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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TRAFICANT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Waco Independent In-
5 vestigation Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. INDEPENDENT COUNSEL FOR INVESTIGATION OF**
2 **RAID ON BRANCH DAVIDIAN COMPOUND.**

3 (a) APPOINTMENT.—Within 90 days of the date of
4 the enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall ap-
5 point an independent counsel in the manner independent
6 counsels were appointed under chapter 40 of title 28,
7 United States Code, but without regard for the prelimi-
8 nary investigation requirement. Such an appointment shall
9 be made for a term of 2 years. During that period, an
10 independent counsel appointed under this subsection shall
11 have all the authority, jurisdiction, and responsibilities of
12 an independent counsel appointed under such chapter be-
13 fore its termination.

14 (b) AUTHORITY.—An independent counsel appointed
15 under subsection (a) shall undertake a comprehensive in-
16 vestigation of the actions of Federal agencies in the raid
17 on the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas on
18 April 19, 1993. Such an investigation shall determine if
19 Federal laws, including civil rights and posse comitatus
20 laws, were violated in the course of such raid.

21 (c) REPORT.—An independent counsel appointed
22 under subsection (a) shall make a report and terminate
23 the independent counsel's investigation as if such chapter
24 40 applied.

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