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84TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 11080

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 1956

Mr. GUBSER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

## A BILL

To establish a permanent Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 DECLARATION OF POLICY

4 SECTION 1. It is hereby declared to be the policy of  
5 the Congress to promote economy, efficiency, and improved  
6 service in the transaction of the public business in the de-  
7 partments, bureaus, agencies, boards, commissions, offices,  
8 independent establishments, and instrumentalities of the  
9 executive branch of the Government by—

10 (1) recommending methods and procedures for  
11 reducing expenditures to the lowest amount consistent

1 with the efficient performance of essential services, ac-  
2 tivities, and functions;

3 (2) eliminating duplication and overlapping of  
4 services, activities, and functions;

5 (3) consolidating services, activities, and functions  
6 of a similar nature;

7 (4) abolishing services, activities, and functions  
8 not necessary to the efficient conduct of government;

9 (5) eliminating nonessential services, activities,  
10 and functions which are competitive with private enter-  
11 prise;

12 (6) defining responsibilities of officials; and

13 (7) relocating agencies now responsible directly  
14 to the President in departments or other agencies.

15 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION ON ORGANIZATION  
16 OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

17 SEC. 2. (a) For the purpose of carrying out the policy  
18 set forth in section 1 of this Act, there is established a com-  
19 mission to be known as the Commission on Organization of  
20 the Executive Branch of the Government (in this Act re-  
21 ferred to as the "Commission").

22 (b) Service of an individual as a member of the Com-  
23 mission or employment of an individual by the Commission  
24 as an attorney or expert in any business or professional field,  
25 on a part-time or full-time basis, with or without compensa-

1 tion, shall not be considered as service or employment bring-  
2 ing such individual within the provisions of section 281,  
3 283, 284, 434, or 1914 of title 18 of the United States Code,  
4 or section 190 of the Revised Statutes (5 U. S. C. 99).

5 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

6 SEC. 3. (a) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-  
7 mission shall be composed of twelve members as follows:

8 (1) Four appointed by the President of the United  
9 States, two from the executive branch of the Government,  
10 and two from private life;

11 (2) Four appointed by the President of the Senate,  
12 two from the Senate, and two from private life; and

13 (3) Four appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives, two from the House of Representatives, and  
15 two from private life.

16 (b) TERMS OF OFFICE.—Appointments to the Commis-  
17 sion shall be made as of the first day of the first regular  
18 session of each Congress (commencing with the Eighty-  
19 fifth Congress); and the term of office of each member of  
20 the Commission shall be two years, expiring upon the  
21 appointment of the members of the Commission in the  
22 following Congress.

23 (c) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Of each class of two  
24 members mentioned in subsection (a), not more than one  
25 member shall be from each of the two major political parties.

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1 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Commission  
2 shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same  
3 manner as in the case of the original appointment. Any  
4 person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the  
5 remainder of the unexpired term of his predecessor.

6 (e) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP UPON CHANGE  
7 OF STATUS.—Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections  
8 (a) and (d), a person who is appointed to the Commission  
9 in the status of a Member of Congress or in the status of a  
10 person in the executive branch of the Government, but who  
11 during the term for which he was appointed ceases to have  
12 such status, shall nevertheless continue to be a member of the  
13 Commission until the expiration of such term. If such per-  
14 son returns to private life (except for his membership on  
15 the Commission) he shall, from and after such change of  
16 status (and until the expiration of his term), receive the  
17 same compensation as a person originally appointed to the  
18 Commission from private life.

19 ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

20 SEC. 4. The Commission shall annually elect a Chairman  
21 and a Vice Chairman from among its members.

22 QUORUM

23 SEC. 5. Seven members of the Commission shall con-  
24 stitute a quorum.

1       COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

2       SEC. 6. (a) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—The members  
3 of the Commission who are Members of Congress shall serve  
4 without compensation in addition to that received for their  
5 services as Members of Congress; but they shall be reim-  
6 bursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses  
7 incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in  
8 the Commission.

9       (b) MEMBERS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.—The  
10 members of the Commission who are in the executive branch  
11 of the Government shall serve without compenstation in  
12 addition to that received for their services in the executive  
13 branch, but they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence,  
14 and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the per-  
15 formance of the duties vested in the Commission.

16       (c) MEMBERS FROM PRIVATE LIFE.—The members of  
17 the Commission from private life shall each receive \$50 per  
18 diem when engaged in the actual performance of duties  
19 vested in the Commission, plus reimbursement for travel,  
20 subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them  
21 in the performance of such duties.

22                               STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

23       SEC. 7. (a) The Commission shall have power to ap-  
24 point and fix the compensation of such personnel as it deems

1 advisable, without regard to the provisions of the civil-service  
2 laws and the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

3 (b) The Commission may procure, without regard to  
4 the civil-service laws and the classification laws, temporary  
5 and intermittent services to the same extent as is authorized  
6 for the departments by section 15 of the Act of August 2,  
7 1946 (60 Stat. 810), but at rates not to exceed \$50 per  
8 diem for individuals.

9 EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION

10 SEC. 8. There is authorized to be appropriated, out of  
11 any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, so  
12 much as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
13 Act.

14 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

15 SEC. 9. (a) STUDY AND INVESTIGATION.—The Com-  
16 mission shall conduct a continuing study and investigation  
17 of the organization and methods of operation of all depart-  
18 ments, bureaus, agencies, boards, commissions, offices, in-  
19 dependent establishments, and instrumentalities of the Gov-  
20 ernment, except the judiciary and the Congress of the United  
21 States, to determine what changes therein are necessary in  
22 its opinion to accomplish the purposes set forth in section 1  
23 of this Act.

24 (b) REPORTS.—The Commission shall submit to the  
25 Congress and the President, annually and at such other times

1 as it may deem appropriate, a report of its activities and the  
2 results of its studies and investigations. Any report of the  
3 Commission may propose such constitutional amendments,  
4 legislative enactments, and administrative actions as in its  
5 judgment are necessary to carry out its recommendations.

6 POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

7 SEC. 10. (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Com-  
8 mission or, on the authorization of the Commission, any sub-  
9 committee or member thereof, may, for the purpose of  
10 carrying out the provisions of this Act, hold such hearings  
11 and sit and act at such times and places, administer such  
12 oaths, and require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance  
13 and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such  
14 books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and  
15 documents as the Commission or such subcommittee or  
16 member may deem advisable. Subpenas may be issued un-  
17 der the signature of the Chairman of the Commission, the  
18 chairman of such subcommittee, or any duly designated mem-  
19 ber, and may be served by any person designated by such  
20 Chairman or member. The provisions of section 102 to 104,  
21 inclusive, of the Revised Statutes (2 U. S. C., secs. 192-  
22 194), shall apply in the case of any failure of any witness  
23 to comply with any subpoena or to testify when summoned  
24 under authority of this section.

1       (b) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission is  
2 authorized to secure directly from any executive department,  
3 bureau, agency, board, commission, office, independent estab-  
4 lishment, or instrumentality information, suggestions, esti-  
5 mates, and statistics for the purpose of this Act; and each  
6 such department, bureau, agency, board, commission, office,  
7 establishment, and instrumentality is authorized and directed  
8 to furnish such information, suggestions, estimates, and  
9 statistics directly to the Commission, upon request made by  
10 the Chairman or Vice Chairman.



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