

91ST CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 10055

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 1969

Mr. YOUNG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To establish the Interagency Committee on Mexican-American Affairs, 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       That it is the purpose of this Act to assure that Federal  
4       programs are reaching all Spanish Americans and providing  
5       the assistance they need, and to seek out new programs  
6       that may be necessary to handle problems that are unique  
7       to the Spanish-American community.

8       SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established the Interagency  
9       Committee on Mexican-American Affairs (hereinafter re-  
10      ferred to as the "Committee").

11      (b) The Committee shall be composed of—

1 (1) the Secretary of Agriculture;

2 (2) the Secretary of Commerce;

3 (3) the Secretary of Labor;

4 (4) the Secretary of Health, Education, and Wel-  
5 fare;

6 (5) the Secretary of Housing and Urban Develop-  
7 ment;

8 (6) the Director of the Office of Economic Oppor-  
9 tunity;

10 (7) a Commissioner of the Equal Employment Op-  
11 portunity Commission; and

12 (8) such other officers of Federal departments and  
13 agencies as may be designated by the President or the  
14 Chairman of the Committee (hereinafter designated) to  
15 serve at the pleasure of the person so designating such  
16 officer.

17 (c) The President shall designate the member who  
18 shall serve as Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman  
19 shall designate one of the other Committee members to serve  
20 as Acting Chairman during the absence or disability of the  
21 Chairman.

22 SEC. 3. (a) The Committee shall have the following  
23 functions:

24 (1) to advise Federal departments and agencies  
25 regarding appropriate action to be taken to help assure

1       that Federal programs are providing the assistance  
2       needed by Spanish-surnamed Americans; and

3           (2) to advise Federal departments and agencies  
4       on the development and implementation of comprehen-  
5       sive and coordinated policies, plans, and programs focus-  
6       ing on the special problems and needs of Spanish-  
7       surnamed Americans, and on priorities thereunder.

8       (b) In carrying out its functions, the Committee may  
9       foster such surveys, studies, research, and demonstration and  
10      technical assistance projects, establish such relationships  
11      with State and local governments and the private sector,  
12      and promote such participation of State and local govern-  
13      ments and the private sector as may be appropriate to iden-  
14      tify and assist in solving the special problems of Spanish-  
15      surnamed Americans.

16       SEC. 4. (a) The Committee is authorized to prescribe  
17      rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the  
18      provisions of this Act.

19       (b) The Committee shall consult with and coordinate  
20      its activities with appropriate Federal departments and agen-  
21      cies and shall utilize the facilities and resources of such de-  
22      partments and agencies to the maximum extent possible in  
23      carrying out its functions.

24       (c) The Committee is authorized in carrying out its

1 functions to enter into agreements with Federal departments  
2 and agencies as appropriate.

3 SEC. 5. The Committee is authorized to request directly  
4 from any Federal department or agency any information it  
5 deems necessary to carry out its functions under this Act,  
6 and to utilize the services and facilities of such department or  
7 agency; and each Federal department or agency is author-  
8 ized to furnish such information, services, and facilities to the  
9 Committee upon request of the Chairman to the extent per-  
10 mitted by law and within the limits of available funds.

11 SEC. 6. (a) The Chairman shall appoint and fix the  
12 compensation of such personnel as may be necessary to carry  
13 out the functions of the Committee and may obtain the serv-  
14 ices of experts and consultants in accordance with section  
15 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals  
16 not in excess of the daily equivalent paid for positions under  
17 GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such  
18 title.

19 (b) Federal departments and agencies, in their dis-  
20 cretion, may detail to temporary duty with the Committee  
21 such personnel as the Chairman may request for carrying  
22 out the functions of the Committee, each such detail to be  
23 without loss of seniority, pay, or other employee status.

24 SEC. 7. Nothing in this legislation shall be construed

1 to restrict or infringe upon the authority of any Federal  
2 department or agency.

3 SEC. 8. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated  
4 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the functions  
5 of the Committee under this Act, and any funds heretofore  
6 made available for expenses of the Interagency Committee  
7 on Mexican-American Affairs established by the President's  
8 memorandum of June 9, 1967, shall be available for the  
9 purposes of this Act.

10 SEC. 9. The Committee shall, as soon as practicable,  
11 after the end of each fiscal year, submit a report to the  
12 President and the Congress of its activities for the pre-  
13 ceding year, including in such report any recommendations  
14 the Committee deems appropriate to accomplish the pur-  
15 poses of this Act.

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