



# WHAT IS A SELECT COMMITTEE?

**Appointed to perform a function that is either outside the authority or capacity of a standing committee**

**Usually investigative in nature, as opposed to the legislative nature of standing committees**

**Has an end date by which it must complete its designated duties, but it can evolve into a permanent committee**

The Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress was created by the House of Representatives in January 2019 to analyze the functioning of Congress and propose reforms to revitalize the institution. The committee is chaired by Rep. Derek Kilmer (D-WA) and is expected to release its recommendations by the end of 2019.