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Providing for the establishment of the Select Committee on Alleged High Crimes and Misdemeanors within the Executive Branch and the Obama Administration.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. YOHO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.**

3       There is hereby established the Special Select Com-  
4       mittee on Alleged High Crimes and Misdemeanors within  
5       the Executive Branch and the Obama Administration  
6       which give rise to immediate concerns regarding national  
7       security (hereinafter referred to as the “Special Select  
8       Committee”).

1 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.**

2 (a) The Speaker shall appoint 12 Members to the  
3 Special Select Committee, five of whom shall be appointed  
4 after consultation with the minority leader.

5 (b) The Speaker shall designate one Member to serve  
6 as chair of the Special Select Committee.

7 (c) Any vacancy in the Special Select Committee shall  
8 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

9 (d) The Special Select Committee shall enlist the as-  
10 sistance of a Special Task Force established by the Fed-  
11 eral Bureau of Investigation, for the sole purpose of lead-  
12 ing the investigation into alleged high crimes and mis-  
13 demeanors.

14 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON ALLEGED HIGH**  
15 **CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS BY THE OBAMA**  
16 **ADMINISTRATION AND THE UNITED STATES**  
17 **EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**

18 (a) The Special Select Committee is authorized and  
19 directed to conduct a full and complete investigation and  
20 study and issue a final report of its findings to the Com-  
21 mittee on the Judiciary regarding—

22 (1) all policies, decisions, and activities that  
23 may meet the standard of high crime or mis-  
24 demeanor, especially related to aiding and abetting  
25 known enemies of the United States, weakening  
26 United States sovereignty and security;

1           (2) all policies, decisions, and activities within  
2           the Obama Administration related to border security  
3           and illegal immigration, as well as current Adminis-  
4           tration policies related to Middle Eastern refugee re-  
5           settlement activities as they pertain to national secu-  
6           rity;

7           (3) internal and public executive branch com-  
8           munications about economic policy, foreign policy,  
9           Military readiness and Rules of Engagement, illegal  
10          immigration, Middle Eastern refugee resettlement,  
11          the attacks on United States facilities in Benghazi,  
12          Libya, on September 11, 2012, events surrounding  
13          the downing of Extortion 17, August 6, 2011, Fast  
14          and Furious gun running on the southern border,  
15          and other alleged arms dealing in the Middle East  
16          that may have aided and armed ISIL (ISIS) or  
17          other known terror organizations, involving the De-  
18          partment of State and the Department of Justice;

19          (4) accountability for policies and decisions re-  
20          lated to the security and force protection for all Mili-  
21          tary, Intelligence, Contract and Diplomatic members  
22          on foreign deployment in the interest of the United  
23          States, in particular throughout the Middle East  
24          since January 20, 2009, including individuals and  
25          entities responsible for those policies and decisions;

1           (5) executive branch authorities' efforts to iden-  
2           tify and bring to justice the perpetrators of the at-  
3           tacks on U.S. facilities in Benghazi, Libya, on Sep-  
4           tember 11, 2012, the downing of Extortion 17 in the  
5           Wardak Province, Tangi River Valley, Afghanistan,  
6           August 6, 2011, and the Raven 23 incident, Nisour  
7           Square, Iraq, September 16, 2007;

8           (6) executive branch activities and efforts to ob-  
9           struct Congressional inquiries into the attacks on  
10          United States facilities in Benghazi, Libya, on Sep-  
11          tember 11, 2012 and the downing of Extortion 17,  
12          August 6, 2011, as well as illegal Executive Orders  
13          misusing Federal Agencies to target constitutionally  
14          protected rights of specific classes of Americans on  
15          the basis of race, religion or political affiliations;

16          (7) executive branch activities and policies re-  
17          garding compliance with standing court orders to  
18          cease and desist aiding and abetting illegal immigra-  
19          tion, and the persons responsible for those decisions  
20          and policies, and illegal Executive Orders forcing  
21          Immigration Officers to violate the 1986 Immigra-  
22          tion Reform Act and all standing immigration and  
23          naturalization laws;

24          (8) information related to lessons learned from  
25          the attacks and executive branch activities and ef-

1       forts to protect United States facilities and per-  
2       sonnel abroad; and recommendations to the House  
3       Judiciary Committee on the best path for holding in-  
4       dividuals fully accountable for any and all acts which  
5       threatened or weakened national sovereignty and se-  
6       curity, directly or indirectly, and whether or not  
7       those activities are believed to involve malice or ill  
8       intent; and

9               (9) any other relevant issues relating to na-  
10       tional sovereignty and security, and any measures  
11       taken to remedy any policy decisions which may  
12       demonstrate malice or ill intent on the part of any  
13       Obama Administration official, including by the  
14       President or Vice President.

15       (b) In addition to any final report addressing the  
16       matters in subsection (a), the Special Select Committee  
17       may issue such interim reports as it deems necessary, to  
18       expedite the findings of fact necessary to the protection  
19       of United States sovereignty and security.

20       (c) Any report issued by the Special Select Committee  
21       may contain a classified annex.

22       **SEC. 4. PROCEDURE.**

23       (a) Notwithstanding clause 3(m) of rule X of the  
24       Rules of the House of Representatives, the Special Select  
25       Committee is authorized to study the sources and methods

1 of entities described in clause 11(b)(1)(A) of rule X inso-  
2 far as such study is related to the matters described in  
3 section 3.

4 (b) Clause 11(b)(4), clause 11(e), and the first sen-  
5 tence of clause 11(f) of rule X of the Rules of the House  
6 of Representatives shall apply to the Special Select Com-  
7 mittee.

8 (c) Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representa-  
9 tives shall apply to the Special Select Committee except  
10 as follows:

11 (1) Clause 2(a) of rule XI shall not apply to the  
12 Special Select Committee.

13 (2) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply to  
14 the Special Select Committee in the same manner as  
15 it applies to the Permanent Select Committee on In-  
16 telligence.

17 (3) Pursuant to clause 2(h) of rule XI, two  
18 Members of the Special Select Committee shall con-  
19 stitute a quorum for taking testimony or receiving  
20 evidence and one-third of the Members of the Spe-  
21 cial Select Committee shall constitute a quorum for  
22 taking any action other than one for which the pres-  
23 ence of a majority of the Special Select Committee  
24 is required.

1           (4) The chair of the Special Select Committee  
2           may authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to  
3           clause 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation and study  
4           conducted pursuant to section 3 of this resolution,  
5           including for the purpose of taking depositions, as is  
6           deemed necessary in the pursuit of truth and justice  
7           for the American people.

8           (5)(A) The chair of the Special Select Com-  
9           mittee, upon consultation with the ranking minority  
10          member, may order the taking of depositions, under  
11          oath and pursuant to notice or subpoena, by a Mem-  
12          ber of the Special Select Committee or a counsel of  
13          the Special Select Committee.

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

18          (6) The chair of the Special Select Committee  
19          may, after consultation with the ranking minority  
20          member, recognize—

21                 (A) Members of the Special Select Com-  
22                 mittee to question a witness for periods longer  
23                 than five minutes as though pursuant to clause  
24                 2(j)(2)(B) of rule XI; and

1 (B) staff of the Special Select Committee  
2 to question a witness as though pursuant to  
3 clause 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 Special Select Committee within 14 days of the adop-  
9 tion of this resolution. Such records shall become the  
10 records of the Special Select Committee.

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

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



1           (2) The chair of the Special Select Committee, upon  
2 consultation with the ranking minority member, may em-  
3 ploy and fix the compensation of such staff as the chair  
4 considers necessary to carry out this resolution.

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

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

15           (a) The Special Select Committee shall cease to exist  
16 30 days after filing the final report required under section  
17 3.

18           (b) Upon dissolution of the Special Select Committee,  
19 the records of the Special Select Committee shall become  
20 the records of such committee or committees designated  
21 by the Speaker.