RESOLUTION

1 Resolved, That a special committee composed of five members, two of whom shall be members of the minority party, to be appointed by the President of the Senate from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, is authorized and directed to make a full and complete study and investigation of whether organized crime utilizes the facilities of interstate commerce or otherwise operates in interstate commerce in furtherance of any transactions which are in violation of the law of the United States or of the
State in which the transactions occur, and, if so, the manner
and extent to which, and the identity of the persons, firms,
or corporations by which such utilization is being made,
what facilities are being used, and whether or not organized
crime utilizes such interstate facilities or otherwise operates
in interstate commerce for the development of corrupting
influences in violation of law of the United States or of the
laws of any State: Provided, however, That nothing con-
tained herein shall (1) authorize the recommendation of
any change in the laws of the several States relative to
gambling, (2) effect any change in the laws of any State
relative to gambling, or (3) effect any possible interference
with the rights of the several States to prohibit, legalize,
or in any way regulate gambling within their borders. For
the purposes of this resolution, the term "State" includes
the District of Columbia or any Territory or possession of
the United States.

Sec. 2. The committee shall select a chairman from
among its members. Vacancies in the membership of the
committee shall not affect the power of the remaining mem-
bers to execute the functions of the committee, and shall
be filled in the same manner as the original selection. A
majority of the members of the committee, or any subcom-
mittee thereof, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction
of business, except that a lesser number, to be fixed by the
committee, shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of taking sworn testimony.

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

Sec. 4. The committee shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of such officers, experts, and employees as it deems necessary in the performance of its duties, but the compensation so fixed shall not exceed the compensation prescribed under the Classification Act of 1949 for comparable duties. The committee is authorized to utilize the services, information, facilities, and personnel of the various departments and agencies of the Government to the extent that such services, information, facilities, and personnel, in the opinion of the heads of such departments and agencies, can be furnished without undue interference with the performance of the work and duties of such departments and agencies.
Sec. 5. The expenses of the committee, which shall not exceed $150,000, shall be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the committee.

Sec. 6. The committee shall report to the Senate not later than February 28, 1951, the results of its study and investigation, together with such recommendations as to necessary legislation as it may deem advisable. All authority conferred by this resolution shall terminate on March 31, 1951.