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To establish the Commission to Verify Iranian Nuclear Compliance.

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Mr. CONNOLLY (for himself, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. BERA, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CICILLINE, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. DELANEY, and Mr. HANNA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish the Commission to Verify Iranian Nuclear Compliance.

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 “Commission to Verify
5 Iranian Nuclear Compliance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMISSION TO VERIFY IRANIAN NUCLEAR COM-**
7 **PLIANCE.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
9 legislative branch the Commission to Verify Iranian Nu-

1 clear Compliance (hereafter in this Act referred to as the
2 “Commission”).

3 (b) FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.—The Commission
4 shall—

5 (1) continually verify that the Islamic Republic
6 of Iran is complying with its obligations and com-
7 mitments under the agreement;

8 (2) continually assess the adequacy of the safe-
9 guards and other control mechanisms and other as-
10 surances contained in the agreement with respect to
11 Iran’s nuclear program to ensure Iran’s activities
12 permitted thereunder are not being used to further
13 any nuclear-related military or nuclear explosive pur-
14 pose, including for any research on or development
15 of any nuclear explosive device or any other nuclear-
16 related military purpose;

17 (3) continually assess the capacity and capa-
18 bility of the International Atomic Energy Agency
19 (IAEA) to effectively implement the verification re-
20 gime required by or related to the agreement, includ-
21 ing whether the IAEA has sufficient access to inves-
22 tigate suspicious sites or allegations of covert nu-
23 clear-related activities and whether it has the re-
24 quired funding, manpower, and authority to admin-

1 ister the verification regime required by or related to
2 the agreement; and

3 (4) submit to Congress the reports required by
4 section 5.

5 **SEC. 3. MEMBERSHIP.**

6 (a) **SELECTION AND MEMBERSHIP.**—The Commis-
7 sion shall be composed of 20 members as follows:

8 (1) Four Members of the House of Representa-
9 tives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives. Two Members shall be selected from
11 the majority party and two Members shall be se-
12 lected, after consultation with the minority leader of
13 the House, from the minority party.

14 (2) Four Members of the Senate appointed by
15 the President of the Senate. Two Members shall be
16 selected, after consultation with the majority leader,
17 from the majority party, and two Members shall be
18 selected, after consultation with the minority leader,
19 from the minority party.

20 (3) Two Members of the House of Representa-
21 tives appointed by the chairman of the Committee
22 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

23 (4) Two Members of the House of Representa-
24 tives appointed by the ranking minority member of

1 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 (5) Two Members of the Senate appointed by
4 the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 of the Senate.

6 (6) Two Members of the Senate appointed by
7 the ranking minority member of the Committee on
8 Foreign Relations of the Senate.

9 (7) One member of the Department of State
10 appointed by the President of the United States.

11 (8) One member of the Department of Defense
12 appointed by the President of the United States.

13 (9) One member of the Department of Energy
14 appointed by the President of the United States.

15 (10) One member of the Department of the
16 Treasury appointed by the President of the United
17 States.

18 (b) CHAIRPERSON AND CO-CHAIRPERSON.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be a Chair-
20 person and Co-chairperson of the Commission.

21 (2) DESIGNATION OF CHAIRPERSON.—At the
22 beginning of each odd-numbered Congress, the
23 President of the Senate, on the recommendation of
24 the majority leader, shall designate one of the Sen-
25 ate members as Chairperson of the Commission. At

1 the beginning of each even numbered Congress, the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall des-
3 ignate one of the House members as Chairperson of
4 the Commission.

5 (3) DESIGNATION OF CO-CHAIRPERSON.—At
6 the beginning of each odd-numbered Congress, the
7 President of the Senate, on the recommendation of
8 the minority leader, shall designate one of the Sen-
9 ate members as Co-chairperson of the Commission.
10 At the beginning of each even numbered Congress,
11 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on the
12 recommendation of the minority leader, shall des-
13 ignate one of the House members as Co-chairperson
14 of the Commission.

15 (c) PROHIBITION ON COMPENSATION.—Members of
16 the Commission may not receive additional pay, allow-
17 ances, or benefits by reason of their service on the Com-
18 mission.

19 **SEC. 4. TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES, PRODUCTION OF EVI-**
20 **DENCE; ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA; ADMINIS-**
21 **TRATION OF OATHS.**

22 (a) TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES AND PRODUCTION OF
23 EVIDENCE.—In carrying out this Act, the Commission
24 may require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance
25 and testimony of such witnesses and the production of

1 such books, records, correspondence, memorandums, pa-
2 pers, and documents as it deems necessary.

3 (b) SUBPOENAS.—Subpoenas shall be issued jointly
4 by the Chairperson and Co-chairperson of the Commis-
5 sion, and may be served by any person designated by the
6 Chairperson and Co-chairperson.

7 (c) ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS.—The Chairperson
8 of the Commission, or any member designated by the
9 Chairperson, may administer oaths to any witness.

10 **SEC. 5. COMMISSION REPORTS.**

11 (a) REPORT ON MATTERS COVERED BY THIS ACT.—
12 The Commission shall submit to Congress a report with
13 respect to the matters covered by this Act not later than
14 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and
15 on an annual basis thereafter. The Commission shall pro-
16 vide information relating to the agreement to Members of
17 the House and Senate as requested.

18 (b) REPORT ON EXPENDITURES.—For each fiscal
19 year for which an appropriation is made the Commission
20 shall submit to Congress a report on its expenditures
21 under such appropriation.

22 (c) JUSTIFICATION OF BUDGET.—The Commission
23 shall prepare and submit to Congress a justification of the
24 annual budget of the Commission at the time of submis-
25 sion of the annual budget of the President to Congress

1 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States
2 Code.

3 **SEC. 6. STAFF OF COMMISSION.**

4 (a) STAFF.—

5 (1) STAFF DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall
6 have a staff director, who shall be appointed jointly
7 by the Chairperson and Co-chairperson of the Com-
8 mission and whose pay shall be fixed jointly by the
9 Chairperson and Co-chairperson of the Commission.

10 (2) OTHER STAFF.—The Chairperson of the
11 Commission shall appoint and fix the pay of other
12 personnel of the Commission, subject to the approval
13 of at least 2 of the following members of the Com-
14 mission:

15 (A) The Co-chairperson of the Commis-
16 sion.

17 (B) For purposes of each even numbered
18 Congress, a Senate member of the Commission
19 designated by the President of the Senate, on
20 the recommendation of the majority leader. For
21 purposes of each odd-numbered Congress, a
22 House member of the Commission designated
23 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

24 (C) For purposes of each even numbered
25 Congress, a Senate member of the Commission

1 designated by the President of the Senate, on
2 the recommendation of the minority leader. For
3 purposes of each odd numbered Congress, a
4 House member of the Commission designated
5 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
6 on the recommendation of the minority leader.

7 (b) TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES AS HOUSE EMPLOY-
8 EES.—For purposes of pay and other employment bene-
9 fits, rights, and privileges, and for all other purposes, in-
10 cluding the applicability of the Rules of the House of Rep-
11 resentatives and the Congressional Accountability Act of
12 1995, each employee of the Commission shall be consid-
13 ered an employee of the House of Representatives. For
14 purposes of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995,
15 the Commission shall be considered an employing office
16 with respect to its employees.

17 (c) DETAILEES.—Any Federal Government employee
18 may be detailed to the Commission without reimbursement
19 from the Commission, and such detailee shall retain the
20 rights, status, and privileges of his or her regular employ-
21 ment without interruption.

22 (d) CONSULTANT SERVICES.—The Commission is au-
23 thorized to procure the services of experts and consultants
24 in accordance with section 3109 of title 5, United States
25 Code, but at rates not to exceed the daily rate paid a per-

1 son occupying a position at level IV of the Executive
2 Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United States
3 Code.

4 (e) SECURITY CLEARANCES.—All members of the
5 Commission shall hold appropriate security clearances by
6 reason of their participation on the Commission.

7 (f) FOREIGN TRAVEL.—Foreign travel for official
8 purposes by members and staff of the Commission may
9 be authorized by either the Chairperson or Co-chairperson
10 of the Commission.

11 **SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Com-
13 mission for each fiscal year such sums as may be nec-
14 essary to carry out this Act.

15 **SEC. 8. AGREEMENT DEFINED.**

16 In this Act, the term “agreement” means an agree-
17 ment related to the nuclear program of Iran that includes
18 the United States, commits the United States to take ac-
19 tion, or pursuant to which the United States commits or
20 otherwise agrees to take action, regardless of the form it
21 takes, whether a political commitment or otherwise, and
22 regardless of whether it is legally binding or not, including
23 any joint comprehensive plan of action entered into or
24 made between Iran and any other parties, and any addi-
25 tional materials related thereto, including annexes, appen-

1 dices, codicils, side agreements, implementing materials,
2 documents, and guidance, technical or other under-
3 standings, and any related agreements, whether entered
4 into or implemented prior to the agreement or to be en-
5 tered into or implemented in the future.

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