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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.