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H. R. 572

To establish the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Commission.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To establish the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Commission.

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 “Comprehensive Immig-
5 ration Reform Commission Act of 2007”.

6 SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

7 There is established a commission to be known as the
8 “Comprehensive Immigration Reform Commission”.

1 **SEC. 3. PURPOSE.**

2 The Commission will review and evaluate the imple-
3 mentation and impact of United States immigration pol-
4 icy.

5 **SEC. 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commission shall conduct a
7 comprehensive review of immigration reform policies that
8 affect family reunification, employment-based immigra-
9 tion, the protection of refugees, and the diversity of admis-
10 sions by country of origin, consistent with the purpose
11 specified in section 3 and shall submit the report required
12 under subsection (b).

13 (b) **REPORT.**—

14 (1) **REPORT.**—Not later than 6 months after
15 the selection of the 2 co-chairpersons and the Execu-
16 tive Director of the Commission, the Commission
17 shall prepare and submit a final report that contains
18 a detailed statement of the recommendations, find-
19 ings, and conclusions of the Commission to the Con-
20 gress and the President.

21 (2) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—The report sub-
22 mitted under this subsection shall be made available
23 to the public.

1 **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

2 (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commission
3 shall be composed of 8 members, to be appointed as fol-
4 lows:

5 (1) The majority leader of the Senate shall ap-
6 point 2 members.

7 (2) The minority leader of the Senate shall ap-
8 point 2 members.

9 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representa-
10 tives shall appoint 2 members.

11 (4) The minority leader of the House of Rep-
12 resentatives shall appoint 2 members.

13 (b) APPOINTMENTS.—The Commission may not in-
14 clude more than 4 Members of Congress or other elected
15 Federal, State, or local government officials.

16 (c) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT.—Each member shall
17 be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any vacancies
18 shall not affect the power and duties of the Commission
19 but shall be filled in the same manner as the original ap-
20 pointment.

21 (d) DATE.—Members of the Commission shall be ap-
22 pointed by not later than 30 days after the date of enact-
23 ment of this Act.

24 (e) INITIAL ORGANIZATION PERIOD.—Not later than
25 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Com-

1 mission shall develop and implement a schedule for com-
2 pletion of the review and report required under section 4.

3 (f) Co-CHAIRPERSONS.—The Commission shall select
4 2 Co-Chairpersons from among its members.

5 (g) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
6 on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the
7 Commission submits the report required under section
8 4(b)(1).

9 **SEC. 6. ADMINISTRATION.**

10 (a) MEETINGS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall meet
12 at the call of the Co-Chairpersons or a majority of
13 its members.

14 (2) OPEN MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the
15 Commission, other than meetings in which classified
16 information is to be discussed, shall be open to the
17 public.

18 (b) HEARINGS.—The Commission may hold such
19 hearings and undertake such other activities as the Com-
20 mission determines to be necessary to carry out its duties.

21 (c) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members shall receive trav-
22 el expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in
23 accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United
24 States Code, while away from their homes or regular

1 places of business in performance of services for the Com-
2 mission.

3 (d) STAFF.—

4 (1) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The Commission
5 shall have a staff headed by an Executive Director.
6 The Executive Director shall be paid at a rate equiv-
7 alent to a rate established for the Senior Executive
8 Service under section 5382 of title 5, United States
9 Code.

10 (2) STAFF APPOINTMENT.—With the approval
11 of the Commission, the Executive Director may ap-
12 point such personnel as the Executive Director de-
13 termines to be appropriate.

14 (3) ACTUARIAL EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—
15 With the approval of the Commission, the Executive
16 Director may procure temporary and intermittent
17 services under section 3109(b) of title 5, United
18 States Code.

19 (4) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—
20 Upon the request of the Commission, the head of
21 any Federal agency may detail, without reimburse-
22 ment, any of the personnel of such agency to the
23 Commission to assist in carrying out the duties of
24 the Commission. Any such detail shall not interrupt

1 or otherwise affect the civil service status or privi-
2 leges of the Federal employee.

3 (5) OTHER RESOURCES.—The Commission
4 shall have reasonable access to materials, resources,
5 statistical data, and other information such Commis-
6 sion determines to be necessary to carry out its du-
7 ties from the Library of Congress, the Chief Actuary
8 of Social Security, the Congressional Budget Office,
9 and other agencies and elected representatives of the
10 executive and legislative branches of the Federal
11 Government. The Co-Chairpersons of the Commis-
12 sion shall make requests for such access in writing
13 when necessary.

14 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appro-
16 priated for fiscal year 2007 \$1,500,000 to carry out the
17 purposes of this Act.

18 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Any sums appropriated under
19 the subsection (a) shall remain available, without fiscal
20 year limitation, until expended.

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