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# H. RES. 693

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to establish the  
Permanent Select Committee on Oversight of the Executive Branch.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOHO (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas) submitted the following  
resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

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## RESOLUTION

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establish the Permanent Select Committee on Oversight  
of the Executive Branch.

1       *Resolved,*

2       **SECTION 1. PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON OVER-**  
3                               **SIGHT OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.**

4           (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Rule X of the Rules of the  
5 House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following new clause:

1 **“Permanent Select Committee on Oversight of the**  
2 **Executive Branch**

3 “12.(a) There is hereby established the Permanent  
4 Select Committee on Oversight of the Executive Branch  
5 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Select Committee’).

6 “(b)(1) The Speaker shall appoint 12 Members to the  
7 Select Committee, five of whom shall be appointed after  
8 consultation with the minority leader.

9 “(2) The Speaker shall designate one Member to  
10 serve as chair of the Select Committee, and the minority  
11 leader shall designate one Member to serve as ranking mi-  
12 nority member of the Select Committee.

13 “(3) Any vacancy in the Select Committee shall be  
14 filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

15 “(4) The Select Committee shall enlist the assistance  
16 of a Special Task Force established by the Federal Bureau  
17 of Investigation, for the sole purpose of assisting the Se-  
18 lect Committee in its investigations.

19 “(c) The Select Committee shall investigate allega-  
20 tions of misconduct by officials of the executive branch.  
21 The Select Committee shall not have legislative jurisdic-  
22 tion.

23 “(d)(1) Notwithstanding clause 3(m) of rule X, the  
24 Select Committee is authorized to study the sources and  
25 methods of entities described in clause 11(b)(1)(A) of rule

1 X insofar as such study is related to the matters described  
2 in paragraph (c).

3 “(2) Clause 11(e) and the first sentence of clause  
4 11(f) of rule X (relating to the Permanent Select Com-  
5 mittee on Intelligence) shall apply to the Select Com-  
6 mittee.

7 “(3) Rule XI applies to the Select Committee except  
8 as follows:

9 “(A) Clause 2(a) of rule XI shall not apply to  
10 the Select Committee.

11 “(B) Clause 2(g)(2)(D) of rule XI shall apply  
12 to the Select Committee in the same manner as it  
13 applies to the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-  
14 ligence.

15 “(C) Pursuant to clause 2(h) of rule XI, two  
16 Members of the Select Committee shall constitute a  
17 quorum for taking testimony or receiving evidence  
18 and one-third of the Members of the Select Com-  
19 mittee shall constitute a quorum for taking any ac-  
20 tion other than one for which the presence of a ma-  
21 jority of the Select Committee is required.

22 “(D) The chair of the Select Committee may  
23 authorize and issue subpoenas pursuant to clause  
24 2(m) of rule XI in the investigation and study con-  
25 ducted pursuant to section 3 of this resolution, in-

1 cluding for the purpose of taking depositions, as is  
2 deemed necessary in the pursuit of truth and justice  
3 for the American people.

4 “(E)(i) The chair of the Select Committee,  
5 upon consultation with the ranking minority mem-  
6 ber, may order the taking of depositions, under oath  
7 and pursuant to notice or subpoena, by a Member  
8 of the Select Committee or a counsel of the Select  
9 Committee.

10 “(ii) Depositions taken under the authority pre-  
11 scribed in this subdivision shall be governed by the  
12 procedures submitted by the chair of the Committee  
13 on Rules for printing in the Congressional Record.

14 “(F) The chair of the Select Committee may,  
15 after consultation with the ranking minority mem-  
16 ber, recognize—

17 “(i) Members of the Select Committee to  
18 question a witness for periods longer than five  
19 minutes as though pursuant to clause  
20 2(j)(2)(B) of rule XI; and

21 “(ii) staff of the Select Committee to ques-  
22 tion a witness as though pursuant to clause  
23 2(j)(2)(C) of rule XI.”.

24 (b) FUNDING FOR ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH  
25 CONGRESS.—

1           (1) PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.—There shall be  
2           paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of  
3           Representatives such sums as may be necessary for  
4           the expenses of the Permanent Select Committee on  
5           Oversight of the Executive Branch established under  
6           clause 12 of rule XI of the Rules of the House of  
7           Representatives (as added by subsection (a)) during  
8           the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress.

9           (2) VOUCHERS.—Payments under this sub-  
10          section shall be made on vouchers signed by the  
11          chair of the Select Committee and approved in the  
12          manner directed by the Committee on House Admin-  
13          istration.

14          (3) REGULATIONS.—Amounts made available  
15          under this subsection shall be expended in accord-  
16          ance with regulations prescribed by the Committee  
17          on House Administration.

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