

Summary of the Slaughter Amendment to the Benghazi Select Committee Resolution:

The Slaughter amendment is based on the premise that the only way this select committee can be effective is if it were completely bipartisan by the terms of the resolution creating it.

The Slaughter amendment:

- Makes membership on the Committee equally divided between Republicans and Democrats.
- Guarantees minority sign-off on subpoenas and depositions.
- Guarantees equal distribution of money, staffing, and other resources of the Committee.
- Requires the Committee to establish written rules, specifically including rules concerning how documents and other information may be obtained, used, or released.
- Guarantees equal access to evidence and materials of the Committee.
- Provides for transparency of the Committee's expenditures and budgeting.
- Ensures that a quorum for taking testimony or receiving evidence includes at least one minority Member.
- And, finally, ensures that the minority has a say in decisions about extended questioning and staff questioning of witnesses.