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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,  
reported the following original resolution; which was referred to the Com-  
mittee on \_\_\_\_\_,

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**RESOLUTION**

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

1       *Resolved*, That, in carrying out its powers, duties, and  
2 functions under the Standing Rules of the Senate, in ac-  
3 cordance with its jurisdiction under Rule XXV of such  
4 rules, including holding hearings, reporting such hearings,  
5 and making investigations as authorized by paragraphs 1  
6 and 8 of rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate,  
7 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
8 is authorized from March 1, 2017, through September 30,  
9 2017, October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018, and

1 October 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019, in its discre-  
2 tion—

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

5 (2) to 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, to use on a reimburs-  
9 able or non-reimbursable basis the services of per-  
10 sonnel of any such department or agency.

11 SEC. 2. (a) The expenses of the committee for the  
12 period from March 1, 2017, through September 30, 2017,  
13 under this resolution shall not exceed \$3,879,581, of  
14 which amount—

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

20 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for  
21 the training of the professional staff of such com-  
22 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)  
23 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

1 (b) For the period October 1, 2017, through Sep-  
2 tember 30, 2018, expenses of the committee under this  
3 resolution shall not exceed \$6,650,710, of which amount—

4 (1) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for  
5 the procurement of the services of individual con-  
6 sultations, or organizations thereof (as authorized by  
7 section 202(i) of the Legislative Reorganization Act  
8 of 1946, as amended); and

9 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for  
10 the training of the professional staff of such com-  
11 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)  
12 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

13 (c) For the period October 1, 2018, through Feb-  
14 ruary 28, 2019, expenses of the committee under this res-  
15 olution shall not exceed \$2,771,129, 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, as amended); and

21 (2) not to exceed \$50,000 may be expended for  
22 the training of the professional staff of such com-  
23 mittee (under procedures specified by section 202(j)  
24 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946).

1       SEC. 3. The committee shall report its findings, to-  
2       gether with such recommendations for legislation as it  
3       deems advisable, to the Senate at the earliest practicable  
4       date, but not later than February 28, 2019.

5       SEC. 4. Expenses of the committee under this resolu-  
6       tion shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate  
7       upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the com-  
8       mittee, except that vouchers shall not be required—

9               (1) for the disbursement of salaries of employ-  
10       ees paid at an annual rate;

11              (2) for the payment of telecommunications pro-  
12       vided by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and  
13       Doorkeeper, United States Senate;

14              (3) for the payment of stationary supplies pur-  
15       chased through the Keeper of the Stationary, United  
16       States Senate;

17              (4) for payments to the Postmaster, United  
18       States Senate;

19              (5) for the payment of metered charges on  
20       copying equipment provided by the Office of the Ser-  
21       geant at Arms and Doorkeeper, United States Sen-  
22       ate;

23              (6) for the payment of Senate Recording and  
24       Photographic Services; or

1           (7) for the payment of franked and mass mail  
2           costs by the Office of the Sergeant at Arms and  
3           Doorkeeper, United States Senate.

4           SEC. 5. There are authorized such sums as may be  
5           necessary for agency contributions related to the com-  
6           pensation of employees of the committee from March 1,  
7           2017, through September 30, 2017, October 1, 2017,  
8           through September 30, 2018, and October 1, 2018,  
9           through February 28, 2019.