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To establish the Commission on the Strategic National Stockpile, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. TAYLOR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To establish the Commission on the Strategic National Stockpile, and for other purposes.

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. COMMISSION ON STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCK-**

4 **PILE.**

5 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is established in the
6 legislative branch a commission to be known as the Com-
7 mission on the Strategic National Stockpile (in this sec-
8 tion referred to as the “Commission”).

9 (b) **DUTY OF COMMISSION.**—The Commission shall
10 conduct a study to determine the most effective ways to

1 stock the strategic national stockpile under section 319F–
2 2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247–6b)
3 in order to address local, State, and Federal needs in
4 times of emergency, including—

5 (1) the types of supplies needed; and

6 (2) the quantity of each such supply.

7 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—

8 (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-
9 mission shall be composed of 10 members, of
10 whom—

11 (A) two members shall be appointed by the
12 President;

13 (B) two members shall be appointed by the
14 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

15 (C) two members shall be appointed by the
16 minority leader of the House of Representa-
17 tives;

18 (D) two members shall be appointed by the
19 majority leader of the Senate; and

20 (E) two members shall be appointed by the
21 minority leader of the Senate.

22 (2) TERMS.—Each member shall be appointed
23 for the life of the Commission.

24 (3) COMPENSATION.—Each member of the
25 Commission may be compensated at a rate not to

1 exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of
2 basic pay in effect for a position at level IV of the
3 Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5,
4 United States Code, for each day during which such
5 member is engaged in the actual performance of the
6 duties of the Commission.

7 (d) ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.—

8 (1) STAFF.—

9 (A) APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.—

10 The majority of the Commission, in accordance
11 with rules agreed upon by the Commission, may
12 appoint and fix the compensation of an execu-
13 tive director and such other personnel as may
14 be necessary to enable the Commission to carry
15 out its functions, without regard to the provi-
16 sions of title 5, United States Code, governing
17 appointments in the competitive service, and
18 without regard to the provisions of chapter 51
19 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title
20 relating to classification and General Schedule
21 pay rates, except that no rate of pay fixed
22 under this subsection may exceed the rate pay-
23 able for a position at level V of the Executive
24 Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United
25 States Code.

1 (B) PERSONNEL AS FEDERAL EMPLOY-
2 EES.—

3 (i) IN GENERAL.—The executive di-
4 rector and any other personnel of the Com-
5 mission appointed in accordance with sub-
6 paragraph (A) shall be treated as employ-
7 ees under section 2105 of title 5, United
8 States Code, for purposes of chapters 63,
9 81, 83, 84, 85, 87, 89, and 90 of such
10 title.

11 (ii) MEMBERS OF COMMISSION.—
12 Clause (i) may not be construed to apply
13 to members of the Commission.

14 (2) DETAILEES.—Any Federal Government em-
15 ployee may be detailed to the Commission without
16 reimbursement from the Commission, and such de-
17 tail shall be without interruption or loss of civil serv-
18 ice status, rights, or privilege.

19 (3) EXPERT AND CONSULTANT SERVICES.—The
20 Commission may procure the services of experts and
21 consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title
22 5, United States Code, at rates not to exceed the
23 daily rate paid a person occupying a position at level
24 IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of
25 title 5, United States Code.

1 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Commission shall trans-
3 mit to Congress a report on the study required under sub-
4 section (b).

5 (f) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate
6 immediately following the submission of the report re-
7 quired under subsection (e).

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