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# H. R. 5941

To establish certain requirements relating to the continuation of the Survey of Income and Program Participation.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY (for herself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CLAY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. SHAYS, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## A BILL

To establish certain requirements relating to the continuation of the Survey of Income and Program Participation.

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. RESTRICTIONS.**

4       The Secretary of Commerce may not—

5               (1) discontinue the Survey of Income and Pro-  
6       gram Participation,

7               (2) make any change in the design or content  
8       of such Survey, or

9               (3) allow any of the foregoing,

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2 unless the discontinuation or change involved has first  
3 been approved in accordance with section 2.

4 **SEC. 2. PROPOSED ACTIONS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Whenever in the judgment of the  
6 Secretary of Commerce it becomes necessary to dis-  
7 continue the Survey of Income and Program Participation  
8 or to make any change in the design or content of the  
9 Survey of Income and Program Participation, he shall pre-  
10 pare a written proposal under this subsection. Such pro-  
11 posal—

12 (1) shall include—

13 (A) a description of the specific actions  
14 proposed to be taken;

15 (B) the date or schedule for their proposed  
16 implementation; and

17 (C) the reasons or justification for each  
18 proposed action; and

19 (2) shall be submitted by the Secretary of Com-  
20 merce to the SIPP Commission (established by sec-  
21 tion 3) in such time, form, and manner as the Com-  
22 mission may require.

23 (b) **CONSIDERATION AND DECISION.**—The SIPP  
24 Commission shall promptly consider any proposal received  
25 under subsection (a) and, after appropriate deliberation,

1 shall transmit its decision to approve or disapprove such  
2 proposal to the Secretary of Commerce in timely fashion.  
3 Any such decision shall be in writing and shall include a  
4 statement of reasons and justification.

5 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a commission  
7 to be known as the “Commission on the Survey of Income  
8 and Program Participation” (in this Act referred to as the  
9 “SIPP Commission” or the “Commission”).

10 (b) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be com-  
11 posed of—

12 (1) the Director of the Office of Management  
13 and Budget, who shall serve *ex officio*;

14 (2) 1 member from the Department of Agri-  
15 culture, who shall be appointed by the Secretary of  
16 Agriculture;

17 (3) 1 member from the Department of Labor,  
18 who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Labor;

19 (4) 1 member from the Department of Energy,  
20 who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Energy;

21 (5) 1 member from the Department of Health  
22 and Human Services, who shall be appointed by the  
23 Secretary of Health and Human Services;

1           (6) 1 member from the Social Security Admin-  
2           istration, who shall be appointed by the Commis-  
3           sioner of Social Security;

4           (7) 1 member from the Bureau of the Census,  
5           who shall be appointed by the Secretary of Com-  
6           merce in consultation with the Director of the Cen-  
7           sus; and

8           (8) 2 members from the National Academy of  
9           Sciences, who shall be appointed by the Director of  
10          the Office of Management and Budget from among  
11          individuals recommended by the Council of the Na-  
12          tional Academy of Sciences.

13 All appointments to the Commission shall be made from  
14 among social scientists and statisticians who have experi-  
15 ence analyzing longitudinal household data on economic  
16 well-being and participation in government programs.

17          (c) TERMS OF APPOINTEES.—

18           (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
19           graph (2), each member who is appointed to the  
20           Commission shall be appointed for a term of 2 years.

21           (2) VACANCIES.—

22           (A) IN GENERAL.—Any member appointed  
23           to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration  
24           of the term for which the member's predecessor

1 was appointed shall be appointed only for the  
2 remainder of that term.

3 (B) SERVICE AFTER TERM ENDS.—A  
4 member may serve after the expiration of that  
5 member's term until a successor has taken of-  
6 fice.

7 (C) MANNER OF APPOINTMENT.—A va-  
8 cancy among any of the appointed members  
9 shall be filled in the manner in which the origi-  
10 nal appointment was made.

11 (d) CHAIRMAN.—The Director of the Office of Man-  
12 agement and Budget shall serve as Chairman of the Com-  
13 mission.

14 (e) FUNCTIONS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—It shall be the function of  
16 the Commission to consider and act on any proposal  
17 relating to the Survey of Income and Program Par-  
18 ticipation (described in section 2(a)) in accordance  
19 with section 2(b).

20 (2) NONDELEGABLE FUNCTIONS.—The func-  
21 tions of the Director of the Office of Management  
22 and Budget under this Act shall be nondelegable.

23 (f) PROCEDURES.—The Commission shall meet at  
24 the call of the Chairman of the Commission. A majority  
25 of the members of the Commission who are eligible to vote

1 shall constitute a quorum. All members except those under  
2 paragraphs (1) and (8), respectively, of subsection (b)  
3 shall be eligible to vote.

4 (g) COMPENSATION.—Members of the Commission  
5 shall serve as such without pay, but shall be allowed travel  
6 expenses, including a per diem allowance in lieu of subsist-  
7 ence, in the same manner as persons serving intermit-  
8 tently in Government service are allowed travel expenses  
9 under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 This Act shall take effect as of the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act or September 30, 2006, whichever is ear-  
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