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- (B) the Secretary of the Interior, or the designee of the Secretary;
 - (C) the Secretary of the Army, or the designee of the Secretary;
 - (D) the Secretary of Commerce, or the designee of the Secretary;
 - (E) the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or the designee of the Director;
 - (F) the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, or the designee of the Administrator;
 - (G) two persons nominated by the National Governors' Association and appointed by the President, of whom-- *President*
 - one shall be the governor of a State east of the Mississippi River; and(ii) one shall be a governor of a State west of the Mississippi River;
 - (H) a person nominated by the National Association of Counties and appointed by the President; *President*
 - (I) a person nominated by the United States Conference of Mayors and appointed by the President; and *President*
 - (J) six persons, appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army, who shall be representative of groups acutely affected by drought emergencies, such as the agricultural production community, the credit community, rural and urban water associations, Native Americans, and fishing and environmental interests.
 - (2) Date.--The appointments of the members of the Commission shall be made no later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. *Deadline.*
 - (c) Period of Appointment; Vacancies.--Members shall be appointed for the life of the Commission. Any vacancy in the Commission shall not affect its powers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.
 - (d) Initial Meeting.--No later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold its first meeting. *Deadline.*
 - (e) Meetings.--The Commission shall meet at the call of the chair.
 - (f) Quorum.--A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number of members may hold hearings.
 - (g) Vice Chair.--The Commission shall select a vice chair from among the members who are not Federal officers or employees.

SEC. 4. DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

- (a) Study and Report.--The Commission shall conduct a thorough study and submit a report on national drought policy in accordance with this section.
- (b) Content of Study and Report.--In conducting the study and report, the Commission shall--
 - (1) determine, in consultation with the National Drought Mitigation Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, and other appropriate entities, what needs exist on the Federal, State, local, and tribal levels to prepare for and respond to drought emergencies;
 - (2) review all existing Federal laws and programs relating to drought;