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Establishing the Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. GALLEGO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence.

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.**

3 In this resolution:

4 (1) **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**—The term “ar-
5 tificial intelligence” has the meaning given that term
6 in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence
7 Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

8 (2) **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM.**—The
9 term “artificial intelligence system” means any ma-
10 chine-based system that, for explicit or implicit ob-
11 jectives, infers from the input it receives how to gen-
12 erate outputs, including predictions, content, rec-

1 ommendations, or decisions, that can influence phys-
2 ical or virtual environments.

3 (3) SELECT COMMITTEE.—The term “Select
4 Committee” means the Select Committee on Artifi-
5 cial Intelligence established by section 2.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a select com-
8 mittee of the Senate, to be known as the “Select Com-
9 mittee on Artificial Intelligence”.

10 (b) DURATION.—The Select Committee shall be es-
11 tablished during the 120th Congress and shall continue
12 in existence unless otherwise provided by the Senate.

13 **SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP.**

14 (a) COMPOSITION.—The Select Committee shall be
15 composed of not more than 13 Senators, appointed by the
16 President pro tempore of the Senate.

17 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—In making recommendations
18 under subsection (a), the President pro tempore of the
19 Senate shall consider the qualifications, experience, and
20 expertise of Senators with respect to artificial intelligence
21 and matters within the jurisdiction of the Select Com-
22 mittee.

23 (c) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the membership of
24 the Select Committee—

1 (1) shall not affect the powers of the Select
2 Committee; and

3 (2) shall be filled in the same manner as the
4 original appointment.

5 (d) LEADERSHIP.—

6 (1) CHAIRPERSON.—The majority leader of the
7 Senate shall designate a member of the Select Com-
8 mittee from the majority party to serve as Chair-
9 person of the Select Committee.

10 (2) RANKING MINORITY MEMBER.—The minor-
11 ity leader of the Senate shall designate a member of
12 the Select Committee from the minority party to
13 serve as ranking minority member of the Select
14 Committee.

15 (e) SUBCOMMITTEES.—The Select Committee may
16 establish such subcommittees as it considers necessary to
17 carry out its responsibilities under this resolution, subject
18 to the Standing Rules of the Senate and the rules of the
19 Select Committee.

20 **SEC. 4. PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee is author-
22 ized and directed—

23 (1) to conduct investigations and continuing
24 studies of the development, deployment, use, and
25 governance of artificial intelligence, including emerg-

1 ing capabilities and risks across the artificial intel-
2 ligence ecosystem;

3 (2) to examine the national security, defense,
4 intelligence, cybersecurity, and foreign policy impli-
5 cations of artificial intelligence, including inter-
6 national competition, cooperation, and threats to the
7 security of the United States;

8 (3) to examine the economic and labor implica-
9 tions of artificial intelligence, including effects on
10 employment, job displacement, productivity, work-
11 force development, and the competitiveness of the
12 United States;

13 (4) to examine risks to children and consumers
14 from artificial intelligence, including issues relating
15 to consumer protection, privacy, data security, civil
16 rights, civil liberties, discrimination, and the safety
17 of artificial intelligence products and services;

18 (5) to examine the implications of artificial in-
19 telligence for critical infrastructure, energy genera-
20 tion and consumption, water resources, and the envi-
21 ronment;

22 (6) to examine the development, procurement,
23 deployment, and use of artificial intelligence by Fed-
24 eral departments and agencies, including existing

1 oversight mechanisms and the adequacy of applica-
2 ble Federal laws and regulations;

3 (7) to examine the adequacy of existing Federal
4 authorities, standards, testing procedures, and safe-
5 guards relating to artificial intelligence, including
6 the identification of potential gaps in Federal over-
7 sight;

8 (8) to examine international approaches to arti-
9 ficial intelligence governance and opportunities for
10 international cooperation, including the development
11 of common standards, information-sharing mecha-
12 nisms, and safeguards;

13 (9) to assess and develop appropriate legislative
14 safeguards, recommendations, and proposals per-
15 taining to artificial intelligence; and

16 (10) to examine such other matters relating to
17 artificial intelligence as the Select Committee con-
18 siders necessary to carry out the purposes set forth
19 in paragraphs (1) through (9).

20 (b) LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee may
22 consider and report to the Senate proposed legisla-
23 tion and other matters relating to artificial intel-
24 ligence that are referred to the Select Committee in

1 accordance with the Standing Rules of the Senate
2 and applicable orders of the Senate.

3 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
4 resolution shall be construed to divest any standing
5 committee of the Senate of its existing jurisdiction
6 or to require the exclusive referral of any proposed
7 legislation or other matter to the Select Committee.

8 **SEC. 5. POWERS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of carrying out this
10 resolution, the Select Committee may—

11 (1) conduct investigations and inquiries into
12 any matter within its jurisdiction;

13 (2) authorize and issue subpoenas for the at-
14 tendance and testimony of witnesses and the produc-
15 tion of books, records, correspondence, memoranda,
16 papers, documents, electronic files, and other rel-
17 evant materials;

18 (3) administer oaths to witnesses;

19 (4) sit and act at such times and places within
20 the United States, whether the Senate is in session,
21 has recessed, or has adjourned, as it considers ap-
22 propriate;

23 (5) hold hearings, take testimony, and receive
24 evidence as it considers necessary;

1 (6) take depositions and other testimony, in-
2 cluding through authorized members or employees of
3 the Select Committee, in accordance with applicable
4 Senate rules;

5 (7) procure the services of individual consult-
6 ants, technical experts, and consulting organizations
7 as necessary to carry out its responsibilities, subject
8 to applicable law and Senate rules;

9 (8) request information, documents, reports,
10 and briefings from Federal departments and agen-
11 cies concerning matters within its jurisdiction;

12 (9) make recommendations and report legisla-
13 tion and other matters within its jurisdiction, sub-
14 ject to section 4(b); and

15 (10) establish subcommittees and delegate re-
16 sponsibilities to such subcommittees, consistent with
17 this resolution and applicable Senate rules.

18 (b) SUBPOENAS.—Subpoenas shall be authorized and
19 issued under the signature of the Chairperson of the Select
20 Committee, or by a designee of the Chairperson, and may
21 be served by any person designated by the Chairperson.

22 (c) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee may
24 adopt such rules of procedure as it considers nec-
25 essary to carry out its responsibilities, provided that

1 such rules are not inconsistent with the Standing
2 Rules of the Senate or other applicable orders of the
3 Senate.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—The rules adopted under para-
5 graph (1) may address—

6 (A) the scheduling and conduct of meet-
7 ings, hearings, and other committee pro-
8 ceedings;

9 (B) quorum requirements for conducting
10 committee business, consistent with applicable
11 Senate rules;

12 (C) procedures for receiving testimony,
13 taking depositions, and considering evidence;

14 (D) procedures for considering and report-
15 ing legislation, recommendations, and other
16 matters;

17 (E) the establishment and operation of
18 subcommittees; and

19 (F) such other matters relating to the in-
20 ternal administration and operation of the Se-
21 lect Committee as the Select Committee con-
22 siders appropriate.

23 **SEC. 6. INFORMATION ACCESS AND AGENCY REPORTING.**

24 (a) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—The Select Com-
25 mittee may request and receive from the President and

1 the heads of Federal departments and agencies informa-
2 tion, documents, reports, and briefings relevant to matters
3 within its jurisdiction, consistent with applicable law and
4 Senate rules.

5 (b) AGENCY REPORTING.—The Select Committee
6 may request that the heads of relevant Federal depart-
7 ments and agencies provide periodic reports or briefings
8 concerning—

9 (1) significant developments in artificial intel-
10 ligence capabilities, deployment, and emerging risks;

11 (2) the development, procurement, and use of
12 artificial intelligence by Federal departments and
13 agencies;

14 (3) significant artificial intelligence-related
15 threats to national security, cybersecurity, critical
16 infrastructure, or public safety;

17 (4) Federal activities relating to artificial intel-
18 ligence testing, evaluation, standards, and oversight;
19 and

20 (5) such other matters relating to artificial in-
21 telligence as the Select Committee considers appro-
22 priate.

23 (c) ACCESS BY MEMBERS.—Each member of the Se-
24 lect Committee shall have access to information, records,
25 reports, and other materials obtained by the Select Com-

1 mittee in the course of carrying out its responsibilities,
2 subject to applicable law, Senate rules, and requirements
3 governing the protection of classified or otherwise sensitive
4 information.

5 (d) COORDINATION WITH OTHER COMMITTEES.—
6 The Select Committee may consult and coordinate with
7 standing and select committees of the Senate—

8 (1) on matters relating to artificial intelligence
9 that fall within their respective jurisdictions, includ-
10 ing through joint hearings, briefings, and the ex-
11 change of information, consistent with applicable
12 Senate rules; and

13 (2) in obtaining and reviewing information rel-
14 evant to matters within their respective jurisdictions,
15 consistent with applicable Senate rules and require-
16 ments governing the protection of classified or other-
17 wise sensitive information.

18 **SEC. 7. CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND SECURITY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee shall estab-
20 lish procedures for the receipt, handling, storage, use, and
21 disclosure of classified information and other sensitive in-
22 formation obtained in carrying out its responsibilities, con-
23 sistent with applicable law and Senate rules.

24 (b) PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.—An employee,
25 consultant, contractor, or detailed employee of the Select

1 Committee may be granted access to classified information
2 only if the individual—

3 (1) possesses any security clearance required
4 for access to such information;

5 (2) has executed any confidentiality agreement
6 or acknowledgment required under applicable Senate
7 rules and security procedures; and

8 (3) complies with applicable requirements gov-
9 erning the protection of classified information.

10 (c) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Nothing in this
11 resolution shall be construed to authorize the public disclo-
12 sure of classified information or other information pro-
13 tected from disclosure by applicable law or Senate rules.

14 **SEC. 8. STAFF AND PERSONNEL.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee may em-
16 ploy and compensate such professional, administrative,
17 technical, and other personnel as the Select Committee
18 considers necessary to carry out its responsibilities, sub-
19 ject to applicable law and Senate rules.

20 (b) STAFF RESOURCES.—

21 (1) EQUAL ACCESS.—The Chairperson and
22 ranking member of the Select Committee shall have
23 equal access to staffing resources and technical ex-
24 pertise necessary to carry out the responsibilities of
25 the Select Committee.

1 (2) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING.—Of the funds
2 made available to the Select Committee for per-
3 sonnel, 50 percent shall be under the control of the
4 Chairperson and 50 percent shall be under the con-
5 trol of the ranking member of the Select Committee.

6 (3) SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL
7 PERSONNEL.—The Chairperson and ranking mem-
8 ber of the Select Committee shall jointly determine
9 the allocation of shared administrative and technical
10 personnel, consistent with the equal allocation of
11 personnel resources under paragraph (2).

12 (c) TECHNICAL EXPERTISE.—The Select Committee
13 may employ or retain individuals with expertise in artifi-
14 cial intelligence, computer science, cybersecurity, national
15 security, economics, labor, consumer protection, privacy,
16 and other matters relevant to its jurisdiction.

17 (d) DETAILED PERSONNEL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—With the prior consent of
19 the Federal department or agency concerned and the
20 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-
21 ate, the Select Committee may use, on a reimburs-
22 able or nonreimbursable basis, the services of per-
23 sonnel of such department or agency.

24 (2) SOURCES OF PERSONNEL.—Personnel de-
25 tailed under paragraph (1) may include personnel

1 from Federal departments and agencies with exper-
2 tise relevant to the responsibilities of the Select
3 Committee.

4 (3) SUPERVISION AND SECURITY.—Personnel
5 detailed under this subsection shall be subject to the
6 supervision of the Select Committee and applicable
7 Senate requirements concerning confidentiality, con-
8 flicts of interest, and access to classified or other-
9 wise sensitive information.

10 **SEC. 9. FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES.**

11 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—For purposes of carrying out
12 this resolution, the Select Committee may make expendi-
13 tures from the contingent fund of the Senate, subject to
14 applicable law, Senate rules, and the approval of the Com-
15 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

16 (b) PERMISSIBLE EXPENDITURES.—Expenditures
17 authorized under subsection (a) may include—

18 (1) compensation of personnel employed by the
19 Select Committee;

20 (2) procurement of the services of consultants,
21 technical experts, and consulting organizations;

22 (3) expenses associated with hearings, inves-
23 tigations, depositions, and other committee pro-
24 ceedings;

1 (4) acquisition of equipment, technology, and
2 other resources necessary to carry out the respon-
3 sibilities of the Select Committee; and

4 (5) such other administrative and operational
5 expenses as are necessary to carry out this resolu-
6 tion.

7 (c) BUDGET.—The Chairperson and ranking member
8 of the Select Committee shall jointly develop and submit
9 the budget of the Select Committee for consideration and
10 approval in accordance with applicable Senate rules and
11 procedures.

12 (d) ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.—Funds made
13 available to the Select Committee for personnel shall be
14 allocated in accordance with section 7(b).

15 **SEC. 10. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Select Committee may sub-
17 mit to the Senate reports, findings, and recommendations
18 concerning matters within its jurisdiction, including rec-
19 ommendations for legislative or administrative action.

20 (b) LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.—The Select Com-
21 mittee may develop and submit legislative proposals relat-
22 ing to artificial intelligence and may consider and report
23 legislation referred to it in accordance with section 4(b).

24 (c) COORDINATION.—The Select Committee may
25 transmit its findings and recommendations to standing

1 and select committees of the Senate with jurisdiction over
2 the matters addressed in such findings and recommenda-
3 tions.

4 (d) PROTECTION OF INFORMATION.—Any report sub-
5 mitted under this section shall be prepared and made
6 available in a manner consistent with applicable require-
7 ments governing the protection of classified or otherwise
8 sensitive information.