



Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
Chairperson  
Committee on House Administration  
1309 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable James McGovern  
Chairman  
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H-312 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Rodney Davis  
Ranking Member  
Committee on House Administration  
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The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Rules  
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Dear Chairperson Lofgren, Ranking Member Davis, Chairman McGovern and Ranking Member Cole:

In accordance with Section 201(f) of House Resolution 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, and Section 4(e) of House Resolution 8, One Hundred Seventeenth Congress, and consistent with other committee reporting obligations, we are submitting the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress's (Select Committee) interim status report for Q4 of 2021. Pursuant to those requirements, we are including:

- a reporting of expenditures;
- a proposed plan for the next 90 days; and
- transcripts of the Select Committee's proceedings, along with short summaries.

A copy of this report will be made available, upon request, to each member of the Select Committee.

Sincerely,

Derek Kilmer  
Chair  
Select Committee on the  
Modernization of Congress

William Timmons  
Vice Chair  
Select Committee on the  
Modernization of Congress

## Reporting of Expenditures – Q4

Included below are copies of the Select Committee’s monthly financial statements for the purposes of providing an “itemized reporting” of the committee’s monthly expenses.

### U.S. House of Representatives Monthly Financial Statement by Legislative Year

Office: 10MD000 SELECT COMM - MODERNIZATION

Authorization Year 2021  
2021:117th Congress 1st Session  
Month: October 2021

#### Disbursed Summary

Program	Object Class	Budget Object Class	MTD Disbursed	YTD Disbursed
EXPEN General Expenditures	11 Personnel Compensation	1101 Non-Statutory Compensation	74,716.66	667,863.17
		1104 Accrued Leave	0.00	2,708.33
		<b>Total</b>	<b>74,716.66</b>	<b>670,571.50</b>
	21 Travel	2135 Taxi/Parking/Tolls	0.00	67.09
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67.09</b>
		2320 DC Telecom Equip (TRANSFER)	28.00	252.00
	23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	2321 DC Telecom Serv (TRANSFER)	108.50	976.50
		2322 DC Telecom Tolls (TRANSFER)	704.97	7,018.26
		2335 HIR Graphics (TRANSFER)	202.50	492.50
		2345 Recording (Outside)	0.00	1,100.00
		2350 Postage / Courier / Box Rental	0.00	85.03
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,043.97</b>	<b>9,924.29</b>
		2401 Printing & Reproduction	0.00	978.05
	24 Printing and Reproduction	2403 Photographic (TRANSFER)	11.90	71.90
		<b>Total</b>	<b>11.90</b>	<b>1,049.95</b>
	25 Other Services	2503 Consultant Contract Service	0.00	1,500.00
		2527 Training	0.00	3,000.00
		2572 Web Dev Hst,Email & Rltd Serv	0.00	3,600.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>
	26 Supplies and Materials	2602 Water	0.00	45.00
		2603 Food & Beverage	101.91	1,131.24
		2604 Legislative Plnng Food and Bev	2,167.49	2,189.60
		2610 Habitation Expense	0.00	79.98
		2620 Office Supplies (Outside)	1,301.96	6,460.64
		2621 Office Supply (TRANSFER)	64.64	250.03
		2623 Software < \$500	0.00	116.58
		2630 Publications/Reference Mat'l	19.95	68.95
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,655.95</b>	<b>10,342.02</b>

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EXPEN General Expenditures	31 Equipment	3112 Computer Hardw Purch <\$25,000	824.00	10,132.48
		3115 Computer Softw Purch <\$10,000	0.00	4,600.00
		3118 Maintenance / Repairs	207.15	2,071.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,031.15</b>	<b>16,803.98</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>80,459.63</b>	<b>716,858.83</b>

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Program	Object Class	Budget Object Class	MTD Disbursed	YTD Disbursed	
EXPEN General Expenditures	11 Personnel Compensation	1101 Non-Statutory Compensation	115,716.66	783,579.83	
		1104 Accrued Leave	0.00	2,708.33	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>115,716.66</b>	<b>786,288.16</b>	
	21 Travel	2135 Taxi/Parking/Tolls	0.00	67.09	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67.09</b>	
		2303 Temporary Space Rental	150.00	150.00	
	23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	2320 DC Telecom Equip (TRANSFER)	28.00	280.00	
		2321 DC Telecom Serv (TRANSFER)	108.50	1,085.00	
		2322 DC Telecom Tolls (TRANSFER)	706.36	7,724.62	
		2335 HIR Graphics (TRANSFER)	0.00	492.50	
		2345 Recording (Outside)	0.00	1,100.00	
		2350 Postage / Courier / Box Rental	0.00	85.03	
		2370 Equip Rental (Eff 1/3/03)	120.00	120.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,112.86</b>	<b>11,037.15</b>	
		24 Printing and Reproduction	2401 Printing & Reproduction	0.00	978.05
			2403 Photographic (TRANSFER)	0.00	71.90
	<b>Total</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,049.95</b>	
	25 Other Services	2503 Consultant Contract Service	0.00	1,500.00	
		2527 Training	0.00	3,000.00	
		2572 Web Dev Hst,Email & Rltd Serv	0.00	3,600.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>	
	26 Supplies and Materials	2602 Water	484.08	529.08	
		2603 Food & Beverage	1,550.63	2,681.87	
		2604 Legislative Plngg Food and Bev	0.00	2,189.60	
		2610 Habitation Expense	0.00	79.98	
		2620 Office Supplies (Outside)	2,698.62	9,159.26	
		2621 Office Supply (TRANSFER)	0.00	250.03	
2623 Software < \$500		0.00	116.58		

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EXPEN General Expenditures	26 Supplies and Materials	2630 Publications/Reference Mat'l	144.00	212.95
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,877.33</b>	<b>15,219.35</b>
	31 Equipment	3112 Computer Hardw Purch <\$25,000	0.00	10,132.48
		3115 Computer Softw Purch <\$10,000	0.00	4,600.00
		3118 Maintenance / Repairs	207.15	2,278.65
		<b>Total</b>	<b>207.15</b>	<b>17,011.13</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>121,914.00</b>	<b>838,772.83</b>

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**Disbursed Summary**

Program	Object Class	Budget Object Class	MTD Disbursed	YTD Disbursed	
EXPEN General Expenditures	11 Personnel Compensation	1101 Non-Statutory Compensation	92,491.66	876,071.49	
		1104 Accrued Leave	0.00	2,708.33	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>92,491.66</b>	<b>878,779.82</b>	
	21 Travel	2135 Taxi/Parking/Tolls	0.00	67.09	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67.09</b>	
		2303 Temporary Space Rental	0.00	150.00	
	23 Rent, Communications, Utilities	2320 DC Telecom Equip (TRANSFER)	28.00	308.00	
		2321 DC Telecom Serv (TRANSFER)	108.50	1,193.50	
		2322 DC Telecom Tolls (TRANSFER)	706.34	8,430.96	
		2335 HIR Graphics (TRANSFER)	50.00	542.50	
		2345 Recording (Outside)	0.00	1,100.00	
		2350 Postage / Courier / Box Rental	102.18	187.21	
		2370 Equip Rental (Eff 1/3/03)	0.00	120.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>995.02</b>	<b>12,032.17</b>	
		24 Printing and Reproduction	2401 Printing & Reproduction	33.00	1,011.05
			2403 Photographic (TRANSFER)	0.00	71.90
	<b>Total</b>		<b>33.00</b>	<b>1,082.95</b>	
	25 Other Services	2503 Consultant Contract Service	0.00	1,500.00	
		2527 Training	0.00	3,000.00	
		2572 Web Dev Hst,Email & Rltd Serv	0.00	3,600.00	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,100.00</b>	
	26 Supplies and Materials	2602 Water	4.00	533.08	
		2603 Food & Beverage	1,034.11	3,715.98	
		2604 Legislative Plnng Food and Bev	0.00	2,189.60	
		2610 Habitation Expense	0.00	79.98	
		2620 Office Supplies (Outside)	549.99	9,709.25	
		2621 Office Supply (TRANSFER)	124.07	374.10	
2623 Software < \$500		0.00	116.58		

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Program	Object Class	Budget Object Class	MTD Disbursed	YTD Disbursed
EXPEN General Expenditures	26 Supplies and Materials	2630 Publications/Reference Mat'l	0.00	212.95
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,712.17</b>	<b>16,931.52</b>
	31 Equipment	3112 Computer Hardw Purch <\$25,000	0.00	10,132.48
		3115 Computer Softw Purch <\$10,000	0.00	4,600.00
		3118 Maintenance / Repairs	207.15	2,485.80
		<b>Total</b>	<b>207.15</b>	<b>17,218.28</b>
	<b>Total</b>		<b>95,439.00</b>	<b>934,211.83</b>

## **Ninety-Day Plan**

As of the date of this interim report, while subject to change, the Select Committee expects the agenda for the next ninety days to include but not be limited to the following hearing:

**A January 20 hearing titled, “Making Congress Work Better for the American People: A Recommendation Status Report.”** This hearing will allow Select Committee members to review the status of previously passed recommendations and hear from the executive officers tasked with implementation of those recommendations. The hearing will feature testimonies from the Architect of the Capitol (AOC), the House Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), and the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

**A member briefing on the *AEI Continuity of Government Commission* report.** The Commission is wrapping up its report and Commission members will brief the Select Committee on their findings and recommendations. This briefing may or may not be followed by a public hearing.

**The Select Committee is also in the process of finalizing dates for several hearings regarding topics to be discussed during Q1 of 2022.**

## **Transcripts of Committee Proceedings – Q4**

On October 21, 2021, the Select Committee held a hearing titled, “Modernizing the Congressional Support Agencies to Meet the Needs of an Evolving Congress.” The hearing featured two panels. The first panel consisted of the heads of the three Congressional support agencies: the Congressional Research Service (CRS), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). The second panel was comprised of three veteran analysts from across the public policy sphere. The hearing focused on how Congressional support agencies assist Congress in addressing policy challenges and how to ensure the success of these agencies as they support members and committees. The full transcript of the hearing can be found here: [Modernizing the Congressional Support Agencies to Meet the Needs of an Evolving Congress](#).

On October 27, 2021, the Select Committee held a hearing titled, “Strengthening the Lawmaking Process: How Data Can Inform and Improve Policy.” The hearing featured experts in the field of data analytics, who discussed how collection of data across agencies could benefit from standardization and how that data could be strengthened through improved interfaces and visualizations. The full transcript of the hearing can be found here: [Strengthening the Lawmaking Process: How Data Can Inform and Improve Policy](#).

On November 4, 2021, the Select Committee held a hearing titled, “Article One: Strengthening Congressional Oversight Capacity.” The hearing featured expert witnesses from the Levin Center at Wayne State University Law School, Georgetown University Law Center, and Protect Democracy. The hearing focused on both the immense benefits and challenges associated with increased with effective congressional oversight as well as possible enforcement tools Congress could adopt to address those challenges. The full transcript of the hearing can be found here: [Article One: Strengthening Congressional Oversight Capacity](#).

On December 8, 2021, the Select Committee held a business meeting to vote on, and approve, the second package of Select Committee recommendations for the 117<sup>th</sup> Congress. The full transcript of the business meeting can be found here: [Business Meeting on Proposed Recommendations](#).

In addition to these hearings and business meetings, the Select Committee hosted several “brown bags” for Congressional staff. These three informal discussions included both internal and external guests, including the Government Accountability Office, House Recording Studio, tech entrepreneurs, and others. The Select Committee also held virtual listening sessions with Congressional staff to receive their input on what policies could improve the work that they do. The Select Committee hosted two listening sessions during Q4 with both district staff and Washington, D.C.- based staff.