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To establish the Afghanistan-Pakistan Study Group.

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Mr. WOLF (for himself and Mr. HUNTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To establish the Afghanistan-Pakistan Study Group.

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. ESTABLISHMENT OF AFGHANISTAN-PAKISTAN**
4 **STUDY GROUP.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
6 legislative branch the Afghanistan-Pakistan Study Group
7 (in this Act referred to as the “Group”).

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Group
10 should be modeled on the Iraq Study Group.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPOSITION OF GROUP.**

2 (a) MEMBERS.—The Group shall be composed of 10
3 members, of whom—

4 (1) 1 member shall be appointed by the Presi-
5 dent, who shall serve as a co-chair of the Group;

6 (2) 1 member shall be appointed by the leader
7 of the Senate (majority or minority leader, as the
8 case may be) of the Republican Party, in consulta-
9 tion with the leader of the House of Representatives
10 (majority or minority leader, as the case may be) of
11 the Republican Party, who shall serve as a co-chair
12 of the Group;

13 (3) 2 members shall be appointed by the senior
14 member of the Senate leadership of the Democratic
15 Party;

16 (4) 2 members shall be appointed by the senior
17 member of the leadership of the House of Represent-
18 atives of the Republican Party;

19 (5) 2 members shall be appointed by the senior
20 member of the Senate leadership of the Republican
21 Party; and

22 (6) 2 members shall be appointed by the senior
23 member of the leadership of the House of Represent-
24 atives of the Democratic Party.

25 (b) QUALIFICATIONS; OTHER MEMBERSHIP RE-
26 QUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION.—Not more
2 than 5 members of the Group shall be from the
3 same political party. An individual appointed to the
4 Group may not be a full-time officer or employee of
5 the Federal Government.

6 (2) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of
7 Congress that individuals appointed to the Group
8 should be prominent United States citizens, with na-
9 tional recognition and significant depth of experience
10 in such professions as diplomacy, the armed services,
11 governmental service, law, intelligence gathering,
12 and foreign affairs.

13 (c) DEADLINE FOR APPOINTMENT.—All members of
14 the Group shall be appointed not later than 30 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (d) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy in the Group shall not
17 affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner
18 in which the original appointment was made.

19 (e) COMPENSATION.—

20 (1) PROHIBITION ON BASIC PAY.—Members of
21 the Group shall serve without pay in connection with
22 their service for the Group.

23 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—While away from
24 their homes or regular places of business in the per-
25 formance of services for the Group, members of the

1 Group shall be allowed travel expenses, including per
2 diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as
3 persons employed intermittently in the Government
4 service are allowed expenses under section 5703(b)
5 of title 5, United States Code.

6 (f) INITIAL MEETING.—The Group shall meet and
7 begin the operations of the Group as soon as practicable
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (g) QUORUM.—After its initial meeting, the Group
10 shall meet upon the call of the co-chairs of the Group or
11 a majority of the members of the Group. Six members of
12 the Group shall constitute a quorum.

13 **SEC. 3. DUTIES.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Group shall conduct a for-
15 ward-looking, independent assessment of the current and
16 prospective situation on the ground in Afghanistan and
17 Pakistan, its impact on the surrounding region, and its
18 consequences for United States interests. The Group shall
19 examine four broad topic areas to include the strategic en-
20 vironment in and around Afghanistan and Pakistan, as
21 well as security, political, and economic and reconstruction
22 developments in those two countries.

23 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
24 of the enactment of this Act, the Group shall submit to
25 the President and Congress a report on the assessment

1 conducted under this subsection, including relevant policy
2 recommendations relating thereto.

3 **SEC. 4. POWERS OF GROUP.**

4 (a) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—The Group may estab-
5 lish rules for the conduct of the Group’s business, if such
6 rules are not inconsistent with this Act or other applicable
7 law.

8 (b) HEARINGS AND EVIDENCE.—The Group or, on
9 the authority of the Group, any subcommittee or member
10 thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act—

11 (1) hold such hearings and sit and act at such
12 times and places, take such testimony, and receive
13 such evidence; and

14 (2) require the attendance and testimony of
15 such witnesses and the production of such books,
16 records, correspondence, memoranda, papers, and
17 documents, as the Group or such designated sub-
18 committee or designated member may determine ad-
19 visable.

20 (c) CONTRACTING.—The Group may, to such extent
21 and in such amounts as are provided in appropriation
22 Acts, enter into contracts to enable the Group to discharge
23 its duties under this Act.

24 (d) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Group is authorized to
2 secure directly from any executive department, bu-
3 reau, agency, board, commission, office, independent
4 establishment, or instrumentality of the Government,
5 information, suggestions, estimates, and statistics
6 for the purposes of this Act. Each department, bu-
7 reau, agency, board, commission, office, independent
8 establishment, or instrumentality shall, to the extent
9 authorized by law, furnish such information, sugges-
10 tions, estimates, and statistics directly to the Group,
11 upon request made by the co-chairs, the chairman of
12 any subcommittee created by a majority of the
13 Group, or any member designated by a majority of
14 the Group.

15 (2) RECEIPT, HANDLING, STORAGE, AND DIS-
16 SEMINATION.—Information shall only be received,
17 handled, stored, and disseminated by members of
18 the Group and its staff consistent with all applicable
19 statutes, regulations, and Executive orders.

20 (e) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

21 (1) GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.—
22 The Administrator of General Services shall provide
23 to the Group on a reimbursable basis administrative
24 support and other services for the performance of
25 the Group's duties.

1 (2) OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES.—In
2 addition to the assistance prescribed in paragraph
3 (1), departments and agencies of the United States
4 may provide to the Group such services, funds, fa-
5 cilities, and other support services as they may de-
6 termine advisable and as may be authorized by law.

7 (f) GIFTS.—The Group may accept, use, and dispose
8 of gifts or donations of services or property for the pur-
9 pose of facilitating the work of the Group.

10 (g) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Group may use the
11 United States mails in the same manner and under the
12 same conditions as departments and agencies of the
13 United States.

14 **SEC. 5. STAFF OF GROUP.**

15 (a) APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION.—The co-
16 chairs, in accordance with rules agreed upon by the Group,
17 may appoint and fix the compensation of a staff director
18 and such other personnel as may be necessary to enable
19 the Group to carry out its duties, without regard to the
20 provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing ap-
21 pointments in the competitive service, and without regard
22 to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chap-
23 ter 53 of such title relating to classification and General
24 Schedule pay rates, except that no rate of pay fixed under
25 this subsection may exceed the equivalent of that payable

1 for a position at level V of the Executive Schedule under
2 section 5316 of title 5, United States Code.

3 (b) PROHIBITION ON PERSONNEL AS FEDERAL EM-
4 PLOYEES.—The positions of staff director and other per-
5 sonnel of the Group described in subsection (a) may not
6 be filled by individuals who are Federal Government em-
7 ployees.

8 (c) EXPERT AND CONSULTANT SERVICES.—The
9 Group is authorized to procure the services of experts and
10 consultants in accordance with section 3109 of title 5,
11 United States Code, but at rates not to exceed the daily
12 rate paid a person occupying a position at level IV of the
13 Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United
14 States Code.

15 (d) VOLUNTEER SERVICES.—Notwithstanding sec-
16 tion 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Group may
17 accept and use voluntary and uncompensated services as
18 the Group determines necessary.

19 **SEC. 6. TERMINATION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Group, and all the authorities
21 of this Act, shall terminate 60 days after the date on
22 which the report is submitted under section 3(b).

23 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES BEFORE TERMI-
24 NATION.—The Group may use the 60-day period referred
25 to in paragraph (1) for the purpose of concluding its ac-

1 tivities, including providing testimony to committees of
2 Congress concerning its report and disseminating the re-
3 port.

4 **SEC. 7. FUNDING.**

5 (a) **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM BUREAU OF SOUTH**
6 **AND CENTRAL ASIAN AFFAIRS.**—Of the amounts made
7 available under the heading “Administration of Foreign
8 Affairs, Diplomatic and Consular Programs” for the Bu-
9 reau of South and Central Asian Affairs for fiscal year
10 2011, \$1,000,000 shall be available for transfer to the
11 Group for purposes of carrying out this Act.

12 (b) **PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL FUNDS.**—No addi-
13 tional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry
14 out this Act.

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