

Depts. Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Rel. Agencies Approp. Act, 1994-(Establishing Advisory Panel on Radio Marti and TV Marti)

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AN ACT Making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994, and for other purposes, namely:

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TITLE V—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCIES

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION ESTABLISHING THE ADVISORY PANEL ON RADIO MARTI AND TV MARTI

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an advisory panel to be known as the Advisory Panel on Radio Marti and TV Marti (in this section referred to as the “Panel”).

(b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Panel shall study the purposes, policies, and practices of radio and television broadcasting to Cuba (commonly referred to as “Radio Marti” and “TV Marti”) by the Cuba Service of the Voice of America.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the members of the Panel have been appointed pursuant to subsection (d), the Panel shall submit to the Congress and the United States Information Agency (USIA) a report which shall contain—

(1) a statement of the findings and conclusions of the Panel on the matters described in subsection (b); and

(2) specific findings and recommendations with respect to whether—

(A) such broadcasting consistently meets the standards for quality and objectivity established by law or by the United States Information Agency;

(B) such broadcasting is cost-effective;

(C) the extent to which such broadcasting is already being received by the Cuban people on a daily basis from credible sources; and

(D) TV Marti broadcasting is technically sound and effective and is consistently being received by a sufficient Cuban audience to warrant its continuation.

(d) **COMPOSITION.**—(1) The Panel shall be composed of three members, who shall among them have expertise in government information and broadcasting programs, broadcast journalism, journalistic ethics, and the technical aspects of radio and television broadcasting.

(2) The Director of the United States Information Agency shall appoint the members of the Panel not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Individuals appointed to the Panel shall be noted for their integrity, expertise, and independence of judgment consistent with the purposes of the Panel.

(3) Each member of the Panel shall be appointed for the life of the Panel. A vacancy in the Panel shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) Each member of the Panel shall serve without pay, except that such member shall receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

(e) **TEMPORARY PERSONNEL.**—(1) The Panel may procure temporary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code (relating to employment of experts and consultants), at rates for individuals not to exceed the maximum rate of basic pay payable for GS–15 of the General Schedule.

(2) Upon request of the Panel, the head of any Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the personnel of the agency to the Panel to assist it in carrying out its duties under this section.

(3) **SUPPORT SERVICES.**—The United States Information Agency shall provide facilities, supplies, and support services to the Panel upon request.

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(f) TERMINATION.—The Panel shall terminate immediately upon submitting its report pursuant to subsection (c).

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