

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2171

To require that the Bureau of the Census prepare and submit to Congress a detailed plan for counting overseas Americans in future decennial censuses, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2001

Mr. CANNON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

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. COUNTING OF OVERSEAS AMERICANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective as of the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act, neither the Department of Commerce
6 nor any bureau or other unit of the Department of Com-
7 merce may obligate any amount to implement the survey
8 which is commonly referred to as the “2003 American

1 Community Survey”, until all of the conditions under sub-
2 section (b) have been met.

3 (b) CONDITIONS.—The conditions under this sub-
4 section are as follows:

5 (1) The Director of the Census has drafted and
6 submitted to the Secretary of Commerce a detailed,
7 written plan for the counting of overseas Americans
8 in future decennial censuses of population.

9 (2) The Secretary of Commerce has certified to
10 the committees of Congress having legislative juris-
11 diction over the census—

12 (A) that the Secretary has approved a plan
13 described in paragraph (1); and

14 (B) that all regulations necessary to imple-
15 ment such plan have been promulgated.

16 (3) The Secretary of Commerce has submitted
17 to the committees of Congress having legislative ju-
18 risdiction over the census a written report justifying
19 the decision of the Bureau of the Census, in connec-
20 tion with the 1990 and 2000 censuses, to count
21 overseas Americans selectively.

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