

one hundred and thirty days during any period of three hundred and sixty-five consecutive days; and

(iv) One person, elected by majority vote of the other eighteen, who shall be the Chairman of the Commission.

(c) Any vacancy which may occur on the Commission shall not affect its powers or functions but shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

(d) The organization meeting of the Commission shall be held at such time and place as may be specified in a call issued jointly by the senior member appointed by the President of the Senate and the senior member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(e) Ten members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number, as determined by the Commission, may conduct hearings.

(f) Members of Congress who are members of the Commission shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as Members of Congress; but they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in the Commission.

(g) The members appointed by the President shall each receive \$50 per diem when engaged in the actual performance of duties vested in the Commission, plus reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of such duties.

DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

SEC. 4. (a) The Commission shall (i) study existing statutes and regulations governing the retention, management, and disposition of the public lands; (ii) review the policies and practices of the Federal agencies charged with administrative jurisdiction over such lands insofar as such policies and practices relate to the retention, management, and disposition of those lands; (iii) compile data necessary to understand and determine the various demands on the public lands which now exist and which are likely to exist within the foreseeable future; and (iv) recommend such modifications in existing laws, regulations, policies, and practices as will, in the judgment of the Commission, best serve to carry out the policy set forth in section 1 of this Act.

(b) The Commission shall, not later than **[December 31, 1968]** *June 30, 1970*, submit to the President and the Congress its final report. It shall cease to exist six months after submission of said report or on **[June 30, 1969]** *December 31, 1970*, whichever is earlier. All records and papers of the Commission shall thereupon be delivered to the Administrator of General Services for deposit in the Archives of the United States.

DEPARTMENTAL LIAISON OFFICERS

SEC. 5. The Chairman of the Commission shall request the head of each Federal department or independent agency which has an interest in or responsibility with respect to the retention, management, or disposition of the public lands to appoint, and the head of such department or agency shall appoint, a liaison officer who shall work closely with the Commission and its staff in matters pertaining to this Act.