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109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 437

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

RESOLUTION

To establish the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT.

There is hereby established the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina (hereinafter referred to as the "select committee").

SEC. 2. COMPOSITION.

(a) The select committee shall be composed of 20 members appointed by the Speaker, of whom 9 shall be

1 appointed after consultation with the Minority Leader.
2 The Speaker shall designate one Member as chairman.
3 (b)(1) The Speaker and the Minority Leader shall be
4 ex officio members of the select committee but shall have
5 no vote in the select committee and may not be counted
6 for purposes of determining a quorum.
7 (2) The Speaker and the Minority Leader each may
8 designate a leadership staff member to assist in their ca-
9 pacity as ex officio members, with the same access to se-
10 lect committee meetings, hearings, briefings, and mate-
11 rials as employees of the select committee and subject to
12 the same security clearance and confidentiality require-
13 ments as staff of the select committee.
14 **SEC. 3. INVESTIGATION AND REPORT.**
15 The select committee is authorized and directed to
16 conduct a full and complete investigation and study and
17 to report its findings to the House not later than February
18 15, 2006, regarding—
19 (1) the development, coordination, and execu-
20 tion by local, State, and Federal authorities of emer-
21 gency response plans and other activities in prepara-
22 tion for Hurricane Katrina; and
23 (2) the local, State, and Federal government re-
24 sponse to Hurricane Katrina.

1 **SEC. 4. PROCEDURE.**

2 Rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives,
3 including the items referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2),
4 shall apply to the select committee:

5 (1) Clause 2(j)(1) of rule XI (guaranteeing the
6 minority additional witnesses).

7 (2) Clause 2(m)(3) of rule XI (providing for the
8 authority to subpoena witnesses and documents).

9 **SEC. 5. JOINT OPERATIONS.**

10 The chairman of the select committee, in conducting
11 the investigation and study described in section 3, shall
12 consult with the chairman of a Senate committee con-
13 ducting a parallel investigation and study regarding meet-
14 ing jointly to receive testimony, the scheduling of hearings
15 or issuance of subpoenas, and joint staff interviews of key
16 witnesses.

17 **SEC. 6. STAFF; FUNDING.**

18 (a)(1) To the greatest extent practicable, the select
19 committee shall utilize the services of staff of employing
20 entities of the House. At the request of the chairman in
21 consultation with the ranking minority member, staff of
22 employing entities of the House or a joint committee may
23 be detailed to the select committee to carry out this resolu-
24 tion and shall be deemed to be staff of the select com-
25 mittee.

1 (2) The chairman, upon consultation with the rank-
2 ing minority member, may employ and fix the compensa-
3 tion of such staff as the chairman considers necessary to
4 carry out this resolution.

5 (b) There shall be paid out of the applicable accounts
6 of the House $500,000 for the expenses of the select com-
7 mittee. Such payments shall be made on vouchers signed
8 by the chairman and approved in the manner directed by
9 the Committee on House Administration. Amounts made
10 available under this subsection shall be expended in ac-
11 cordance with regulations prescribed by the Committee on
12 House Administration.

13 **SEC. 7. DISSOLUTION AND DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

14 (a) The select committee shall cease to exist 30 days
15 after filing the report required under section 3.

16 (b) Upon dissolution of the select committee, the
17 records of the select committee shall become the records
18 of any committee designated by the Speaker.