

81ST CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 202

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 5 (legislative day, JANUARY 4), 1950

Mr. KEFAUVER submitted the following resolution: which was referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary

FEBRUARY 27 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 22), 1950

Reported by Mr. McCARRAN, with amendments, and referred to the Committee  
on Rules and Administration

MARCH 23 (legislative day, MARCH 8), 1950

Reported by Mr. STENNIS, with additional amendments

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MAY 3 (legislative day, MARCH 29), 1950

Considered, amended, and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

1       *Resolved*, That a special committee composed of five  
2 members, two of whom shall be members of the minority  
3 party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate from  
4 the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the  
5 Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate,  
6 is authorized and directed to make a full and complete study  
7 and investigation of whether organized crime utilizes the  
8 facilities of interstate commerce or otherwise operates in  
9 interstate commerce in furtherance of any transactions which  
10 are in violation of the law of the United States or of the

1 State in which the transactions occur, and, if so, the manner  
2 and extent to which, and the identity of the persons, firms,  
3 or corporations by which such utilization is being made,  
4 what facilities are being used, and whether or not organized  
5 crime utilizes such interstate facilities or otherwise operates  
6 in interstate commerce for the development of corrupting  
7 influences in violation of law of the United States or of the  
8 laws of any State: *Provided, however,* That nothing con-  
9 tained herein shall (1) authorize the recommendation of  
10 any change in the laws of the several States relative to  
11 gambling, (2) effect any change in the laws of any State  
12 relative to gambling, or (3) effect any possible interference  
13 with the rights of the several States to prohibit, legalize,  
14 or in any way regulate gambling within their borders. For  
15 the purposes of this resolution, the term "State" includes  
16 the District of Columbia or any Territory or possession of  
17 the United States.

18       SEC. 2. The committee shall select a chairman from  
19 among its members. Vacancies in the membership of the  
20 committee shall not affect the power of the remaining mem-  
21 bers to execute the functions of the committee, and shall  
22 be filled in the same manner as the original selection. A  
23 majority of the members of the committee, or any subcom-  
24 mittee thereof, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction  
25 of business, except that a lesser number, to be fixed by the

1 committee, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of  
2 taking sworn testimony.

3       SEC. 3. The committee, or any duly authorized sub-  
4 committee thereof, is authorized to sit and act at such places  
5 and times during the sessions, recesses, and adjourned periods  
6 of the Senate, to require by subpoena or otherwise the at-  
7 tendance of such witnesses and the production of such books,  
8 papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, to take  
9 such testimony, to procure such printing and binding, and  
10 to make such expenditures as it deems advisable. The cost  
11 of stenographic services to report such hearings shall not be  
12 in excess of 25 cents per hundred words.

13       SEC. 4. The committee shall have power to employ and  
14 fix the compensation of such officers, experts, and employees  
15 as it deems necessary in the performance of its duties, but  
16 the compensation so fixed shall not exceed the compensa-  
17 tion prescribed under the Classification Act of 1949 for  
18 comparable duties. The committee is authorized to utilize  
19 the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the  
20 various departments and agencies of the Government to the  
21 extent that such services, information, facilities, and per-  
22 sonnel, in the opinion of the heads of such departments and  
23 agencies, can be furnished without undue interference with  
24 the performance of the work and duties of such departments  
25 and agencies.

1        SEC. 5. The expenses of the committee, which shall not  
2 exceed \$150,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund  
3 of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of  
4 the committee.

5        SEC. 6. The committee shall report to the Senate not  
6 later than February 28, 1951, the results of its study and  
7 investigation, together with such recommendations as to  
8 necessary legislation as it may deem advisable. All au-  
9 thority conferred by this resolution shall terminate on  
10 March 31, 1951.