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H. RES. 330

To establish a special ad hoc committee to review the current welfare system and to report comprehensive welfare reform legislation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CASTLE (for himself and Mr. EMERSON) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

To establish a special ad hoc committee to review the current welfare system and to report comprehensive welfare reform legislation.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

3 The House of Representatives find that—

4 (1) three primary low-income assistance pro-
5 grams (aid to families with dependent children
6 (AFDC), food stamps, and medicaid) and other wel-
7 fare programs were created in a good-faith effort to
8 provide needed assistance to a specific population;

9 (2) amendments to authorizing legislation have
10 resulted in a patchwork approach to problems that

1 have surfaced within each program, creating dif-
2 ferences in legislative and regulatory policy, thereby
3 causing additional conflicts;

4 (3) as a result of the unique histories and mis-
5 sions of these three programs, each program is with-
6 in the jurisdiction of a different committee;

7 (4) partly as a result of this, policies, laws, and
8 regulations restrict the ability of the program ad-
9 ministrators to provide coordinated, timely, and ap-
10 propriate benefits to those eligible for more than one
11 type of assistance;

12 (5) four committees and five subcommittees ex-
13 ercise primary authorization and oversight respon-
14 sibilities for the three programs; and

15 (6) this jurisdictional oversight has contributed
16 to complexity, duplication, and lack of coordination
17 among the three programs.

18 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE.**

19 There is established a special ad hoc Committee on
20 Welfare Reform (referred to as the “Committee”) to be
21 composed of—

22 (1) 4 members of the Committee on Agri-
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24 (A) 2 to be appointed by the Speaker; and

1 (B) 2 to be appointed by the minority lead-
2 er;

3 (2) 4 members of the Committee on Education
4 and Labor—

5 (A) 2 to be appointed by the Speaker; and

6 (B) 2 to be appointed by the minority lead-
7 er;

8 (3) 4 members of the Committee on Energy
9 and Commerce—

10 (A) 2 to be appointed by the Speaker; and

11 (B) 2 to be appointed by the minority lead-
12 er;

13 (4) 4 members of the Committee on Ways and
14 Means—

15 (A) 2 to be appointed by the Speaker; and

16 (B) 2 to be appointed by the minority lead-
17 er;

18 (5) 9 Members of the House—

19 (A) 7 to be appointed by the Speaker; one
20 of whom he shall designate to serve as chair-
21 man.

22 (B) 2 to be appointed by the minority lead-
23 er.

1 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the commit-
2 tee shall be filled in the manner in which the original ap-
3 pointment was made.

4 **SEC. 3. FUNCTIONS.**

5 The Committee is authorized and directed—

6 (1) to conduct a thorough review of the current
7 welfare system that provides assistance to individ-
8 uals with limited incomes; and

9 (2) to report to the House by bill with respect
10 to any matters covered by this resolution;

11 not later than September 30, 1994.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSA-**
13 **TION OF STAFF.**

14 (a) **AUTHORITY OF COMMITTEE.**—The Committee
15 may—

16 (1) sit and act at such places and times as the
17 Committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee
18 thereof, determines are appropriate during the ses-
19 sions, recesses, and adjourned periods of Congress;
20 and

21 (2) require the attendance of witnesses and the
22 production of books, papers, and documents, admin-
23 ister oaths, take testimony, and procure printing and
24 binding.

25 (b) **APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF STAFF.**—

1 (1) The Committee may appoint and fix the compensation
2 of such experts, consultants, technicians, and clerical and
3 stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and advis-
4 able, but shall utilize the services of the staffs of those
5 standing committees from which members have been se-
6 lected from membership on the Committee to the extent
7 possible.

8 (2) The Committee may utilize such voluntary and
9 uncompensated services as it deems necessary and may
10 utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel
11 of the General Accounting Office, the Congressional Re-
12 search Service of the Library of Congress, and other agen-
13 cies of the legislative branch.

14 (3) The members and staff of the Committee shall
15 be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary
16 expenses incurred by them in the performance of the du-
17 ties vested in the Committee, other than expenses in con-
18 nection with meetings of the Committee held in the Dis-
19 trict of Columbia during such times as the Congress is
20 in session.

21 (c) WITNESSES.—Witnesses requested to appear be-
22 fore the Committee shall be reimbursed for travel, subsist-
23 ence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in
24 traveling to and from the places at which they are to ap-
25 pear.

1 (d) EXPENSES.—Notwithstanding any law, rule, or
2 other authority, there shall be paid from the contingent
3 fund of the House \$750,000 for the expenses of the com-
4 mittee. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed
5 by the chairman of the committee and approved by the
6 Committee on House Administration. Amounts made
7 available under this subsection shall be expended in ac-
8 cordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on
9 House Administration.

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