to carry
2 out this joint resolution, and the head of such department,
3 agency, office, or other organizational unit shall furnish such
4 information to the joint committee upon request made pursu-
5 ant to this section.

6 EXPENSES

7 SEC. 7. The expenses of the joint committee shall be
8 paid one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-
9 half from the contingent fund of the House of Representa-
10 tives upon vouchers signed by the chairman or vice chairman
11 of the joint committee.

12 TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION AND PROPERTY

13 SEC. 8. (a)(1) On the date of enactment of this joint
14 resolution, all property and records of the Internal Security
15 Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary of the
16 Senate shall be transferred to the joint committee for its use.

17 (2)(A) Clause 9 of subparagraph (l) of paragraph 1 of
18 rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate is amended by
19 striking out "espionage,".

20 (B) Senate Resolution 366 of the second session of the
21 Eighty-first Congress is repealed.

22 (b)(1) On the date of enactment of this joint resolution,
23 all property and records of the Committee on Internal Secu-
24 rity of the House of Representatives under the control of the
25 Judiciary Committee of such House in accordance with para-

1 graph (m) of clause 1 of rule X of the Rules of the House of
2 Representatives shall be transferred to the joint committee
3 for its use.

4 (2) Paragraph (m) of clause (1) of rule X of the Rules of
5 the House of Representatives is amended by striking out
6 everything after "(18) State and territorial boundary lines."

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H. RES. 48

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JANUARY 28, 1981

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

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