

118TH CONGRESS
2D 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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ 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 “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.