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To reduce the number of executive branch political appointees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

A BILL

To reduce the number of executive branch political
appointees.

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. REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF POLITICAL AP-**
4 **POINTEES.**

5 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “political
6 appointee” means any individual who—

7 (1) is employed in a position on the executive
8 schedule under sections 5312 through 5316 of title
9 5, United States Code;

10 (2) is a limited term appointee, limited emer-
11 gency appointee, or noncareer appointee in the sen-

1 ior executive service as defined under section
 2 3132(a) (5), (6), and (7) of title 5, United States
 3 Code, respectively; or

4 (3) is employed in a position in the executive
 5 branch of the Government of a confidential or pol-
 6 icy-determining character under Schedule C of sub-
 7 part C of part 213 of title 5 of the Code of Federal
 8 Regulations.

9 (b) LIMITATION.—The President, acting through the
 10 Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Per-
 11 sonnel Management, shall take such actions as necessary
 12 (including reduction in force actions under procedures es-
 13 tablished under section 3595 of title 5, United States
 14 Code) to ensure that the total number of political ap-
 15 pointees shall not exceed 2,000.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
 17 on October 1, 1997.

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