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# S. 3237

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MCCAIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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## A BILL

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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 “International Climate  
5       Change Science Commission Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The President is requested and  
8       authorized to negotiate an international agreement to es-

1 tablish an international commission comprised of sci-  
2 entists whose qualifications and experience qualifies them  
3 to conduct scientific, unbiased, politically and economically  
4 neutral assessments of global climate change, the factors  
5 involved in such change, the consequences of such change,  
6 and the potential effect of measures undertaken for the  
7 purpose of affecting global climate change.

8 (b) SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS.—In negotiating the  
9 agreement under subsection (a), the President shall en-  
10 deavor to obtain—

11 (1) commitments for financial and other sup-  
12 port of the international commission;

13 (2) commitments for the appointment of mem-  
14 bers on the same basis as United States members of  
15 the commission are to be appointed under subsection  
16 3(a); and

17 (3) assurances that the independence and sci-  
18 entific integrity of the commission will be respected.

19 **SEC. 3. INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—United States members of the  
21 commission established pursuant to the international  
22 agreement negotiated under section 2 shall be appointed  
23 by the President, by and with the advice and consent of  
24 the Senate, from a list of individuals nominated by the  
25 National Science Board who are selected solely on the

1 basis of their scientific qualifications and without regard  
2 to political affiliation, and shall serve at the pleasure of  
3 the President. The President shall designate one member  
4 as the lead member of the United States membership for  
5 administrative purposes.

6 (b) REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.—United States  
7 members of the commission appointed under subsection  
8 (a) shall not be entitled to receive compensation for service  
9 relating to the performance of the duties of the commis-  
10 sion, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel ex-  
11 penses incurred while in the actual performance of the du-  
12 ties of the commission.

13 (c) STAFF.—After consultation with other members  
14 appointed under subsection (a), the lead member shall ap-  
15 point and fix the compensation of such personnel as the  
16 United States membership deems advisable. The lead  
17 member shall be responsible for—

18 (1) the assignment of duties and responsibilities  
19 among such personnel and their continuing super-  
20 vision; and

21 (2) the use and expenditures of funds available  
22 to United States members of the commission.

23 (d) AGENCY ASSISTANCE.—To the extent permitted  
24 by law, the United States membership may secure directly  
25 from any executive department, agency, or independent in-

1 strumentality of the Federal Government any information  
2 it deems necessary to carry out its functions under this  
3 Act. Each such department, agency, and instrumentality  
4 shall cooperate with the United States membership, and,  
5 to the extent permitted by law and upon request of the  
6 lead member, furnish such information to the commission.

7 (e) DETAILED EMPLOYEES.—

8 (1) AUTHORITY TO DETAIL.—Upon request of  
9 the lead member, the head of any Federal depart-  
10 ment or agency may detail any of the personnel of  
11 the department or agency to the commission to as-  
12 sist it in carrying out its duties under this Act.

13 (2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Any Federal Govern-  
14 ment employee may be detailed to the commission  
15 with or without reimbursement, and any such detail  
16 shall be without interruption or loss of civil service  
17 status or privilege.

18 (f) SUPPORT.—The National Science Foundation  
19 shall provide support services to the commission.

20 (g) OTHER AUTHORITY.—The United States mem-  
21 bership of the commission may procure by contract, to the  
22 extent funds are available, the temporary or intermittent  
23 services of experts or consultants pursuant to section 3109  
24 of title 5, United States Code.

1 (h) FACA NOT TO APPLY.—The Federal Advisory  
2 Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to the  
3 United States membership of the commission.

4 **SEC. 4. FUNCTIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States members of  
6 the commission shall work with members of the commis-  
7 sion from other countries in carrying out research, anal-  
8 ysis, and assessments of global climate change.

9 (b) REQUESTED STUDIES.—The commission shall  
10 carry out studies at the request of any country concerning  
11 the impact of global climate change, and of proposed strat-  
12 egies or tactics for dealing with that impact, on the popu-  
13 lation, agriculture, industry, or economy of any country  
14 that is or is not represented on the membership of the  
15 commission or that is incapable of conducting such studies  
16 within its own scientific, economic, and governmental re-  
17 sources.

18 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums  
20 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
21 Act for fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

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