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COMMITTEE FUNDING HEARING FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS (CONT.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2009

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Robert A. Brady [chairman of the committee] presiding.

Present: Representatives Brady, Lofgren, Gonzalez, Lungren, and Harper.

Staff Present: Liz Birnbaum, Staff Director; Jamie Fleet, Deputy Staff Director; Charles Howell, Chief Counsel; Matt Pinkus, Professional Staff/Parliamentarian; Kyle Anderson, Press Director; Kristin McCowan, Chief Legislative Clerk; Brian McCue, Professional Staff; Gregory Abbot, Policy Analyst; Victor Arnold-Bik, Minority Staff Director; Peter Schalestock, Minority Counsel; and Karin Moore, Minority Legislative Counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. I would like to call the Committee on House Administration to order.

And I would also like to welcome you back to round two of our committee funding hearings. Today we will hear from our colleagues on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means Committee, and the Rules Committee. This afternoon, we will follow the exact format as we had in the hearings last week, and hopefully we will be out of here relatively quickly.

I would like to recognize my friend and ranking member, Mr. Lungren, for any opening remarks or statements.

Mr. LUNGREN. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I thought that the first day of hearings went well. I presume this will as well. And I thank you for the spirit of cooperation and bipartisanship. We have approached this and the commitment to the one-third/two-thirds in terms of funding.

And I, too, hope that this will be an expeditious proceeding today.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

I would like to welcome Chairman Waxman and Ranking Member Barton, and ask you to join us up on the table.

And I am also now willingly going to relinquish my Chair to Mr. Gonzalez, who is a member of your committee, and I hope it is worthwhile, and I hope he gets even with you for how you have been treating him over the last couple of years.

I would give the Chair to Mr. Gonzalez.

Mr. GONZALEZ [presiding]. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, for giving me the opportunity to welcome the esteemed chairman and ranking member of Energy and Commerce, on which I have the great privilege of serving, and just have such great admiration for both Mr. Waxman and Mr. Barton, my fellow Texan.

I believe that the chairman and the ranking member will be given 5 minutes to make their presentation, and then, of course, if we have any questions, follow up, and more information.

So, with that, I would recognize Henry Waxman, who is the Chairman of Energy and Commerce.

STATEMENT OF THE HON. HENRY WAXMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. WAXMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Chairman, and my fellow Californian.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to testify on the Committee on Energy and Commerce's budget proposal for the 111th Congress. And I am pleased to be here with the ranking member of our committee, Mr. Barton.

During his tenure as chairman of the committee, Mr. Barton provided the minority with one-third of the committee resources, an approach that Mr. Dingell followed in the last Congress. And as the new Chair of the committee, I also intend to continue this approach to allocating resources for the minority.

As we begin the 111th Congress the Energy and Commerce Committee faces a tremendous work load. Three of the top priorities of the new Obama administration and the American public are in the jurisdiction of our committee: health care reform; climate change legislation; and energy independence. While each of these issues alone requires significant attention and resources, the committee will be undertaking them simultaneously.

Beyond these key matters, the committee will also be looking at food-safety reform; comprehensive FDA reform; tobacco legislation; telecommunications reforms; chemical security; cyber security; generic drug reform; as well as the reauthorization of the Toxic Substances Control Act, National Highway Transportation Safety Act, and the Federal Trade Commission.

We have already been working at a fast pace. In this first few weeks of this Congress, the committee completed a marathon markup of the economic recovery bill; played a lead role in enactment of legislation to expand comprehensive health care for millions of children; and spearheaded the development of legislation to postpone the transition to digital television until June 12th, 2009.

We also launched what will be a series of hearings to examine issues relating to climate change policy and to conduct an oversight hearing to examine food-safety issues raised by the recent outbreak of salmonella in peanut products.

To accomplish our agenda, the Committee needs to add new staff, including a senior Medicare expert, a senior motor vehicles expert, a staff member to represent the chairman emeritus, and additional staff for the subcommittees that will play leading roles in advancing legislation. The committee has also encouraged transition costs resulting from a change in the committee chairmanship.

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Once again, I would like to thank you for this opportunity to testify before the committee. I hope you will look favorably upon our request, and we look forward to working with you in the 111th Congress.

[The statement of Mr. Waxman follows:]

Statement before the Committee on House Administration
Funding Request for the Committee on Energy and Commerce
111th Congress
Henry Waxman, Chairman
February 11, 2009

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February 11, 2009

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Brady:

Please find attached the Budget Request for the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 111th Congress. The oversight plan was approved by the Full Committee in a business meeting this week.

I look forward to my testimony before the Committee. In the interim, please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact the Committee's Staff Director, Phil Barnett, if we may answer any questions or provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton

111th Congress Request Form

Committee on Energy and Commerce

	Categories	2009	2010	111th
	Staff Slots	**125**	**125**	**250**
	Total Budget Authority	**$11,898,160.00**	**$13,101,000.00**	**$24,999,160.00**
1	Personnel Compensation	$11,166,035.00	$12,188,876.00	$23,354,911.00
1a	Salaries and Lump Sums	$11,083,735.00	$12,116,876.00	$23,200,611.00
1b	Overtime	$39,500.00	$28,000.00	$67,500.00
1c	Transit Benefit	$42,800.00	$44,000.00	$86,800.00
2	Travel	$40,000.00	$42,000.00	$82,000.00
3	Communications	$158,360.00	$169,500.00	$327,860.00
4	Printing and Reproduction	$9,000.00	$12,000.00	$21,000.00
5	Other Services	$178,000.00	$208,100.00	$386,100.00
5a	Consultant Contracts	$75,000.00	$80,000.00	$155,000.00
5b	Detailees	$78,000.00	$102,100.00	$180,100.00
5c	Training	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$6,000.00
5d	Representational Expenses	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
5e	Specialized Training	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$2,000.00
5f	Miscellaneous Other Services	$20,000.00	$21,000.00	$41,000.00
6	Supplies and Materials	$146,000.00	$170,000.00	$316,000.00
7	Equipment	$200,765.00	$310,524.00	$511,289.00

Signature Henry A. Waxman

Henry A. Waxman, Chairman

DOCUMENT #1 PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

List the total anticipated cost of salary, overtime and transit benefits for 2009 and 2010, as well as the anticipated total number of staff positions. Please attach a complete list of the names, titles and annual compensation of staff as of February 1, 2009, including anticipated new positions, if any, and related salary, for 2009 and 2010.

	2009	2010
Total estimated number of staff:	125	125
Total estimated personnel compensation: *Enter on line 1 of request form*	$ 11,166,035	$ 12,188,876
Total estimated salary/lump sums: *Enter on line 1a of request form*	$ 11,083,735	$ 12,116,876
Total estimated overtime: *Enter on line 1b of request form*	$ 39,500	$ 28,000
Total estimated transit benefits: *Enter on line 1c of request form*	$ 42,800	$ 44,000

NOTE
Personnel Changes During Transition

Due to the change in leadership on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, significant reorganization is taking place on this Committee, as well as the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. At the end of December 2008, there were approximately 45 staff members that were expected to leave the Committee in January, February, or March 2009.

The salary cost to the Committee of the employees transitioning out is estimated to be $620,770. In part, this cost is offset by the transitioning in of employees from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

The charts that follow show the (1) the salary costs the Committee will incur, based on February 1, 2009 salary levels, once the transition period is complete, (2) the additional salary budget the Committee is seeking for 2009, and (3) the additional salary budget the Committee is seeking for 2010.

Additional information about the salary costs incurred by the Committee during the transition is available on request.

	COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE		
	111th Congress		
I.	***Current Majority Staff Salaries (Post Transition)***		
	(Includes Oversight Committee staff transitioning in; Excludes Energy and Commerce staff transitioning out)		
	(Based on February 1, 2009, salaries)		
SLOT	**NAME**	**TITLE**	**SALARY**
	MAJORITY (Includes 5 shared employee)		
1	Amerling, Kristin	Chief Counsel	$147,000
2	Anello, Russ	Counsel	$52,500
3	Appleberry, Robin	Counsel on Commerce Trade	$89,250
4	Ash, Michelle	Chief Counsel, Commerce, Trade	$136,500
5	Auchman, Caren	Assistant Press Secretary	$42,000
6	Banks, Alvin	Staff Assistant	$30,000
7	Baran, Jeff	Counsel on Communications & Technolo	$89,250
8	Barnett, Phil	Staff Director	$142,500
9	Baron, Valerie	Legislative Clerk/Commerce&Trade	$37,500
10	Barron, Alexander	Professional Staff Member	$75,000
11	Beauvais, Joel	Policy Coordinator - Sub Chair	$85,000
12	Berenholtz, Jennifer	Deputy Clerk	$68,000
13	Bez, Melissa	Professional Staff Member (*)	$45,500
14	Cardille, Stacia	Counsel	$52,500
15	Cassady, Alison	Professional Staff Member	$89,250
16	Cha, Stephen	Professional Staff Member	$99,750
17	Chang, Shawn	Counsel on Communications & Technolo	$65,000
18	Chuang, Theodore	Chief Oversight Counsel	$131,250
19	Clark, Robert	Policy Coordinator - Sub Chair	$85,000
20	Cobb, Robert	Policy Analyst	$42,000
21	Cohen, Brian	Senior Investigator	$126,000
22	Corcoran, Sean	Assistant Clerk	$61,800
23	Corr, Allison	Special Assistant	$30,000
24	Daum, Margaret	Counsel	$84,000
25	Davis, Christopher	Professional Staff member	$63,000
26	Davis, Daniel	Professional Staff member	$60,000
27	Davis, Sharon	Chief Clerk (Chief Legislative Clerk)	$166,018
28	Delgado, Pat	Telecommunications Policy Director	$30,000
29	Deng, J.R.	Chief Information Officer	$102,000

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE
111TH CONGRESS
MAJORITY
ESTIMATED PAYROLL

	COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE		
	111th Congress		
30	Despres, Sarah	Senior Health Counsel	$120,750
31	Dotson, Greg	Chief Environmental Counsel	$137,000
32	Edelman, Miriam	Special Assistant	$36,000
33	Eisenberg, Matthew	Staff Assistant	$29,200
34	Ertel, Elizabeth	Finance Officer	$60,000
35	Fjeld, Christian	Policy Coordinator - Sub Chair	$85,000
36	Frandsen, Richard	Chief Counsel for Environment	$163,795
37	Golden, Ali	Investigator	$42,000
38	Gordon, Michael	Deputy Chief Investigator	$115,500
39	Green, Earley	Chief Clerk	$136,000
40	Gronniger, Tim	Professional Staff Member	$104,000
41	Gwinn, Byron	Staff Assistant	$32,500
42	Haberman, Caitlin	Staff Assistant	$32,500
43	Hall, Amy	Professional Staff Member	$128,800
44	Jimison, John	Counsel	$139,100
45	Jones, Erik	Counsel	$73,500
46	Kempf, Purvee	Counsel	$128,800
47	Klein, Sheila	Office Manager/Ex. Asst. to Staff Dir.	$105,000
48	Laitin, Anna	Professional Staff Member	$84,000
49	Leviss, David	Deputy Chief Investigator	$115,500
50	Lightfoot, Karen	Sr Policy Advisor/Communications Dir	$100,696
51	Miller, Virgil	Professional Staff Member	$85,000
52	Morris, Anne	Legislative Analyst	$42,000
53	Nelson, Karen	Health Staff Director	$170,696
54	Owens, Jennifer	Special Assistant	$36,000
55	Powderly, Timothy	Counsel	$110,000
56	Rapallo, Dave	General Counsel	$147,000
57	Samuel, Seth	Webmaster	$40,000
58	Schloegel, Scott	Professional Staff Member	$85,000
59	Schmidt, Lorie	Sr. Energy and Air Quality Counsel	$143,000
60	Schneider, Andy	Chief Health Counsel	$168,411
61	Seiler, Naomi	Counsel	$89,250
62	Sher, Rachel	Professional Staff Member	$89,500
63	Sherman, Roger	Chief Counsel, Communications & Techr	$131,250
64	Smiley, Mitchell	Staff Assistant	$30,000
65	Teiz, Alexandra	Senior Energy Counsel	$126,000
66	Vaught, Laura	Policy Coordinator	$85,000
67	Vidal, Lindsay	Special Assistant	$36,000
68	Wease, Jeffrey	Deputy Information Officer	$70,000
69	Weiner, Matt	Special Assistant	$36,000

	COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE		
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70	Wilkenfeld, Gilad	Investigator	$42,000
71	Witt, Ann	Counsel	$61,400
72	Vacancy	Senior Adviser	$77,000
73	Vacancy	Senior Health Counsel	$150,000
74	Vacancy	Press Secretary	$45,000
75	Vacancy	Professional Staff Member	$50,000
76	Vacancy	Professional Staff Member	$0
77	Vacancy	Professional Staff Member	$0
	Total Base Salaries: Post-Transition		**$6,442,716**
II.	**Additional Majority Salary Needs for 2009**		
	COLA (at 4.78%) for Current Staff		$307,962
78	Senior Medicare Counsel		$150,000
79	Senior Motor Vehicle Expert		$130,000
80	Subcommittee Counsel for Health		$65,000
81	Subcommittee Counsel for Oversight		$65,000
82	Subcommittee Counsel for CTCP		$65,000
83	Subcommittee Counsel for Energy/Environ.		$65,000
84	Subcommittee Counsel for Communications		$65,000
85	Counsel to Chairman Emeritis		$65,000
	Total Additional Salary Needs		**$977,962**
	TOTAL MAJORITY		**$7,420,678**
III.	***Current Minority Staff Salaries***		
1	Cavicke, David	Minority Chief of Staff	$165,000
2	Neal, Lawrence	Deputy Staff Dir/Communication	$166,700
3	Alspach, Robert	Counsel	$108,400
4	Bartlett, Melissa	Counsel	$99,000
5	Carty, William	Professional Staff Member	$90,000
6	Christian, Karen	Counsel	$117,000
7	Clark, Brandon	Professional Staff Member	$102,200
8	Colsant, Jean	Director of Information Technology	$93,400
9	Costello, Samuel	Legislative Analyst	$40,500
10	Couri, Gerald	Professional Staff Member	$123,000
11	Couri, Heather	Deputy Chief of Staff	$100,000
12	Crow, Robert Nathan	Staff Assistant	$30,000

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13	Fishpaw, Marie	Counsel	$80,000
14	Fried, Neil	Counsel	$123,800
15	Golding, Garrett	Legislative Analyst	$43,000
16	Grant, Chad	Legislative Clerk	$45,000
17	Kielty, Peter	Legislative Analyst	$47,000
18	Kohl, Kevin	Special Assistant	$43,000
19	Kotschwar, Lance	General Counsel	$161,600
20	Long, Ryan	Chief Counsel, Health	$151,100
21	McCullough, Brian	Sr. Professional Staff Mbr/CFO	$120,000
22	Mertens Campbell, Amanda	Minority Counsel	$85,000
23	Miller, Lisa	Communications Director	$110,600
24	Reinhard, Ellen Courtney	Counsel	$93,000
25	Rosenthal, Krista Carpenter	Counsel	$68,000
26	Shah, Aaarti	Counsel	$90,000
27	Slobodin, Alan	Chief Counsel, Oversight	$161,708
28	Spencer, Peter	Professional Staff Member	$111,000
29	Spring, Andrea Lee	Professional Staff Member	$120,000
30	Walker, Linda	Admin & HR Coordinator	$97,000
31	Weinberg, Shannon	Counsel	$87,000
32	Vacancy	Legislative Analyst	$38,000
33	Vacancy	Counsel	$135,000
34	Vacancy	Counsel	$120,000
35	Vacancy	Professional Staff Member	$85,000
36	Vacancy	Legislative Clerk	$42,000
37	Vacancy	Staff Assistant	$35,000
	Total Base Salaries		**$3,528,008**
IV.	**Additional Minority Salary Needs for 2009**		
	COLA (at 4.78%) for Current Staff		$168,639
38	New Position (2009)	Office Coordinator Annex	$65,000
39	New Position (2009)	Assistant Clerk	$40,000
40	New Position (2009)	Research Assistant	$30,000
	Total Additional Salary Needs		**$135,000**
	TOTAL MINORITY PERSONNEL		**$3,663,008**

DOCUMENT #2: DETAILEES

Itemize anticipated annual reimbursement costs (i.e., salary, benefits, travel expenses), if any, for all detailees from other federal agencies or departments, including the Government Printing Office. List the anticipated projects, if known, for the detailees and specify the agency from which the detailees will be needed.

Note: Reimbursement is not required for detailees, except those from the Government Printing Office (GPO). Also, the total number of non-reimbursable detailees, at one time, must remain at or below 10% of the committee staff ceiling.

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2009

Description	Agency	Expense
Detailee/Printing Editor from GPO for preparing hearings and committee documents for publication	GPO	$78,000

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2009: $ 78,000

Enter on line 5b of request form

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2010

Description	Agency	Cost
Same as above	GPO	52,100
Same as above	GPO	50,000

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2010: $ 102,100

Enter on line 5b of request form

DOCUMENT #3: CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Describe the nature of the work anticipated from consultants and the total estimated cost of each contract.

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2009

Description	Expense
Health Care Specialist	$75,000

Total anticipated 2009 consultant fees: $ 75,000

Enter on line 5a of request form

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2010

Description	Expense
Health Care Specialist	$80,000

Total anticipated consultant fees in 2010: $ 80,000

Enter on line 5a of request form

DOCUMENT #4: EQUIPMENT

List any anticipated equipment and software purchases, their purpose or use, and estimated cost, including maintenance. These costs, when added to the committee's current equipment cost, will be the total equipment costs for 2009 and 2010. Also, please attach your equipment inventory for January 2009.

Anticipated Equipment in 2009

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total
Miscellaneous Equipment	Upgrades, or New Purchase	$3,161.00		$3,161.00

Total cost of new equipment and software in 2009: $ 3,161.00

Current equipment costs: $ 197,604.00
This is the total listed on your January 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for Equipment in 2009: **$ 200,765.00**
Enter on line 7 of request form

Anticipated Equipment in 2010

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total
2 Network Servers hardware and support	Business continuity	$50,000.00 x 2		$100,000.00
Copiers (4)	Upgrade or new for offices that do not currently have a copier.	$20,000 x 4		$80,000.00
Personal Computers (50)	Upgrade	$1,200 x 50		$60,000.00
Blackberries/Cells (100)	Upgrade	$30 x 100		$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous Equipment	Upgrades or as needed	$3904.00		$3904.00

Anticipated total expenses for new equipment and software in 2010: $ 246,904.00

Anticipated annual equipment cost in 2010: $ 63,620.00

This is your predicted total as you predict it to be displayed on your December 2010 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for equipment in 2010: **$ 310,524.00**
Enter on line 7 of request form

DOCUMENT #5: TRAVEL

List all anticipated committee activities for which official funds will be expended for travel. Be specific.

Anticipated Travel in 2009

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense

Total anticipated travel costs for 2009: $ 40,000
Enter on line 2 of request form

See Attachment (A)

Anticipated Travel in 2010

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense

Total anticipated travel costs for 2010: $ 42,000
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See Attachment (A)

Attachment (A)

For 2009, the Committee is requesting $40,000 for travel, which is 33% less than the $60,000, budgeted for 2008. For 2010, the Committee is requesting a 5% increase in travel. The Committee's agenda will include travel for Subcommittee and full Committee field hearings as well as travel for investigations. The Committee will also use these funds to pay for witnesses in extenuating circumstances.

DOCUMENT #6 ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

COMMUNICATIONS

Total estimated communications expenses in 2009 $ 158,360
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Total estimated communications expenses in 2010 $ 169,500
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PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION

Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2009 $ 9,000
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Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2010 $ 12,000
Enter on line 4 of request form

OTHER SERVICES

Total estimated expenses for other services in 2009 $ 178,000
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Total estimated expenses for other services in 2010 $ 209,600
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NON-SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Please provide specifics of all anticipated non-specialized training for committee staff.

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training Expenses in 2009

Staff	Description	Cost
Chief Information Officer	Computer hardware/software	1,500
Deputy Information Officer	Computer hardware/software	1,500

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2009: $ 3,000

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Anticipated Non-Specialized Training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
Chief Information Officer	Computer hardware/software	1,500
Deputy Information Officer	Computer hardware/software	1,500

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2010: $ 3,000

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SPECIALIZED TRAINING
Please provide specifics of all anticipated specialized training for committee staff.

2009 Anticipated Specialized Training

Staff	Description	Cost
New Staff and Special Assistants	CRS Training and Seminars	$1,000.00

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2009: $ 1,000
Enter on line 5e of request form

Anticipated specialized training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
New Staff and Special Assistants	CRS Training and Seminars	$1000

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2010: $ 1,000
Enter on line 5e of request form

REPRESENTATIONAL

Anticipated representational expenses in 2009: $ 1,000
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Anticipated representational expenses in 2010: $ 1,000
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SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2009: $ 146,000
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Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2010: $ 170,000
Enter on line 6 of request form

DOCUMENT #7 FRANKED MAIL ALLOCATION

List anticipated franked mail expenditures for 2009 and 2010.

NOTE: ***The franked mail allocation should not be included in your committee's primary expense resolution. The Committee will consider budget requests for Franked mail, under a separate resolution.***

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2009: $ 7,000

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2010: $ 7,000

COMMITTEE FUNDING QUESTIONS

GENERAL

1. Please justify any requested increase in budget categories from 2008 to 2009 and from 2009 to 2010. Some examples are: increases due to changes in jurisdiction, increases due to changes in committee structure, inflationary costs, as well as any regular and normal increases associated with any of the listed budget categories.

The Committee on Energy and Commerce faces a tremendous workload in the 111th Congress. Three of the top legislative priorities of the new Obama Administration and Congress are within Committee's jurisdiction: health care reform, climate change legislation, and energy independence. In addition, the Committee is incurring new costs as a result of the change in the chairmanship and the creation of a new chairman emeritus position.

2009

The Committee is requesting an 11.4% increase over the budget for 2008. The Committee needs an increase of 4.7% to cover cost-of-living increases for staff salaries and inflation increases for equipment, supplies, and other expenses. The additional increase of 6.7% is necessary for the Committee to meet its increased workload.

The Committee needs to add eight new staff, including a senior Medicare expert, a senior motor vehicles expert, a staff member to represent the Chairman Emeritus, and additional staff for subcommittees, especially the Health Subcommittee and the Energy and Environment Subcommittees, which will play leading roles in processing health reform and climate and energy independence legislation.

In addition, the Committee has incurred transition costs as a result of the change in the chairmanship, including the costs of compensating policy and administrative staff who are serving the Committee on a transitional basis. The Oversight Committee has assisted the Energy and Commerce Committee by retaining on its payroll during a transition period staff who will be moving to Energy and Commerce. But even with this assistance, the transition costs of the Energy and Commerce Committee are significant.

2010

The proposed Committee budget for 2010 constitutes a 10% increase over the proposed 2009 budget. This increase reflects a number of deferred equipment purchases, including network servers and personal computers that will promote efficiency by updating the Committee computer system and improving telecommuting capabilities.

This proposal also reflects an effort to improve pay equity for legislative staff with the executive branch. Currently, the Committee pay scale lags far behind that of the executive branch, hindering the ability of Committees to compete for the employment of policy experts.

MINORITY RESOURCES

2. In the 110th Congress, was the Ranking Member allowed control over any amount of the budget allocated to the Committee?

   Yes, the Ranking Member controls 1/3 of the total budget after expenses for administrative staff.

3. Was the amount allocated to the minority in the 110th Congress different than the amount allocated in the 109th Congress? If so, please explain the difference. Do you anticipate this allocation to change in the 111th Congress?

   The allocation to the minority in the 110th is the same as the allocation to the minority in the 109th. The allocation to the minority will not change in the 111th Congress. The 110th Congress was two-thirds Majority, one-third Minority, after excluding certain administrative staff before the calculation. This practice will continue in the 111th Congress.

4. How were staff positions allocated in the 110th Congress? Were there a specific number of positions allocated to the minority? If so, please explain.

   The minority controls one-third of the available staff positions.

STAFF AND STAFF SALARIES

5. In the 110th Congress, did the Committee receive a permanent or temporary increase in the Committee's staff ceiling? If so, please specify when the increase was approved, the length of time for which the increase was approved, and purpose for the increase.

The Committee's staff ceiling was believed to be between 108 and 111 through the 110th Congress. The Speaker of the House approved a permanent increase in the staff ceiling in 2008 to 117. The purpose of the increase in the staff ceiling was to help the Committee with legislation in the Committee's jurisdiction.

6. What was the average number of staff over the 24 months of the 110th Congress? If there were vacancies, were they majority or minority positions? If so, provide specifics.

   The average number of staff over the last 24 months of the 110th Congress was around 108. When a vacancy occurred in either majority or minority, it was usually filled within a pay period.

EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS

7. Do you anticipate using funds to upgrade Committee equipment and computer systems? If so, what new capability do you seek? Also, on what replacement plan do you refresh equipment?

8. The Committee would like to identify any spending areas within your budget proposals that overlap with projects that have or will be centrally funded for the House as an institution. Individual spending by your Committee in these areas may indicate that the capabilities being offered do not meet your needs, or may indicate that you are unaware of such institutional initiatives. We request this information to assist us in identifying areas for improvement and cost efficiency.

Please identify all hardware, software, or services in the following categories that your committee procured in the 110th Congress, or plan on procuring during the 111th Congress.

1. Disaster recovery, off-site backup, continuity of operations
   - NetApps Server (installed at ACF 110th)
2. Anti-virus, computer security, remote access
   - DameWare Mini Remote Tool (110th), Citrix Server (111th)
3. Web-casting, broadcast production services, video archiving
   - Akamai webcasting/archiving service (through HAC contract 110th)
4. Legislative drafting or report production
5. Wireless networking
6. Video teleconferencing
7. Web site development
   - GovTrends (Dialog Concepts) – Website Redesign and Hosting (110th&111th)
8. Microsoft Active Directory Services
9. Office productivity software other than Microsoft Office
   - Adobe Acrobat 8, Adobe Photoshop Lite, Dreamweaver

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IN THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

RESOLUTION

Offered by Mr. Waxman

Resolved, That the Committee on Energy and Commerce adopts the attached oversight plan for purposes of clause 2(d) of Rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE OVERSIGHT PLAN
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
111TH CONGRESS
THE HONORABLE HENRY A. WAXMAN, CHAIRMAN

Rule X, clause 2(d) of the Rules of the House requires each standing Committee to adopt an oversight plan for the two-year period of the Congress and to submit the plan to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and to the Committee on House Administration not later than February 15 of the first session of the Congress.

This is the oversight plan of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 111th Congress. It includes the areas in which the Committee expects to conduct oversight during the 111th Congress, subject to limits on staff and resources, but does not preclude oversight or investigation of additional matters as the need arises.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Committee intends to conduct oversight in the 111th Congress of numerous energy and environment-related issues to help ensure that government is working and that relevant statutes are effective and up to date.

Climate Change. Global warming and energy issues will be a key area of interest. Due to the magnitude and complexity of the task of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the Committee expects to examine governmental and nongovernmental activities and policies in this area, and their bases. The Committee will also examine governmental and private sector policies and actions related to developing and maintaining a sustainable and affordable national energy supply, including through the efficient use of energy.

Environmental Pollution and Hazardous Waste. The Committee will examine whether the key environmental and energy laws under its jurisdiction are being implemented and followed appropriately to ensure that public health, the environment, and consumers are adequately protected. This will focus on the key issues of air pollution, drinking water contamination, hazardous waste disposal and cleanup, manufacture, use, and safety of chemical substances and pesticides on food. The Committee will examine the actions of the agencies charged with addressing these issues: the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Energy Policy. The Committee will examine U.S. policies pertaining to energy efficiency and conservation, production, and consumption of electricity, oil, natural gas, coal, hydroelectric power, nuclear power, and renewable energy. The Committee will inquire into potential opportunities for the government and private sector to enhance environmental, public health, and consumer protections (including pipeline safety), while

promoting a sustainable, clean energy future. The Committee will examine the actions of agencies and offices charged with developing and implementing U.S. energy policies, including the Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The Committee will also examine the activities and policies of the Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as they relate to matters within the Committee's jurisdiction.

Energy Security. The Committee will oversee management and operations issues at the Department of Energy, including management and operations of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and the DOE National Laboratories. The Committee will focus on DOE's management of the environment, safety, and health aspects of its policies and activities, and DOE's management of the contractors that operate the National Laboratories. In addition, the Committee will oversee the protection of nuclear materials around the globe by examining ongoing problems at both the National Labs and at nuclear power plants with respect to the security of both nuclear materials and sensitive security information and by examining nuclear detection systems at air, land, and seaports.

Bio-Research Laboratories. Building on the two hearings in the 110th Congress, the Committee will exercise continued oversight of issues related to construction and operation of high-containment bio-research laboratories.

HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE ISSUES

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Committee will oversee the implementation of the legislation reauthorizing the Children's Health Insurance Program by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), state CHIP agencies, and their private contractors. This oversight will focus on the extent to which federal financial incentives and state outreach and enrollment activities are successful in extending coverage to low-income children who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. The Committee will also examine whether federal program funds are being used to purchase covered services efficiently in a manner that minimizes waste, fraud, and abuse.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Committee will review the management, operation, and activities of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, focusing on the effective provision of services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and Child Health Insurance programs and the elimination of waste, fraud, and abuse in these programs. The Committee will examine the use and oversight of private contractors by CMS in administering these programs.

Drug Safety. The Committee will review the ability of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to ensure the safety and effectiveness of prescription and over-the-counter (OTC) drugs sold in the United States, including whether necessary safeguards

for imported drugs are in place. The Committee will also examine manufacturer marketing practices for both prescription and OTC drugs.

Emergency Care Services. The Committee will review the ability of the nation's trauma centers and emergency departments to respond to the growing demand for their services. Among the areas of oversight interest are the activities of HHS to ensure that emergency rooms in cities at high risk of a terrorist attack have the capacity to handle a surge in casualties, as well as the availability of on-call specialists on a 24/7 basis.

Food Safety. The Committee will examine the causes of recent food safety problems and the effectiveness of our current regulatory system for overseeing the safety of imported foods. The Committee will review the FDA's statutory authorities for protecting the nation's food supply with a view towards identifying any gaps. The Committee will also examine whether FDA's financial and personnel resources are adequate to protect the public from unsafe food.

Health Information Technology (HIT). The Committee will oversee the implementation of the HIT provisions of the economic recovery legislation by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Committee will focus initially on the Department's establishment of standards for interoperability, functionality, security, and privacy of electronic health records and its certification of systems that meet those standards. The Committee will also monitor the Department's HIT-related grant-making activity.

National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NIH budget spends over $29 billion per year, largely on medical research intended to improve the health of the nation. The Committee will examine whether there is sufficient transparency and accountability to ensure that these funds are spent effectively and efficiently.

HIV/AIDS. The Committee will oversee domestic and global HIV prevention and treatment activities by HHS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Domestically, areas of concern include the scale-up of prevention efforts, the continuing implementation of CDC's routine testing recommendations, and the reach of care and treatment programs. The Committee will also monitor HHS's implementation of U.S.-funded HIV activities abroad. Particular attention will be paid to changes made by the 2008 reauthorization of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), including increased flexibility in prevention programming and an intensified emphasis on integration with other health and social services.

Hospital-Acquired Infections and Antibiotic Resistance. The Committee will oversee the actions taken by HHS, state hospital licensure agencies, and the private sector to reduce the incidence of preventable hospital-acquired infections. Among the areas of interest is checklists for use by physicians, nurses, and other hospital personnel to reduce such infections. The Committee will also review efforts to combat the spread of antibiotic resistant infections. The Committee will examine the practices that contribute

to the problem, including the inappropriate use of antibiotics both by humans and in the food supply.

Preventable Medical Errors. In addition to its work on hospital-acquired infections, the Committee will also examine other preventable medical errors, which studies suggest annually cause tens of thousands of preventable deaths and cost our nation's medical system billions of dollars. The Committee will examine the practices that contribute to such preventable medical errors and review actions taken by providers, patients, insurers, and the federal government to reduce these errors.

Individual Health Insurance. The Committee will examine business practices in the individual health insurance market that may compromise the accessibility or affordability of coverage. The initial focus of this oversight will be the practice of rescission, or retroactive termination of coverage following the submission of claims by the insured individual. The Committee will review the practices of insurers, the activities of state regulatory agencies, and the enforcement of consumer protections in the individual market by the Department of Health and Human Services under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Medicaid. The Committee will oversee the implementation of the provisions of the economic recovery legislation relating to Medicaid. The Committee will review the payment of additional federal matching funds to states to ensure states deploy the funds in an efficient and effective manner. The Committee will examine whether states receiving this fiscal relief maintain adequate Medicaid reimbursement levels for providers and reimburse at an adequate rate to make services available. The Committee will also monitor the response of the Department of Health and Human Services and state Medicaid programs to the needs of uninsured, unemployed workers and their families. In addition, the Committee will examine the purchase of managed care, prescription drugs, and other covered services to determine whether greater efficiencies can be achieved for federal and state taxpayers. The Committee will review the costs and benefits of using private contractors in the administration of the Medicaid program at the federal and state level. The Committee will also review efforts to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

Medical Device Safety. The Committee will review FDA's efforts to ensure the safety and effectiveness of medical devices. The Committee will examine the gaps in the current statutory authorities, both pre- and post-market, that FDA uses to protect patients from unsafe or ineffective devices.

Medicare. The Committee will oversee the administration and operation of the Medicare program by CMS and its contractors. Among the areas of interest is the adequacy of Medicare payment rates for primary care physicians under Part B; the appropriateness of payments to Medicare Advantage plans; the treatment of beneficiaries with chronic illness by Medicare Advantage plans, particularly private fee-for-service plans; and the

business practices of Medicare Advantage plans and CMS oversight of those practices. With respect to Medicare Part D, the Committee will review the effectiveness of private plans' administration of the program; the treatment of long-term care patients; the annual reassignment of individuals who are dually-eligible for Medicare and Medicaid; the treatment of long-term care patients under Part D; the availability of manufacturer rebates on drugs purchased by Medicare Part D plans; and the oversight of Part D plans by CMS. The Committee will also review efforts to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

Navajo Nation Uranium Contamination. The Committee will monitor the clean-up of the surface and subsurface contamination of the Navajo Nation resulting from uranium mining and milling activities after World War II. Five federal agencies have developed and are implementing five-year plans to clean up the contamination and protect public health: the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Indian Health Service, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Nursing Homes. The Committee will examine the quality of the nursing home care paid for by the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The Committee will review the monitoring and enforcement of quality standards by CMS and state survey agencies.

Off-Label Marketing. The Committee will conduct oversight of manufacturer marketing of prescription drugs and medical devices for uses not approved by FDA. While off-label use of drugs or devices is legal, the marketing of drugs or devices for off-label uses is not. Off-label marketing can result in unnecessary expenditures and raises potential safety and effectiveness issues for patients. The Committee will review the activities of the FDA, CMS, the Office of Inspector General, and the Justice Department to investigate and prosecute those manufacturers engaged in off-label marketing.

Privacy. The Committee will review adherence to and enforcement of the security and privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). The Committee will also oversee the implementation of the privacy provisions in the economic recovery legislation by HHS. The Committee will focus on the use of a patient's health information by providers, health insurers, and others that receive such identifiable information.

Safety Net Hospitals and Clinics. The Committee will monitor the ability of public and private nonprofit hospitals and clinics of last resort—those that treat all patients, regardless of ability to pay—to maintain their service capacity during the recession. Of particular concern to the Committee is whether the specialized services that these facilities provide that are of community-wide benefit, such as trauma care, neonatal intensive care, and care for burn victims, will be maintained in the face of increasing numbers of unemployed, uninsured patients.

Vaccine Policy. The Committee will oversee the various components of vaccine policy within HHS, including: the development of the National Vaccine Plan; plans to procure and stockpile vaccines for use in case of an influenza pandemic, bioterror attack, or

shortage of routinely administered vaccines; efforts to increase the use of vaccines among adults including healthcare workers; and access issues associated with the Vaccines for Children program. The Committee will also review the status of the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program

COMMERCE, TRADE, AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES

Federal Trade Commission. The Committee will review the management, operations, rulemaking, and enforcement actions of the Federal Trade Commission. The Committee will examine the Commission's consumer protection mission with specific focus on consumer credit, including subprime mortgage lending, mortgage servicing, and debt and foreclosure relief scams. In addition, the Committee will review consumer protection activities related to identity theft, privacy, and false and deceptive advertising. The Committee will also review the Commission's activities regarding competition and mergers.

Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Committee will oversee implementation of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, which was enacted in August 2008. In particular, the Committee will seek to ensure that the law's bans on lead and phthalates in children's products are given full effect and carried out in an effective and efficient manner. The Committee also will oversee the Commission's handling of critical deadlines under the law and the issuance of implementing regulations. Finally, the Committee will continue to review the Commission's overall operations, including its authorized expansion to include five commissioners and the modernization of its staff and infrastructure.

Highway Safety. The Committee will review the management, operations, and activities of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, particularly as they relate to motor vehicle safety.

International Trade. The Committee will monitor and examine both multilateral trade agreements (including World Trade Organization agreements) and bilateral agreements as those agreements relate to industries, commodities, and services within the Committee's jurisdiction, including telecommunications, electronic commerce, consumer products, energy, food, and drugs. The Committee will examine whether these agreements adequately protect the interests of domestic and foreign workers, consumers, and the environment. The Committee will review programs, policies, and procedures of various government agencies that are tasked with protecting the international supply chain as it affects the U.S. economy and U.S. consumers; evaluate policies that may impair the flow of people and commerce across the nation's borders; and examine opportunities to promote greater transparency in U.S. trade negotiations.

COMMUNICATIONS, TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET ISSUES

Federal Communications Commission. The Committee will review the management, operations, and activities of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), including the effect of its decisions on increasing competition, increasing the availability of technologies and services, assuring widespread deployment and reasonable rates for telecommunication and broadband services, protecting consumers, assuring adequate emergency communications capability, and otherwise serving the public interest, convenience and necessity. The FCC's ongoing efforts to manage the transition from analog to digital broadcasting will be a continuing focus of the Committee. The Committee will also examine the management and funding of the FCC's Office of Inspector General (IG), particularly with respect to whether the IG has adequate resources and the institutional independence necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

Public Safety Communications. The Committee will review public safety communications, including the status of the public safety network and related issues and matters under the management of the Office of Emergency Communications.

Universal Service Reform. The Committee will investigate waste, fraud, and abuse in the FCC's Universal Service Fund, including the management and administration of the High Cost program, the E-Rate program that pays to connect schools and libraries to the Internet, and the Rural Health Care program.

Internet Governance and Operations. The Committee will review programs and efforts to assure the safe, secure, lawful, and robust functioning of the Internet. The Committee will also examine issues regarding the structure of Internet governance, including activities of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The Committee will review programs under the management of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Committee anticipates ongoing oversight of any NTIA involvement in national broadband deployment grants.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The Committee will continue to review activities and funding of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Public Broadcasting System, National Public Radio, and Public Radio International, with a particular focus on maintaining the independence of these important functions and assuring that the public interest remains paramount in their administration and management.

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Henry A. Waxman
(Original Signature of Member)

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 141

Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Waxman submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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RESOLUTION

Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. AMOUNTS FOR COMMITTEE EXPENSES.

For the expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the "Committee"), including the expenses of all staff salaries, there shall be paid, out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives for committee salaries and expenses, not more than

1 $ 24,999,160 for the One Hundred Elev-
2 enth Congress.

3 **SEC. 2. SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

4 Of the amount specified in section 1—
5 (1) not more than $ 11,898,160
6 shall be available for expenses incurred during the
7 period beginning at noon on January 3, 2009, and
8 ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2010;
9 and
10 (2) not more than $ 13,101,000
11 shall be available for expenses incurred during the
12 period beginning at noon on January 3, 2010, and
13 ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2011.

14 **SEC. 3. VOUCHERS.**

15 Payments under this resolution shall be made on
16 vouchers authorized by the Committee, signed by the
17 Chairman of the Committee, and approved in the manner
18 directed by the Committee on House Administration.

19 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

20 Amounts made available under this resolution shall
21 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by
22 the Committee on House Administration.

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111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 2009

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6 there shall be paid, out of the applicable accounts of the
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8 penses, not more than $24,999,160 for the One Hundred
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Of the amount specified in section 1—

(1) not more than $11,898,160 shall be available for expenses incurred during the period beginning at noon on January 3, 2009, and ending immediately before noon on January 3, 2010; and

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Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

And Ranking Member, Mr. Barton from the great State of Texas.

STATEMENT OF THE HON. JOE BARTON, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mr. BARTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

And thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lungren, and Mr. Harper.

I would add one item to Chairman Waxman's agenda. That is the reauthorization of the National Institute of Health. It is currently operating under a 3-year authorization which expires this year, and I would hope that our chairman would put that on his agenda, too, since we substantially increased the budget at NIH in the stimulus package that passed last week.

I can go one of three ways on this year's budget request for the Energy and Commerce Committee: I could support a budget freeze in which we make do with the same resources we had last year, which in the case of the Republican budget for the committee would be $3.4 million; I could support an adjustment for inflation, which my staff tells me is 1.8 percent; or given the increased work load in the agenda that Chairman Waxman has just outlined, I could support a slightly larger increase in the pure inflationary adjustment of 1.8 percent so long as that increase, the minority gets one-third of the resources, which Chairman Waxman has just indicated he supports and which, in your opening statements, the chairman and ranking member of this committee said that they support also.

What I cannot do, with all due respect, is support the entire increase that Chairman Waxman has just outlined of 11.4 percent this year and 10 percent next year. My math says that is a 21.4 percent increase. Given the shape our economy is in, I don't think that Congress could hold its head up with that kind of an increase.

Having said that, I understand a new chairman's need for setting an aggressive agenda, and I respect Chairman Waxman for his willingness to have a proactive committee. Hopefully, we can be as proactive with less money and be more effective in doing that.

With that, I would yield back.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much.

And the Chair is going to recognize himself for the first question.

That is, Mr. Waxman, obviously the legislative branch and the House of Representatives has its agenda. But last night, we did listen to the President. And, if I recall, he highlighted basically three areas that he will be concentrating on, and I think you pointed that out: health, energy, and education. Health and energy will be primarily in the jurisdiction of your committee, is that correct?

Mr. WAXMAN. That is right.

Mr. GONZALEZ. So even if Congress didn't have that focus, even if Congress wasn't going to expend all its attention on two out of those three, it's coming, and it's coming from the White House, and it will end up in your committee.

Mr. WAXMAN. That is correct, and he also mentioned he wants us to deal with the carbon emissions problem, global warming, climate change. We are working on all three of those issues. They are very high priorities for this administration. And we are working on them at the same time, so we need the resources to do our job.

Mr. GONZALEZ. You also indicated that some of the additional costs in the new budget could be attributed to transition costs. If you can try to explain that a little bit to the members of the committee, and further, is there a component for deferred equipment purchases?

Mr. WAXMAN. We had the transition costs because I am a new chairman, and having come from the House Oversight Committee, some of our staff will be moving over. They have stayed on the payroll of the House Oversight Committee. Some of the people on the Energy and Commerce Committee we are going to keep. But those who are going to leave, we didn't want to drop them from the payroll on January 1. We didn't think that was a fair thing to do. So we do have those transition costs.

I think that the equipment issue is one that we need to work on, and we are trying to hold down the cost, but we have to be able to have the ability to do the telecommuting and all of the technical things that make a committee viable and efficient.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you.

Mr. Barton.

Mr. BARTON. I am sorry?

Mr. GONZALEZ. If you have any remarks based on the questions that I posed to Chairman Waxman on the agenda being driven pretty much by the White House, and it will be visiting us, whether we would welcome it or not. And most of it falls within the jurisdiction of the committee, and further transition costs and what might be deferred equipment purchases.

Mr. BARTON. Well, I would acknowledge that on the majority side, there are transition costs. And I certainly commend Chairman Waxman for trying to alleviate some of the suffering of the staff relocation. I think that is a positive thing.

My comment on the agenda, though, is, I am going to quote something that Ginger Rogers said when somebody asked her to comment on Fred Astaire as a dance partner and how accomplished he was. Her retort was, I do everything he does except backwards in high heels. Well, the minority does everything the majority does, except we do it with a third of the staff and on most days less notice because of the way the system works. So whatever the agenda is, we will do our best to respond to Mr. Waxman and President Obama, but we will do it backwards in high heels and try to be just as good.

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Sure. Mr. Waxman.

Mr. WAXMAN. I want to add to your question about the equipment budget. We are asking for no increase in the equipment budget for 2009. We will for 2010 because we will need an update on the equipment by then. But we are not asking for an increase for this year.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much.

And the Chair is going to recognize the ranking member, Mr. Lungren.

Mr. LUNGREN. Thank you very much.

Obviously, we are dealing with a 2-year request here for the next Congress. And one of the reasons I bring that up is that we have asked the other chairmen and ranking members whether they

would actively work with us in coming back after the first year so we can review where we are after a year. These are a significant increase in requests that have been made and probably will ultimately result, and in a matter of just fiscal prudence, it just seems to be a good idea to have committees come back to us, we look at what happened with the requests that were made and where we are going into the next year.

Could we have that commitment of cooperation from both of you?

Mr. WAXMAN. Well, certainly we want to cooperate with the committee and do whatever you think is necessary to make sure that we both do our jobs.

Mr. LUNGREN. Sure.

I notice, in all the requests that we have, the largest single budgets of all the committees in the Congress are, first, Energy and Commerce; the combined request for the 111th Congress would be just shy of $25 million. And the second largest is Oversight and Government Reform at just shy of $24 million.

And the math that we have, Mr. Barton, shows that the 2-year request over the previous 2-year request amounts to about an 18.7 percent increase. That is one of the largest increases of anybody that has come before us.

And I guess the question is, Mr. Waxman, could you do what you have to do with less?

Mr. WAXMAN. I think we would be unable to do the things that we need to do with all these major issues simultaneously being considered by our committee. So I think our work product would be adversely affected. These are the kinds of issues that we need to do right, not just do a job on and get a bill out. We have got to try to get, hopefully, a bipartisan consensus; make sure the policy makes sense; and we need to have the experts who can help us accomplish those goals.

Mr. LUNGREN. If I could forecast that there would be a bipartisan consensus, I would give you this money and more. I would hope we might be able to get a bipartisan consensus on this.

All right, it is just tough for us in this environment. I mean, I believe that the Congress of the United States has an obligation to be the oversight people over the executive branch. And I have been one of those who has criticized both the Democrat and Republican Congresses for not doing the job.

So I would be derelict in my duty if I suggested that you ought not to do oversight. It is just the question I have got to ask is whether an 18.7 percent increase in the current economic environment; while the President did outline all those things he said last night, I do recall him telling us that we are not supposed to put a debt on our children or grandchildren. I am old enough, as you know, Mr. Waxman, to have grandchildren now, and it has become a reality to me.

I loved what the President had to say. I just hope that his rhetoric matches up to his actions, and I hope our actions match up to that rhetoric. We are going to have to answer to our constituents about the budgets that we have, and 18.7 percent is quite a bit more than inflation or anything like that.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you.

The Chair will recognize the chairman, Mr. Brady, for any questions.

The CHAIRMAN. No questions.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Harper.

Mr. HARPER. Thank you.

Mr. Waxman, how are you?

It is an honor to get to see both of you here.

And I have a couple of questions. Listening to the President's speech last night, if he said it, I apologize, I missed it, but was there anything about nuclear energy? I don't remember it discussed in his speech last night. Is that something that you are pursuing favorably as a committee or discounting?

Mr. WAXMAN. As we look at our energy needs, especially the goal of becoming more independent from importing our energy from places that do not wish us well, I think we have to look at a whole portfolio of sources. And I cannot imagine that we are going to meet our energy needs in this country without nuclear energy. So I see that as part of the overall sources to deal with our growing needs in this country, and especially as we want to be more independent.

Mr. HARPER. One of the other things that the President discussed, Mr. Chairman, was that we are importing a record level of oil from foreign countries and also that we are paying a price for our dependence upon oil. If those are concerns, are we moving as a committee, or do you anticipate moving as a committee, towards additional exploration to recover our own natural resources, whether it be at ANWR, or additional drilling for natural gas offshore? Are those things we are just abandoning, or are we going to pursue those so that that is a method as we pursue these other ideas to decrease that dependence upon foreign oil?

Mr. WAXMAN. The question of drilling at ANWR or offshore is not really within our committee's jurisdiction; it is not the Natural Resources Committee. But what we need to do, in my view, is to provide the incentives to look for alternative energy sources, to use our energy resources that we have more efficiently, and try to put in place the incentives for the private sector to develop that new technology, some of which we have and some of which we are close to getting, so that we can become more energy independent. It is a national security issue.

We need to provide more jobs. That will be, I think, promoted. And then we need to deal with the carbon emissions that are causing the threats of global warming, which may be the biggest environmental challenge that any of us have ever imagined.

Mr. HARPER. Well, Mr. Chairman, I know though that in my district, in my State, I don't think that the small businesses and the students and people that are of modest means or seniors can endure another $4-a-gallon gas price problem. So it may take years as we develop alternative means of energy and sources. And if we don't explore those further to get the fossil fuel that is available as a bridge even, then we are really hurting our small businesses. So I would hope that that would be something that we would look at.

And one last comment I would have, Mr. Chairman, is that I know that, as the President stated, as your committee stated, as you look at global warming issues, and we tried to look at less

spending or not growing at this rate, is it possible to shift any of the global warming work that your committee might be required to do to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming? I know they don't do legislative work, I understand, but is there not stuff that could be shifted to them that you can draw from that reduces the need for additional employees?

Mr. WAXMAN. Well, we want to learn from their series of hearings and any reports that they produce as a result of it. We are going to be talking closely to them. But we, as a legislative committee, have to be the ones on top of the issue. We are going to learn from the private sector, the public sector; or anyone who has views, we want to take them into consideration. But we ultimately have to decide the legislation.

Mr. HARPER. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. LUNGREN. Will the gentleman yield?

On your time, would you mind if I asked Mr. Barton a question?

Mr. Barton, you suggested three scenarios that you could support. Could you give us some guidance as to where you think we ought to end up in terms of an increase above just simple inflation?

Mr. BARTON. Well, again, I understand Chairman Waxman's desire to beef up the staff, and that is understandable as a new chairman.

But my guess is, we will get just as much work done whether we have any increase at all, knowing how aggressive and effective Mr. Waxman is. So if he wants a few more staff members, I respect that. We have already established that, if he gets two, I get one. And so my job will be to make sure my one can do what his two do.

I don't know what the other committees are asking, but I would think that this committee is probably going to end up at inflation plus a couple of percent, something like that. And I could support that. But I could also support—a budget freeze would not be the end of the world for this committee or for the Congress. That would send the right signal to the American people that, as they tighten their belts, the Congress is going to tighten its belt also.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Harper.

And Mr. Lungren, we have been joined by the committee member, Ms. Lofgren.

And if you have any questions.

Ms. LOFGREN. I do not.

Mr. GONZALEZ. No questions.

Mr. Waxman, Mr. Barton, thank you very much.

Mr. BARTON. Could I just comment on something that was not asked me but was asked Mr. Waxman about this climate change committee?

I would hope you all would abolish it. Whatever needs to be done, between Mr. Waxman's troops and my scalawag band of troops, we can get it done. We don't need the Select Committee.

To quote former Chairman Dingell, it is as useless as feathers on a fish.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Barton, Mr. Waxman.

The CHAIRMAN [presiding]. Good afternoon, Chairman Rangel, and Ranking Member Camp. Thank you for coming in front of the

House Administration Committee today. We look forward to your comments and your statement.

I would like to recognize Chairman Rangel.

STATEMENT OF THE HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Chairman, members, thank you for your patience with us.

We come here, Mr. Camp and I, with some degree of unanimity. We always have had no problem in the split of the allocation, one-third/two-thirds. We are proposing a 5 percent increase from 2008. And for 2010, we propose a 5 percent increase from 2009. The total is an increase of approximately 9.2 percent over the 110th Congress.

We had suffered a tremendous cut in the 104th Congress, with a funding cut of about 37 percent and the largest number of personnel in recent history, 51 percent, for a committee that still functioned. Considering all of this, we intend to add three additional staff in view of the President's mandate of social security, tax reform, climate change, family security, and especially health, which is coming up.

We have accounted for travel, staff increases, and we hope that you would favorably consider the request of our distinguished committee.

And thank you, again, for your patience.

[The statement of Mr. Rangel follows:]

Talking Points
Chairman Charles B. Rangel
Committee on Ways and Means
February 11, 2009

- Our Committee Members approved the Committee funding proposal at our organizational meeting this morning.

- Funding has not been a partisan issue in our Committee. There have been disagreements, but this has not been one of them. Previously, the Minority was given their third of the allocation and we will continue to do so.

- In terms of real dollars, the amount we are proposing is still significantly less than the W&M Committee's allocation in 1994.

- For 2009, we have proposed a 5% increase from 2008, totaling $10,141,137.30.

- For 2010, we have proposed a 5% increase from 2009.
- The total for both years will be around a 9.2% increase over the 110th Congress.

- Back in the 104th Congress, when Democrats lost of control of the House, our Committee was significantly cut. Not only was funding cut by 37%, but the number of personnel was cut by 51%, the largest cut of any Committee that continued to operate.

- In terms of staff slots, the Committee was allotted an

additional two slots in the 109th Congress to bring the funding level to a complete two-thirds/one-third split.

- With this proposal, we are asking for 3 additional staff slots to help with a growing agenda, including taxes, health and Social Security, and family security programs.

- With this budget, we have accounted for not only travel, but also overhead costs (communications and equipment) of running the Committee which have grown more than inflation.

- Also, we have accounted for staff salaries.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

February 11, 2009

The Honorable Robert A. Brady
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
1309 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am sending you a copy of H. Res. _____, the primary expense resolution for the Committee on Ways and Means, along with supporting materials, for consideration by the Committee on House Administration.

H. Res. _____ requests $10,141,137.30 for 2009, and $10,648,194.16 for 2010 for the expenses of the Committee on Ways and Means for the 111th Congress. It reflects the amount that the Committee believes is necessary to cover staff salaries and other expenses for the Full Committee and its six Subcommittees.

The Committee met to consider the budget in open session on ruary 11, 2009, and it was approved without objection. I would be pleased rovide you with any additional information that may assist you in preparing primary committee funding resolution and look forward to testifying before Committee on House Administration.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Rangel
Chairman

Attachments

cc: The Honorable Dave Camp

111th Congress Request Form

Committee on Ways and Means

	Categories	2009	2010	111th
	Staff Slots	3		3
	Total Budget Authority	**$10,141,137.30**	**$10,648,194.16**	**$20,789,331.46**
1	Personnel Compensation	$8,452,483.41	$8,875,107.57	$17,327,590.98
1a	Salaries and Lump Sums	$8,415,105.26	$8,835,860.52	$17,250,965.78
1b	Overtime	$12,193.95	$12,803.64	$24,997.59
1c	Transit Benefit	$25,184.20	$26,443.41	$51,627.61
2	Travel	$461,451.98	$484,524.57	$945,976.55
3	Communications	$143,990.84	$151,190.38	$295,181.22
4	Printing and Reproduction	$55,917.75	$58,713.63	$114,631.38
5	Other Services	$22,072.52	$23,176.13	$45,248.65
5a	Consultant Contracts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5b	Detailees	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5c	Training	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5d	Representational Expenses	$5,769.96	$6,058.45	$11,828.41
5e	Specialized Training	$11,539.92	$12,116.91	$23,656.83
5f	Miscellaneous Other Services	$4,762.64	$5,000.77	$9,763.41
6	Supplies and Materials	$247,603.27	$259,983.48	$507,586.75
7	Equipment	$757,617.53	$795,498.40	$1,553,115.93

Signature _____

CHARLES B. RANGEL, *Chairman*

COMMITTEE FUNDING QUESTIONS

GENERAL

1. Please justify any requested increase in budget categories from 2009 to 2010 and from 2010 to 2011.

The Committee's 111[h] budget request is $20,789,331.46, which is approximately an increase of 9.2% over the Committee's 110th Congressional authorization. The Committee anticipates a heavy workload in the 111th Congress, due not only to the switch in leadership of the Administration, but the aggressive agenda already set forth by Committee Members, Speaker Pelosi, and the incoming Administration.

Speaker Pelosi and the new Administration have several initiatives pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means which include proposals regarding the economy, Medicare, Social Security, family security programs, taxes, and trade. The Committee plans to review and address Tax Reform, Healthcare Reform, Pensions Reform, climate change, the Estate Tax, and other expiring tax provisions, trade policy, retirement security issues, housing tax policy, poverty-related issues, and many other legislative initiatives. Already, the Committee has played an integral part in the Economic Recovery Package.

Other categories where there are increases include equipment and administrative expenses, which represent categories of equipment under $500 (cell phones, Blackberry devices, telecommunications service costs, including broad cellular service for air cards). In addition to these expenses, the Speaker has asked Committees to increase their oversight. In order to do so, the category for Member and staff travel has been increased to allow for more field hearings. The Chairman wishes to increase its oversight and increase the ease with which the American people can petition the Congress or observe the Committee in action by holding hearings outside of Washington, DC.

2. In the 110th Congress, was the Ranking Minority Member allowed control over any amount of the budget allocated to the Committee?

The Ranking Minority Member had a full one-third share of the Committee budget and will continue to do so.

3. Was the amount allocated to the Minority in the 110th Congress different than the amount allocated in the 109th Congress? If so, please explain the difference. Do you anticipate this allocation to change in the 110th Congress?

The amount allocated to the Minority was a full one-third/two thirds split. The allocation will remain the same in the 111th Congress.

4. How were staff positions allocated in the 110th Congress? Was there a specific number of positions allocated to the minority? If so, please explain.

In the 110th Congress, the Committee staff was a full one-third/two-thirds split.

Total Slots: 82
Majority: 55
Minority: 27

STAFF AND STAFF SALARIES

5. In the 110th Congress, did the Committee receive a permanent or temporary increase in the Committee's staff ceiling? If so, please specify when the increase was approved, the length of time for which the increase was approved, and purpose for the increase.

The Committee did not receive a permanent or temporary increase in it's staff ceiling. This Congress, the Committee is requesting an additional 3 slots in order to fulfill the Committee's anticipated agenda.

Total Slots: 85
Majority: 57
Minority: 28

From an historical perspective, the amount requested for the 111th is still less than the amount the Committee was authorized in the 103rd Congress in real dollars. In the 104th Congress, the Ways and Means Committee received the largest reduction in staff and funds of any continuing Committee of the House (37% reduction in funding; 50.7% reduction in staff).

Congress	Actual	Real	Staff
103rd Authorization	$16,328,446	**$24,002,815.62***	138
107th	$14,748,888		77
108th	$16,136,288		80
109th	$17,819,494		82
110th	$19,040,609		82
111th Funding Request	$21,296,388.33		85

** Indexed to CPI data for 2008.*

6. What was the average number of staff over the 24 months of the 110th Congress? If there were vacancies, were they Majority or Minority positions? If so, provide specifics.

The average number of staff in the 110th Congress was 76. The Minority had an average of 4 slots open. The Majority had an average of 2 staff positions open, one professional position and one administrative position. The Majority anticipates filling all slots in the 111th Congress.

EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS

7. Do you anticipate using funds to upgrade Committee equipment and computer systems? If so, what new capability do you seek? Also, on what replacement plan do you refresh equipment?

Yes, the Committee anticipates upgrading its computer systems. Such upgrades include workstations, monitors, laptops, printers, servers, high-volume copiers, tablet PCs, wireless air cards for laptops, upgrades for Blackberry devices, secure web-based remote access while also maintaining increased network security through Biometric and system fire walls. The Committee also plans to upgrade its custom-designed website software to maintain the increasingly large database, which contains thousands of documents. The Committee will also increase file storage for the following systems: archiving Committee web-streaming proceedings and submissions (testimony, written comments, and related information) in the Internet Quorum (IQ) software database, which was custom-designed for the Committee's website information collection. The Committee will also look to improve upon our mobility (Blackberries, Citrix, wireless laptops, tablet PCs). With the rapid change in technology, the life cycle of most equipment (computers, Blackberries, servers, etc.) is 2-3 years, but the Committee has tried to stay ahead of the rapid growth in the Information Age by refreshing some of its equipment every 2 years.

8. **The Committee would like to identify any spending areas within your budget proposals that overlap with projects that have or will be centrally funded for the House as an institution. Individual spending by your Committee in these areas may indicate that the capabilities being offered do not meet your needs, or may indicate that you are unaware of such institutional initiatives. We request this information to assist us in identifying areas for improvement and cost efficiency.**

Please identify all hardware, software, or services in the following categories that your Committee procured during the 110th Congress, or plan on procuring during the 111th Congress.

1. Disaster recovery, off-site backup, continuity of operations:

In the 110th Congress, the Committee purchased several laptops to equip Committee staff offsite under the House-instituted emergency COOP program. The Committee utilizes the House provided server for the Alternate Computing Facility (ACF), as well as DataDomain Server storage. In the 111th Congress, the Committee plans to purchase an additional server for offsite data storage.

2. Anti-virus, computer security, remote access:

The Committee plans to continue to use the CAO's provided Services Trend and VPN.

3. Web-casting, broadcast production services, video archiving:

The Committee has always used the House Recording Studio's services. In the 110th Congress, the Committee utilized Akamai for web-casting and in the 111th Congress, the Committee will continue to utilize them.

4. Legislative drafting or report production:

The Committee utilizes the services offered by the Office of the Clerk for drafting, and GPO for report production. The Committee does not plan any such expenditure in the 111th Congress.

5. Wireless networking:

The Committee utilizes the House provided VPN software to provide internet-based interaction with the House. In the 111th the Committee will purchase additional air cards to access documents on the Committee's servers.

6. Video teleconferencing:

The Committee purchased video teleconferencing equipment in the 110th Congress for its Members. We will update the equipment as needed in the 111th.

7. Web site development:

In the 110th Congress, funds were expended for a customized program for Internet Quorum (IQ) since this service was not available through HIR. The Committee worked with two vendors to design this customized software to integrate the necessary databases within the website to meet the Committee's submission requirements. This Committee is the only Committee to utilize this service for compiling information on its website for hearings. Invited witnesses, requests to testify and comments on legislative bills are all received electronically in a format that allows the Committee to make information accessible to the public in real time. In the 111th Congress, the Committee requests additional funds to continue further enhancements to its website to meet the demands of the public.

8. Office productivity software other than Microsoft Office:

In the 110th Congress, the Committee requested additional funds to upgrade its WordPerfect software. The WordPerfect software is utilized in conjunction with public submissions of testimony and other related documents, such as those provided by the Congressional Budget Office and Federal agencies. In the 111th Congress, the Committee plans to purchase the minimum number of licenses to continue converting documents, particularly those with tables, which have been produced in non-Microsoft applications, into House-supported software suites.

DOCUMENT #1 **PERSONNEL COMPENSATION**

List the total anticipated cost of salary, overtime and transit benefits for 2009 and 2010, as well as the anticipated total number of staff positions. Please attach a complete list of the names, titles and annual compensation of staff as of February 1, 2009, including anticipated new positions, if any, and related salary, for 2009 and 2010.

	2009	2010
Total estimated number of staff:	85	85
Total estimated personnel compensation: *Enter on line 1 of request form*	$ 8,452,483.41	$ 8,875,107.57
Total estimated salary/lump sums: *Enter on line 1a of request form*	$ 8,415,105.26	$ 8,835,860.52
Total estimated overtime: *Enter on line 1b of request form*	$ 12,193.95	$ 12,803.64
Total estimated transit benefits: *Enter on line 1c of request form*	$ 25,184.20	$ 26,443.41

Ways and Means Staff List

	Majority Office	Title	Last Name	First Name	Salary
1	Full Committee	Staff Director/Chief Counsel	Mays	Janice	172,500
2	Full Committee	Chief Tax Counsel	Buckley	John	170,696
3	Full Committee	Deputy Staff Director	Suruma	Askia	161,000
4	Full Committee	Assistant to the Chairman	Shiener	Jon	161,000
5	Full Committee	Prof Assistant Budget/Econ	Zegers	Ted	161,000
6	Full Committee	Tax Counsel	Jubboorri	Kase	130,000
7	Full Committee	Tax Counsel	Kalyanam	Aruna	125,000
8	Full Committee	Communications Dir/Policy Advisor	Beck	Matthew	120,000
9	Full Committee	Calendar Clerk	Turko	Carren	110,000
10	Full Committee	Documents Clerk	Greene	Reginald	100,000
11	Full Committee	Director of Information Technology	Walker	Antoine	94,000
12	Full Committee	Committee Administrator	Gould	Jennifer	80,000
13	Full Committee	Professional Assistant	Grant	Cedric	80,000
14	Full Committee	Sr. Staff Assistant/Tax Clerk	Tait	Anthony	65,000
15	Full Committee	Systems Administrator/Webmaster	Perkins	Wuan	60,000
16	Full Committee	Sr. Staff Assistant/Tax Clerk	Murray	Pamela	60,000
17	Full Committee	Finance Manager	Murray	Kendra	57,000
18	Full Committee	Scheduler	Biglow	Holly	50,000
19	Full Committee	Press Secretary	Lauren	Bloomberg	50,000
20	Full Committee	Committee Hearing & Markup Clerk	Breidenbach	Carrie	48,000
21	Full Committee	Assistant to the Staff Director	Eagan	Kristin	42,000
22	Full Committee	Staff Assistant	Allen	Bonnie	40,000
23	Full Committee	Staff Assistant	Kanady	Stephanie	34,000
24	Full Committee	Staff Assistant	McCoy	Moyer	32,000
25	Health	Staff Director	Bjorklund	Cybele	168,411
26	Health	Professional Assistant	Friedman	Jennifer	125,000
27	Health	Professional Assistant	Brooks-LaSure	Chiquita	104,000
28	Health	Professional Assistant	Gerhardt	Geoffrey	104,000
29	Health	Professional Assistant	Curtis	Debbie	93,411
30	Health	Sr. Staff Assistant/Clerk	Dawson	Andrew	50,000
31	Health	Staff/Research Assistant	Brown	Ruth	30,000
32	ISFS	Staff Director	Gwyn	Nick	168,411
33	ISFS	Deputy Staff Director	Nesbit	Sonja	110,000
34	ISFS	Professional Assistant	Dutta-Gupta	Indivar	76,000
35	ISFS	Staff Assistant/Clerk	Budd	Joe	40,000
36	Oversight	Staff Director	McAfee	Karen	168,411
37	Oversight	Tax Counsel	Athy	Susan	128,000
38	SRM	Staff Director	Worrell	Mildeen	168,411
39	SRM	Tax Counsel	Mueller	Melissa	66,000
40	Social Security	Staff Director	Olson	Kathryn	168,411
41	Social Security	Professional Assistant	Perry	Alaine	107,500
42	Social Security	Professional Assistant	Najar	Joel	100,000
43	Social Security	Staff Assistant/Clerk	Beeler	Jennifer	40,000
44	Trade	Staff Director	Reif	Timothy	168,411
45	Trade	Deputy Staff Director	Rangaswami	Viji	135,000
46	Trade	Trade Counsel	Kearns	Jason	132,000
47	Trade	Trade Counsel	McCadney	Jennifer	120,000
48	Trade	Trade Counsel	Kibria	Behnaz	104,000
49	Trade	Sr. Staff Assistant	McFadden	Gwendolyn	94,000
50	Trade	Staff Assistant/Clerk	Morgan	Yannick	35,000
51	Trade	Trade Counsel	Perkins	Alexander	24,000

	Majority Office	Title	Last Name	First Name	Salary
52	Full Committee	Tax Counsel	Vacant		130,000
53	Full Committee	Committee Clerk	Vacant		45,000
54	Full Committee	Staff Assistant	Vacant		35,000
55	Heath	Professional Assistant	Vacant		80,000
	Total:				**$5,321,573**

	Minority Staff	Title	Last Name	First Name	Salary
1	Tax	Staff Director	Traub	Jon	167,800
2	Tax	Chief Economist/Tax Advisor	Giosa	Chris	163,795
3	Tax	Tax Advisor	Hailey	Sean	153,000
4	Tax	Tax Counsel	Friedman	Ahron	130,000
5	Tax	Tax Counsel	Olander	Dave	125,000
6	Health	Health Subcommittee Staff Director	Elling	Dan	163,795
7	Health	Professional Staff	Rasmussen	Erik	117,000
8	Health	Professional Staff	Bozell	Laura	95,000
9	Trade	Chief Trade Counsel	Ellard	Angela	163,795
10	Trade	Trade Counsel	Thomas	David	137,000
11	Trade	Trade Counsel	Alexander	Evan	127,000
12	Trade	Trade Economist	Payne	Warren	120,000
13	HR	ISFS Staff Director	Weidinger	Matt	163,795
14	HR	Professional Staff	Smith	Margo	108,000
15	SS	Chief Social Security Advisor	Hildred	Kim	163,795
16	Press	Senior Communications Staff	Eastman	Sage	100,000
17	Press	Communications Director	Billimoria	Jim	93,000
18	Press	Deputy Comm. Director	Smedile	Cassie	33,000
19	Admin	Director of Operations	Garber	Andy	74,000
20	Admin	Legislative Assistant	Hage	Justin	42,000
21	Admin	Legislative Assistant	Kuhlman	Kevin	42,000
22	Admin	Legislative Assistant	Mike	Stober	42,000
23	Admin	Staff Assistant	Swinehart	Sarah	31,000
24	Admin	Financial Administrator	Blankenship	April	20,000
25	Tax	Chief Tax Counsel	Vacant		165,000
26	Health	Professional Staff	Vacant		90,000
27	Health	Health Policy Analyst	Vacant		75,000
	Total:				**$2,905,775**

	Staff	Title	Last Name	First Name	Salary
1	Proposed	Majority - Tax Counsel			125,000
2	Proposed	Majority - Health Subcommittee Professional Assistant*			80,000
3	Proposed	Minority - Tax - Budget Analyst			75,000
	Total:				**$280,000**

Salary Allocation Total: **$8,423,848**

DOCUMENT #2: DETAILEES

Itemize anticipated annual reimbursement costs (i.e., salary, benefits, travel expenses), if any, for all detailees from other federal agencies or departments, including the Government Printing Office. List the anticipated projects, if known, for the detailees and specify the agency from which the detailees will be needed.

Note: Reimbursement is not required for detailees, except those from the Government Printing Office (GPO). Also, the total number of non-reimbursable detailees, at one time, must remain at or below 10% of the committee staff ceiling.

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2009

Description	Agency	Expense
Do not anticipate any for 2009.		

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2009: $0.00

Enter on line 5b of request form

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2010

Description	Agency	Cost
Do not anticipate any for 2010.		

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2010: $0.00

Enter on line 5b of request form

DOCUMENT #3: CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Describe the nature of the work anticipated from consultants and the total estimated cost of each contract.

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2009

Description	Expense
Do not anticipate any for 2009.	

Total anticipated 2009 consultant fees: $ 0.00
Enter on line 5a of request form

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2010

Description	Expense
Do not anticipate any for 2010.	

Total anticipated consultant fees in 2010: $ 0.00

Enter on line 5a of request form

DOCUMENT #4: EQUIPMENT

List any anticipated equipment and software purchases, their purpose or use, and estimated cost, including maintenance. These costs, when added to the committee's current equipment cost, will be the total equipment costs for 2009 and 2010. Also, please attach your equipment inventory for January 2009.

ANTICIPATED EQUIPMENT IN 2009

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total Cost
File Server Upgrade	Increase Speed and Productivity	$20,223.69	*	$20,223.69
Server UPS (1)	Backup Power Supply for Servers	$15,354.00	*	$15,354.00
Workstations (30)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$131,070.00	*	$131,070.00
19" Widescreen LCD Monitors (55)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$ 37,328.30	*	$ 37,328.30
17" Laptops (12)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$35,000.00	*	$35,000.00
Tablet PCs (15)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$57,500.00	*	$57,500.00
Large MFP Printers (5)	Increase Printing, Scanning and Fax Capability	$19,530.00	*	$19,530.00
Digital Camera	Lifecycle Upgrade	$1,500.00	*	$1,500.00
Video Camera	Lifecycle Upgrade	$2,600.00		$2,600.00
Photo Printer	Lifecycle Upgrade	$1,900.00	*	$1,900.00
Hard Disk Imaging Unit	Lifecycle Upgrade	$5,254.00	*	$5,254.00
Software upgrades	Upgrade Software Licenses	$10,230.00	*	$10,230.00
Misc. IT Supplies	Media, Label Writers, etc	$15,000.00	*	$15,000.00
Web Hosting	Maintain Webpage Support	*	$12,500.00	$12,500.00
Copiers (3)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$30,850.00	$15,840.00	$46,690.00
Workstations(15) – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$15,325.00	*	$15,325.00
19" LCD Monitors (15) – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$3,225.00	*	$3,225.00
Laptops(5) – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$8,750.00	*	$8,750.00
Wyse V10L Thin Client PC (5)	Terminal PC for Thin Client Solution	$1,870.00	$150.00	$2,020.00
VMWare Virtual PC Client Software	Software for Thin Client Solution	$1,436.00	$4,367.00	$5,803.00

72G Memory – Minority	Memory for Server	$1,825.00	*	$1,825.00
File Server – Minority	Server Upgrade	$15,485.00	*	$15,485.00
LCD TV (1)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$3,000.00	*	$3,000.00
Software Upgrades – Minority	Upgrades and License Renewals	$50,000.00	*	$50,000.00
IT Supplies – Minority	DLT Tapes, Media, Label Writers, etc	$20, 000.00	*	$20,000.00
Web Development and Redesign – Minority	Webpage Upgrade	$40,000.00	*	$40,000.00
Web Hosting	Maintain Website Support		$7,500.00	$7,500.00
Telecommunications Equipment – Minority	Speakerphones, headsets, Air cards	$18,000.00	*	$18,000.00
Copier Maint. (1) – Minority	Monthly Service Contract	*	$6,800.00	$6,800.00
Canon Copier	Lifecycle Upgrade	$10,000.00	*	$10,000.00
Annual Maint. Contract – Minority	Service for IT equipment	*	$33,000.00	$33,000.00

Total cost of new equipment and software in 2009: $652,412.99

Current equipment costs: $105,204.54
This is the total listed on your January 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for Equipment in 2009: $757,617.53
Enter on line 7 of request form

ANTICIPATED EQUIPMENT IN 2010

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total Cost
File Server	Replace Old File Server, 3+ years old	$45,000.00	*	$45,000.00
Server UPS (1)	Backup Power Supply for Servers	$10,354.00	*	$10,354.00
17" Laptops (20)	Lifecycle upgrade	$36,302.00	*	$36,302.00
LCD Projectors (2)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$7,800.00	*	$7,800.00
Secure Remote Access Hardware and Software Solutions	Easier On and Off Site Secure Access to Network File	$31,028.00	$10,800.00	$ 41,828.00
Wyse V90L Thin Clients (60)	Thin Client Migration	$38, 370.00	$1,500.00	$39,870.00
Workstation UPS (60)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$13,600.00	*	$13,600.00
60" LCD TV (4)	Hearing Room Replacement	$38,984.64	*	$38,984.64
Web Hosting	Maintain Webpage Support	$10,500.00		$10,500.00
Tablet PCs (10)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$35,000.00	*	$35,000.00
Software upgrades	Upgrade Software Licenses	$6,200.00	*	$6,200.00
Misc. IT Supplies	DLT Tapes, Media, Label Writers, etc.	$21,000.00	*	$21,000.00
Copier (4)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$57,700.00	$31,680.00	$89,380.00
Wyse V10L Thin Client PC (25) - Minority	Terminal PC for Thin Client Solution	$9,350.00	$750.00	$10,100.00
VMWare Virtual PC Client Software	Software for Thin Client Solution	$4,500.00	4,200.00	$8,700.00
19" LCD Monitors (27) – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$9,855.00	*	$9,855.00
MFP Printers(2) – Minority	Replace Large Printers	$9,600.00	*	$9,600.00
Printers(2) – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$360.00	*	$360.00
File Server – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$30,970.00	*	$30,970.00
Server UPS – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$2,250.00	*	$2,250.00
Copiers – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$10,000.00	*	$10,000.00
LCD TVs (4) – Minority	Lifecycle Upgrade	$12,000.00	*	$12,000.00
Software Upgrades – Minority	Upgrades and License Renewals	$40,000.00	*	$40,000.00
IT Supplies – Minority	DLT Tapes, Media, Label Writers, etc.	$44,000.00	*	$44,000.00
Telecommunications Equipment	Speakerphones, Blackberries, Wireless	$17,780.00	*	$17,780.00

	Internet Cards			
Web Hosting	Maintain Website Support	*	$12,500.00	$12,500.00
Web Maintenance and Online Services – Minority	Vendor support as part of Web development	*	$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Copier Maintenance(3) – Minority	Monthly Service Contract	*	$6,800.00	$6,800.00
Fax Machine Maint. – Minority	Service for Fax Machines	*	$1,300.00	$1,300.00
Annual Maint. Contract – Minority	Services for IT Equipment	*	$48,000.00	$48,000.00

Anticipated total expenses for new equipment and software in 2010: $685,033.64

Anticipated annual equipment cost: $110,464.76
This is your predicted total as you predict it to be displayed on your December 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for equipment in 2010: $795,498.40
Enter on line 7 of request form

DOCUMENT #5: TRAVEL

List all anticipated committee activities for which official funds will be expended for travel. Be specific.

Anticipated Travel in 2009

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense
10 Members; 5 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 92,290.49
10 Members; 5 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 92,290.39
10 Members; 7 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 93,290.39
3 Members; 4 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 46,145.36
3 Members; 4 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 46,145.35
Room Rental Costs			$ 44,000.00
Audio Visual Costs			$ 27,290.00
Supplies			$ 20,000.00

Total anticipated travel costs for 2009: $ 461,451.98
Enter on line 2 of request form

Anticipated Travel in 2010

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense
10 Members; 5 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 96,904.91
7 Members; 3 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 67,833.44
5 Members; 4 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 50,452.46
5 Members; 3 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 48,452.46
4 Members; 3 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 38,761.96
3 Members; 2 Staff	Field Hearing	TBD	$ 29,071.47
Room Rental Costs			$ 68,000.00
Audio Visual Costs			$ 45,047.87
Supplies			$ 40,000.00

Total anticipated travel costs for 2010: $ 484,524.57

Enter on line 2 of request form

DOCUMENT #6 ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

COMMUNICATIONS

Total estimated communications expenses in 2009 *Enter on line 3 of request form*	$ 143,990.84
Total estimated communications expenses in 2010 *Enter on line 3 of request form*	$ 151,190.38

PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION

Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2009 *Enter on line 4 of request form*	$ 55,917.75
Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2010 *Enter on line 4 of request form*	$ 58,713.63

OTHER SERVICES

Total estimated expenses for other services in 2009 *Enter on line 5 of request form*	$ 22,072.52
Total estimated expenses for other services in 2010 *Enter on line 5 of request form*	$ 23,176.13

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Please provide specifics of all anticipated specialized training for committee staff.

Anticipated Specialized Training in 2009

Staff	Description	Cost
Director of Information Technology, Systems Administrator and Webmaster	Continuity of operations and VPN access for server infrastructure; instruction on Citrix security class, meta frame; increase knowledge of technology and software.	$ 11,539.92

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2009: $ 11,539.92
Enter on line 5e of request form

Anticipated Specialized Training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
Director of Information Technology, Systems Administrator and Webmaster	Continuity of operations and VPN access for server infrastructure; instruction on Citrix security class, meta frame; increase knowledge of technology and software.	$ 12,116.91

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2010: $ 12,116.91
Enter on line 5e of request form

NON-SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Please provide specifics of all anticipated non-specialized training for committee staff.

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training Expenses in 2009

Staff	Description	Cost
	Do not anticipate for 2009.	

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2009: $ 0.00

Enter on line 5d of request form

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
	Do not anticipate for 2010.	

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2010: $ 0.00

Enter on line 5d of request form

REPRESENTATIONAL

Anticipated representational expenses in 2009: *Enter on line 5d of request form*	$ 5,769.96
Anticipated representational expenses in 2010: *Enter on line 5d of request form*	$ 6,058.45

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2009: *Enter on line 6 of request form*	$ 247,603.27
Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2010: *Enter on line 6 of request form*	$ 259,983.48

DOCUMENT #7 FRANKED MAIL ALLOCATION

List anticipated franked mail expenditures for 2009 and 2010.

NOTE: ***The franked mail allocation should not be included in your committee's primary expense resolution. The Committee will consider budget requests for Franked mail, under a separate resolution.***

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2009: $ N/A

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2010: $ N/A

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

February 9, 2009

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Dear Chairman Towns and Chairman Brady:

In accordance with the requirements of clause 2 of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a list of hearings and oversight-related activities that the Committee on Ways and Means and its Subcommittees plan to conduct during the 111th Congress.

Full Committee:

Economic Security and Federal Budget—

- **Economic and Budget Outlook.** Oversight hearings with various Administration officials to discuss current economic and budget conditions, including the long-term outlook, the state of the economy, prospects for recovery and long-term growth, our economic competitiveness, and job creation.

- **Priorities of the Office of Management and Budget.** Oversight hearings with the Office of Management and Budget Director to discuss the overall state of the federal budget and the Administration's priorities for the 111th Congress, and consider budgetary proposals affecting the various programs under the Committee's jurisdiction, including tax, health, income security, Social Security, pensions, and trade-related matters.

Tax Issues—

- **Priorities of the Department of the Treasury.** Oversight hearings with the Treasury Secretary to discuss priorities for the 111th Congress. Specifically, discuss and consider legislative and administrative proposals of the President for 2009 and 2010.

- **Tax Relief for Individuals and Families.** Oversight hearings on tax relief for individual taxpayers and families, including alternative minimum tax relief and child-related tax benefits.

- **Tax Reform.** Oversight hearings on simplifying and reforming the tax code.

- **Climate Change.** Oversight hearings on government efforts to address climate change.

- **Energy.** Oversight hearings on energy tax issues, including incentives for alternative fuel production, energy conservation, and increasing U.S. energy independence.

- **Housing.** Oversight hearings on tax incentives for moderately-priced housing, focusing on options for increasing the supply of middle-income rental housing and home ownership.

- **Education.** Oversight hearings on options to simplify the current complex structure of education incentives and tax benefits for higher education.

- **Retirement Savings and Secured Retirement.** Oversight hearings on increased decline in retirement savings, low pension coverage in employer-sponsored plans, enhanced disclosure of fees charged against pension plans, investment advice for participating workers, and efforts to increase retirement security for all American workers.

Health and Human Services Issues—

- **Priorities of the Department of Health and Human Services.** Oversight hearing with the Health and Human Services Secretary to discuss priorities for the 111th Congress and concerns related to the delivery of health services and reimbursement under Medicare. Specifically, discuss and consider health and human services-related legislative proposals of the President for 2009 and 2010. Discuss the reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") program.

Trade—

- **Priorities of the Office of the United States Trade Representative.** Oversight hearing with the United States Trade Representative to discuss priorities for the 111th Congress and concerns related to international trade. Specifically, discuss and consider trade proposals of the President for 2009 and 2010, including whether the USTR has adequate resources to carry out its mandate with respect to enforcing U.S. trade agreements.

The full Committee intends to conduct additional oversight over the next two years, as becomes necessary to fulfill its oversight responsibilities to the Congress and the American people. The following is a list of further oversight hearings and activities that the six subcommittees of the Committee on Ways and Means (Oversight, Health, Income Security and Family Support, Social Security, Trade, and Select Revenue Measures) anticipate developing during the course of the 111th Congress.

Subcommittee on Oversight:

- **Programs within the Committee's Jurisdiction.** Oversight investigations and joint subcommittee hearings on issues requiring periodic or timely oversight review, including waste, fraud, and abuse identified by the U.S. Government Accountability Office ("GAO") and Inspector General reports for Federal agencies administering programs within the Committee's jurisdiction.

- **Internal Revenue Service Operations/Administration of Tax Laws.** Oversight of the major Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") programs, including enforcement, collection (including private debt collection), taxpayer services, returns processing, and information systems. Consider analyses and reports provided to the Congress by the IRS National Taxpayer Advocate, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and the GAO. Oversight of IRS funding and staffing levels needed to provide taxpayer assistance and enforce the tax laws fairly, effectively, and efficiently. Evaluate tax return filing seasons, including use of paid tax preparers, electronic filing, IRS and volunteer taxpayer assistance programs, and the Free File Program. Discuss proposed funding and staffing levels for the IRS and legislative proposals of the President for 2009 and 2010. Review IRS realignment and closure of service centers and other facilities.

- **Financially Distressed Taxpayers.** Oversight of IRS programs to assist taxpayers experiencing economic difficulties.

- **Delivery of Tax Refunds.** Explore options to maximize and expedite the delivery of Federal tax refunds, including the use of debit cards, prepaid cards, and other electronic means to assist individuals who do not have access to financial accounts or institutions.

- **Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Oversight of Federal tax laws, regulations, and filing requirements that affect tax-exempt organizations, particularly charities and foundations. Examine how the economic downturn has affected these organizations and explore options to assist charities and foundations. Evaluate overall IRS efforts to monitor tax-exempt organizations, identify areas of non-compliance, prevent abuse, and ensure timely disclosure to the public about tax-exempt organization activities and finances.

- **Tax Code and Tax Form Simplification.** Oversight of tax code and tax form complexity, particularly for individuals, with the goal of simplification. Review areas where taxpayers and professional return preparers have difficulty, including the most errors, and consider solutions. Evaluate simplification of information returns to assist taxpayers in determining taxable income.

- **Tax Gap.** Oversight of the $345 billion annual tax gap, the difference between taxes paid and taxes owed the federal government. Consider the components of the tax gap, causes of taxpayer non-compliance, and possible solutions.

- **Earned Income Tax Credit ("EITC").** Oversight of IRS programs designed to provide tax assistance to more than 23 million low-income working taxpayers claiming the EITC. Evaluate the participation rates and outreach needed to increase the number of eligible workers who claim the credit.

- **Tax Scams.** Oversight of the latest tax scams and tax fraud activities with a goal of protecting taxpayers and preventing identity theft.

- **Federal Excise Taxes.** Oversight review of Federal excise taxes, credits, and refunds, including the trust funds financed by these taxes.

- **Pensions and Retirement Security.** Oversight review of the financial condition, operations, and governance of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC"), including financial exposure to the PBGC in the pension insurance programs.

Subcommittee on Health:

- **Medicare Part A and Part B (Fee-for-Service Providers).** Oversight of the major Medicare programs to ensure efficient use of resources, quality, and access for Medicare beneficiaries. Specific topics include: adequacy of provider payments, program benefits and cost sharing; the relationship between payment policy and workforce issues (future supply); treatment of specific populations such as people with disabilities and low-income beneficiaries; quality improvement efforts; implementation of recent Medicare legislation; and waste, fraud, and abuse activities.

- **Medicare Part C (Private Plans).** Oversight of private plans, including: enrollment; value and payments; benefit packages and actuarial equivalence determinations; administrative costs; quality; consumer protection; and marketing and implementation of recent statutory changes affecting private plans.

- **Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Plans).** Oversight of the Medicare prescription drug program, including: treatment of dual eligible beneficiaries, low-income subsidy beneficiaries, and nursing home residents; drug pricing; and beneficiary cost sharing, including specialty tiers, bidding process, and premiums.
- **Medicare Entitlement.** Oversight of the effect of program changes on the Medicare Trust Funds, including payments to private plans and Parts B and D premium levels.

- **CMS Administration.** Oversight of CMS, including the adequacy of its budget and staffing, contracting activities, and general agency accountability.

- **Health Insurance Coverage.** Oversight and review of health coverage and the uninsured, including: children, early retirees, and small business employees; adequacy of benefits; COBRA; lack of coverage for various groups; prevalence and use of health savings accounts, the value of accounts, and their influence on broader health care systems and spending; and options to expand and improve coverage and addressing rate of increase in health care costs.

Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support:

- **Vulnerable Populations and Poverty.** Provide oversight on the impact that the current recession is having on vulnerable populations, especially those served by programs within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction. Assess proposals that would improve assistance to those most in need, and monitor interventions enacted to achieve that goal. Evaluate the impact of the recession on increasing poverty and consider possible remedies.

- **Welfare Programs.** Provide oversight of and consider proposals to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families ("TANF") program. Examine barriers to providing financial support and services to low-income families with children. Assess how the TANF program addresses the needs of adult beneficiaries who face barriers to employment. Review the role that related programs, such as child care and child support enforcement, play in facilitating economic opportunity for low-income families. Evaluate how the changes in the overall economy have affected the ability of TANF families to achieve self-sufficiency.

- **Unemployment Compensation.** Provide oversight of the Nation's unemployment compensation system, with a particular focus on providing federally-funded unemployment benefits to long-term unemployed workers, as needed, during the economic downturn. Review potential reforms within the unemployment compensation system that would modernize the program, including reducing the disparities in access to the program for some dislocated workers. Evaluate proposals that would increase

economic security for dislocated workers and address the new challenges facing American workers with respect to the recession, changing workforce, and globalization.

- **At-Risk Children.** Provide oversight of the Nation's child welfare system, including foster care, adoption assistance, and child and family programs under Title IVB of the Social Security Act. Review State efforts to implement new statutory and regulatory requirements under the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, including providing assistance to relatives who become legal guardians of children for whom they care for as foster parents, permitting federal foster care assistance to continue up to age 21 for eligible youth, improving the oversight of the health and educational needs of foster children, and providing direct federal foster care and adoption assistance to tribal governments for children in their care. Review proposals designed to improve the financing of child welfare programs to ensure better outcomes for at-risk children and families. Evaluate how States are responding to the increased need for child welfare services that has occurred in some areas during the current recession.

Subcommittee on Social Security:

- **General Oversight of Social Security.** Oversight of the importance of Social Security for American workers and their families; the essential role it plays in assuring economic security for retirees, disabled workers, and survivors; and how best to manage the challenges and opportunities presented by an aging society, given the central role Social Security plays in income security, and the importance of adopting a balanced approach to address those challenges and opportunities that have the support of the American people.

- **Social Security Administration ("SSA").** Oversight of the administrative operations of the Social Security Administration and the agency's stewardship of Social Security programs and taxpayer funds. Among the various areas to examine are SSA's plans to upgrade and modernize its information technology infrastructure and systems architecture, and monitoring their implementation.

- **Service Delivery.** Oversight of the quality of SSA's service to the public through its field offices, telephone services, emerging Internet service delivery, and administration of current benefit provisions. Examine the impact of SSA initiatives to increase the percentage of claims filed over the Internet and to increase automation of claims adjudication, including the impact on accuracy, customer service, and program integrity. Examine the growing demand on SSA by other agencies and state governments for non-program-related data matching arrangements, such as registered voter Social Security Number verification and the Department of Homeland Security's "E-Verify" program,

and the impact of these workloads on SSA's ability to perform its core mission.

- **Disability Claims Processing Backlogs.** Oversight of SSA's processing of disability determinations, including SSA's current backlog of more than 1.3 million unprocessed initial claims and appeals requests for disability benefits, and the agency's substantial backlog of continuing disability reviews. Monitor SSA's progress in addressing the disability backlogs and assess the need for additional administrative resources to reduce the backlogs while keeping up with increases in claims. Examine SSA initiatives to modify the disability determination and appeals processes to determine their impact on claimants and on the quality and efficiency of disability decisions.

- **Ticket to Work Program and Related Work Incentives.** Oversight of the implementation and effectiveness of the Ticket to Work program and related Social Security work incentive programs, policies, and demonstration projects. Examine evaluation results from the initial implementation of the Ticket to Work program and assess the effect of recent regulatory reforms and outreach efforts on program participation and effectiveness.

- **Protection of Social Security Beneficiaries from Abusive Financial Practices.** Oversight of whether and how SSA and other federal agencies are enforcing provisions of the Social Security Act prohibiting benefits from being assigned, transferred, or otherwise diverted from the beneficiary in order to collect a private debt or payment. Examine whether non-financial institutions are marketing abusive, high-fee financial arrangements to vulnerable beneficiaries.

- **Social Security Number Protection.** Oversight of the problem of identity theft and misuse of the Social Security number. Consider the role of the Social Security number, the Social Security card, Social Security benefits, and SSA with respect to immigration policy and enforcement.

Subcommittee on Trade:

- **Signed Free Trade Agreements ("FTAs") with Panama, Colombia, and South Korea.** Oversight of the three signed FTAs, with focus on issues that need to be addressed in order for Congressional consideration, including, with respect to the Colombia FTA, issues related to violence against workers and other issues that inhibit the exercise of basic internationally-recognized labor standards, and with respect to the South Korea FTA, issues related to non-tariff market access barriers in the manufacturing and agricultural areas.

- **Implemented FTAs.** Oversight of implemented FTAs involving Peru, Central America/the Dominican Republic ("CAFTA-DR"), Oman, Bahrain, and earlier FTAs with Singapore, Chile, Australia, Morocco, Jordan, the North American Free Trade Agreement ("NAFTA"), and Israel.

- **Other FTA Negotiations.** Oversight of uncompleted FTA negotiations, including with Thailand, Malaysia, United Arab Emirates, the South African Customs Union ("SACU"), Ecuador, and proposed negotiations with the "P-4"countries (Brunei, Chile, New Zealand, and Singapore).

- **Preference Programs.** Oversight of major U.S. trade preference programs such as the Generalized System of Preferences ("GSP"), African Growth and Opportunity Act ("AGOA"), Caribbean Basin Initiative ("CBI"), Andean Trade Preference Act ("ATPA"), and Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity Through Partnership Encouragement Act ("HOPE I" and "HOPE II"). Evaluate efficacy of programs and options for long-term renewal and reform.

- **Haiti.** Oversight of U.S. preference programs for Haiti ("HOPE I" and "HOPE II"). Evaluation of proposals to assist Haiti's economic recovery.

- **World Trade Organization ("WTO") Negotiations.** Oversight of U.S. goals in the areas of agriculture, manufacturing, services, and trade remedy laws. Evaluation of reasons for current impasse in WTO negotiations, and consideration of proposals to break impasse and achieve meaningful outcome in all areas.

- **WTO Dispute Settlement.** Oversight of the WTO dispute settlement system, including oversight of WTO decisions involving U.S. trade remedy laws.

- **Enforcement.** Oversight of U.S. enforcement of WTO rights and rights under FTAs and other agreements. Evaluation of proposals to strengthen U.S. trade remedy laws and improve U.S. tools as leverage to open foreign markets and other areas. Evaluation of proposals to strengthen border enforcement related to counterfeit imports and import safety. Oversight of administration by the Department of Commerce and U.S. International Trade Commission of U.S. trade remedy laws and USTR's role in enforcement.

- **China.** Oversight of systemic problems in U.S.-China trade relations, including issues related to China's continued violation of U.S. intellectual property rights and use of industrial subsidies, and China's alleged manipulation of its currency, as well as other areas.

- **Europe**. Oversight of the third largest bilateral trade deficit of more than $100 billion in 2005, as well as sectoral issues, such as Airbus subsidies, discriminatory regulations in high technology transfer and sectors, attempts at technology transfer, discriminatory barriers to U.S. farm exports, European Union ("EU") practices in the WTO negotiations, and EU practices concerning regional trade agreements.

- **Trade and Developing Countries**. Oversight of U.S. trade relations with developing countries, role of developing countries in the WTO and world trading system, extent to which developing countries have benefitted from the trading system over the past 20 years and, in regard particularly with respect to the least developed countries, why many of these countries have lost ground over the last 20 years and what can be done in the area of trade and aid to reverse this trend.

- **Globalization Adjustment Assistance**. Examine options to improve education, on-the-job training, trade adjustment, and portable health care/pensions, including reform and expansion of the Trade Adjustment Assistance programs for Workers, Firms, and Farmers.

- **Climate Change**. Evaluation of impact of mandatory proposals to reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, including with respect to addressing carbon leakage, domestic and export competitiveness concerns of carbon-intensive industries, and issues related to consistency with international trade rules.

- **Priorities of U.S.Customs and Border Protection**. Oversight hearing with the Customs Commissioner to discuss priorities of the 111th Congress and concerns related to customs revenue functions and trade facilitation, including enforcement of U.S. customs laws and regulations. Specifically, discuss and consider proposals of the President for 2009 and 2010 and other proposals related to CBP's capacity and resources, including personnel resources, to carry out its mandate.

- **Miscellaneous Tariff Bill ("MTB")**. Continue work to complete in the 111th Congress the review of introduced bills and preparation of an omnibus bill, begun in the 110th Congress, in accordance with Committee guidelines and House Rules.

- **Priorities of the United States International Trade Commission**. Oversight hearing to receive information from the Commission concerning overall priorities and operations. Specifically, discuss and consider trade proposals of the President for 2009 and 2010 and inquire as to whether the Commission has adequate resources and technical expertise to carry out its mandate.

Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures:

- **Various tax matters.** Oversight of a variety of tax issues and tax legislation, as directed by the Committee Chairman.

This list is not intended to be exclusive. The Committee anticipates that additional oversight hearings and activities will be scheduled as issues arise and as time permits. Also, the Committee's oversight priorities and particular concerns may change as the 111th Congress progresses over the coming two years.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Rangel
Chairman

cc: The Honorable Dave Camp
Ranking Member

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(Original Signature of Member)

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. _____

Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Ways and Means in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RANGEL (for himself and Mr. CAMP) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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Resolved,

SECTION 1. AMOUNTS FOR COMMITTEE EXPENSES.

For the expenses of the Committee on Ways and Means (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the "Committee"), including the expenses of all staff salaries, there shall be paid, out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives for committee salaries and expenses, not more than $20,789,331.46 for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

1 **SEC. 2. SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

2 Of the amount specified in section 1—

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18 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by
19 the Committee on House Administration.

111th Congress Request Form

Committee on Ways and Means

REPUBLICANS

	Categories	2009	2010	111th
	Staff Slots	**28**	**28**	**28**
	Total Budget Authority	**$3,380,379.00**	**$3,549,397.00**	**$6,929,776.00**
1	Personnel Compensation	$2,850,046.00	$2,956,482.00	$5,806,528.00
1a	Salaries and Lump Sums	$2,839,897.00	$2,946,144.00	$5,786,041.00
1b	Overtime	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1c	Transit Benefit	$10,149.00	$10,338.00	$20,487.00
2	Travel	$35,000.00	$40,000.00	$75,000.00
3	Communications	$42,000.00	$45,000.00	$87,000.00
4	Printing and Reproduction	$4,600.00	$5,000.00	$9,600.00
5	Other Services	$71,000.00	$72,000.00	$143,000.00
5a	Consultant Contracts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5b	Detailees	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5c	Training	$5,000.00	$5,000.00	$10,000.00
5d	Representational Expenses	$1,000.00	$2,000.00	$3,000.00
5e	Specialized Training	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5f	Miscellaneous Other Services	$65,000.00	$65,000.00	$130,000.00
6	Supplies and Materials	$136,000.00	$143,000.00	$279,000.00
7	Equipment	$241,733.00	$287,915.00	$529,648.00

Signature _____

Dave Camp, Ranking Republican

DOCUMENT #1 PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

List the total anticipated cost of salary, overtime and transit benefits for 2009 and 2010, as well as the anticipated total number of staff positions. Please attach a complete list of the names, titles and annual compensation of staff as of February 1, 2009, including anticipated new positions, if any, and related salary, for 2009 and 2010.

	2009	2010
Total estimated number of staff:	28	28
Total estimated personnel compensation: *Enter on line 1 of request form*	$ 2,850,046	$ 2,956,482
Total estimated salary/lump sums: *Enter on line 1a of request form*	$ 2,839,897	$ 2,946,144
Total estimated overtime: *Enter on line 1b of request form*	$ 0	$ 0
Total estimated transit benefits: *Enter on line 1c of request form*	$ 10,149	$ 10,338

DOCUMENT #2: DETAILEES

Itemize anticipated annual reimbursement costs (i.e., salary, benefits, travel expenses), if any, for all detailees from other federal agencies or departments, including the Government Printing Office. List the anticipated projects, if known, for the detailees and specify the agency from which the detailees will be needed.

Note: Reimbursement is not required for detailees, except those from the Government Printing Office (GPO). Also, the total number of non-reimbursable detailees, at one time, must remain at or below 10% of the committee staff ceiling.

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2009

Description	Agency	Expense
Do not anticipate any for 2009		

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2009: $ 0

Enter on line 5b of request form

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2010

Description	Agency	Cost
Do not anticipate any for 2010		

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2010: $ 0

Enter on line 5b of request form

DOCUMENT #3: CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Describe the nature of the work anticipated from consultants and the total estimated cost of each contract.

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2009

Description	Expense
Do not anticipate any for 2009	

Total anticipated 2009 consultant fees: $ 0

Enter on line 5a of request form

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2010

Description	Expense
Do not anticipate any for 2010	

Total anticipated consultant fees in 2010: $ 0

Enter on line 5a of request form

DOCUMENT #4: EQUIPMENT

List any anticipated equipment and software purchases, their purpose or use, and estimated cost, including maintenance. These costs, when added to the committee's current equipment cost, will be the total equipment costs for 2009 and 2010. Also, please attach your equipment inventory for January 2009.

Anticipated Equipment in 2009

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total
File Server Upgrade	Upgrade to handle Thin Client Solution	$15,485		$15,485
HP 72 GB Memory (5)	Memory Upgrade for Server	$1,825		$1,825
Workstations (15)	Lifecycle upgrade	$15,325		$15,325
19" Widescreen LCD Monitors (15)	Lifecycle upgrade	$3,225		$3,225
15" Laptops (5)	Increase staff remote access	$8,750		$8,750
Wyse V10L Thin Client PC (5)	Terminal PC for Thin Client Solution	$1,870	$150	$2,020
Digital Camera	Lifecycle Upgrade	$1,000		$1,000
VMWare Virtual PC Client Software	Software for Thin Client Solution	$1,436	$4,367	$5,803
LCD TV(1)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$3,000		$3,000
Software Upgrades	Upgrades and License Renewals	$50,000		$50,000
IT Supplies	DLT Tapes, Card Reader, External memory,	$20,000		$20,000
Web Development and Redesign	Website Upgrade	$40,000		$40,000
Web Hosting	Maintain Website Support		$7,500	$7,500
Telecommunications Equipment	Speakerphones, Blackberries, Wireless Internet Cards	$18,000		$18,000
Copier Maintenance(1)	Monthly Service Contract		$6,800	$6,800
Annual Maintenance Contract	Service for IT Equipment		$33,000	$33,000
Canon Copier	Lifecycle upgrade for Majority/Minority shared Copier	$10,000		$10,000

Total cost of new equipment and software in 2009: $ 189,916

Current equipment costs: $ 51,817
This is the total listed on your January 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for Equipment in 2009: $ $241,733
Enter on line 7 of request form

Anticipated Equipment in 2010

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total
File Server Upgrade (2)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$30,970		$30,970
APC Smart UPS	Lifecycle Upgrade	$2,250		$1,825
HP 4345 MFP Printer (2)	Lifecycle upgrade	$9,600		$9,600
19" Widescreen LCD Monitors (27)	Lifecycle upgrade	$9,855		$9,855
HP LaserJet 1020 Printer (2)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$360		$360
Wyse V10L Thin Client PC (25)	Terminal PC for Thin Client Solution	$9,350	$750	$10,100
VMWare Virtual PC Client Software	Software for Thin Client Solution	$4,500	$4,200	$8,700
LCD TV(4)	Lifecycle Upgrade	$12,000		$12,000
Software Upgrades	Upgrades and License Renewals	$40,000		$40,000
IT Supplies	DLT Tapes, Card Reader, External memory,	$44,000		$44,000
Web Service Maintenance and online services	Website vendor support		$25,000	$25,000
Web Hosting	Maintain Website Support		$12,500	$12,500
Telecommunications Equipment	Speakerphones, Blackberries, Wireless Internet Cards	$17,780		$17,780
Copier Maintenance(1)	Monthly Service Contract		$6,800	$6,800
Annual Maintenance Contract	Service for IT Equipment		$48,000	$48,000
Canon Copier	Lifecycle upgrade for Majority/Minority shared copier	$10,000		$10,000

Anticipated total expenses for new equipment and software in 2010: $ 190,665

Anticipated annual equipment cost: $ 97,250

This is your predicted total as you predict it to be displayed on your December 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for equipment in 2010: $ 287,915

Enter on line 7 of request form

DOCUMENT #5: TRAVEL

List all anticipated committee activities for which official funds will be expended for travel. Be specific.

Anticipated Travel in 2009

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense
	TBD by Majority		

Total anticipated travel costs for 2009: $ 35,000
Enter on line 2 of request form

Anticipated Travel in 2010

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense
	TBD by Majority		

Total anticipated travel costs for 2010: $ 40,000

Enter on line 2 of request form

DOCUMENT #6 ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

COMMUNICATIONS

Total estimated communications expenses in 2009 *Enter on line 3 of request form*	$ 42,000
Total estimated communications expenses in 2010 *Enter on line 3 of request form*	$ 45,000

PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION

Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2009 *Enter on line 4 of request form*	$ 4,600
Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2010 *Enter on line 4 of request form*	$ 5,000

OTHER SERVICES

Total estimated expenses for other services in 2009 *Enter on line 5 of request form*	$ 71,000
Total estimated expenses for other services in 2010 *Enter on line 5 of request form*	$ 72,000

SPECIALIZED TRAINING
Please provide specifics of all anticipated specialized training for committee staff.

2009 Anticipated Specialized Training

Staff	Description	Cost
Director of Operations	Project Management	$2,000
Director of Operations and support staff (4)	Virtualization software, Thin Client PC Training	$3,000

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2009: $ $5,000
Enter on line 5e of request form

Anticipated specialized training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
Director of Operations	Virtualization Software, Thin Client Administration Training	$2,500
Support Staff (25)	Thin Client Training	$2,500

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2010: $ $5,000
Enter on line 5e of request form

NON-SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Please provide specifics of all anticipated non-specialized training for committee staff.

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training Expenses in 2009

Staff	Description	Cost
	Do not anticipate the need for non-specialized training in 2009	

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2009: $_____

Enter on line 5d of request form

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
	Do not anticipate the need for non-specialized training in 2010	

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2010: $_____

Enter on line 5d of request form

REPRESENTATIONAL

Anticipated representational expenses in 2009: $ 1,000
Enter on line 5d of request form

Anticipated representational expenses in 2010: $ 2,000
Enter on line 5d of request form

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2009: $ $136,000
Enter on line 6 of request form

Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2010: $ $143,000
Enter on line 6 of request form

DOCUMENT #7 FRANKED MAIL ALLOCATION

List anticipated franked mail expenditures for 2009 and 2010.

NOTE: ***The franked mail allocation should not be included in your committee's primary expense resolution. The Committee will consider budget requests for Franked mail, under a separate resolution.***

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2009: $____N/A____

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2010: $____N/A____

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111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 162

Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Ways and Means in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

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The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Ranking Member Camp.

STATEMENT OF THE HON. DAVE CAMP, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Mr. CAMP. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Ranking Member Lungren, and other members of the committee.

I appreciate having the opportunity to appear before you and with Chairman Rangel in support of our budget proposal for the 111th Congress.

And I just wanted to mention, 2 weeks ago, as we neared conclusion on the work on the President's stimulus bill, Chairman Rangel and I were forced to postpone our testimony because of the scheduling meeting of the conference. And I want to offer my thanks and appreciation to the committee for rescheduling our appearance here.

I also want to express my appreciation to Chairman Rangel for working with me and my staff. As he developed the Ways and Means budget request, we were consulted in the preparation of the budget proposal. And as he mentioned, under this budget proposal, the minority has full control of one-third of the budget and resources. And we will need these resources.

I think the chairman will readily agree that, as difficult a challenge as the stimulus bill was, the Ways and Means Committee will play an even more active role in many other high-profile issues in the 111th Congress. A few of the major bills include tax reform, health reform, climate change. And so, accordingly, I support the committee's budget proposal. An increase in our current budget will provide the additional resources we need to meet the challenges of the 111th Congress. It is consistent with the requested increases in the past several Congresses. And I should note that the budget request was approved by our committee unanimously on February 11th.

And I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here, and I would be pleased to answer any questions you might have.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

And I don't know why our bells aren't going off in this room or our lights, but I understand there is a vote on now, and we have 12 minutes left. So rather than bring you back, I would ask our committee to be rather short in any questions they ask and we can then not miss the vote.

So, with that, Ranking Member Mr. Lungren.

Mr. LUNGREN. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I see the 111th Congressional request from your committee is for $20,789,331.46. You are the only ones that have actually got it to the penny. So I presume that all of it is divided one-third/two-thirds in terms of staff and other expenditures.

Let me ask you this, the same thing we have asked other committees. For a number of years, committees came before this committee for a 1-year authorization. Now we do it by Congress. But we thought it might be good to have committees return to us after 1 year for us to review what has happened, the expenditures you had, to see how that actually has set up with respect to the intentions you had when you started.

I would hope that both of you would agree to do that with us.

Mr. RANGEL. We agree if you decide that is the way you want to proceed. It doesn't make sense to be able to try to plan for 1 year. It seems that 2 years is short enough.

Mr. LUNGREN. No, this is just to come back after a year for us to take a look and make sure how things are going after we do the 2-year authorization.

Mr. RANGEL. Oh, sure. You can come back every 6 months, whatever you think is good.

Mr. LUNGREN. No, no, no, we don't want to see you that much, Charlie. I appreciate that.

Mr. RANGEL. We are so proud of our staff. We are proud of the way we work together. And you may be able to make some observations and recommendations on how we could improve what we are doing.

Mr. CAMP. Absolutely, we would be happy to cooperate in any way that the committee deems.

Mr. LUNGREN. I have a whole list of questions, but in respect to the chairman's request, I would refrain from asking them at this point in time.

Mr. RANGEL. I will meet you on the floor.

The CHAIRMAN. Ms. Lofgren.

Ms. LOFGREN. Given that votes have been called, the request is unanimous and bipartisan, and the task before you is enormous, I will pass on additional questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Harper.

Mr. HARPER. No questions.

The CHAIRMAN. We thank you very much and appreciate you appearing in front of us and look forward to seeing you again and working along with you and thank you for the job that you do.

Mr. RANGEL. Thanks again for your patience with us.

The CHAIRMAN. We will recess now. We will come back with one more committee, which is Rules, the last committee to come back.

Thank you.

[Recess.]

The CHAIRMAN. Good afternoon, and thank you for coming today.

We noted you were busy having another hearing pending right now to get us a rule for tomorrow, and we appreciate it and welcome you here today.

Chairperson Slaughter and Ranking Member Dreier, thank you. And, again, we are interested in your statement and in your comments.

STATEMENT OF THE HON. LOUISE SLAUGHTER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Lungren.

We thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee on House Administration in support of the 111th Congress funding request for the Committee on Rules.

As you know, the Committee on Rules is responsible for setting the parameters of debate for specific pieces of legislation. It has the unique role of considering the vast majority of complex legislative

initiatives before they come to the House floor. Furthermore, the committee maintains jurisdiction over many other issues of critical importance to the ongoing operations of the House, everything from the opening day's rules package to ensuring the ability of the House to function in times of crisis.

In the 110th Congress, the Rules Committee meetings increased by 22 percent over the 109th Congress. And the 111th Congress has already witnessed an increase in activity due to the dire economic environment affecting the country. In January, which is normally a slower legislative period in the House, the Rules Committee held its organizational meeting on the second day of the 111th Congress in anticipation of the upcoming legislative schedule. And during that month, the Rules Committee provided rules providing for the consideration of such significant legislation as TARP, SCHIP, and economic recovery.

We strive to continue to be fully prepared to move an ambitious legislative agenda to the House floor during the 111th Congress. Given the current economic crisis, our committee is committed to doing more with less. The budget we request today asks for a very prudent annual increase of 1.8 percent from the prior year's budget level. It is a budget that will allow us to fund the daily operations of the committee while still investing in ongoing efforts to serve the House Membership and the public.

The modest request reflects an actual increase in dollars per year of less than $65,000. In order to keep the overall budget request prudent and still meet the pressing demands of an ambitious legislative schedule, the committee reallocated funds among accounts. This budget request includes a modest increase in personnel funds necessary to maintain our work output.

In addition, our budget request includes a continued investment in modernizing our technology. These efforts have had success thus far, though we still have more to do. And in this Congress, we expect to move forward into the final phases of development of our internal Rules database, now renamed the Committee on Rules Electronic Database, or CORE.

Mr. Dreier was a most innovative Chair and he developed a Rules amendment tracking system that we have expanded. It now encompasses nearly the entire Rules Committee process, including tracking amendments, recording votes in our hearings, generating documents for distribution to the committee and for filing on the floor.

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Our proposed budget continues the Rules Committee's tradition of giving the minority one-third of the total staff slots allocated to us, along with control over one-third of the committee salary funds. The other categories represent joint funding. We work with the mi-

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[The statement of Ms. Slaughter follows:]

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Statement of Louise M. Slaughter
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Before the Committee on House Administration

February 11, 2009

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February 3, 2009

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Dear Mr. Chair:

Enclosed please find the Rules Committee 111th Congress budget request and the oversight plan adopted by the Committee on February 3, 2009, pursuant to clause 2(d)(1) of rule X of the rules of the House.

Sincerely,

Louise M. Slaughter

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Chairwoman

111th Congress Request Form

Committee on Rules

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	Total Budget Authority	**$3,538,663.00**	**$3,602,358.00**	**$7,141,021.00**
1	Personnel Compensation	$3,184,777.00	$3,297,788.00	$6,482,565.00
1a	Salaries and Lump Sums	$3,176,427.00	$3,289,288.00	$6,465,715.00
1b	Overtime	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
1c	Transit Benefit	$8,350.00	$8,500.00	$16,850.00
2	Travel	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$6,000.00
3	Communications	$62,300.00	$63,400.00	$125,700.00
4	Printing and Reproduction	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$5,000.00
5	Other Services	$148,911.00	$111,152.00	$260,063.00
5a	Consultant Contracts	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5b	Detailees	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5c	Training	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5d	Representational Expenses	$2,500.00	$2,500.00	$5,000.00
5e	Specialized Training	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
5f	Miscellaneous Other Services	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
6	Supplies and Materials	$61,589.00	$62,698.00	$124,287.00
7	Equipment	$75,586.00	$61,820.00	$137,406.00

Signature Louise M. Slaughter
Chairman

DOCUMENT #1 PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

List the total anticipated cost of salary, overtime and transit benefits for 2009 and 2010, as well as the anticipated total number of staff positions. Please attach a complete list of the names, titles and annual compensation of staff as of February 1, 2009, including anticipated new positions, if any, and related salary, for 2009 and 2010.

	2009	2010
Total estimated number of staff:	39	39
Total estimated personnel compensation: *Enter on line 1 of request form*	$ 3,184,777	$ 3,297,788
Total estimated salary/lump sums: *Enter on line 1a of request form*	$ 3,176,427	$ 3,289,288
Total estimated overtime: *Enter on line 1b of request form*	$ 0	$ 0
Total estimated transit benefits: *Enter on line 1c of request form*	$ 8,350	$ 8,500

Staff and Salaries

Democratic Staff and Salaries

#	Employee	Title	Annual Salary 2009
1	Samuel Marchio	Associate Staff - Arcuri	$ 50,000
2	??	Associate Staff - Hastings (FL)	$ 80,000
3	Matt Henken	Associate Staff - Perlmutter	$ 50,000
4	Claire Benjamin	Associate Staff - Pingree	$ 50,000
5	Rosalyn Kumar	Associate Staff - Polis	$ 50,000
6	Jason Lumia	Associate Staff - Cardoza	$ 50,000
7	Alexis Marks	Associate Staff - Matsui	$ 73,400
8	Kristin Lee	Communications Director	$ 90,000
9	Sonny Sinha	Dir. of Cmte Tech	$ 80,000
10	Don Sisson	Dir. Of Legislative Operations	$ 80,000
11	Sarah Horowitz	Intern	$ 21,600
12	Sampak Garg	Majority Counsel	$ 145,000
13	Muftiah McCartin	Majority Staff Director	$ 172,500
14	Deborah Delaney	Office Manager	$ 60,000
15	Adam Berg	Professional Staff	$ 55,000
16	Anthony Abate	Professional Staff	$ 55,000
17	??	Professional Staff	$ 80,000
18	Stefanie Winzeler	Professional Staff	$ 45,000
19	Tim Sheehan	Professional Staff	$ 65,000
20	Sophie Hayford	Senior Counsel	$ 170,696
21	Keith Stern	Sr. Leg Assistant - McGovern	$ 80,000
22	Gary Johnson	Staff Assistant	$ 35,000
23	George Agurkis	Staff Assistant	$ 35,000
24	Sadie Marshall	Staff Assistant	$ 40,000
25	??	Deputy Staff Director	$ 172,500
26	??	??	??

Republican Staff and Salaries

#	Employee	Title	Annual Salary 2009
1	Keagan Lenihan	Associate Staff - Sessions	$ 50,000
2	Cesar Gonzalez	Associate Staff - Diaz-Balart	$ 59,423
3	Bradley Smith	Associate Staff - Dreier	$ 64,995
4	Brandon Renz	Associate Staff - Foxx	$ 50,000
5	Lucas Hatzis	Committee Clerk	$ 45,000
6	Johanna Maney	Communications Director	$ 114,675
7	Adam Jarvis	Deputy Staff Director	$ 151,000
8	Shane Chambers	Professional Staff	$ 70,890
9	Jennifer Gorski	Professional Staff	$ 80,272
10	Celeste West	Professional Staff	$ 128,228
11	Rachel Leman	Shared Employee	$ 33,360
12	Hugh Halpern	Staff Director	$ 172,500
13	??	??	??

DOCUMENT #2: DETAILEES

Itemize anticipated annual reimbursement costs (i.e., salary, benefits, travel expenses), if any, for all detailees from other federal agencies or departments, including the Government Printing Office. List the anticipated projects, if known, for the detailees and specify the agency from which the detailees will be needed.

Note: Reimbursement is not required for detailees, except those from the Government Printing Office (GPO). Also, the total number of non-reimbursable detailees, at one time, must remain at or below 10% of the committee staff ceiling.

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2009

Description	Agency	Expense
None		

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2009: $ 0

Enter on line 5b of request form

Anticipated Projects for Detailees in 2010

Description	Agency	Cost
None		

Total anticipated detailee expenses in 2010: $ 0

Enter on line 5b of request form

DOCUMENT #3: CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Describe the nature of the work anticipated from consultants and the total estimated cost of each contract.

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2009

Description	Expense
None	

Total anticipated 2009 consultant fees: $ 0

Enter on line 5a of request form

Anticipated Projects for Consultants in 2010

Description	Expense
None	

Total anticipated consultant fees in 2010: $ 0

Enter on line 5a of request form

DOCUMENT #4: EQUIPMENT

List any anticipated equipment and software purchases, their purpose or use, and estimated cost, including maintenance. These costs, when added to the committee's current equipment cost, will be the total equipment costs for 2009 and 2010. Also, please attach your equipment inventory for January 2009.

Anticipated Equipment in 2009

Item	Purpose	Annual Cost	Maintenance	Total
Sony Lavalier Lapel & Table Microphones	Upgrade Press Operation materials (Majority)	219.00		219.00
Video Editing Machines and Software Mac Pro	Enhance online communications (Majority)	7,088.00		7,088.00
Final Cut Pro Software	Enhance online communications (Majority)	1,300.00		1,300.00
Office 08 for Mac	Software for new Press Operation computer (Majority)	400.00		400.00
Aperture Photo Editing Software	Provide additional document design capability (Majority)	200.00		200.00
Adobe Creative Suite Web Editing for Mac	Enhance online communications (Majority)	2,500.00		2,500.00
TV	Upgrade Press Operation materials (Majority)	650.00		650.00
2 Digital Audio Recorders	Upgrade Press Operation materials (Majority)	500.00		500.00
Dell Computer	Replace aging computer (Majority)	1,700.00		1,700.00
Adobe Acrobat Software Upgrades	Upgrade software (Majority and Minority)	4,160.00		4,160.00
Blackberry Upgrades/Replacements	Upgrade wireless devices (Majority and Minority)	5,200.00		5,200.00
HP Printer – Black & White	Replace aging printer (Majority)	8,000.00		8,000.00
HP Printer – Color	Replace aging printer (Majority)	10,000.00		10,000.00
iWork Software Upgrades	Upgrade software (Minority)	130.00		130.00
iLife Software Upgrade	Upgrade software (Minority)	130.00		130.00
Mac OS X 10.6 "Snow Leopard" upgrade	Upgrade software (Minority)	250.00		250.00
Dell Latitude E6400	Replace aging laptops (Minority)	2,800.00		2,800.00
Dell S2429W 24-inch Monitor w/ 4 Yrs. Advanced Exchange Warranty	Replace aging Monitor (Minority)	1,160.00		1,160.00
Cisco Aironet 1140 Wireless Access Point + Power Supply	Upgrade wireless capacity for laptops (Minority)	910.00		1,820.00
Epson PowerLite 1715c projector + 60" screen	Provide projection capability for Minority educational seminars (Minority)	1,600.00		1,600.00
Adobe Creative Suite 4	Provide additional document design capability (Minority)	2,200.00		2,200.00
Website Maintenance Contract (20 hrs)	Provide support for website maintenance & upgrades	6,000.00		6,000.00

	(Minority)			
Mindjet Mindmanager	Software for mind mapping and scenario planning (Majority)	180.00		180.00
Camtasia Stuido	Creates professional presentations and training materials (Majority)	299.00		299.00
Adobe Studio Upgrade	Web editing and design software (Majority)	900.00		900.00

Total cost of new equipment and software in 2009: $ 59,386

Current equipment costs: $ 16,200
This is the total listed on your January 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for Equipment in 2009: $ 75,586
Enter on line 7 of request form

Anticipated Equipment in 2010

Item	Purpose	Cost	Maintenance	Total
Adobe Acrobate Software Upgrades	Upgrade software (Majority and Minority)	4,160.00		4,160.00
Blackberry Upgrades/Replacements	Upgrade wireless devices (Majority and Minority)	5,200.00		5,200.00
HP Printer – Black & White	Replace aging printer (Majority)	8,000.00		8,000.00
HP Printer – Color	Replace aging printer (Majority)	10,000.00		10,000.00
HP Color Laser Jet printer/copier/fax	Replace & upgrade color document production capability (Minority)	11,000.00		11,000.00
MacBook Pro 15" Screen w/ 3-yr warranty	Replace aging laptop (Minority)	2,600.00		2,600.00
Dell S2409W 24-in Monitor w/ 4-yr warranty	Replace aging monitor (Minority)	1,160.00		1,160.00

Anticipated total expenses for new equipment and software in 2010: $ 42,120

Anticipated annual equipment cost: $ 19,700

This is your predicted total as you predict it to be displayed on your December 2009 inventory reconciliation.

Total anticipated cost for equipment in 2010: $ 61,820

Enter on line 7 of request form

DOCUMENT #5: TRAVEL

List all anticipated committee activities for which official funds will be expended for travel. Be specific.

Anticipated Travel in 2009

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense
4	Natl. Conf. of State Legislatures (annual mtg)	Philadelphia, PA	3,000.00

Total anticipated travel costs for 2009: $ 3,000.00

Enter on line 2 of request form

Anticipated Travel in 2010

# of Travelers	Activity/Purpose	Location	Expense
4	Natl. Conf. of State Legislatures	TBD	3,000.00
	(annual mtg)		

Total anticipated travel costs for 2010: $ 3,000.00

Enter on line 2 of request form

DOCUMENT #6 ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

COMMUNICATIONS

Total estimated communications expenses in 2009 $ 62,300
Enter on line 3 of request form

Total estimated communications expenses in 2010 $ 63,400
Enter on line 3 of request form

PRINTING AND REPRODUCTION

Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2009 $ 2,500
Enter on line 4 of request form

Total estimated printing and reproduction expenses in 2010 $ 2,500
Enter on line 4 of request form

OTHER SERVICES

Total estimated expenses for other services in 2009 $ 148,911
Enter on line 5 of request form

Total estimated expenses for other services in 2010 $ 111,152
Enter on line 5 of request form

SPECIALIZED TRAINING
Please provide specifics of all anticipated specialized training for committee staff.

2009 Anticipated Specialized Training

Staff	Description	Cost
None		

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2009: $_____
Enter on line 5e of request form

Anticipated specialized training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
None		

Total estimated specialized training costs in 2010: $_____
Enter on line 5e of request form

NON-SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Please provide specifics of all anticipated non-specialized training for committee staff.

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training Expenses in 2009

Staff	Description	Cost
None		

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2009: $_____

Enter on line 5d of request form

Anticipated Non-Specialized Training in 2010

Staff	Description	Cost
None		

Anticipated non-specialized training expenses in 2010: $_____

Enter on line 5d of request form

REPRESENTATIONAL

Anticipated representational expenses in 2009: $ 2,500
Enter on line 5d of request form

Anticipated representational expenses in 2010: $ 2,500
Enter on line 5d of request form

SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2009: $ 61,589
Enter on line 6 of request form

Anticipated expenses for supplies and materials in 2010: $ 62,698
Enter on line 6 of request form

DOCUMENT #7 FRANKED MAIL ALLOCATION

List anticipated franked mail expenditures for 2009 and 2010.

NOTE: ***The franked mail allocation should not be included in your committee's primary expense resolution. The Committee will consider budget requests for Franked mail, under a separate resolution.***

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2009: $ 500

Anticipated franked mail expenditures in 2010: $ 500

COMMITTEE FUNDING QUESTIONS

Answer these questions using separate paper, fitting as many answers on a page as you can. When you are finished, be sure to include these two pages of questions on top of your answers. This will be included in your submission.

GENERAL

1. Please justify any requested increase in budget categories from 2008 to 2009 and from 2009 to 2010. Some examples are: increases due to changes in jurisdiction, increases due to changes in committee structure, inflationary costs, as well as any regular and normal increases associated with any of the listed budget categories.

MINORITY RESOURCES

2. In the 110th Congress, was the Ranking Minority Member allowed control over any amount of the budget allocated to the Committee? Mark the line that best describes the practice in your committee.

   - o **1/3 of total budget**
   - • **1/3 of personnel/salary budget**
   - o **1/3 of total budget**, after expenses for administrative staff
   - o **1/3 of total budget**, after administrative expenses other than those for staff
   - o **1/3 of total budget**, after expenses for administrative staff and other administrative expenses
   - o **1/3 of personnel/salary budget**, after expenses for administrative staff
   - o **1/3 of personnel/salary budget**, after administrative expenses other than those for staff
   - o **1/3 of personnel/salary budget**, after expenses for administrative staff and other administrative expenses
   - o other (please explain)

3. Was the amount allocated to the minority in the 110th Congress different than the amount allocated in the 109th Congress? If so, please explain the difference. Do you anticipate this allocation to change in the 111th Congress?

4. How were staff positions allocated in the 110th Congress? Was there a specific number of positions allocated to the minority? If so, please explain.

STAFF AND STAFF SALARIES

5. In the 110th Congress, did the Committee receive a permanent or temporary increase in the Committee's staff ceiling? If so, please specify when the increase was approved, the length of time for which the increase was approved, and purpose for the increase.

6. What was the average number of staff over the 24 months of the 110th Congress? If there were vacancies, were they majority or minority positions? If so, provide specifics.

EQUIPMENT AND COMPUTERS

7. Do you anticipate using funds to upgrade Committee equipment and computer systems? If so, what new capability do you seek? Also, on what replacement plan do you refresh equipment?

8. The Committee would like to identify any spending areas within your budget proposals that overlap with projects that have or will be centrally funded for the House as an institution. Individual spending by your Committee in these areas may indicate that the capabilities being offered do not meet your needs, or may indicate that you are unaware of such institutional initiatives. We request this information to assist us in identifying areas for improvement and cost efficiency.

Please identify all hardware, software, or services in the following categories that your committee procured during the 110th Congress, or plan on procuring during the 111th Congress.

1. Disaster recovery, off-site backup, continuity of operations
2. Anti-virus, computer security, remote access
3. Web-casting, broadcast production services, video archiving
4. Legislative drafting or report production
5. Wireless networking
6. Video teleconferencing
7. Web site development
8. Microsoft Active Directory Services
9. Office productivity software other than Microsoft Office

1. The Committee on Rules is requesting a total of $7,141,021 in new budget authority for the 111th Congress. This funding level represents a 1.8 percent annual increase over the Committee's budget for the 2nd session of the 110th Congress for 2009 and then a continued 1.8 percent increase on 2009 for 2010. The overall increase in actual dollars is extremely modest and will not allow the Committee's budget to keep pace with inflation and the on-going effort to increase efficiency in House operations through increased education and services provided by the Committee on Rules to the House membership at large. For example, the difference in actual dollars between the 110th Congress 2nd session funding and the 111th Congress 1st session funding is only $62,570 and the increase in actual dollars between the 111th Congress 1st session and the 111th Congress 2nd session is $63,695.

   The first area in which the Committee is requesting additional budget authority is in personnel compensation. The Committee is requesting a 2.5 percent increase from 2008 to 2009 and a 3.5 percent increase from 2009 to 2010 to cover cost-of living and merit increases, as well as increases in the costs associated with transit subsidies. In order to keep the overall budget request at 1.8 percent increase per year, the Committee reallocated funds among accounts. Communications and supplies and materials have also been increased by 1.8 percent to reflect inflationary increases.

2. 1/3 of personnel/salary budget

3. In the 110th Congress, the Minority had control over 1/3 of the personnel/salary budget and that practice will be continued in the 111th Congress.

4. The 39 staff positions for the 110th Congress were allocated as follows: 26 majority, 13 minority. These numbers include Member's Associate Staff. This agreed upon staff slot distribution formula will continue in the 111th Congress.

5. In the 109th Congress, the Committee on Rules received a temporary increase in the staff ceiling from 36 to 39 staff positions; this was continued in the 110th Congress. This temporary increase needs to be made permanent in the 111th Congress in order to maintain staff ability to carryout the Committee's responsibilities in a professional manner. The Committee has not had a permanent staff increase since the 104th Congress.

6. The average number of staff over the 24 months of the 110th Congress was 34. The Committee intends to fill 3 of the vacant spots shortly by hiring an Associate Staff, Professional Staff and Deputy Staff Director. This leaves one vacancy open for both the majority and the minority, which will allow for flexibility to hire as areas needing additional support are identified in the 111th Congress.

7. The Committee plans to continue to adopt a 1/3 modernization cycle in deploying hardware and software for use in its various legislative, administrative and press functions. This effort ensures we operate with current technologies that will

maximize productivity and integrate into our current customized software environment which is closely tied into our committee process.

Additionally, we plan to further expand and complete development of our CORE database, an institutional database that continues to expand to encompass tracking our legislative activity, generate committee statistics and documents, and enable gains in productivity when examining precedent. The next phase of the CORE database is to include integration with the Rules Committee website, as well as more robust document generation capabilities, in order to ensure that it remains a strong institutional tool.

8. a. **Disaster recovery, off-site backup, continuity of operations.**
   We currently intend to complete the move to the House's virtualized environment and backup solution, due to the apparent cost and energy savings, it further limits the need for duplicative expenditure that is required in having our own solution.

   b. **Anti-virus, computer security, remote access**
   The Committee continues to take advantage of anti virus software offered by the House. Remote access is facilitated through the House as well. So long as these continue to be adequate solutions to the Committees needs, we have no plans on purchasing additional products.

   c. **Web-casting, broadcast production services, video archiving**
   Though we currently do not take advantage of outside services in these areas, due to the increased exposure online video and audio mediums, the Rules Committee has planned in minor investment of related equipment, and depending upon how aggressively we pursue communications will make a determination as to the level of services and resources that are required.

   d. **Legislative drafting or report production**
   We currently use the Clerk/GPO legislative drafting software, and furthermore are integrating our CORE database to use these products. This engagement requires active cooperation with the Office of the Clerk and GPO.

   e. **Wireless networking**
   The committee plans to take advantage of the House wireless networking offerings at this time, though we may replace our existing wireless infrastructure if reliability becomes an issue.

   f. **Video teleconferencing**
   We are evaluating situations that may require the use of video for select hearings, but currently the committee has no plans for taking advantage of video teleconferencing services.

   g. **Web site development**
   The Committee uses two different outsourced website contractors, one for the minority's website, which was responsible for initially designing the website and continues to maintain it, and another for continued development of the CORE database. All further activity related to the development of the Committee website is through modest investment in upgraded software, equipment, as well as taking advantage of any services offered by the House.

h. Microsoft Active Directory Services

We continue to work with the House's Active Directory services at this time.

i. Office productivity software other than Microsoft Office

The committee continues to ensure that all personnel are equipped with current versions of Adobe software, in addition to the House's legislative drafting software. Furthermore the committee will be making modest investments in mind mapping, and software that can help us create training materials.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF OVERSIGHT PLANS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Approved February 3, 2009

Ms. Slaughter of New York, from the Committee on Rules, submitted to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration the following:

REPORT

OVERSIGHT PLANS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Clause 2(d)(1) of Rule X of the Rules of the House requires each standing committee of the House to adopt oversight plans at the beginning of each Congress. Specifically, the Rule states in part:

"Rule X, clause (2)(d)(1). Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, each standing committee shall, in a meeting that is open to the public and with a quorum present, adopt its oversight plan for that Congress. Such plan shall be submitted simultaneously to the Committee on Government Reform and to the Committee on House Administration."

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JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Rule X of the Rules of the House vests in the Committee on Rules broad responsibility over the House rules in general and the congressional budget process. Specifically the Rule defines the Committee's jurisdiction, as follows:

Clause 1(n), Rule X- Committee on Rules.

(1) Rules and joint rules (other than those relating to the Code of Official Conduct) and the order of business of the House.
(2) Recesses and final adjournments of Congress.

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Clause 2, Rule X - General Oversight Responsibilities

2. (a) The various standing committees shall have general oversight responsibilities as provided in paragraph (b) in order to assist the House in:

(1) its analysis, appraisal, and evaluation of (A) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of Federal laws; and (B) conditions and circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation; and

(2) its formulation, consideration, and enactment of such changes in Federal laws, and of such additional legislation, as may be necessary or appropriate.

(b)(1) In order to determine whether laws and programs addressing subjects within the jurisdiction of a committee are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress and whether they should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated, each standing committee (other than the Committee on Appropriations) shall review and study on a continuing basis--

(A) the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of laws and programs addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

(B) the organization and operation of Federal agencies and entities having responsibilities for the administration and execution of laws and programs addressing subjects within its jurisdiction;

(C) any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation addressing subjects within its jurisdiction (whether or not a bill or resolution has been introduced with respect thereto); and

(D) future research and forecasting on subjects within its jurisdiction.

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Clause 3, Rule X - Special Oversight Functions

3. (j) The Committee on Rules shall review and study on a continuing basis the congressional budget process, and the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the House from time to time.

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OVERSIGHT PLAN

The Committee on Rules, first established in 1789 on the second day of the first Congress, has been an integral component of the House of Representatives' committee system. It began as a select committee in the First Congress and was elevated to permanent committee status in 1880. Although the primary role of the Committee is to determine the parameters of debate and the amendment process for legislation headed to the House Floor, it does have a number important oversight responsibilities.

The fundamental portion of the present jurisdiction of the Committee is contained in clause 1(n) of rule X, which gives the Committee jurisdiction over the following:

> (1) Rules and joint rules (other than those relating to the Code of Conduct) and the order of business of the House.
>
> (2) Recesses and final adjournments of Congress.

The Committee will continue to monitor compliance with House rules in all these areas as part of its oversight duties. Its oversight will include strict observance of the actual rules as well as the intent and spirit of the rules.

The House rules also grant special oversight responsibility to the Rules Committee in clause 3(j) of rule X over the congressional budget process. The Committee looks forward to working with the Budget Committee on any oversight activities that may be undertaken with regard to the Congressional budget process.

In addition to the jurisdictional areas contained in the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Rules Committee has always played a major role in the changes to the House rules in the beginning of each new Congress pursuant to House Resolution 5. In the beginning of the 111th Congress the following reforms to the House Rules were made in the opening day rules package contained in House Resolution 5 (all changes that are within the jurisdiction and oversight responsibilities of the Rules Committee):

> **Section-by-Section of Rule Changes – 111th Congress**
>
> SEC. 2. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES.
> (a) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDITS.—
> In response to the recommendation of the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration, this provision amends clause 6(c)(1) of rule II to clarify the non-traditional audit work that the Inspector General does in the areas of business process improvements, services to enhance the efficiency of House support operations, and risk management assessments. The change also will allow the Inspector

General to implement guidance and standards published in the Government Accountability Office's Government Auditing Standards.

(b) HOMELAND SECURITY.—

This provision amends clause 3(g) of rule X to direct the Committee on Homeland Security to review and study on a primary and continuing basis all Government activities, programs, and organizations relating to homeland security within its primary legislative jurisdiction.

Nothing in this rule shall affect the oversight or legislative authority of other committees under the Rules of the House.

The change in clause 3 of rule X clarifies the Committee on Homeland Security's oversight jurisdiction over government activities relating to homeland security within its primary legislative jurisdiction, including the interaction of all departments and agencies with the Department of Homeland Security. Consistent with the designation of the Committee on Homeland Security as the committee of oversight in these vital areas, the House expects that the President and the relevant executive agencies will forward copies of all reports in this area, in addition to those already covered by clause 2(b) of rule XIV, to the Committee on Homeland Security to assist it in carrying out this important responsibility.

This change is meant to clarify that the various agencies have a reporting relationship with the Homeland Security Committee on matters within its jurisdiction in addition to the agencies' reporting relationships with other committees of jurisdiction.

(c) ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—

This provision amends clause 4(d) of rule X to give the Committee on House Administration oversight of the management of services provided to the House by the Architect of the Capitol, except those services that lie within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure under clause 1(r).

(d) TERMS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.—

This provision strikes clause 5(c)(2) of rule X to eliminate term limits for committee and subcommittee chairs and includes a conforming amendment to clause 5(a)(2)(C) of rule X to provide an exception to the Budget Committee tenure limitations for a chair or ranking minority member serving a second consecutive term in the respective position.

(e) CALENDAR WEDNESDAY.—

This provision amends clause 6 of rule XV to require the Clerk to read only those committees where the committee chair has given notice to the House on Tuesday that he or she will seek recognition to call up a bill under the Calendar Wednesday rule. This will replace the requirement that the Clerk read the list of all committees, regardless of whether a committee intends to utilize the rule. The provision makes conforming changes to clause 6 of rule XV and clause 6 of rule XIII, including the deletion of the requirement of a two-thirds vote to dispense with the proceedings under Calendar Wednesday.

(f) POSTPONEMENT AUTHORITY.—

This provision adds a new paragraph (c) to clause 1 of rule XIX to give permanent authority to the Chair to postpone further consideration of legislation prior to final passage when the previous question is operating to adoption or passage of a measure pursuant to a special order of business. This codifies a practice that has become routine during the 110th Congress.

(g) INSTRUCTIONS IN THE MOTION TO RECOMMIT.—

This provision amends clause 2(b) of rule XIX to provide that a motion to recommit a bill or joint resolution may include instructions only in the form of a direction to report a textual amendment or amendments back to the House forthwith. The provision makes no change to the straight motion to recommit.

(h) CONDUCT OF VOTES.—
In response to the bipartisan recommendation of the Select Committee to Investigate the Voting Irregularities of August 2, 2007, this provision deletes the following sentence in clause 2(a) of rule XX: "A record vote by electronic device shall not be held open for the sole purpose of reversing the outcome of such vote."
(i) GENERAL APPROPRIATION CONFERENCE REPORTS.—
This provision codifies House Resolution 491, 110th Congress, which was adopted by unanimous consent. The provision provides a point of order against any general appropriations conference report containing earmarks that are included in conference reports but not committed to conference by either House and not in a House or Senate committee report on the legislation. A point of order under the provision would be disposed of by the question of consideration, which would be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided.
(j) PAYGO.—
This provision amends clause 10 of rule XXI to make the following changes:
(1) A technical amendment to align the PAYGO rules of the House with those of the Senate so that both houses use the same CBO baselines;
(2) The changes would also allow one House-passed measure to pay for spending in a separate House-passed measure if the two are linked at the engrossment stage; and
(3) The changes would also allow for emergency exceptions to PAYGO for provisions designated as emergency spending in a bill, joint resolution, amendment made in order as original text, conference report, or amendment between the Houses (but not other amendments).
The new clause 10(c)(3) of rule XXI provides that the Chair will put the question of consideration on a bill, joint resolution, an amendment made in order as original text by a special order of business, a conference report, or an amendment between the Houses that includes an emergency PAYGO designation. The Chair will put the question of consideration on such a measure without regard to a waiver of points of order under clause 10 of rule XXI or language providing for immediate consideration of such a measure.
The intent of this exception to pay-as-you-go principles is to allow for consideration of measures that respond to emergency situations. Provisions of legislation may receive an emergency designation if such provisions are necessary to respond to an act of war, an act of terrorism, a natural disaster, or a period of sustained low economic growth. A measure that includes any provision designated as emergency shall be accompanied by a report or a joint statement of managers, as the case may be, or include an applicable "Findings" section in the legislation, stating the reasons why such provision meets the emergency requirement according to the following criteria.
In general, the criteria to be considered in determining whether a proposed expenditure or tax change meets an emergency designation include: (1) necessary, essential, or vital (not merely useful or beneficial); (2) sudden, quickly coming into being, and not building up over time; (3) an urgent, pressing, and compelling need requiring immediate action; (4) unforeseen, unpredictable, and unanticipated; and (5) not permanent, but rather temporary in nature. With respect to the fourth criterion above, an emergency that is part of an aggregate level of anticipated emergencies, particularly when normally estimated in advance, is not "unforeseen."
(k) DISCLOSURE BY MEMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT NEGOTIATIONS.—
This provisions amends clause 1 of rule XXVII to close the loophole in the rule that allowed lame-duck Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner to directly negotiate future employment or compensation without public disclosure. The rule will now apply to all current Members, Delegates, and the Resident Commissioner requiring

> them, within 3 business days after the commencement of such negotiation or agreement of future employment or compensation, to file with the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct a statement regarding such negotiations or agreement.
> (I) GENDER NEUTRALITY.—
> This provision amends the Rules of the House to render them neutral with respect to gender. These changes are not intended to effect any substantive changes.

The Committee intends to exercise its oversight responsibilities to ensure full compliance with these new rules and the House rules generally.

Throughout the duration of the 111th Congress, the Rules Committee intends to take its oversight responsibility seriously and will vigorously monitor those areas within its jurisdiction as well as those for which the Committee maintains oversight responsibility. When appropriate, the Committee plans to utilize the Committee's two subcommittees (the Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process and the Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House) to conduct a portion of its oversight activities on those areas which fall into the specific jurisdiction of each.

In addition to the oversight areas described in this plan for the 111th Congress, the Committee is fully prepared to undertake additional oversight activities whenever situation or circumstances dictate.

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Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Rules in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MS. SLAUGHTER (FOR HERSELF AND MR. DREIER) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Providing amounts for the expenses of the Committee on Rules in the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. AMOUNTS FOR COMMITTEE EXPENSES.

For the expenses of the Committee on Rules (hereafter in this resolution referred to as the 'Committee'), including the expenses of all staff salaries, there shall be paid, out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives for committee salaries and expenses, not more than $7,141,021 for the One Hundred Eleventh Congress.

SEC. 2. SESSION LIMITATIONS.

Of the amount specified in section 1—

1 (1) not more than $3,538,663 shall be available
2 for expenses incurred during the period beginning at
3 noon on January 3, 2009, and ending immediately
4 before noon on January 3, 2010; and
5 (2) not more than $3,602,358 shall be available
6 for expenses incurred during the period beginning at
7 noon on January 3, 2010, and ending immediately
8 before noon on January 3, 2011.

9 **SEC. 3. VOUCHERS.**

10 Payments under this resolution shall be made on
11 vouchers authorized by the Committee, signed by the
12 Chair of the Committee, and approved in the manner di-
13 rected by the Committee on House Administration.

14 **SEC. 4. REGULATIONS.**

15 Amounts made available under this resolution shall
16 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by
17 the Committee on House Administration.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

Ranking Member Dreier.

STATEMENT OF THE HON. DAVID DREIER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. DREIER. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, and Mr. Lungren.

It is great to be here. And thanks to both of you for your tremendous patience in dealing with all of our colleagues who have been coming before you. I know we were scheduled to be here, I guess, was it 2 weeks ago?

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Last week I think.

Mr. DREIER. Last week I was in California. I wasn't going to be here last week at all.

But I will say that we were scheduled to be here a couple of weeks ago, so you obviously have been going through a protracted process, and we appreciate very much your patience and your service.

I am here to support the recommendation and proposal offered by Mrs. Slaughter, the distinguished Chair of our committee. She has outlined the responsibilities of the Rules Committee. We all know what those consist of.

I do want to make a couple of comments. First, I think that we are right behind your committee at the level of our request, 1.8 percent. I understand that you all are just a little bit below us. And we are not trying to get into a competition with you on this, but we are happy to be doing everything that we can to follow your lead for the reason that Mrs. Slaughter correctly stated; we need to set an example.

The American people are hurting. The size and scope and reach of government is, from my perspective, way too big. And if we can set an example by trying to reduce spending, including in our level of funding for committees, I think it is a great example. Now, as I say that, I recognize that we have a very important constitutional responsibility, and we can't in any way abrogate that. And so we do need to have necessary resources.

Mrs. Slaughter nicely referred to the fact that we have been able to set an example when it comes to transparency and disclosure when it comes to putting things online. It is interesting, we did everything that we could with the technological advances that existed at that time, but she is absolutely right in saying that building on that is important. Why? Primarily because, I mean, under Moore's Law, we continue to see tremendous improvements in technology. And I think that our ability to get the work of the Rules Committee before our colleagues and the American people is essential, and that is why building on this plan is an appropriate one.

She mentioned the two-thirds/one-third split. And I will say that, while we have had a good working relationship on that and plan to continue it, my first choice would have been to have the majority completely comply with the campaign plank that they had that would give a full one-third to the minority as far as management there, which I know was a campaign issue for them. And I am sorry that that has not been able to fully be implemented.

But I will say that we still, with the structure that we do have, work well. We have our two staff directors sitting right behind us now, and they work very closely together on a wide range of issues. As you all know, the Rules Committee can be the most partisan place of all. There is a ratio which I preferred greatly when I was in the majority over the one that I enjoy today in the minority, but that is the way it has been for a long period of time, and I recognize and understand our role and our responsibility there.

So I thank you all, again, very much for your work and for your understanding and look forward to answering any questions you might have.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

[The statement of Mr. Dreier follows:]

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Testimony of the Honorable DAVID DREIER Before the Committee on House Administration

February 11, 2009

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lungren, and Members of the Committee. I am pleased to appear before you today in support of the budget request of the Committee on Rules for the 111th Congress.

Service on the Rules Committee is among the highest callings we have in the House of Representatives. The Committee on Rules is the Speaker's committee, and is the mechanism by which the Leadership controls the floor and moves our agenda. The Committee is at once the House's traffic cop and its ultimate first responder: we organize the routine business of legislating and are there when needed to respond to crises, no matter from where they originate.

OUR REQUEST FOR THE 111TH CONGRESS

The request Chairwoman Slaughter and I have agreed on is a very modest increase in the budget from the last session of the 110th Congress. Our request reflects a mere 1.8 percent increase per year, which is equal to the change in the consumer price index over the last 12 months, minus food and energy. This budget recognizes the investments that the Committee on House Administration made in the Rules Committee during the 109th Congress, and limits our growth in recognition of the difficult budgetary and economic situation we find ourselves in.

We believe that this will allow the Committee to continue to meet its obligations to the House, while continuing to fund important priorities such as staff salaries and IT development.

I am particularly pleased that the Committee's funding request funds some specific Republican priorities. During the last Congress, we built the Rules Committee's first minority website, and this budget includes funding to allow us to work with our vendor to continue maintaining and updating this site. Additionally, it funds a number of IT upgrades and routine equipment replacements. And it also gives us sufficient resources to attract and retain the staff we need to meet the difficult demands placed on the committee by the House.

MINORITY RESOURCES

Chairwoman Slaughter has agreed to continue the past Committee practice of providing the Minority with one-third of the total funds allocated for personnel compensation, along with one-third of the Committee's staff slots, and funding any needs the Minority may have in the other categories, such as equipment, supplies, travel, and services. While I would prefer that the majority fully implemented their own campaign promise of providing the Minority with full control of one-third of *all* committee resources, I do not have an objection to continuing our past practice in this regard so long as the Majority will promptly fulfill our reasonable requests in these other categories.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Mr. Lungren, and Members of the Committee. I stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you.

Mr. Lungren, do you have any questions?

Mr. LUNGREN. I will just say that you have one of the most modest requests for an increase of any of the committees, and we do appreciate that, given everything we have had.

Mr. DREIER. Is it in fact second only to yours?

Mr. LUNGREN. No, actually it is, let us see, I think it is third, but actually, you are ahead of us.

Mr. DREIER. Oh, somebody told me at one point that you were——

Mr. LUNGREN. Well, this is for the 2-year period, because it is a 2-year request, so we thank you.

Mr. DREIER. Can you tell us who is ahead of us?

Mr. LUNGREN. Well, you really want to know, don't you?

Budget is way ahead of you. Budget is way ahead of everybody. And then we have Intelligence, and then I think you folks are. Some of those who have some of the most important things to do here are being the most prudent.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. We are. We have a very heavy work load and I think are indispensable to the running of the House.

Mr. LUNGREN. And I just noted in the material that you sent to us, it mentioned that the Committee on Rules was first established in 1789 on the second day of the First Congress.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. That is right.

Mr. LUNGREN. Was it the first committee established?

Ms. SLAUGHTER. It is the oldest committee in the House.

Mr. DREIER. Well, the Ways and Means Committee existed in the Continental Congress, and so you can say it was, yeah.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. But of the Congress, that was the first committee composed of a committee Chair.

Mr. LUNGREN. I knew that we would find agreement here.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. We always do.

Mr. LUNGREN. Well, one of the things we are asking is that, in the past, well, a number of years past, we used to give authorization for a single year. Now we do it for a full Congress. But one of the thoughts is that we ought to have committees come back to us after the first year just to report on how things are going, so we can see how the budget is actually expended and so forth, and we would hope that you would cooperate with us in that request.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Indeed. Be happy to.

Mr. DREIER. Let me say that I think that is a fantastic idea. And I believe what you all are doing here should be a model for the entire Federal Government. I believe that we should go to a 2-year, a 2-year cycle for the budget and do precisely what you said, Mr. Lungren, actually enhance oversight by virtue of doing that, allowing both the appropriators and authorizers to have a greater chance at that. So I think that the Administration Committee model should be implemented throughout the entire Federal Government with a 2-year budget process.

Mr. LUNGREN. Well, I thank you for that strong and enthusiastic endorsement of our ideas, and we appreciate your testimony.

You know, Mr. Chairman, sometimes I think maybe we should grant them a larger increase in the budget if they could find some

rooms in the Capitol to return to this committee. What do you think?

Ms. SLAUGHTER. If we did those rules, we would have more room in the Capitol. We are really cramped for space.

The CHAIRMAN. Everybody is cramped for space.

We thought we would get some new space now with the new Visitors Center, but it is not happening. But also I understand that some of the shops may be moving, so who knows? Maybe we could get some more space. It is cozy sometimes, like we can't even move back here without bumping into these lovely ladies, which is not a bad idea.

Thank you so much. We appreciate you for your time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Thank you very much.

[Whereupon, at 2:27 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]