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Establishing the Committee to Reduce Government Waste.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. ENZI) 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 shall be a Senate committee known as the  
4       Committee to Reduce Government Waste (referred to in  
5       this resolution as the “committee”).

6       **SEC. 2. MEMBERSHIP.**

7       (a) COMPOSITION.—The committee shall be com-  
8       posed of 12 members as follows:

9               (1) 4 members from the Committee on Finance,  
10       2 selected by the Majority Leader and 2 selected by  
11       the Minority Leader.

1           (2) 4 members from the Committee on Appro-  
2           priations, 2 selected by the Majority Leader and 2  
3           selected by the Minority Leader.

4           (3) 4 members from the Committee on the  
5           Budget, 2 selected by the Majority Leader and 2 se-  
6           lected by the Minority Leader.

7           (b) TENURE OF OFFICE.—

8           (1) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—Members shall  
9           be appointed for a period not to exceed 6 years.

10          (2) EXCEPTIONS.—No person shall continue to  
11          serve as a member of the committee after that per-  
12          son has ceased to be a member of the Committee  
13          from which the member was chosen.

14          (c) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the committee shall  
15          not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same man-  
16          ner as the original appointment.

17          (d) CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN.—The com-  
18          mittee shall select a Chairman and Vice Chairman from  
19          among its members.

20          (e) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of the  
21          committee shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number  
22          of members may hold hearings. The powers conferred  
23          upon them under section 4 may be exercised by a majority  
24          vote.

1 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The committee shall have the fol-  
3 lowing duties:

4 (1) **STUDY.**—The committee shall—

5 (A) research, review, and study Federal  
6 programs that are underperforming or non-  
7 essential; and

8 (B) determine which Federal programs  
9 should be modified or eliminated.

10 (2) **RECOMMENDATIONS.**—The committee shall  
11 develop recommendations to the Senate for actions  
12 designed to modify or eliminate underperforming or  
13 nonessential Federal programs.

14 (3) **REPORTS AND LEGISLATION.**—The com-  
15 mittee shall submit to the Senate—

16 (A) at least once a year, reports includ-  
17 ing—

18 (i) a detailed statement of the find-  
19 ings and conclusions of the committee; and

20 (ii) a list of underperforming or non-  
21 essential Federal programs; and

22 (B) such legislation and administrative ac-  
23 tions as the committee considers appropriate.

24 (b) **CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.**—Any legisla-  
25 tion submitted to the Senate by the committee shall be

1 considered under the provisions of section 310 of the Con-  
2 gressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 641).

3 **SEC. 4. POWERS.**

4 (a) HEARINGS.—The committee or, at its direction,  
5 any subcommittee or member of the committee, may, for  
6 the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3—

7 (1) sit and act, at any time, during the ses-  
8 sions, recesses, and adjourned periods of congress;

9 (2) require as the committee considers nec-  
10 essary, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance of  
11 witnesses and the production of books, papers, and  
12 documents;

13 (3) administer oaths and take testimony; and

14 (4) procure necessary printing and binding.

15 (b) WITNESS ALLOWANCES AND FEES.—The provi-  
16 sions of section 1821 of title 28, United States Code, shall  
17 apply to witnesses requested to appear at any hearing of  
18 the committee. The per diem and mileage allowances for  
19 witnesses shall be paid from funds available to pay the  
20 expenses of the committee.

21 (c) EXPENDITURES.—The committee, or any sub-  
22 committee thereof, is authorized to make such expendi-  
23 tures as it deems advisable.

1 **SEC. 5. APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF STAFF.**

2       Except as otherwise provided by law, the committee  
3 shall have the power to appoint and fix the compensation  
4 of the Chief of Staff of the committee and such experts  
5 and clerical, stenographic, and other assistants as the  
6 committee deems advisable.

7 **SEC. 6. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES.**

8       The expenses of the committee shall be paid from the  
9 contingent fund of the Senate.