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To establish the Commission on Long-Term Social Security Solvency, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish the Commission on Long-Term Social Security
Solvency, 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 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Social Secu-
5 rity Commission Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT.**

7 There is established in the legislative branch a com-
8 mission to be known as the “Commission on Long-Term

1 Social Security Solvency” (in this Act referred to as the
2 “Commission”).

3 **SEC. 3. DUTY OF THE COMMISSION.**

4 Not later than 1 year after the initial meeting of the
5 Commission, the Commission shall transmit to Congress
6 a special message that includes recommendations and pro-
7 posed legislation for achieving solvency in each of the Fed-
8 eral Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the
9 Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a period of
10 at least 75 years beginning on the date that is 1 year after
11 the initial meeting of the Commission. Such message shall
12 be approved by at least 9 members of the Commission.

13 **SEC. 4. MEMBERS.**

14 (a) **NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.**—The Commission
15 shall be composed of 13 members. Of the members of the
16 Commission—

17 (1) 1 shall be appointed by the President;

18 (2) 2 shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House of Representatives;

20 (3) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader
21 of the House of Representatives;

22 (4) 2 shall be appointed by the majority leader
23 of the Senate;

24 (5) 2 shall be appointed by the minority leader
25 of the Senate;

1 (6) 1 shall be appointed by the chairman of the
2 Committee on Ways and Means of the House of
3 Representatives;

4 (7) 1 shall be appointed by the ranking member
5 of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House
6 of Representatives;

7 (8) 1 shall be appointed by the chairman of the
8 Committee on Finance of the Senate; and

9 (9) 1 shall be appointed by the ranking member
10 of the Committee on Finance Senate.

11 (b) QUALIFICATIONS FOR CONGRESSIONAL AP-
12 POINTEES.—Of the members of the Commission appointed
13 by the Congress, at least 1 appointed by each political
14 party shall be an expert who is not an elected official or
15 an officer or employee of the Federal Government or of
16 any State.

17 (c) TIMING OF APPOINTMENTS.—Each of the ap-
18 pointments made under subsection (a) shall be made not
19 later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this
20 Act.

21 (d) TERMS; VACANCIES.—Each member shall be ap-
22 pointed for the life of the Commission, and a vacancy in
23 the Commission shall be filled in the manner in which the
24 original appointment was made.

25 (e) COMPENSATION.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Members of the Commission
2 shall serve without pay.

3 (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member shall
4 receive travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of
5 subsistence, in accordance with applicable provisions
6 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United
7 States Code.

8 **SEC. 5. OPERATION AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.**

9 (a) CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR.—The member of the
10 Commission appointed by the President under section 4(a)
11 shall serve as the chair of the Commission. A co-chair of
12 the Commission shall be designated by the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives at the time of the appointment.

14 (b) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet not
15 later than 30 days after the members of the Commission
16 have been appointed, and at such times thereafter as the
17 chair or co-chair shall determine.

18 (c) RULES OF PROCEDURE.—The chair and co-chair
19 shall, with the approval of a majority of the members of
20 the Commission, establish written rules of procedure for
21 the Commission, which shall include a quorum require-
22 ment to conduct the business of the Commission.

23 (d) HEARINGS.—The Commission shall, for the pur-
24 pose of carrying out this Act, hold at least one hearing
25 that is open to the public and allows for public comment

1 and participation, and may hold such other hearings, sit
2 and act at times and places, take testimony, and receive
3 evidence as the Commission considers appropriate.

4 (e) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Commission
5 may secure directly from any department or agency of the
6 United States, including the Congressional Budget Office
7 and the Government Accountability Office, any informa-
8 tion or technical assistance necessary to enable it to carry
9 out this Act. Upon request of the chair or co-chair of the
10 Commission, the head of that department or agency shall
11 furnish that information or technical assistance to the
12 Commission.

13 (f) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—The Commission may
14 contract with and compensate government and private
15 agencies or persons for any purpose necessary to enable
16 it to carry out this Act.

17 (g) MAILS.—The Commission may use the United
18 States mails in the same manner and under the same con-
19 ditions as other departments and agencies of the United
20 States.

21 **SEC. 6. PERSONNEL.**

22 (a) DIRECTOR.—The Commission shall have a Direc-
23 tor who shall be appointed by the Commission. The Direc-
24 tor shall be paid at a rate of pay equivalent to the annual
25 rate of basic pay for a comparable position paid under the

1 Executive Schedule, subject to the approval of the chair
2 and the co-chair.

3 (b) STAFF.—The Director may appoint and fix the
4 pay of additional staff as the Director considers appro-
5 priate.

6 (c) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Commission
7 may procure temporary and intermittent services under
8 section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, but at rates
9 for individuals not to exceed the daily equivalent of the
10 annual rate of basic pay for a comparable position paid
11 under the Executive Schedule.

12 (d) STAFF OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon request
13 of the Commission, the head of any Federal department
14 or agency may detail, without reimbursement, any of the
15 personnel of that department or agency to the Commission
16 to assist it in carrying out its duties under this Act.

17 (e) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—Upon
18 the request of the Commission, the Administrator of Gen-
19 eral Services shall provide to the Commission, on a reim-
20 bursable basis, the administrative support services nec-
21 essary for the Commission to carry out its responsibilities
22 under this Act.

23 (f) GIFTS, BEQUESTS, AND DEVISES.—The Commis-
24 sion may accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or
25 devises of services or property, both real and personal, for

1 the purpose of aiding or facilitating the work of the Com-
2 mission. Gifts, bequests, or devises of money and proceeds
3 from sales of other property received as gifts, bequests,
4 or devises shall be deposited in the Treasury and shall be
5 available for disbursement upon order of the Commission.

6 **SEC. 7. TERMINATION.**

7 The Commission shall terminate not later than 60
8 days after the submission of the report described in sec-
9 tion 3.

10 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 There is authorized to be appropriated not more than
12 \$2,000,000 to carry out this Act.

13 **SEC. 9. EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION REC-**
14 **COMMENDATIONS.**

15 (a) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—

16 (1) INTRODUCTION OF APPROVAL BILL.—The
17 majority leader of each House or a designee shall
18 (by request) introduce an approval bill as described
19 in subsection (c) not later than the third day of ses-
20 sion of that House after the date of receipt of a spe-
21 cial message transmitted to the Congress under sec-
22 tion 3.

23 (2) CONSIDERATION IN THE HOUSE OF REP-
24 RESENTATIVES.—

1 (A) REFERRAL AND REPORTING.—Any
2 committee of the House of Representatives to
3 which an approval bill is referred shall report it
4 to the House without amendment not later than
5 the third legislative day after the date of its in-
6 troduction. If a committee fails to report the
7 bill within that period or the House has adopt-
8 ed a concurrent resolution providing for ad-
9 journment sine die at the end of a Congress,
10 such committee shall be automatically dis-
11 charged from further consideration of the bill
12 and it shall be placed on the appropriate cal-
13 endar.

14 (B) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
15 Not later than 3 legislative days after the ap-
16 proval bill is reported or a committee has been
17 discharged from further consideration thereof,
18 it shall be in order to move to proceed to con-
19 sider the approval bill in the House. Such a mo-
20 tion shall be in order only at a time designated
21 by the Speaker in the legislative schedule within
22 two legislative days after the day on which the
23 proponent announces an intention to the House
24 to offer the motion provided that such notice
25 may not be given until the approval bill is re-

1 ported or a committee has been discharged
2 from further consideration thereof. Such a mo-
3 tion shall not be in order after the House has
4 disposed of a motion to proceed with respect to
5 that special message. The previous question
6 shall be considered as ordered on the motion to
7 its adoption without intervening motion. A mo-
8 tion to reconsider the vote by which the motion
9 is disposed of shall not be in order.

10 (C) CONSIDERATION.—If the motion to
11 proceed is agreed to, the House shall imme-
12 diately proceed to consider the approval bill in
13 the House without intervening motion. The ap-
14 proval bill shall be considered as read. All
15 points of order against the approval bill and
16 against its consideration are waived. The pre-
17 vious question shall be considered as ordered on
18 the approval bill to its passage without inter-
19 vening motion except 4 hours of debate equally
20 divided and controlled by the proponent and an
21 opponent and one motion to limit debate on the
22 bill. A motion to reconsider the vote on passage
23 of the approval bill shall not be in order.

24 (3) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

1 (A) COMMITTEE ACTION.—The appropriate
2 committee of the Senate shall report without
3 amendment the approval bill not later than the
4 third session day after introduction. If a com-
5 mittee fails to report the approval bill within
6 that period or the Senate has adopted a concur-
7 rent resolution providing for adjournment sine
8 die at the end of a Congress, the committee
9 shall be automatically discharged from further
10 consideration of the approval bill and it shall be
11 placed on the appropriate calendar.

12 (B) MOTION TO PROCEED.—Not later than
13 3 session days after the approval bill is reported
14 in the Senate or the committee has been dis-
15 charged thereof, it shall be in order for any
16 Senator to move to proceed to consider the ap-
17 proval bill in the Senate. The motion shall be
18 decided without debate and the motion to re-
19 consider shall be deemed to have been laid on
20 the table. Such a motion shall not be in order
21 after the Senate has disposed of a prior motion
22 to proceed with respect to the approval bill.

23 (C) CONSIDERATION.—If a motion to pro-
24 ceed to the consideration of the approval bill is
25 agreed to, the Senate shall immediately proceed

1 to consideration of the approval bill without in-
2 tervening motion, order, or other business, and
3 the approval bill shall remain the unfinished
4 business of the Senate until disposed of. Con-
5 sideration on the bill in the Senate under this
6 subsection, and all debatable motions and ap-
7 peals in connection therewith, shall not exceed
8 30 hours equally divided in the usual form. All
9 points of order against the approval bill or its
10 consideration are waived. Consideration in the
11 Senate on any debatable motion or appeal in
12 connection with the approval bill shall be lim-
13 ited to not more than 1 hour. A motion to post-
14 pone, or a motion to proceed to the consider-
15 ation of other business, or a motion to recom-
16 mit the approval bill is not in order. A motion
17 to reconsider the vote by which the approval bill
18 is agreed to or disagreed to is not in order.

19 (4) AMENDMENTS PROHIBITED.—No amend-
20 ment to, or motion to strike a provision from, an ap-
21 proval bill considered under this section shall be in
22 order in either the Senate or the House of Rep-
23 resentatives.

24 (5) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY OTHER
25 HOUSE.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—If, before passing the
2 approval bill, one House receives from the other
3 a bill—

4 (i) the approval bill of the other
5 House shall not be referred to a com-
6 mittee; and

7 (ii) the procedure in the receiving
8 House shall be the same as if no approval
9 bill had been received from the other
10 House until the vote on passage, when the
11 bill received from the other House shall
12 supplant the approval bill of the receiving
13 House.

14 (B) EXCEPTION.—This paragraph shall
15 not apply to the House of Representatives.

16 (b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) shall apply only to
17 an approval bill described in subsection (c) and introduced
18 pursuant to subsection (a)(1).

19 (c) APPROVAL BILL DESCRIBED.—For purposes of
20 subsection (a), a bill described in this paragraph is a bill—

21 (1) which consists of the proposed legislation
22 which is included in such report to carry out the rec-
23 ommendations made by the Commission in the re-
24 port; and

1 (2) the title of which is as follows: “A bill to
2 carry out the recommendations of the Commission
3 on Long-Term Social Security Solvency.”.

4 (d) EXTENDED TIME PERIOD.—If Congress adjourns
5 at the end of a Congress and an approval bill was then
6 pending in either House of Congress or a committee there-
7 of, or an approval bill had not yet been introduced with
8 respect to a special message, then within the first 3 days
9 of session of the next Congress, the Commission shall
10 transmit to Congress an additional special message con-
11 taining all of the information in the previous, pending spe-
12 cial message. An approval bill may be introduced within
13 the first five days of session of such next Congress and
14 shall be treated as an approval bill under this section, and
15 the time periods described in paragraphs (2) and (3) of
16 subsection (a) shall commence on the day of introduction
17 of that approval bill.

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