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2 committed against those American citizens and permanent resident aliens affected  
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7 IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES  
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9 A BILL  
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12 committed against those American citizens and permanent resident aliens affected  
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16 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States  
17 of America in Congress assembled.  
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19 Short title  
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21 Section 1. This Act may be cited as the "Commission on Wartime Relocation and  
22 Internment of Civilians Act".  
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24 Findings and purpose  
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26 Sec. 2. (a) The Congress finds that --

27 (1) Approximately approximately one hundred and twenty thousand civilians  
28 were relocated and detained in internment camps pursuant to Executive Order  
29 Numbered No. 9066, dated issued February 19, 1942, and other associated acts  
30 actions of the Federal Government; and

31 (2) no sufficient inquiry into this matter has been made.

32 (b) It is the purpose of this Act to establish a factfinding-commission-to  
33 determine-whether-a-wrong-was-committed-against-these-American-citizens-and  
34 permanent-resident-aliens-relocated-and/or-interned-as-a-result-of-Executive  
35 Order-Numbered-9066-and-other-associated-acts-of-the-Federal-Government,  
36 establish a commission to review the facts and circumstances surrounding  
37 Executive Order No. 9066, issued February 19, 1942, and the impact of such  
38 Executive Order on American citizens and permanent resident aliens, and  
39 to recommend appropriate remedies.  
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41 Establishment of commission  
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43 Sec. 3. (a) There is established the Commission on Wartime Relocation and  
44 Internment of Civilians (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission").

45 (b) The Commission shall be composed of fifteen seven members, who shall be  
46 appointed as follows:

47 (1) Eleven Three members shall be appointed by the President.

48 (2) Two members of-the-House-of-Representatives shall be appointed by  
49 the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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1 (3) ~~Two Member-of-the-Senate~~ members shall be appointed by the President  
2 pro tempore of the Senate.

3 (c) The term of office for members shall be for the life of the Commission.  
4 A vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, and shall be filled in  
5 the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

6 (d) The first meeting of the Commission shall be called by the President  
7 within sixty days following after the date of enactment of this Act.

8 (e) ~~Eight~~ Four members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but  
9 a lesser number may hold hearings.

10 (f) The Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman from among its  
11 members. The term of office of each shall be for the life of the Commission.

12 (g) Each member of the Commission who is not otherwise employed by the  
13 United States Government shall receive compensation at a rate equal to the  
14 daily rate prescribed for GS-18 under the General Schedule contained in Section  
15 5332 of title 5, United States Code, ~~including-traveltime,~~ for each day-day,  
16 including traveltime, he or she is engaged in the actual performance of his  
17 or her duties as a member of the Commission. A member of the Commission who  
18 is an officer or employee of the United States Government shall serve without  
19 additional compensation. All members of the Commission shall be reimbursed  
20 for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in  
21 the performance of their duties.

#### 22 Duties of the commission

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25 Sec. 4. (a) It shall be the duty of the Commission to ~~gather-facts-to-determine~~  
26 ~~whether-a-wrong-was-committed-against-these-American-citizens-and-permanent~~  
27 ~~resident-aliens-who-were-subjected-to-relocation-and/or-internemnt-by-the~~  
28 ~~issuance-of-Executive-Order-Numbered-9066-and-other-associated-acts-of-the~~  
29 ~~Federal-Government~~ review the facts and circumstances surrounding Executive  
30 Order No, 9066, issued February 19, 1942, and the impact of such Executive  
31 Order on American citizens and permanent resident aliens and to recommend  
32 appropriate remedies.

33 (b) The Commission shall hold public hearings in Los Angeles, San  
34 Francisco,, and Fresno, California; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington;  
35 Phoenix, Arizona; Salt Lake City, Utah; Denver, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois;  
36 New York, New York; Washington, D.C.; and in any other city that the  
37 Commission deems-necessary-and-preper finds appropriate.

38 (c) The Commission shall submit a written report of its findings and  
39 recommendations to the Congress not later than ~~eighteen-months-after-the~~  
40 ~~date-of-the-enactment-of-this-Act~~ October 1, 1981.

#### 41 Powers of the Commission

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44 Sec. 5. (a) The Commission or, on the authorization of the Commission, any  
45 subcommittee or member thereof, may, for the purpose of carrying cut the  
46 provisions of this Act, hold such hearings and sit and act at such times and  
47 places, and request the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the  
48 production of such books, records, correspondence, memorandum, papers, and  
49 documents as the Commission or such subcommittee or member may deem advisable.  
50 The Commission may request the Attorney General to invoke the aid of an  
51 appropriate United States district court to require, by subpoena or otherwise,  
52 such attendance, testimony, or production.

53 (b) The Commission may acquire directly form the head of any department,  
54 agency, independent instrumentality, or other authority of the executive branch  
55 of the Government, available information which the Commission considers useful  
56 in the discharge of its duties. All departments, agencies, and independent  
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1 instrumentalities, or other authorities of the executive branch of the Government  
2 shall cooperate with the Commission and furnish all information requested by the  
3 Commission to the extent permitted by law.

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5 Administrative provisions

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7 Sec. 6. The Commission is authorized to --

8 (1) appoint and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary,  
9 without regard to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing  
10 appointments in the competitive service, and without regard to the provisions  
11 of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of such title relating to  
12 classification and General Schedule pay rates, except that the compensation of  
13 any employee of the Commission may not exceed a rate equivalent to the rate  
14 payable under GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of such title;

15 (2) obtain the services of experts and consultants in accordance with the  
16 provisions of section 3109 of such title 5, United States Code;

17 (3) enter into agreements with the Administrator of General Services  
18 Administration for procurement of necessary financial and administrative services,  
19 for which payment shall be made by reimbursement from funds of the Commission  
20 in such amounts as may be agreed upon by the Chairman of the Commission and  
21 the Administrator of General Services Administrator;

22 (4) procure supplies, services, and property, and make contracts, without  
23 regard to the laws and procedures applicable to Federal agencies property by  
24 contracts in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and to the  
25 extent or in such amounts as are provided in appropriation Acts; and

26 (5) enter into contracts with Federal or State agencies, private firms,  
27 institutions, and agencies for the conduct of research or surveys, the  
28 preparation of reports, and other activities necessary to the discharge  
29 of its the duties of the Commission, to the extent or in such amounts as are  
30 provided in appropriation Acts.

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32 Report and termination Termination

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34 Sec. 7. ~~{a} The Commission shall, within eighteen months from the date of~~  
35 ~~enactment of this Act, transmit a final report to the President and the Congress~~  
36 ~~concerning its actions and its findings and recommendations.~~

37 ~~{b} The Commission shall cease to exist on the date six months from~~  
38 ~~the date it transmits the final report terminate on February 1, 1982, unless~~  
39 extended by a subsequent Act of Congress.

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41 Authorization of appropriations

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43 Sec. 8. ~~There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary~~  
44 ~~to~~ To carry out the provisions of this Act, there are authorized to be  
45 appropriated \$1,500,000 for the period beginning October 1, 1980 and ending  
46 February 1, 1982.

47 Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to establish a commission to review the  
48 facts and circumstances surrounding Executive Order No. 9066, issued February 19,  
49 1942 and the impact of such Executive Order on American citizens and permanent  
50 resident aliens and to recommend appropriate remedies, and for other purposes."  
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AMENDMENT

Intended to be Proposed by Mr. Stevens

to

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VIZ:

On page 1, line 30, delete "and"

On page 1, after line 30 insert the following new paragraph and redesignate the succeeding paragraph accordingly,

"(2) Approximately 1,000 Aleut civilian U.S. citizens were relocated and in some cases detained in internment camps pursuant to directives of U.S. military forces during World War II, and other associated acts of the Federal Government, and".

On page 1, line 35, after "9066" insert the following:

", directives of the U.S. military forces requiring internment of Aleut civilians,".

On page 2, line 28, after "9066" insert the following:

", directives of the U.S. military forces requiring internment of Aleut civilians,".

On page 2, line 36, after "Washington", insert the following:

"Anchorage, Unalaska, and St. Paul, Alaska;".