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To authorize the President to extend the term of the nuclear energy agreement with the Republic of Korea until March 19, 2016.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 9, 2014

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. CORKER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Support for United
5 States-Republic of Korea Civil Nuclear Cooperation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) In the 60th year of the alliance, the rela-
9 tionship between the United States and the Republic
10 of Korea could not be stronger. It is based on mu-

1 tual sacrifice, mutual respect, shared interests, and
2 shared responsibility to promote peace and security
3 in the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world.

4 (2) North Korea's nuclear weapons programs,
5 including uranium enrichment and plutonium re-
6 processing technologies, undermine security on the
7 Korean Peninsula. The United States and the Re-
8 public of Korea have a shared interest in preventing
9 further proliferation, including through the imple-
10 mentation of the 2005 Joint Statement of the Six-
11 Party Talks.

12 (3) Both the United States and Republic of
13 Korea have a shared objective in strengthening the
14 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weap-
15 ons, done at London, Moscow, and Washington July
16 1, 1968, and a political and a commercial interest in
17 working collaboratively to address challenges to their
18 respective peaceful civil nuclear programs.

19 (4) The nuclear energy agreement referred to in
20 section 3 is scheduled to expire on March 19, 2014.
21 In order to maintain healthy and uninterrupted co-
22 operation in this area between the two countries
23 while a new agreement is being negotiated, Congress
24 should authorize the President to extend the dura-
25 tion of the current agreement until March 19, 2016.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AGREEMENT**
2 **WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

3 Notwithstanding section 123 of the Atomic Energy
4 Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2153), the President is authorized
5 to take such actions as may be required to extend the term
6 of the Agreement for Cooperation between the Govern-
7 ment of the United States of America and the Government
8 of the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Atomic
9 Energy, done at Washington November 24, 1972 (24 UST
10 775; TIAS 7583), and amended on May 15, 1974 (25
11 UST 1102; TIAS 7842), to a date that is not later than
12 March 19, 2016.

13 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIA-**
14 **TIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND**
15 **REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act, and every 180 days thereafter until a
18 new Agreement for Cooperation between the Government
19 of the United States of America and the Government of
20 the Republic of Korea Concerning Civil Uses of Nuclear
21 Energy is submitted to Congress, the President shall pro-
22 vide to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Com-
23 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee
24 on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations
25 of the House of Representatives a report on the progress

1 of negotiations on a new civil nuclear cooperation agree-
2 ment.

