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To provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

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APRIL 14, 2015

Reported by Mr. CORKER, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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**A BILL**

To provide for congressional review and oversight of agreements relating to Iran's nuclear program, and for other purposes.

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 “Iran Nuclear Agree-  
 5 ment Review Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF**  
 7 **AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN RELATING TO THE**  
 8 **NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN.**

9 The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et  
 10 seq.) is amended by inserting after section 134 the fol-  
 11 lowing new section:

12 **“SEC. 135. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF**  
 13 **AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.**

14 **“(a) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS OF NUCLEAR**  
 15 **AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN AND VERIFICATION ASSESS-**  
 16 **MENT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH AGREEMENTS.—**

17 **“(1) TRANSMISSION OF AGREEMENTS.—**Not  
 18 later than 5 calendar days after reaching an agree-  
 19 ment with Iran relating to the nuclear program of  
 20 Iran, the President shall transmit to the appropriate  
 21 congressional committees—

22 **“(A) the text of the agreement and all re-**  
 23 **lated materials and annexes;**

1           “(B) a verification assessment report of  
2 the Secretary of State prepared under para-  
3 graph (2) with respect to the agreement; and

4           “(C) a certification that—

5           “(i) the agreement includes the appro-  
6 priate terms, conditions, and duration of  
7 the agreement’s requirements with respect  
8 to Iran’s nuclear activities and provisions  
9 describing any sanctions to be waived, sus-  
10 pended, or otherwise reduced by the  
11 United States, and any other nation or en-  
12 tity, including the United Nations; and

13           “(ii) the President determines the  
14 agreement meets United States non-pro-  
15 liferation objectives, does not jeopardize  
16 the common defense and security, provides  
17 an adequate framework to ensure that  
18 Iran’s nuclear activities permitted there-  
19 under will not be inimical to or constitute  
20 an unreasonable risk to the common de-  
21 fense and security, and ensures that Iran’s  
22 nuclear activities permitted thereunder will  
23 not be used to further any nuclear-related  
24 military or nuclear explosive purpose, in-  
25 cluding for any research on or development

1 of any nuclear explosive device or any  
2 other nuclear-related military purpose.

3 ~~“(2) VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT.—~~

4 ~~“(A) IN GENERAL.—~~The Secretary of  
5 State shall prepare, with respect to an agree-  
6 ment described in paragraph (1), a report as-  
7 sassing—

8 ~~“(i) the extent to which the Secretary~~  
9 ~~will be able to verify that Iran is complying~~  
10 ~~with its obligations under the agreement;~~

11 ~~“(ii) the adequacy of the safeguards~~  
12 ~~and other control mechanisms and other~~  
13 ~~assurances contained in the agreement~~  
14 ~~with respect to Iran’s nuclear program to~~  
15 ~~ensure Iran’s activities permitted there-~~  
16 ~~under will not be used to further any nu-~~  
17 ~~clear-related military or nuclear explosive~~  
18 ~~purpose, including for any research on or~~  
19 ~~development of any nuclear explosive de-~~  
20 ~~vice or any other nuclear-related military~~  
21 ~~purpose; and~~

22 ~~“(iii) the capacity and capability of~~  
23 ~~the International Atomic Energy Agency to~~  
24 ~~effectively implement the verification re-~~  
25 ~~gime required by the agreement, including~~

1           whether the International Atomic Energy  
2           Agency has the required funding, man-  
3           power, and authority to do so.

4           “(B) ASSUMPTIONS.—In preparing a re-  
5           port under subparagraph (A) with respect to an  
6           agreement described in paragraph (1), the Sec-  
7           retary shall assume that Iran could—

8                   “(i) use all measures not expressly  
9                   prohibited by the agreement to conceal ac-  
10                  tivities that violate its obligations under  
11                  the agreement; and

12                   “(ii) alter or deviate from standard  
13                  practices in order to impede efforts to  
14                  verify that Iran is complying with those  
15                  obligations.

16           “(C) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—A report under  
17           subparagraph (A) shall be transmitted in un-  
18           classified form, but shall include a classified  
19           annex prepared in consultation with the Direc-  
20           tor of National Intelligence, summarizing rel-  
21           evant classified information.

22           “(3) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of sub-  
23           paragraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (1) shall not  
24           apply to an agreement defined in subsection (i)(4).

1       “(b) PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS OF NU-  
2 CLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—During the 60-day period  
4 following transmittal by the President of an agree-  
5 ment pursuant to subsection (a), the Committee on  
6 Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee  
7 on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives  
8 shall, as appropriate, hold hearings and briefings  
9 and otherwise obtain information in order to fully  
10 review such agreement.

11               “(2) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING PERIOD  
12 OF REVIEW.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
13 of law, except as provided in paragraph (3), during  
14 the period for review provided in paragraph (1), the  
15 President may not waive, suspend, reduce, provide  
16 relief from, or otherwise limit the application of stat-  
17 utory sanctions with respect to Iran under any pro-  
18 vision of law or refrain from applying any such sanc-  
19 tions pursuant to an agreement described in sub-  
20 section (a).

21               “(3) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under para-  
22 graph (2) does not apply to any deferral, waiver, or  
23 other suspension of statutory sanctions pursuant to  
24 the Joint Plan of Action if that deferral, waiver, or  
25 other suspension is made—

1           “(A) consistent with the law in effect on  
2           the date of the enactment of the Iran Nuclear  
3           Agreement Review Act of 2015; and

4           “(B) not later than 45 days before the  
5           transmission by the President of an agreement,  
6           assessment report, and certification under sub-  
7           section (a).

8           “(e) EFFECT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WITH RE-  
9           SPECT TO NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
11           provision of law, action involving any measure of  
12           statutory sanctions relief by the United States pur-  
13           suant to an agreement subject to subsection (a) or  
14           the Joint Plan of Action—

15           “(A) may be taken, consistent with exist-  
16           ing statutory requirements for such action, if,  
17           during the period for review provided in sub-  
18           section (b)(1), the Congress adopts, and there  
19           is enacted, a joint resolution stating in sub-  
20           stance that the Congress does favor the agree-  
21           ment;

22           “(B) may not be taken if, during the pe-  
23           riod for review provided in subsection (b)(1),  
24           the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a

1 joint resolution stating in substance that the  
2 Congress does not favor the agreement; or

3 “(C) may be taken, consistent with exist-  
4 ing statutory requirements for such action; if,  
5 following the period for review provided in sub-  
6 section (b)(1), there is not enacted any such  
7 joint resolution.

8 “(2) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this  
9 subsection, the phrase ‘action involving any measure  
10 of statutory sanctions relief by the United States’  
11 shall include waiver, suspension, reduction, or other  
12 effort to provide relief from, or otherwise limit the  
13 application of statutory sanctions with respect to,  
14 Iran under any provision of law or any other effort  
15 to refrain from applying any such sanctions.

16 “(d) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF IRANIAN COM-  
17 PLIANCE WITH NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, within  
19 10 days of receiving credible and accurate informa-  
20 tion relating to a potentially significant breach or  
21 compliance incident by Iran with respect to an  
22 agreement subject to subsection (a), submit such in-  
23 formation to the appropriate congressional commit-  
24 tees.



1           “(2) MATERIAL BREACH REPORT.—Not later  
2 than 10 days after submitting information about a  
3 potentially significant breach or compliance incident  
4 pursuant to paragraph (1), the President shall make  
5 a determination whether such potentially significant  
6 breach or compliance issue constitutes a material  
7 breach and shall submit to the appropriate congress-  
8 sional committees such determination, accompanied  
9 by, as appropriate, a report on the action or failure  
10 to act by Iran that led to the material breach, ac-  
11 tions necessary for Iran to cure the breach, and the  
12 status of Iran’s efforts to cure the breach.

13           “(3) SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than  
14 180 days after entering into an agreement described  
15 in subsection (a), and not less frequently than once  
16 every 180 days thereafter, the President shall sub-  
17 mit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
18 report on Iran’s nuclear program and the compli-  
19 ance of Iran with the agreement during the period  
20 covered by the report, including the following ele-  
21 ments:

22           “(A) Any action or failure to act by Iran  
23 that breached the agreement or is in noncompli-  
24 ance with the terms of the agreement.

1           “(B) Any delay by Iran of more than one  
2 week in providing inspectors access to facilities,  
3 people, and documents in Iran as required by  
4 the agreement.

5           “(C) Any progress made by Iran to resolve  
6 concerns by the International Atomic Energy  
7 Agency about possible military dimensions of  
8 Iran’s nuclear program.

9           “(D) Any procurement by Iran of mate-  
10 rials in violation of the agreement.

11           “(E) Any centrifuge research and develop-  
12 ment conducted by Iran that—

13                   “(i) is not in compliance with the  
14 agreement; or

15                   “(ii) may substantially enhance the  
16 enrichment capacity of Iran if deployed.

17           “(F) Any diversion by Iran of uranium,  
18 carbon-fiber, or other materials for use in  
19 Iran’s nuclear program in violation of the  
20 agreement.

21           “(G) Any covert nuclear activities under-  
22 taken by Iran.

23           “(H) An assessment of whether any Ira-  
24 nian financial institutions are engaged in money  
25 laundering or terrorist finance activities, includ-

1 ing names of specific financial institutions if ap-  
2 plicable.

3 “(I) An assessment of—

4 “(i) whether, and the extent to which,  
5 Iran supported acts of terrorism; and

6 “(ii) whether Iran directly supported,  
7 financed, planned, or carried out an act of  
8 terrorism against the United States or a  
9 United States person anywhere in the  
10 world.

11 “(4) ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND INFORMA-  
12 TION.—

13 “(A) AGENCY REPORTS.—Following sub-  
14 mission of an agreement pursuant to subsection  
15 (a) to the appropriate congressional committees,  
16 the Department of State, the Department of  
17 Energy, and the Department of Defense shall,  
18 upon the request of either of those committees,  
19 promptly furnish to those committees their  
20 views as to whether the safeguards and other  
21 controls contained in the agreement with re-  
22 spect to Iran’s nuclear program provide an ade-  
23 quate framework to ensure that Iran’s activities  
24 permitted thereunder will not be inimical to or

1           constitute an unreasonable risk to the common  
2           defense and security.

3           “(B) PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON NU-  
4           CLEAR INITIATIVES WITH IRAN.—The President  
5           shall keep the appropriate congressional com-  
6           mittees fully and currently informed of any ini-  
7           tiative or negotiations with Iran relating Iran’s  
8           nuclear program, including any new or amended  
9           agreement.

10          “(5) CERTIFICATION.—After the review period  
11          provided in subsection (b)(1), the President shall,  
12          not less than every 90 days—

13               “(A) determine whether the President is  
14               able to certify that—

15                       “(i) Iran is transparently, verifiably,  
16                       and fully implementing the agreement, in-  
17                       cluding all related technical or additional  
18                       agreements;

19                       “(ii) Iran has not committed a mate-  
20                       rial breach with respect to the agreement  
21                       or, if Iran has committed a material  
22                       breach, Iran has cured the material  
23                       breach;

24                       “(iii) Iran has not taken any action,  
25                       including covert action, that could signifi-

1                   cantly advance its nuclear weapons pro-  
2                   gram;

3                   “(iv) Iran has not directly supported  
4                   or carried out an act of terrorism against  
5                   the United States or a United States per-  
6                   son anywhere in the world; and

7                   “(v) suspension of sanctions related to  
8                   Iran pursuant to the agreement is—

9                   “(I) appropriate and propor-  
10                  tionate to the specific and verifiable  
11                  measures taken by Iran with respect  
12                  to terminating its illicit nuclear pro-  
13                  gram; and

14                  “(II) vital to the national secu-  
15                  rity interests of the United States;  
16                  and

17                  “(B) if the President determines he is able  
18                  to make the certification described in subpara-  
19                  graph (A), make such certification to the appro-  
20                  priate congressional committees.

21                  “(e) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLA-  
22                  TION.—

23                  “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event the President  
24                  does not submit a certification pursuant to sub-  
25                  section (d)(5) or has determined pursuant to sub-

1 section (d)(2) that Iran has materially breached an  
2 agreement subject to subsection (a), Congress may  
3 initiate within 60 days expedited consideration of  
4 qualifying legislation pursuant to this subsection.

5 “(2) QUALIFYING LEGISLATION DEFINED.—For  
6 purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualifying leg-  
7 islation’ means only a bill of either House of Con-  
8 gress—

9 “(A) the title of which is as follows: ‘A bill  
10 reinstating statutory sanctions imposed with re-  
11 spect to Iran.’; and

12 “(B) the matter after the enacting clause  
13 of which is: ‘Any statutory sanctions imposed  
14 with respect to Iran pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_  
15 that were waived, suspended, reduced, or other-  
16 wise relieved pursuant to an agreement sub-  
17 mitted pursuant to section 135(a) of the Atomic  
18 Energy Act of 1954 are hereby reinstated and  
19 any action by the United States Government to  
20 facilitate the release of funds or assets to Iran  
21 pursuant to such agreement, or provide any  
22 further waiver, suspension, reduction, or other  
23 relief is hereby prohibited.’, with the blank  
24 space being filled in with the law or laws under  
25 which sanctions are to be reinstated.

1           “(3) INTRODUCTION.—During the 60-day pe-  
2           riod provided for in paragraph (1), qualifying legis-  
3           lation may be introduced—

4                   “(A) in the House of Representatives, by  
5           the Speaker (or the Speaker’s designee) or the  
6           minority leader (or the minority leader’s des-  
7           ignee); and

8                   “(B) in the Senate, by the majority leader  
9           (or the majority leader’s designee) or the mi-  
10          nority leader (or the minority leader’s des-  
11          ignee).

12          “(4) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—Qualifying legis-  
13          lation introduced in the Senate shall be referred to  
14          the Committee on Foreign Relations and in the  
15          House of Representatives to the Committee on For-  
16          eign Affairs.

17          “(5) DISCHARGE.—If the committee of either  
18          House to which qualifying legislation has been re-  
19          ferred has not reported such qualifying legislation  
20          within 10 session days after the date of referral of  
21          such legislation, that committee shall be discharged  
22          from further consideration of such legislation and  
23          the qualifying legislation shall be placed on the ap-  
24          propriate calendar.

1           “(6) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES.—

3           “(A) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—

4           After each committee authorized to consider  
5 qualifying legislation reports it to the House of  
6 Representatives or has been discharged from its  
7 consideration, it shall be in order to move to  
8 proceed to consider the qualifying legislation in  
9 the House. All points of order against the mo-  
10 tion are waived. Such a motion shall not be in  
11 order after the House has disposed of a motion  
12 to proceed on the qualifying legislation. The  
13 previous question shall be considered as ordered  
14 on the motion to its adoption without inter-  
15 vening motion. The motion shall not be debat-  
16 able. A motion to reconsider the vote by which  
17 the motion is disposed of shall not be in order.

18           “(B) CONSIDERATION.—The qualifying  
19 legislation shall be considered as read. All  
20 points of order against the qualifying legislation  
21 and against its consideration are waived. The  
22 previous question shall be considered as ordered  
23 on the qualifying legislation to its passage with-  
24 out intervening motion except 2 hours of debate  
25 equally divided and controlled by the proponent



1 and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the  
2 vote on passage of the qualifying legislation  
3 shall not be in order. No amendment to, or mo-  
4 tion to recommit, qualifying legislation shall be  
5 in order.

6 “(C) APPEALS.—All appeals from the  
7 Chair relating to the application of the Rules of  
8 the House of Representatives to the procedure  
9 relating to the qualifying legislation shall be de-  
10 cided without debate.

11 “(7) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN THE SEN-  
12 ATE.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding Rule  
14 XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is  
15 in order at any time after the committee au-  
16 thorized to consider qualifying legislation re-  
17 ports it to the Senate or has been discharged  
18 from its consideration (even though a previous  
19 motion to the same effect has been disagreed  
20 to) to move to proceed to the consideration of  
21 qualifying legislation, and all points of order  
22 against qualifying legislation (and against con-  
23 sideration of the qualifying legislation) are  
24 waived. The motion to proceed is not debatable.  
25 The motion is not subject to a motion to post-

1           pone. A motion to reconsider the vote by which  
2           the motion is agreed to or disagreed to shall not  
3           be in order. If a motion to proceed to the con-  
4           sideration of the qualifying legislation is agreed  
5           to, the qualifying legislation shall remain the  
6           unfinished business until disposed of.

7           “(B) DEBATE.—Debate on qualifying leg-  
8           islation, and on all debatable motions and ap-  
9           peals in connection therewith, shall be limited  
10          to not more than 10 hours, which shall be di-  
11          vided equally between the majority and minority  
12          leaders or their designees. A motion to further  
13          limit debate is in order and not debatable. An  
14          amendment to, or a motion to postpone, or a  
15          motion to proceed to the consideration of other  
16          business, or a motion to recommit the quali-  
17          fying legislation is not in order.

18          “(C) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on  
19          passage shall occur immediately following the  
20          conclusion of the debate on the qualifying legis-  
21          lation and a single quorum call at the conclu-  
22          sion of the debate, if requested in accordance  
23          with the rules of the Senate.

24          “(D) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-  
25          DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair

1 relating to the application of the rules of the  
2 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-  
3 lating to qualifying legislation shall be decided  
4 without debate.

5 “(E) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-  
6 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-  
7 sage with respect to qualifying legislation, in-  
8 cluding all debatable motions and appeals in  
9 connection with such qualifying legislation, shall  
10 be limited to 10 hours, to be equally divided be-  
11 tween, and controlled by, the majority leader  
12 and the minority leader or their designees.

13 “(8) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE  
14 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

15 “(A) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY  
16 OTHER HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one  
17 House of qualifying legislation of that House,  
18 that House receives qualifying legislation from  
19 the other House, then the following procedures  
20 shall apply:

21 “(i) The qualifying legislation of the  
22 other House shall not be referred to a com-  
23 mittee.

1                   “(ii) With respect to qualifying legis-  
 2                   lation of the House receiving the legisla-  
 3                   tion—

4                   “(I) the procedure in that House  
 5                   shall be the same as if no qualifying  
 6                   legislation had been received from the  
 7                   other House; but

8                   “(II) the vote on passage shall be  
 9                   on the qualifying legislation of the  
 10                  other House.

11                  “(B) TREATMENT OF JOINT RESOLUTION  
 12                  OF OTHER HOUSE.—If one House fails to intro-  
 13                  duce or consider qualifying legislation under  
 14                  this section, the qualifying legislation of the  
 15                  other House shall be entitled to expedited floor  
 16                  procedures under this section.

17                  “(C) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEAS-  
 18                  URES.—If, following passage of the qualifying  
 19                  legislation in the Senate, the Senate then re-  
 20                  ceives a companion measure from the House of  
 21                  Representatives, the companion measure shall  
 22                  not be debatable.

23                  “(f) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND  
 24                  SENATE.—Subsection (e) is enacted by Congress—

1           “(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
2 the Senate and the House of Representatives, re-  
3 spectively, and as such are deemed a part of the  
4 rules of each House, respectively, but applicable only  
5 with respect to the procedure to be followed in that  
6 House in the case of legislation described in those  
7 sections, and supersede other rules only to the ex-  
8 tent that they are inconsistent with such rules; and

9           “(2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
10 right of either House to change the rules (so far as  
11 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,  
12 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in  
13 the case of any other rule of that House.

14       “(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the sec-  
15 tion shall be construed as—

16           “(1) modifying, or having any other impact on,  
17 the President’s authority to negotiate, enter into, or  
18 implement appropriate executive agreements, other  
19 than the restrictions on implementation of the agree-  
20 ments specifically covered by this Act;

21           “(2) allowing any new waiver, suspension, re-  
22 duction, or other relief from statutory sanctions with  
23 respect to Iran under any provision of law, or allow-  
24 ing the President to refrain from applying any such  
25 sanctions pursuant to an agreement described in

1 subsection (a) during the period for review provided  
2 in subsection (b)(1);

3 “(3) revoking or terminating any statutory  
4 sanctions imposed on Iran; or

5 “(4) authorizing the use of military force  
6 against Iran.

7 “(h) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
8 gress that—

9 “(1) the sanctions regime imposed on Iran by  
10 Congress is primarily responsible for bringing Iran  
11 to the table to negotiate on its nuclear program;

12 “(2) these negotiations are a critically impor-  
13 tant matter of national security and foreign policy  
14 for the United States and its closest allies; and

15 “(3) it is critically important that Congress  
16 have the opportunity to consider and, as appro-  
17 priate, take action on any agreement affecting the  
18 statutory sanctions regime imposed by Congress.

19 “(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) AGREEMENT AND ALL RELATED MATE-  
21 RIALS AND ANNEXES.—The term ‘agreement and all  
22 related materials and annexes’ means the agreement  
23 itself and any additional materials related thereto,  
24 including annexes, appendices, codicils, side agree-  
25 ments, implementing materials, documents, and

1 guidance, technical or other understandings, and any  
2 related agreements, whether entered into or imple-  
3 mented prior to the agreement or to be entered into  
4 or implemented in the future.

5 “(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
6 TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional com-  
7 mittees’ has the meaning given that term in section  
8 14 of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 (Public Law  
9 104–172; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

10 “(3) IRANIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The  
11 term ‘Iranian financial institution’ has the meaning  
12 given the term in section 104A(d) of the Com-  
13 prehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Di-  
14 vestment Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513b(d)).

15 “(4) JOINT PLAN OF ACTION.—The term ‘Joint  
16 Plan of Action’ means the Joint Plan of Action,  
17 signed at Geneva November 24, 2013, by Iran and  
18 by France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the  
19 People’s Republic of China, the United Kingdom,  
20 and the United States, and all implementing mate-  
21 rials and agreements related to the Joint Plan of  
22 Action, including the technical understandings  
23 reached on January 12, 2014, the extension thereto  
24 agreed to on July 18, 2014, the extension agreed to  
25 on November 24, 2014, and any extension that is

1 agreed to on or after the date of the enactment of  
2 the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015.

3 “(5) MATERIAL BREACH.—The term ‘material  
4 breach’ means, with respect to an agreement de-  
5 scribed in subsection (a), any breach of the agree-  
6 ment that substantially—

7 “(A) benefits Iran’s nuclear program;

8 “(B) decreases the amount of time re-  
9 quired by Iran to achieve a nuclear weapon; or

10 “(C) deviates from or undermines the pur-  
11 poses of such agreement.

12 “(6) NONCOMPLIANCE DEFINED.—The term  
13 ‘noncompliance’ means any departure from the  
14 terms of an agreement described in subsection (a)  
15 that is not a material breach.

16 “(7) P5+1 COUNTRIES.—The term ‘P5+1  
17 countries’ means the United States, France, the  
18 Russian Federation, the People’s Republic of China,  
19 the United Kingdom, and Germany.

20 “(8) UNITED STATES PERSON.—The term  
21 ‘United States person’ has the meaning given that  
22 term in section 101 of the Comprehensive Iran  
23 Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of  
24 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8511).”.



1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Iran Nuclear Agreement*  
 3 *Review Act of 2015”.*

4 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF**  
 5 **AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN RELATING TO THE**  
 6 **NUCLEAR PROGRAM OF IRAN.**

7 *The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et*  
 8 *seq.) is amended by inserting after section 134 the following*  
 9 *new section:*

10 **“SEC. 135. CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF**  
 11 **AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.**

12 *“(a) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS OF NUCLEAR*  
 13 *AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN AND VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT*  
 14 *WITH RESPECT TO SUCH AGREEMENTS.—*

15 *“(1) TRANSMISSION OF AGREEMENTS.—Not later*  
 16 *than 5 calendar days after reaching an agreement*  
 17 *with Iran relating to the nuclear program of Iran, the*  
 18 *President shall transmit to the appropriate congress-*  
 19 *sional committees and leadership—*

20 *“(A) the agreement, as defined in subsection*  
 21 *(h)(1), including all related materials and an-*  
 22 *nexes;*

23 *“(B) a verification assessment report of the*  
 24 *Secretary of State prepared under paragraph (2)*  
 25 *with respect to the agreement; and*

26 *“(C) a certification that—*

1           “(i) the agreement includes the appro-  
2           priate terms, conditions, and duration of  
3           the agreement’s requirements with respect to  
4           Iran’s nuclear activities and provisions de-  
5           scribing any sanctions to be waived, sus-  
6           pended, or otherwise reduced by the United  
7           States, and any other nation or entity, in-  
8           cluding the United Nations; and

9           “(ii) the President determines the  
10          agreement meets United States non-pro-  
11          liferation objectives, does not jeopardize the  
12          common defense and security, provides an  
13          adequate framework to ensure that Iran’s  
14          nuclear activities permitted thereunder will  
15          not be inimical to or constitute an unrea-  
16          sonable risk to the common defense and se-  
17          curity, and ensures that Iran’s nuclear ac-  
18          tivities permitted thereunder will not be  
19          used to further any nuclear-related military  
20          or nuclear explosive purpose, including for  
21          any research on or development of any nu-  
22          clear explosive device or any other nuclear-  
23          related military purpose.

24          “(2) VERIFICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT.—

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of State*  
2           *shall prepare, with respect to an agreement de-*  
3           *scribed in paragraph (1), a report assessing—*

4                     “(i) *the extent to which the Secretary*  
5                     *will be able to verify that Iran is complying*  
6                     *with its obligations and commitments under*  
7                     *the agreement;*

8                     “(ii) *the adequacy of the safeguards*  
9                     *and other control mechanisms and other as-*  
10                    *surances contained in the agreement with*  
11                    *respect to Iran’s nuclear program to ensure*  
12                    *Iran’s activities permitted thereunder will*  
13                    *not be used to further any nuclear-related*  
14                    *military or nuclear explosive purpose, in-*  
15                    *cluding for any research on or development*  
16                    *of any nuclear explosive device or any other*  
17                    *nuclear-related military purpose; and*

18                    “(iii) *the capacity and capability of*  
19                    *the International Atomic Energy Agency to*  
20                    *effectively implement the verification regime*  
21                    *required by or related to the agreement, in-*  
22                    *cluding whether the International Atomic*  
23                    *Energy Agency will have sufficient access to*  
24                    *investigate suspicious sites or allegations of*  
25                    *covert nuclear-related activities and whether*

1            *it has the required funding, manpower, and*  
2            *authority to undertake the verification re-*  
3            *gime required by or related to the agree-*  
4            *ment.*

5            “(B) ASSUMPTIONS.—*In preparing a report*  
6            *under subparagraph (A) with respect to an*  
7            *agreement described in paragraph (1), the Sec-*  
8            *retary shall assume that Iran could—*

9                    *“(i) use all measures not expressly pro-*  
10                   *hibited by the agreement to conceal activi-*  
11                   *ties that violate its obligations and commit-*  
12                   *ments under the agreement; and*

13                   *“(ii) alter or deviate from standard*  
14                   *practices in order to impede efforts to verify*  
15                   *that Iran is complying with those obliga-*  
16                   *tions and commitments.*

17            “(C) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—*A report under*  
18            *subparagraph (A) shall be transmitted in unclas-*  
19            *sified form, but shall include a classified annex*  
20            *prepared in consultation with the Director of*  
21            *National Intelligence, summarizing relevant clas-*  
22            *sified information.*

23            “(3) EXCEPTION.—

24                   *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Neither the require-*  
25                   *ments of subparagraphs (B) and (C) of para-*

1           *graph (1), nor subsections (b) through (g) of this*  
2           *section, shall apply to an agreement described in*  
3           *subsection (h)(5) or to the EU–Iran Joint State-*  
4           *ment made on April 2, 2015.*

5           “(B) *ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—Not-*  
6           *withstanding subparagraph (A), any agreement*  
7           *as defined in subsection (h)(1) and any related*  
8           *materials, whether concluded before or after the*  
9           *date of the enactment of this section, shall not be*  
10          *subject to the exception in subparagraph (A).*

11          “(b) *PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS OF NUCLEAR*  
12 *AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.—*

13           “(1) *IN GENERAL.—During the 30-calendar day*  
14           *period following transmittal by the President of an*  
15           *agreement pursuant to subsection (a), the Committee*  
16           *on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee*  
17           *on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives*  
18           *shall, as appropriate, hold hearings and briefings and*  
19           *otherwise obtain information in order to fully review*  
20           *such agreement.*

21           “(2) *EXCEPTION.—The period for congressional*  
22           *review under paragraph (1) shall be 60 calendar days*  
23           *if an agreement, including all materials required to*  
24           *be transmitted to Congress pursuant to subsection*

1       (a)(1), is transmitted pursuant to subsection (a) be-  
2       tween July 10, 2015, and September 7, 2015.

3           “(3) *LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING INITIAL*  
4       *CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.*—Notwithstanding  
5       any other provision of law, except as provided in  
6       paragraph (6), prior to and during the period for  
7       transmission of an agreement in subsection (a)(1)  
8       and during the period for congressional review pro-  
9       vided in paragraph (1), including any additional pe-  
10      riod as applicable under the exception provided in  
11      paragraph (2), the President may not waive, suspend,  
12      reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the ap-  
13      plication of statutory sanctions with respect to Iran  
14      under any provision of law or refrain from applying  
15      any such sanctions pursuant to an agreement de-  
16      scribed in subsection (a).

17          “(4) *LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING PRESI-*  
18      *DENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION OF*  
19      *DISAPPROVAL.*—Notwithstanding any other provision  
20      of law, except as provided in paragraph (6), if a joint  
21      resolution of disapproval described in subsection  
22      (c)(2)(B) passes the Congress, the President may not  
23      waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or other-  
24      wise limit the application of statutory sanctions with  
25      respect to Iran under any provision of law or refrain

1     *from applying any such sanctions pursuant to an*  
2     *agreement described in subsection (a) for a period of*  
3     *12 calendar days following the date of passage of the*  
4     *joint resolution of disapproval.*

5             “(5) *LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING CONGRES-*  
6     *SIONAL RECONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION*  
7     *OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-*  
8     *sion of law, except as provided in paragraph (6), if*  
9     *a joint resolution of disapproval described in sub-*  
10    *section (c)(2)(B) passes the Congress, and the Presi-*  
11    *dent vetoes such joint resolution, the President may*  
12    *not waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief from, or*  
13    *otherwise limit the application of statutory sanctions*  
14    *with respect to Iran under any provision of law or*  
15    *refrain from applying any such sanctions pursuant to*  
16    *an agreement described in subsection (a) for a period*  
17    *of 10 calendar days following the date of the Presi-*  
18    *dent’s veto.*

19             “(6) *EXCEPTION.—The prohibitions under para-*  
20    *graphs (3) through (5) do not apply to any new deferr-*  
21    *al, waiver, or other suspension of statutory sanctions*  
22    *pursuant to the Joint Plan of Action if that deferral,*  
23    *waiver, or other suspension is made—*

1           “(A) consistent with the law in effect on the  
2           date of the enactment of the Iran Nuclear Agree-  
3           ment Review Act of 2015; and

4           “(B) not later than 45 calendar days before  
5           the transmission by the President of an agree-  
6           ment, assessment report, and certification under  
7           subsection (a).

8           “(c) *EFFECT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WITH RE-*  
9           *SPECT TO NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN.—*

10           “(1) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of*  
11           *Congress that—*

12           “(A) the sanctions regime imposed on Iran  
13           by Congress is primarily responsible for bringing  
14           Iran to the table to negotiate on its nuclear pro-  
15           gram;

16           “(B) these negotiations are a critically im-  
17           portant matter of national security and foreign  
18           policy for the United States and its closest allies;

19           “(C) this section does not require a vote by  
20           Congress for the agreement to commence;

21           “(D) this section provides for congressional  
22           review, including, as appropriate, for approval,  
23           disapproval, or no action on statutory sanctions  
24           relief under an agreement; and



1           “(E) even though the agreement may com-  
2           mence, because the sanctions regime was imposed  
3           by Congress and only Congress can permanently  
4           modify or eliminate that regime, it is critically  
5           important that Congress have the opportunity,  
6           in an orderly and deliberative manner, to con-  
7           sider and, as appropriate, take action affecting  
8           the statutory sanctions regime imposed by Con-  
9           gress.

10           “(2) *IN GENERAL.*—Notwithstanding any other  
11           provision of law, action involving any measure of  
12           statutory sanctions relief by the United States pursu-  
13           ant to an agreement subject to subsection (a) or the  
14           Joint Plan of Action—

15           “(A) may be taken, consistent with existing  
16           statutory requirements for such action, if, during  
17           the period for review provided in subsection (b),  
18           the Congress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint  
19           resolution stating in substance that the Congress  
20           does favor the agreement;

21           “(B) may not be taken if, during the period  
22           for review provided in subsection (b), the Con-  
23           gress adopts, and there is enacted, a joint resolu-  
24           tion stating in substance that the Congress does  
25           not favor the agreement; or

1           “(C) may be taken, consistent with existing  
2           statutory requirements for such action, if, fol-  
3           lowing the period for review provided in sub-  
4           section (b), there is not enacted any such joint  
5           resolution.

6           “(3) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this sub-  
7           section, the phrase ‘action involving any measure of  
8           statutory sanctions relief by the United States’ shall  
9           include waiver, suspension, reduction, or other effort  
10          to provide relief from, or otherwise limit the applica-  
11          tion of statutory sanctions with respect to, Iran under  
12          any provision of law or any other effort to refrain  
13          from applying any such sanctions.

14          “(d) CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF IRANIAN COM-  
15          PLIANCE WITH NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall keep the  
17                 appropriate congressional committees and leadership  
18                 fully and currently informed of all aspects of Iranian  
19                 compliance with respect to an agreement subject to  
20                 subsection (a).

21                 “(2) POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT BREACHES AND  
22                 COMPLIANCE INCIDENTS.—The President shall, within  
23                 10 calendar days of receiving credible and accurate  
24                 information relating to a potentially significant  
25                 breach or compliance incident by Iran with respect to

1        *an agreement subject to subsection (a), submit such*  
2        *information to the appropriate congressional commit-*  
3        *tees and leadership.*

4            “(3) *MATERIAL BREACH REPORT.*—*Not later*  
5        *than 30 calendar days after submitting information*  
6        *about a potentially significant breach or compliance*  
7        *incident pursuant to paragraph (2), the President*  
8        *shall make a determination whether such potentially*  
9        *significant breach or compliance issue constitutes a*  
10       *material breach and, if there is such a material*  
11       *breach, whether Iran has cured such material breach,*  
12       *and shall submit to the appropriate congressional*  
13       *committees and leadership such determination, ac-*  
14       *companied by, as appropriate, a report on the action*  
15       *or failure to act by Iran that led to the material*  
16       *breach, actions necessary for Iran to cure the breach,*  
17       *and the status of Iran’s efforts to cure the breach.*

18            “(4) *SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.*—*Not later than 180*  
19        *calendar days after entering into an agreement de-*  
20        *scribed in subsection (a), and not less frequently than*  
21        *once every 180 calendar days thereafter, the President*  
22        *shall submit to the appropriate congressional commit-*  
23        *tees and leadership a report on Iran’s nuclear pro-*  
24        *gram and the compliance of Iran with the agreement*

1       *during the period covered by the report, including the*  
2       *following elements:*

3               “(A) *Any action or failure to act by Iran*  
4               *that breached the agreement or is in noncompli-*  
5               *ance with the terms of the agreement.*

6               “(B) *Any delay by Iran of more than one*  
7               *week in providing inspectors access to facilities,*  
8               *people, and documents in Iran as required by*  
9               *the agreement.*

10              “(C) *Any progress made by Iran to resolve*  
11              *concerns by the International Atomic Energy*  
12              *Agency about possible military dimensions of*  
13              *Iran’s nuclear program.*

14              “(D) *Any procurement by Iran of materials*  
15              *in violation of the agreement or which could oth-*  
16              *erwise significantly advance Iran’s ability to ob-*  
17              *tain a nuclear weapon.*

18              “(E) *Any centrifuge research and develop-*  
19              *ment conducted by Iran that—*

20                      “(i) *is not in compliance with the*  
21                      *agreement; or*

22                      “(ii) *may substantially enhance the*  
23                      *breakout time of acquisition of a nuclear*  
24                      *weapon by Iran, if deployed.*

1           “(F) Any diversion by Iran of uranium,  
2 carbon-fiber, or other materials for use in Iran’s  
3 nuclear program in violation of the agreement.

4           “(G) Any covert nuclear activities under-  
5 taken by Iran, including any covert nuclear  
6 weapons-related or covert fissile material activi-  
7 ties or research and development.

8           “(H) An assessment of whether any Iranian  
9 financial institutions are engaged in money  
10 laundering or terrorist finance activities, includ-  
11 ing names of specific financial institutions if ap-  
12 plicable.

13           “(I) Iran’s advances in its ballistic missile  
14 program, including developments related to its  
15 long-range and inter-continental ballistic missile  
16 programs.

17           “(J) An assessment of—

18           “(i) whether Iran directly supported,  
19 financed, planned, or carried out an act of  
20 terrorism against the United States or a  
21 United States person anywhere in the  
22 world;

23           “(ii) whether, and the extent to which,  
24 Iran supported acts of terrorism, including  
25 acts of terrorism against the United States

1           or a United States person anywhere in the  
2           world;

3           “(iii) all actions, including in inter-  
4           national fora, being taken by the United  
5           States to stop, counter, and condemn acts  
6           by Iran to directly or indirectly carry out  
7           acts of terrorism against the United States  
8           and United States persons;

9           “(iv) the impact on the national secu-  
10          rity of the United States and the safety of  
11          United States citizens as a result of any  
12          Iranian actions reported under this para-  
13          graph; and

14          “(v) all of the sanctions relief provided  
15          to Iran, pursuant to the agreement, and a  
16          description of the relationship between each  
17          sanction waived, suspended, or deferred and  
18          Iran’s nuclear weapon’s program.

19          “(K) An assessment of whether violations of  
20          internationally recognized human rights in Iran  
21          have changed, increased, or decreased, as com-  
22          pared to the prior 180-day period.

23          “(5) ADDITIONAL REPORTS AND INFORMATION.—

24                 “(A) AGENCY REPORTS.—Following submis-  
25                 sion of an agreement pursuant to subsection (a)

1           to the appropriate congressional committees and  
2           leadership, the Department of State, the Depart-  
3           ment of Energy, and the Department of Defense  
4           shall, upon the request of any of those committees  
5           or leadership, promptly furnish to those commit-  
6           tees or leadership their views as to whether the  
7           safeguards and other controls contained in the  
8           agreement with respect to Iran’s nuclear pro-  
9           gram provide an adequate framework to ensure  
10          that Iran’s activities permitted thereunder will  
11          not be inimical to or constitute an unreasonable  
12          risk to the common defense and security.

13                 “(B) *PROVISION OF INFORMATION ON NU-*  
14                 *CLEAR INITIATIVES WITH IRAN.*—The President  
15                 shall keep the appropriate congressional commit-  
16                 tees and leadership fully and currently informed  
17                 of any initiative or negotiations with Iran relat-  
18                 ing to Iran’s nuclear program, including any  
19                 new or amended agreement.

20                 “(6) *COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION.*—After the re-  
21                 view period provided in subsection (b), the President  
22                 shall, not less than every 90 calendar days—

23                         “(A) determine whether the President is  
24                         able to certify that—

1           “(i) Iran is transparently, verifiably,  
2           and fully implementing the agreement, in-  
3           cluding all related technical or additional  
4           agreements;

5           “(ii) Iran has not committed a mate-  
6           rial breach with respect to the agreement or,  
7           if Iran has committed a material breach,  
8           Iran has cured the material breach;

9           “(iii) Iran has not taken any action,  
10          including covert action, that could signifi-  
11          cantly advance its nuclear weapons pro-  
12          gram; and

13          “(iv) suspension of sanctions related to  
14          Iran pursuant to the agreement is—

15                 “(I) appropriate and propor-  
16                 tionate to the specific and verifiable  
17                 measures taken by Iran with respect to  
18                 terminating its illicit nuclear pro-  
19                 gram; and

20                 “(II) vital to the national security  
21                 interests of the United States; and

22                 “(B) if the President determines he is able  
23                 to make the certification described in subpara-  
24                 graph (A), make such certification to the appro-  
25                 priate congressional committees and leadership.



1           “(7) *SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of*  
2     *Congress that—*

3           “(A) *United States sanctions on Iran for*  
4     *terrorism, human rights abuses, and ballistic*  
5     *missiles will remain in place under an agree-*  
6     *ment, as defined in subsection (h)(1);*

7           “(B) *issues not addressed by an agreement*  
8     *on the nuclear program of Iran, including fair*  
9     *and appropriate compensation for Americans*  
10    *who were terrorized and subjected to torture*  
11    *while held in captivity for 444 days after the sei-*  
12    *zure of the United States Embassy in Tehran,*  
13    *Iran, in 1979 and their families, the freedom of*  
14    *Americans held in Iran, the human rights abuses*  
15    *of the Government of Iran against its own peo-*  
16    *ple, and the continued support of terrorism*  
17    *worldwide by the Government of Iran, are mat-*  
18    *ters critical to ensure justice and the national se-*  
19    *curity of the United States, and should be expe-*  
20    *ditiously addressed;*

21          “(C) *the President should determine the*  
22    *agreement in no way compromises the commit-*  
23    *ment of the United States to Israel’s security,*  
24    *nor its support for Israel’s right to exist; and*

1           “(D) in order to responsibly implement any  
2           long-term agreement reached between the P5+1  
3           countries and Iran, it is critically important  
4           that Congress have the opportunity to review  
5           any agreement and, as necessary, take action to  
6           modify the statutory sanctions regime imposed  
7           by Congress.

8           “(e) *EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION.*—

9           “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—In the event the President  
10          does not submit a certification pursuant to subsection  
11          (d)(6) or has determined pursuant to subsection  
12          (d)(3) that Iran has materially breached an agree-  
13          ment subject to subsection (a) and the material breach  
14          has not been cured, Congress may initiate within 60  
15          calendar days expedited consideration of qualifying  
16          legislation pursuant to this subsection.

17          “(2) *QUALIFYING LEGISLATION DEFINED.*—For  
18          purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualifying legis-  
19          lation’ means only a bill of either House of Con-  
20          gress—

21                 “(A) the title of which is as follows: ‘A bill  
22                 reinstating statutory sanctions imposed with re-  
23                 spect to Iran.’; and

24                 “(B) the matter after the enacting clause of  
25                 which is: ‘Any statutory sanctions imposed with

1           *respect to Iran pursuant to \_\_\_\_\_ that*  
 2           *were waived, suspended, reduced, or otherwise re-*  
 3           *lieved pursuant to an agreement submitted pur-*  
 4           *suant to section 135(a) of the Atomic Energy Act*  
 5           *of 1954 are hereby reinstated and any action by*  
 6           *the United States Government to facilitate the*  
 7           *release of funds or assets to Iran pursuant to*  
 8           *such agreement, or provide any further waiver,*  
 9           *suspension, reduction, or other relief pursuant to*  
 10          *such agreement is hereby prohibited.’, with the*  
 11          *blank space being filled in with the law or laws*  
 12          *under which sanctions are to be reinstated.*

13           “(3) *INTRODUCTION.—During the 60-calendar*  
 14          *day period provided for in paragraph (1), qualifying*  
 15          *legislation may be introduced—*

16                   “(A) *in the House of Representatives, by the*  
 17                   *majority leader or the minority leader; and*

18                   “(B) *in the Senate, by the majority leader*  
 19                   *(or the majority leader’s designee) or the minor-*  
 20                   *ity leader (or the minority leader’s designee).*

21           “(4) *FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-*  
 22          *RESENTATIVES.—*

23                   “(A) *REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If a*  
 24                   *committee of the House to which qualifying legis-*  
 25                   *lation has been referred has not reported such*

1           *qualifying legislation within 10 legislative days*  
2           *after the date of referral, that committee shall be*  
3           *discharged from further consideration thereof.*

4           “(B) *PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—*  
5           *Beginning on the third legislative day after each*  
6           *committee to which qualifying legislation has*  
7           *been referred reports it to the House or has been*  
8           *discharged from further consideration thereof, it*  
9           *shall be in order to move to proceed to consider*  
10          *the qualifying legislation in the House. All*  
11          *points of order against the motion are waived.*  
12          *Such a motion shall not be in order after the*  
13          *House has disposed of a motion to proceed on the*  
14          *qualifying legislation with regard to the same*  
15          *agreement. The previous question shall be consid-*  
16          *ered as ordered on the motion to its adoption*  
17          *without intervening motion. The motion shall*  
18          *not be debatable. A motion to reconsider the vote*  
19          *by which the motion is disposed of shall not be*  
20          *in order.*

21          “(C) *CONSIDERATION.—The qualifying leg-*  
22          *islation shall be considered as read. All points of*  
23          *order against the qualifying legislation and*  
24          *against its consideration are waived. The pre-*  
25          *vious question shall be considered as ordered on*

1        *the qualifying legislation to final passage with-*  
2        *out intervening motion except two hours of de-*  
3        *bate equally divided and controlled by the spon-*  
4        *sor of the qualifying legislation (or a designee)*  
5        *and an opponent. A motion to reconsider the*  
6        *vote on passage of the qualifying legislation shall*  
7        *not be in order.*

8        *“(5) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—*

9                *“(A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—Qualifying*  
10              *legislation introduced in the Senate shall be re-*  
11              *ferred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.*

12              *“(B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the*  
13              *Committee on Foreign Relations has not reported*  
14              *such qualifying legislation within 10 session*  
15              *days after the date of referral of such legislation,*  
16              *that committee shall be discharged from further*  
17              *consideration of such legislation and the quali-*  
18              *fying legislation shall be placed on the appro-*  
19              *priate calendar.*

20              *“(C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—*  
21              *Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing*  
22              *Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time*  
23              *after the committee authorized to consider quali-*  
24              *fying legislation reports it to the Senate or has*  
25              *been discharged from its consideration (even*

1           *though a previous motion to the same effect has*  
2           *been disagreed to) to move to proceed to the con-*  
3           *sideration of qualifying legislation, and all*  
4           *points of order against qualifying legislation*  
5           *(and against consideration of the qualifying leg-*  
6           *islation) are waived. The motion to proceed is*  
7           *not debatable. The motion is not subject to a mo-*  
8           *tion to postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote*  
9           *by which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to*  
10          *shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to*  
11          *the consideration of the qualifying legislation is*  
12          *agreed to, the qualifying legislation shall remain*  
13          *the unfinished business until disposed of.*

14                 “(D) *DEBATE.*—*Debate on qualifying legis-*  
15                 *lation, and on all debatable motions and appeals*  
16                 *in connection therewith, shall be limited to not*  
17                 *more than 10 hours, which shall be divided*  
18                 *equally between the majority and minority lead-*  
19                 *ers or their designees. A motion to further limit*  
20                 *debate is in order and not debatable. An amend-*  
21                 *ment to, or a motion to postpone, or a motion*  
22                 *to proceed to the consideration of other business,*  
23                 *or a motion to recommit the qualifying legisla-*  
24                 *tion is not in order.*

1           “(E) *VOTE ON PASSAGE.*—*The vote on pas-*  
2           *sage shall occur immediately following the con-*  
3           *clusion of the debate on the qualifying legislation*  
4           *and a single quorum call at the conclusion of the*  
5           *debate, if requested in accordance with the rules*  
6           *of the Senate.*

7           “(F) *RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-*  
8           *DURE.*—*Appeals from the decisions of the Chair*  
9           *relating to the application of the rules of the*  
10          *Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-*  
11          *lating to qualifying legislation shall be decided*  
12          *without debate.*

13          “(G) *CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-*  
14          *SAGES.*—*Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-*  
15          *sage with respect to qualifying legislation, in-*  
16          *cluding all debatable motions and appeals in*  
17          *connection with such qualifying legislation, shall*  
18          *be limited to 10 hours, to be equally divided be-*  
19          *tween, and controlled by, the majority leader and*  
20          *the minority leader or their designees.*

21          “(6) *RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE*  
22          *OF REPRESENTATIVES.*—

23                 “(A) *COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY*  
24                 *OTHER HOUSE.*—*If, before the passage by one*  
25                 *House of qualifying legislation of that House,*

1           that House receives qualifying legislation from  
2           the other House, then the following procedures  
3           shall apply:

4                   “(i) The qualifying legislation of the  
5                   other House shall not be referred to a com-  
6                   mittee.

7                   “(ii) With respect to qualifying legisla-  
8                   tion of the House receiving the legislation—

9                           “(I) the procedure in that House  
10                           shall be the same as if no qualifying  
11                           legislation had been received from the  
12                           other House; but

13                                   “(II) the vote on passage shall be  
14                                   on the qualifying legislation of the  
15                                   other House.

16                   “(B) TREATMENT OF A BILL OF OTHER  
17                   HOUSE.—If one House fails to introduce quali-  
18                   fying legislation under this section, the quali-  
19                   fying legislation of the other House shall be enti-  
20                   tled to expedited floor procedures under this sec-  
21                   tion.

22                   “(C) TREATMENT OF COMPANION MEAS-  
23                   URES.—If, following passage of the qualifying  
24                   legislation in the Senate, the Senate then receives  
25                   a companion measure from the House of Rep-



1           *representatives, the companion measure shall not be*  
 2           *debatable.*

3           “(D) *APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-*  
 4           *URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall*  
 5           *not apply in the House of Representatives to*  
 6           *qualifying legislation which is a revenue meas-*  
 7           *ure.*

8           “(f) *RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND*  
 9           *SENATE.—Subsection (e) is enacted by Congress—*

10           *“(1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of*  
 11           *the Senate and the House of Representatives, respec-*  
 12           *tively, and as such are deemed a part of the rules of*  
 13           *each House, respectively, but applicable only with re-*  
 14           *spect to the procedure to be followed in that House in*  
 15           *the case of legislation described in those sections, and*  
 16           *supersede other rules only to the extent that they are*  
 17           *inconsistent with such rules; and*

18           *“(2) with full recognition of the constitutional*  
 19           *right of either House to change the rules (so far as re-*  
 20           *lating to the procedure of that House) at any time,*  
 21           *in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the*  
 22           *case of any other rule of that House.*

23           “(g) *RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in the sec-*  
 24           *tion shall be construed as—*

1           “(1) *modifying, or having any other impact on,*  
2 *the President’s authority to negotiate, enter into, or*  
3 *implement appropriate executive agreements, other*  
4 *than the restrictions on implementation of the agree-*  
5 *ments specifically covered by this section;*

6           “(2) *allowing any new waiver, suspension, re-*  
7 *duction, or other relief from statutory sanctions with*  
8 *respect to Iran under any provision of law, or allow-*  
9 *ing the President to refrain from applying any such*  
10 *sanctions pursuant to an agreement described in sub-*  
11 *section (a) during the period for review provided in*  
12 *subsection (b);*

13           “(3) *revoking or terminating any statutory sanc-*  
14 *tions imposed on Iran; or*

15           “(4) *authorizing the use of military force against*  
16 *Iran.*

17           “(h) *DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

18           “(1) *AGREEMENT.—The term ‘agreement’ means*  
19 *an agreement related to the nuclear program of Iran*  
20 *that includes the United States, commits the United*  
21 *States to take action, or pursuant to which the United*  
22 *States commits or otherwise agrees to take action, re-*  
23 *gardless of the form it takes, whether a political com-*  
24 *mitment or otherwise, and regardless of whether it is*  
25 *legally binding or not, including any joint com-*

1 *prehensive plan of action entered into or made be-*  
2 *tween Iran and any other parties, and any addi-*  
3 *tional materials related thereto, including annexes,*  
4 *appendices, codicils, side agreements, implementing*  
5 *materials, documents, and guidance, technical or*  
6 *other understandings, and any related agreements,*  
7 *whether entered into or implemented prior to the*  
8 *agreement or to be entered into or implemented in the*  
9 *future.*

10 “(2) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-*  
11 *TEES.—The term ‘appropriate congressional commit-*  
12 *tees’ means the Committee on Finance, the Committee*  
13 *on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Select*  
14 *Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on*  
15 *Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on*  
16 *Ways and Means, the Committee on Financial Serv-*  
17 *ices, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,*  
18 *and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House*  
19 *of Representatives.*

20 “(3) *APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES*  
21 *AND LEADERSHIP.—The term ‘appropriate congres-*  
22 *sional committees and leadership’ means the Com-*  
23 *mittee on Finance, the Committee on Banking, Hous-*  
24 *ing, and Urban Affairs, the Select Committee on In-*  
25 *telligence, and the Committee on Foreign Relations,*

1 *and the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate*  
2 *and the Committee on Ways and Means, the Com-*  
3 *mittee on Financial Services, the Permanent Select*  
4 *Committee on Intelligence, and the Committee on*  
5 *Foreign Affairs, and the Speaker, Majority Leader,*  
6 *and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.*

7 “(4) *IRANIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.*—*The*  
8 *term ‘Iranian financial institution’ has the meaning*  
9 *given the term in section 104A(d) of the Comprehen-*  
10 *sive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment*  
11 *Act of 2010 (22 U.S.C. 8513b(d)).*

12 “(5) *JOINT PLAN OF ACTION.*—*The term ‘Joint*  
13 *Plan of Action’ means the Joint Plan of Action,*  
14 *signed at Geneva November 24, 2013, by Iran and by*  
15 *France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the Peo-*  
16 *ple’s Republic of China, the United Kingdom, and the*  
17 *United States, and all implementing materials and*  
18 *agreements related to the Joint Plan of Action, in-*  
19 *cluding the technical understandings reached on Jan-*  
20 *uary 12, 2014, the extension thereto agreed to on July*  
21 *18, 2014, the extension agreed to on November 24,*  
22 *2014, and any materially identical extension that is*  
23 *agreed to on or after the date of the enactment of the*  
24 *Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015.*

1           “(6) *EU-IRAN JOINT STATEMENT.*—*The term*  
2           *‘EU-Iran Joint Statement’ means only the Joint*  
3           *Statement by EU High Representative Federica*  
4           *Mogherini and Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif*  
5           *made on April 2, 2015, at Lausanne, Switzerland.*

6           “(7) *MATERIAL BREACH.*—*The term ‘material*  
7           *breach’ means, with respect to an agreement described*  
8           *in subsection (a), any breach of the agreement, or in*  
9           *the case of non-binding commitments, any failure to*  
10           *perform those commitments, that substantially—*

11                   “(A) *benefits Iran’s nuclear program;*

12                   “(B) *decreases the amount of time required*  
13           *by Iran to achieve a nuclear weapon; or*

14                   “(C) *deviates from or undermines the pur-*  
15           *poses of such agreement.*

16           “(8) *NONCOMPLIANCE DEFINED.*—*The term ‘non-*  
17           *compliance’ means any departure from the terms of*  
18           *an agreement described in subsection (a) that is not*  
19           *a material breach.*

20           “(9) *P5+1 COUNTRIES.*—*The term ‘P5+1 coun-*  
21           *tries’ means the United States, France, the Russian*  
22           *Federation, the People’s Republic of China, the*  
23           *United Kingdom, and Germany.*

24           “(10) *UNITED STATES PERSON.*—*The term*  
25           *‘United States person’ has the meaning given that*

1        *term in section 101 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanc-*  
2        *tions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (22*  
3        *U.S.C. 8511).”.*



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