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To establish a National Commission to Eliminate Waste in Government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To establish a National Commission to Eliminate Waste in
Government.

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 “National Commission
5 to Eliminate Waste in Government Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 There is established the National Commission to
8 Eliminate Waste in Government (in this Act referred to
9 as the “Commission”).

1 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the duty of the Com-
3 mission to—

4 (1) conduct a private sector survey on manage-
5 ment and cost control in the Federal Government;

6 (2) conduct in-depth reviews of the operations
7 of the executive agencies;

8 (3)(A) review existing reports from the Govern-
9 ment Accounting Office, the Congressional Budget
10 Office, and the various Inspector General offices
11 within executive agencies, reports and other existing
12 governmental and nongovernmental recommenda-
13 tions for reducing waste, including recommendations
14 from the President's Private Sector Survey on Cost
15 Control; and

16 (B) based on the review under subparagraph
17 (A), periodically submit reports to the President and
18 Congress including—

19 (i) a list of such recommendations that the
20 Commission determines are most significant;

21 (ii) the estimated savings of the rec-
22 ommendations; and

23 (iii) determinations of whether the rec-
24 ommendations can be implemented by Execu-
25 tive order or require legislative action; and

1 (4) submit to the President and the Congress
2 recommendations for improving the budget process
3 and management and for reducing waste and costs
4 in the Federal Government.

5 (b) PARTICULAR AREAS TO BE EXAMINED.—In ful-
6 filling the duties described under subsection (a), the Com-
7 mission shall identify and address—

8 (1) opportunities for increased efficiency and
9 reduced costs in the Federal Government that can
10 be realized by Executive action or legislation;

11 (2) areas in the Federal Government where
12 managerial accountability can be enhanced and ad-
13 ministrative control can be improved;

14 (3) specific Federal programs that have accom-
15 plished their objectives and should be terminated;

16 (4) specific Federal program services that could
17 be provided at a lower cost by the private sector;

18 (5) specific reforms of the budget process that
19 would yield savings, increase accountability and effi-
20 ciency, and enhance public confidence in the budget
21 process; and

22 (6) specific areas in the Federal Government
23 where further study can be justified by potential sav-
24 ings.

1 **SEC. 4. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—

3 (1) NUMBER.—The Commission shall be com-
4 posed of 12 members who are not officers or employ-
5 ees of any government and who are especially quali-
6 fied to serve on the Commission by virtue of their
7 education, training, or experience.

8 (2) POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTATION.—Not
9 more than 6 members of the Commission shall be of
10 the same political party.

11 (3) APPOINTMENT.—The members of the Com-
12 mission shall be appointed as follows:

13 (A) 4 individuals shall be appointed by the
14 President, not more than 2 of whom shall be
15 from the same political party.

16 (B) 3 individuals shall be appointed by the
17 Speaker of the House of Representatives, not
18 more than 2 of whom shall be from the same
19 political party.

20 (C) 1 individual shall be appointed by the
21 minority leader of the House of Representa-
22 tives.

23 (D) 3 individuals shall be appointed by the
24 majority leader of the Senate, not more than 2
25 of whom shall be from the same political party.

1 (E) 1 individual shall be appointed by the
2 minority leader of the Senate.

3 (b) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If an indi-
4 vidual is appointed to the Commission, and later becomes
5 an officer or employee of a government, such individual
6 may continue as a member of the Commission for not
7 longer than the 30-day period beginning on the date such
8 individual becomes such an officer or employee.

9 (c) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS.—Appointments
10 shall be made not later than 30 days after the date of
11 enactment of this Act.

12 (d) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed for the
13 life of the Commission.

14 (e) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall
15 be filled within 30 days in the manner in which the origi-
16 nal appointment was made.

17 (f) COMPENSATION.—Federal funds may not be used
18 to pay any member of the Commission for services per-
19 formed as a member.

20 (g) QUORUM.—Five members of the Commission
21 shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold
22 hearings.

23 (h) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Com-
24 mission shall be elected by the members from among the
25 members.

1 (i) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet at least
2 once each month at the call of the Chairperson of the
3 Commission.

4 **SEC. 5. STAFF AND SUPPORT SERVICES.**

5 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall have a Direc-
6 tor appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission and
7 paid a rate determined by the Commission.

8 (b) STAFF.—With the approval of the Commission,
9 the Director of the Commission may appoint personnel as
10 the Director considers appropriate.

11 **SEC. 6. POWERS.**

12 (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission
13 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-
14 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and
15 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

16 (b) DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY.—Any Member or
17 agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the Com-
18 mission, take any action which the Commission is author-
19 ized to take by this section.

20 (c) INFORMATION.—The Commission may secure di-
21 rectly from any Federal agency information necessary to
22 enable it to carry out this Act. Upon request of the Chair-
23 person of the Commission, the head of the Federal agency
24 shall furnish the information to the Commission.

1 (d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Commission may
2 contract with and compensate government and private
3 agencies or persons for supplies or services without regard
4 to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C. 5).

5 **SEC. 7. REPORTS.**

6 (a) PERIODIC REPORTS.—In accordance with section
7 3(a)(3), the Commission shall issue periodic reports to the
8 President and the Congress.

9 (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than the expiration
10 of the 24-month period beginning on the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act, the Commission shall submit to the
12 President and the Congress a final report setting forth
13 the findings and conclusions of the Commission and spe-
14 cific recommendations for legislative and administrative
15 actions that the Commission determines to be appropriate.

16 **SEC. 8. TERMINATION.**

17 The Commission shall terminate not later than the
18 expiration of the 30-day period beginning on the date on
19 which the Commission submits its final report under sec-
20 tion 7(b).

21 **SEC. 9 FUNDING AND SUPPORT.**

22 The Commission shall be funded, staffed, and
23 equipped by the private sector without cost to the Federal
24 Government.

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