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# S. 1073

To establish a National Commission to Eliminate Waste in Government.

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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

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## A BILL

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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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