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H. R. 2238

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Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

To establish a Federal Commission on Aging.

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

3 FEDERAL COMMISSION ON AGING

4 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a permanent
5 bipartisan Commission to be known as the Federal Commis-
6 sion on Aging, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission".

7 TITLE ONE

8 DECLARATION OF PURPOSE

9 SEC. 2. Because the complexity of problems in the field
10 of aging continues to increase without abatement, there is a
11 need to create an agency in the Federal Government which

1 will direct our great national effort in behalf of our senior
2 citizens.

3 It is intended that the Commission, in the performance
4 of its duties, will—

5 (1) provide a forum for the discussion and study
6 of the complex problems in the field of aging;

7 (2) direct a program of research, investigation,
8 and demonstration into every facet of the problems
9 confronting senior citizens;

10 (3) administer the grants provided by this Act;

11 (4) bring together representatives of Federal and
12 State Governments, national organizations in aging and
13 the general public for the consideration of aging
14 problems;

15 (5) recommend, within the framework of the Con-
16 stitution, to the President and the Congress, legislative
17 proposals designed to give meaningful purpose to the
18 lives of our senior citizens;

19 (6) provide technical assistance and consultation
20 to States and political subdivisions thereof with respect
21 to programs for the aged and aging;

22 (7) prepare, publish, and distribute educational
23 materials relating to the problems of the aged;

24 (8) gather statistics in the field of aging which are

1 not presently being compiled by other Federal agencies;
2 and

3 (9) coordinate information and data being
4 assembled by other agencies of the Federal Government
5 in the field of aging.

6 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

7 SEC. 3. The Commission shall be composed of a group of
8 five Commissioners, all of whom shall be appointed by the
9 President of the United States and, as a group, shall repre-
10 sent a cross section of national interests in the field of aging.

11 ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE COMMISSION

12 SEC. 4. (A) There shall be an Advisory Council com-
13 posed of a group of eighteen members as follows:

14 (1) Eight appointed by the President of the United
15 States, four of whom shall be officers of the executive
16 branch of the Government, and six private citizens, all
17 of whom shall have had experience or familiarity with
18 reference to the broad problems in the field of aging;

19 (2) Two appointed by the President of the Senate,
20 who shall be Members of the Senate;

21 (3) Two appointed by the Speaker of the House
22 of Representatives, who shall be Members of the House;

23 (4) Four appointed by the Governors' conference;

24 (5) The members appointed from private life under

1 paragraph 1 of subsection A shall be appointed without
2 regard to political affiliation; of each class of members
3 enumerated in paragraphs 2 and 3, one shall be for the
4 majority party of the respective Houses; of the members
5 enumerated in paragraph 4, not more than two shall be
6 from any one political party.

7 (6) The term of office of each member of the Com-
8 mission shall be two years, but members shall be eligible
9 for reappointment.

10 ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

11 SEC. 5. (A) The President shall convene the Commis-
12 sion within sixty days following enactment of this Act at
13 such time and place as he may designate for the Commis-
14 sion's initial meeting.

15 (B) The President shall designate a Chairman and a
16 Vice Chairman from among the members of the Commission
17 within thirty days following enactment of this Act.

18 (C) Any vacancy in the membership of the Commis-
19 sion shall be filled in the same manner in which the original
20 appointment was made.

21 (D) Where any member ceases to serve in the official
22 position for which originally appointed under section 3,
23 his place on the Commission shall be deemed to be vacant.

24 (E) Three or more members shall constitute a quorum
25 for the purpose of conducting hearings.

1 the executive branch of the Government, including independ-
2 ent agencies, is authorized and directed to furnish to the
3 Commission, upon request made by the Chairman or Vice
4 Chairman, such information as the Commission deems neces-
5 sary to carry out its functions under this Act.

6 (C) The Commission shall have the power to appoint,
7 fix the compensation of, and remove a staff director without
8 regard to the civil service laws and the Classification Act of
9 1949. Such appointment shall be made solely on the basis
10 of fitness to perform the duties of the position and without
11 regard to political affiliations.

12 (D) Subject to such rules and regulations as may be
13 adopted by the Commission, the staff director, without regard
14 to the civil service laws under the Classification Act of 1949,
15 and without reference to political affiliations, shall have the
16 power (1) to appoint, fix the compensation of, and remove
17 such other personnel as he deems necessary, (2) to procure
18 temporary and intermittent services to the same extent as is
19 authorized by section 15 of the Administration Expense Act
20 of 1946 but at rates not to exceed \$50 a day for individuals.

21 (E) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, persons
22 in the employ of the Commission in subsections C and D of
23 this section shall be considered to be Federal employees for
24 all purposes.

25 (F) No individual employed in the service of the Com-

1 mission shall be paid compensation for such employment at a
2 rate in excess of \$20,000 per annum.

3 COMPENSATION OF COMMISSIONERS

4 SEC. 8. (A) The Chairman of the Commission shall be
5 paid compensation for such employment not to exceed the
6 annual sum of \$12,500 in the performance of duties vested in
7 such office;

8 (B) Assistant Commissioners shall be paid compensa-
9 tion for such employment not to exceed the annual sum of
10 \$12,000 in the performance of duties vested in the Com-
11 mission.

12 COMPENSATION OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

13 SEC. 9. (A) The members of the Advisory Council
14 who are Members of Congress, officers of the executive
15 branch of the Federal Government, Governors, or full-time
16 salaried officers of city and county governments shall serve
17 without compensation in addition to that received in their
18 regular public employment, but shall be allowed necessary
19 travel expenses, or, in the alternative, a per diem in lieu of
20 subsistence and mileage not to exceed the rates prescribed
21 in the Travel Expense Act of 1949 as amended, without
22 regard to the Travel Expense Act of 1949 as amended, the
23 standardized government travel regulations, or section 10 of
24 the Act of March 3, 1933, and other necessary expenses in-

1 curred by them in the performance of duties vested in the
2 Advisory Council of the Commission.

3 (B) Members of the Advisory Council, other than
4 those to whom subsection A is applicable, shall receive com-
5 pensation at the rate of (\$50) per day for each day they
6 are engaged in the performance of their duties as members of
7 the Commission and shall be entitled to reimbursement for
8 travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred
9 by them in the performance of their duties.

10 TITLE THREE

11 PLANNING GRANTS

12 SEC. 10. For the purpose of assisting each State to con-
13 duct studies and develop plans for new programs, or for the
14 improvement and coordination of existing programs, there
15 is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$2,000,-
16 000 to remain available until expended.

17 PROJECT GRANTS

18 SEC. 11. For the purpose of assisting States to initiate
19 and operate projects in accordance with plans which
20 they have developed to further the policy set forth in this
21 Act, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum
22 of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, the
23 sum of \$15,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962,
24 the sum of \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30,

1 1963, and the sum of \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 1964.

3 RESEARCH GRANT

4 SEC. 12. For the purpose of encouraging and assist-
5 ing States to conduct research on the social, economic,
6 psychological, and biological aspects of aging and the prob-
7 lems of elderly persons, there is hereby authorized to be ap-
8 propriated the sum of \$5,000,000 to remain available until
9 expended.

10 AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

11 SEC. 13. There are authorized to be appropriated
12 such sums as are requested in this Act and such other sums
13 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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