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# Key Provisions in the Resolution

#### Reaffirms the ongoing impeachment inquiry.

• The resolution makes clear that the investigating committees have been engaged in an impeachment inquiry and directs them to continue their vital work.

#### Ensures transparency.

- The resolution authorizes HPSCI to make transcripts of their recent depositions public with appropriate redactions be made for classified or other sensitive information.
- The resolution establishes procedures for all investigating committees to transmit their evidence to the Committee on the Judiciary for use in their proceedings.

## Enables effective public hearings.

- The resolution permits staff counsels to follow their lines of inquiry to their ends by allowing for periods of up to 45 minutes per side in the questioning of witnesses.
  - This approach builds on the precedent of having staff counsels conduct initial questioning, followed by Member questions, that Republicans set for the questioning of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr in 1998.
- The resolution also continues the precedent of giving the minority the same rights to question witnesses that the majority has, as has been true at every step of the inquiry.

## Provides the President opportunities to participate.

- The resolution establishes opportunities for the President or his counsel to participate in impeachment proceedings held by the Committee on the Judiciary, including to:
  - o Present their case and respond to evidence;
  - o Submit written requests for additional testimony or other evidence;
  - o Attend hearings, including those held in executive session;
  - o Raise an objection to testimony given; and
  - o Cross-examine witnesses.
- If the President unlawfully refuses to cooperate with Congressional requests, the Chair shall have the discretion to impose appropriate remedies, including by denying specific requests by the President or his counsel.

# Directs the Committee on the Judiciary to review the evidence and, if necessary, to report Articles of Impeachment to the House.

• Following the precedent of every modern impeachment inquiry, the Committee on the Judiciary will decide whether Articles shall be reported to the House.