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To establish the Commission to Study Acts of Antisemitism in the United States.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To establish the Commission to Study Acts of Antisemitism in the United States.

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 Study  
5       Acts of Antisemitism in the United States Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds the following:

1           (1) Since Hamas deadly invasion of the nation  
2           of Israel on October 7, 2023, there has been a dis-  
3           turbating rise of antisemitism in the United States.

4           (2) On October 31, 2023, a student at Cornell  
5           University was arrested and charged for threatening  
6           to kill and injure members of the Jewish community.

7           (3) In October 2023, Federal Bureau of Inves-  
8           tigation Director Christopher Wray stated that anti-  
9           semitism in the United States had reached “historic  
10          levels”.

11          (4) The Anti-Defamation League reported a  
12          388 percent spike in antisemitic activity in the  
13          United States since Hamas attack on Israel.

14          (5) In November 2023, a 69-year-old Jewish  
15          man was killed in Los Angeles after being struck in  
16          the head by a protester at an anti-Israel protest.

17   **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.**

18          There is established in the legislative branch a com-  
19          mission to be known as the “Commission to Study Acts  
20          of Antisemitism in the United States” (in this Act referred  
21          to as the “Commission”).

22   **SEC. 4. DUTIES OF COMMISSION.**

23          Without making any predetermined or political find-  
24          ings, the Commission shall—

1           (1) investigate the facts and causes of anti-  
2       semitism in the present day;

3           (2) examine and evaluate evidence developed by  
4       relevant Federal, State, and local governments re-  
5       garding the facts and circumstances of antisemitic  
6       attacks within the United States, except that such  
7       examination and evaluation shall not interfere with  
8       ongoing law enforcement activities and investiga-  
9       tions; and

10          (3) report to the President and Congress re-  
11       garding its findings, conclusions, and recommenda-  
12       tions for legislation or administrative actions as the  
13       Commission considers appropriate.

14   **SEC. 5. MEMBERSHIP.**

15       (a) MEMBERS.—

16           (1) NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Com-  
17       mission shall be composed of 8 members appointed  
18       as follows:

19               (A) 2 members appointed by the Speaker  
20       of the House of Representatives.

21               (B) 2 members appointed by the minority  
22       leader of the House of Representatives.

23               (C) 2 members appointed by the majority  
24       leader of the Senate.

1 (D) 2 members appointed by the minority  
2 leader of the Senate.

3 (2) CHAIRPERSON; VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The  
4 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the Commis-  
5 sion shall be designated jointly by the Speaker of the  
6 House of Representatives and the minority leader of  
7 the House of Representatives at the time of the ap-  
8 pointment.

9 (3) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Not more than 4  
10 members appointed under paragraph (1) may be of  
11 the same political party.

12 (4) TIMING FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members  
13 of the Commission shall be appointed not later than  
14 10 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

15 (b) TERMS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Each member shall be ap-  
17 pointed for the life of the Commission.

18 (2) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission  
19 shall be filled in the manner in which the original  
20 appointment was made.

21 (c) BASIC PAY.—

22 (1) COMPENSATION.—Except as provided in  
23 paragraph (2), members shall each be paid at a rate  
24 not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate  
25 of basic pay for level III of the Executive Schedule

1 for each day (including travel time) during which  
2 they are engaged in the actual performance of duties  
3 vested in the Commission.

4 (2) PROHIBITION OF COMPENSATION OF FED-  
5 ERAL EMPLOYEES.—Members of the Commission  
6 who are full-time officers or employees of the United  
7 States or Members of Congress may not receive ad-  
8 ditional pay, allowances, or benefits by reason of  
9 their service on the Commission.

10 (3) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall  
11 receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of  
12 subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions  
13 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
14 States Code.

15 (d) QUORUM.—6 members of the Commission shall  
16 constitute a quorum but a lesser number may hold hear-  
17 ings.

18 (e) MEETINGS.—As soon as practicable after all  
19 members are appointed, but not earlier than 15 days after  
20 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall  
21 meet and begin the initial operation of the Commission.  
22 The Commission shall meet monthly thereafter.

23 **SEC. 6. EXPERTS; STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

24 (a) EXPERTS.—The Commission may procure tem-  
25 porary and intermittent services under section 3109(b) of

1 title 5, United States Code, but at rates for individuals  
2 not to exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of  
3 basic pay for GS-15 of the General Schedule. The services  
4 of an expert or consultant may be procured without com-  
5 pensation if the expert or consultant agrees to such an  
6 arrangement, in writing, in advance.

7 (b) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request  
8 of the Commission, the head of any Federal department  
9 or agency may detail, on a reimbursable basis, any of the  
10 personnel of that department or agency to the Commission  
11 to assist it in carrying out its duties under this Act.

12 **SEC. 7. POWERS OF COMMISSION.**

13 (a) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Commission  
14 may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act, hold hear-  
15 ings, sit and act at times and places, take testimony, and  
16 receive evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.  
17 The Commission may administer oaths or affirmations to  
18 witnesses appearing before it.

19 (b) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any mem-  
20 ber or agent of the Commission may, if authorized by the  
21 Commission, take any action which the Commission is au-  
22 thorized to take by this section.

23 (c) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission  
24 may secure directly from any department or agency of the  
25 United States information necessary to enable it to carry

1 out this Act. Upon joint request of the Chairperson and  
2 Vice Chairperson of the Commission, the head of that de-  
3 partment or agency shall furnish that information to the  
4 Commission.

5 (d) SUBPOENA POWER.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may issue  
7 subpoenas requiring the attendance and testimony of  
8 witnesses and the production of any evidence relat-  
9 ing to any matter which the Commission is empow-  
10 ered to investigate under this Act. Such subpoenas  
11 shall be issued by agreement between the Chair-  
12 person and Vice Chairperson of the Commission, or  
13 by the vote of a majority of the members of the  
14 Commission. The attendance of witnesses and the  
15 production of evidence may be required from any  
16 place within the United States at any designated  
17 place of hearing within the United States.

18 (2) FAILURE TO OBEY A SUBPOENA.—If a per-  
19 son refuses to obey a subpoena issued under para-  
20 graph (1), the Commission may apply to a United  
21 States district court for an order requiring that per-  
22 son to appear before the Commission to give testi-  
23 mony, produce evidence, or both, relating to the  
24 matter under investigation. The application may be  
25 made within the judicial district where the hearing

1 is conducted or where that person is found, resides,  
2 or transacts business. Any failure to obey the order  
3 of the court may be punished by the court as civil  
4 contempt.

5 (3) SERVICE OF SUBPOENAS.—The subpoenas  
6 of the Commission shall be served in the manner  
7 provided for subpoenas issued by a United States  
8 district court under the Federal Rules of Civil Pro-  
9 cedure for the United States district courts.

10 (4) SERVICE OF PROCESS.—All process of any  
11 court to which application is made under paragraph  
12 (2) may be served in the judicial district in which  
13 the person required to be served resides or may be  
14 found.

15 (e) IMMUNITY.—Except as provided in this sub-  
16 section, a person may not be excused from testifying or  
17 from producing evidence pursuant to a subpoena on the  
18 ground that the testimony or evidence required by the sub-  
19 poena may tend to incriminate or subject that person to  
20 criminal prosecution. A person, after having claimed the  
21 privilege against self-incrimination, may not be criminally  
22 prosecuted by reason of any transaction, matter, or thing  
23 which that person is compelled to testify about or produce  
24 evidence relating to, except that the person may be pros-



1 ecuted for perjury committed during the testimony or  
2 made in the evidence.

3 (f) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—To the extent or in the  
4 amounts provided in advance in appropriation Acts, the  
5 Commission may enter into contracts to enable the Com-  
6 mission to discharge its duties under this Act.

7 **SEC. 8. REPORT; TERMINATION.**

8 (a) REPORT.—The Commission shall transmit a re-  
9 port to the President and Congress not later than 1 year  
10 after the date of enactment of this Act. The report shall  
11 contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclu-  
12 sions of the Commission, together with its recommenda-  
13 tions for legislation or administrative actions as the Com-  
14 mission considers appropriate.

15 (b) TERMINATION.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall termi-  
17 nate upon the expiration of the 120-day period  
18 which begins on the date on which the Commission  
19 submits the report under subsection (a).

20 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES BEFORE TER-  
21 MINATION.—The Commission may use the 120-day  
22 period referred to in paragraph (1) for the purpose  
23 of concluding the activities of the Commission, in-  
24 cluding disseminating the report submitted under

1 subsection (a) and providing testimony to commit-  
2 tees of Congress concerning such report.

3 **SEC. 9. DEFINITION.**

4 In this Act, the term “antisemitism” means a certain  
5 perception of Jews, which may be expressed—

6 (1) as hatred toward Jews; and

7 (2) by rhetorical and physical manifestations di-  
8 rected toward—

9 (A) Jewish or non-Jewish individuals; or

10 (B) the property of the individuals de-  
11 scribed under subparagraph (A); or

12 (C) Jewish community institutions; or

13 (D) Jewish religious facilities.