

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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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.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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**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 “NATO Burden Shar-  
5       ing Report Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COM-**  
7       **MON 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) include near-peer threats; and

14                   (B) require the United States to prioritize  
15           military assets and resources in accordance with  
16           the most recent National Defense Strategy;

17           (2) the United States should not continue to  
18           shoulder a disproportionate share of the burden for  
19           European security while current and prospective  
20           members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
21           neglect to meet defense spending guidelines; and

22           (3) the President should seek from each mem-  
23           ber country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-  
24           tion acceptance of international security responsibil-  
25           ities and agreements to make contributions to the

1 common defense in accordance with the collective de-  
2 fense treaty to which such country is a party.

3 (c) REPORTS ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
4 COMMON DEFENSE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each  
6 year, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with  
7 the heads of other Federal agencies, as the Sec-  
8 retary determines to be necessary, shall submit to  
9 the appropriate committees of Congress a report  
10 containing a description of—

11 (A) the annual defense spending by each  
12 country described in paragraph (2), including  
13 available data on nominal budget figures and  
14 defense spending as a percentage of the gross  
15 domestic products of each such country for the  
16 fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year  
17 in which the report is submitted;

18 (B) the activities of each such country to  
19 contribute to military or stability operations in  
20 which the Armed Forces of the United States  
21 are a participant or may be called upon in ac-  
22 cordance with a cooperative defense agreement  
23 to which the United States is a party;

24 (C) any limitations placed by any such  
25 country on the use of such contributions;

1 (D) any actions undertaken by the United  
2 States or by other countries to minimize such  
3 limitations; and

4 (E) with respect to each such country—

5 (i) the contributions made by the  
6 country to Ukraine, including an indication  
7 of whether such contributions relate to  
8 hard or soft power;

9 (ii) an assessment of the health of the  
10 defense industrial base of the country;

11 (iii) the comparative advantages of  
12 the defense industrial base of the country;

13 (iv) the size and structure of the mili-  
14 tary forces of the country, including an es-  
15 timate of the amount of time required for  
16 such forces to achieve full military mobili-  
17 zation;

18 (v) any area in which the country  
19 would be fully dependent on allied military  
20 assets;

21 (vi) any delivery received or contract  
22 entered into by the country through the  
23 Foreign Military Sales or the Foreign Mili-  
24 tary Financing program during the pre-  
25 ceding year;

- 1 (vii) any change in defense spending  
2 during the preceding year; and  
3 (viii) the amount defense spending an-  
4 ticipated in the subsequent year.

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

7 (A) Each member country of the North At-  
8 lantic Treaty Organization.

9 (B) Each country participating in a North  
10 Atlantic Treaty Organization Membership Ac-  
11 tion Plan.

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

15 (4) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under  
16 paragraph (1) shall be made available on request to  
17 any Member of Congress.

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

21 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
22 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee  
23 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

1           (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
2       Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee  
3       on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.