

119TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of Defense to submit annual reports on allied contributions to the common defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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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 “Allied Burden Sharing
5 Report Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO**
7 **THE COMMON DEFENSE.**

8 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that section 1003 of
9 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Pub-
10 lic Law 98–525; 63 Stat. 2241)—

1 (1) expresses the sense of Congress that, due to
2 threats that are ever-changing, Congress must be in-
3 formed with respect to allied contributions to the
4 common defense to properly assess the readiness of
5 the United States and the countries described in
6 subsection (c)(2) for threats; and

7 (2) requires the Secretary of Defense to submit
8 to Congress an annual report on the contributions of
9 allies to the common defense.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
11 gress that—

12 (1) the threats facing the United States—

13 (A) extend beyond the global war on ter-
14 ror; and

15 (B) include near-peer threats; and

16 (2) the President should seek from each coun-
17 try described in subsection (c)(2) acceptance of
18 international security responsibilities and agree-
19 ments to make contributions to the common defense
20 in accordance with the collective defense agreements
21 or treaties to which such country is a party.

22 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO
23 THE COMMON DEFENSE.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each
25 year, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with

1 the heads of other Federal agencies, as the Sec-
2 retary determines to be necessary, shall submit to
3 the appropriate committees of Congress a report
4 containing a description of—

5 (A) the annual defense spending by each
6 country described in paragraph (2), including
7 available data on nominal budget figures and
8 defense spending as a percentage of the gross
9 domestic products of each such country for the
10 fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year
11 in which the report is submitted;

12 (B) the activities of each such country to
13 contribute to military or stability operations in
14 which the Armed Forces of the United States
15 are a participant or may be called upon in ac-
16 cordance with a cooperative defense agreement
17 to which the United States is a party;

18 (C) any limitations placed by any such
19 country on the use of such contributions; and

20 (D) any actions undertaken by the United
21 States or by other countries to minimize such
22 limitations.

23 (2) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The countries de-
24 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

1 (A) Each member country of the North At-
2 lantic Treaty Organization.

3 (B) Each member country of the Gulf Co-
4 operation Council.

5 (C) Each country party to the Inter-Amer-
6 ican Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Trea-
7 ty), done at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947,
8 and entered into force December 3, 1948
9 (TIAS 1838).

10 (D) Australia.

11 (E) Japan.

12 (F) New Zealand.

13 (G) The Philippines.

14 (H) South Korea.

15 (I) Thailand.

16 (3) FORM.—Each report under paragraph (1)
17 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
18 contain a classified annex.

19 (4) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under
20 paragraph (1) shall be made available on request to
21 any Member of Congress.

22 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
23 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
24 tees of Congress” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
3 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

4 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
5 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
6 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.