

80TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. J. RES. 326

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

Mr. HUBER introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

JOINT RESOLUTION

Creating a Joint Committee on Civil Rights.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established a joint congressional com-
4 mittee to be known as the Joint Committee on Civil Rights
5 (hereinafter referred to as the committee), which shall be
6 composed of five Members of the Senate to be appointed by
7 the President of the Senate, and five Members of the House
8 of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 SEC. 2. A vacancy in the membership of the committee
11 shall not affect the power of the remaining members to

1 execute the functions of the committee, and shall be filled
2 in the same manner as in the case of the original appoint-
3 ment. The members of the committee shall select a chair-
4 man from among their number. The members of the
5 committee shall serve without compensation in addition to
6 that received for their services as Members of Congress;
7 but they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and
8 other necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
9 ance of their duties as members of the committee, other
10 than expenses in connection with meetings of the committee
11 held in the District of Columbia during such times as the
12 Congress is in session.

13 SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the committee—

14 (1) To make a continuing study and investigation of
15 such matters as it deems appropriate in connection with the
16 protection of civil rights so that it may determine upon
17 means of improving respect for and enforcement of such
18 rights; and

19 (2) To report from time to time to the Senate (or to
20 the Secretary of the Senate if the Senate is not in session)
21 and to the House of Representatives (or to the Clerk of
22 the House if the House is not in session) the results of its
23 study and investigation, together with such recommenda-
24 tions as it deems advisable.

25 SEC. 4. The committee, or any subcommittee thereof,

1 shall have power to hold hearings and to sit and act at such
2 places and times, to require by subpoena or otherwise the at-
3 tendance of such witnesses, and the production of such books,
4 papers, documents, and tangible things, to administer such
5 oaths, to take such testimony, to procure such binding and
6 printing, and to make such expenditures, as it deems advis-
7 able. Subpenas shall be issued under the signature of the
8 chairman of the committee, and shall be served by any
9 person designated by him. The cost of stenographic serv-
10 ices in reporting such hearings as the committee may hold
11 shall not be in excess of 25 cents per hundred words.

12 SEC. 5. The committee is authorized to appoint and fix
13 the compensation of such experts and such clerical, steno-
14 graphic, and other assistants as it deems advisable.

15 SEC. 6. The expenses of the committee shall be paid
16 one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-
17 half from the contingent fund of the House of Representa-
18 tives upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the
19 committee.

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