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To extend the operation of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks on the United States to serve as a resource for the President and Congress, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. HOFFEL, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DELAURO, and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select)

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) On July 22, 2004, the National Commission
6 on Terrorist Attacks on the United States released

1 its report that made 41 recommendations for the
2 President and Congress to implement.

3 (2) On August 21, 2004, the National Commis-
4 sion on Terrorist Attacks on the United States for-
5 mally terminated.

6 (3) Since issuing the final report and since the
7 formal termination of the National Commission on
8 Terrorist Attacks on the United States, individual
9 members of the Commission have been testifying fre-
10 quently before Congress on their recommendations
11 and have been traveling the country promoting their
12 recommendations.

13 (4) Since the time and knowledge of the mem-
14 bers of the National Commission on Terrorist At-
15 tacks on the United States are in constant demand
16 by the Congress and the American people, the Com-
17 mission's mandate should be extended an additional
18 18 months so the Congress may use the knowledge
19 and resources of the members and their staff to im-
20 plement the recommendations.

21 (5) Some aspects of the September 11th ter-
22 rorist attacks upon the United States still need to
23 be investigated.

24 (6) With an extension, the National Commis-
25 sion on Terrorist Attacks on the United States will

1 have the opportunity to complete their investigations
2 into those aspects, including the emergency per-
3 sonnel response to the attacks in New York City.

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION ON TER-**
5 **RORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF TERMINATION DATE.—Section
7 610(c) of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2003 (Public Law 107–306; 6 U.S.C. 101 note; 116
9 Stat. 2413) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(c) TERMINATION.—The Commission, and all the
11 authorities of this title, shall terminate on the date that
12 is the earlier of—

13 “(1) the date on which the chairman and vice
14 chairman of the Commission determine that the
15 Commission has done all it can to assist Congress
16 with respect to the recommendations contained in
17 the final report submitted under subsection (b); or

18 “(2) July 24, 2007.”.

19 (b) ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS AFTER SUBMITTAL OF
20 FINAL REPORT.—Section 604(a) of the Intelligence Au-
21 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–
22 306; 6 U.S.C. 101 note; 116 Stat. 2409) is amended—

23 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph

24 (2);

1 (2) by changing the period at the end of para-
2 graph (3) to a semicolon; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new
4 paragraphs:

5 “(4) serve as a resource to the President and
6 Congress with respect to the findings and rec-
7 ommendations of the Commission contained in the
8 final report submitted pursuant to section 610(b)
9 and to monitor the progress of the President and
10 Congress in implementing such recommendations;
11 and

12 “(5) investigate and issue a supplemental im-
13 provements made, and improvements still required,
14 in Federal, State, and local emergency communica-
15 tion and coordination.”.

16 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO PURPOSES OF
17 COMMISSION.—Section 602 of the Intelligence Authoriza-
18 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107–306; 6
19 U.S.C. 101 note; 116 Stat. 2408) is amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
21 (4);

22 (2) by changing the period at the end of para-
23 graph (5) to a semicolon; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraphs:

1 “(6) to serve as a resource to the President and
 2 Congress, and to monitor the implementation of rec-
 3 ommendations contained in the final report sub-
 4 mitted pursuant to section 610(b); and

5 “(7) to investigate and issue a supplemental im-
 6 provements made, and improvements still required,
 7 in Federal, State, and local emergency communica-
 8 tion and coordination.”.

9 (d) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—Section 611 of such Act
 10 (6 U.S.C. 101 note; 116 Stat. 2413) is amended__

11 (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as sub-
 12 section (d); and

13 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 14 lowing new subsection (c):

15 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR
 16 POST-FINAL REPORT ACTIVITIES.—In addition to the
 17 amounts made available to the Commission under sub-
 18 sections (a) and (b), there is authorized to be appropriated
 19 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2005 through 2007
 20 to the Commission for purposes of the activities of the
 21 Commission under this title.”.

22 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 23 this section shall take effect July 24, 2004.

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