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H. R. 680

To reduce the number of executive branch political appointees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Mr. LUTHER (for himself, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ENGLISH, and Mr. MINGE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

To reduce the number of executive branch political appointees.

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. REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF POLITICAL AP-**
4 **POINTEES.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
6 term “political appointee” means any individual who—

7 (1) is employed in a position listed in sections
8 5312 through 5316 of title 5, United States Code
9 (relating to the Executive Schedule);

1 (2) is a limited term appointee, limited emer-
2 gency appointee, or noncareer appointee in the Sen-
3 ior Executive Service, as defined under section
4 3132(a) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States
5 Code, respectively; or

6 (3) is employed in a position in the executive
7 branch of the Government under schedule C of sub-
8 part C of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal
9 Regulations.

10 (b) LIMITATION.—The President, acting through the
11 Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Per-
12 sonnel Management, shall take such actions as necessary
13 (including reduction-in-force actions under applicable pro-
14 cedures) to ensure that the number of political appointees
15 shall not, during any fiscal year beginning after September
16 30, 2000, exceed a total of 2,000 (determined on a full-
17 time equivalent basis).

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