

115TH CONGRESS
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S. 3198

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and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2018

Mr. LEE 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 “Allied Burden Sharing
5 Report Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING; SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that section 1003 of
8 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Pub-
9 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 allied nations for threats; and

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

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

11 (1) the threats facing the United States—

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

14 (B) include near-peer threats; and

15 (2) the President should seek from each allied
16 nation acceptance of international security respon-
17 sibilities and agreements to make contributions to
18 the common defense commensurate with the eco-
19 nomic resources and security environment of such
20 allied nation.

21 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

22 In this Act:

23 (1) ALLIED NATION.—The term “allied nation”
24 means—

1 (A) each member state of the North Atlan-
2 tic Treaty Organization;

3 (B) Australia;

4 (C) Japan;

5 (D) South Korea;

6 (E) New Zealand; and

7 (F) each member state of the Gulf Co-
8 operation Council.

9 (2) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
10 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
11 gress” means—

12 (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-
14 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

15 (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-
17 mittee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
18 resentatives.

19 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Defense.

21 **SEC. 4. REPORTS ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE**
22 **COMMON DEFENSE.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each year,
24 the Secretary, in coordination with the heads of other Fed-
25 eral agencies, as the Secretary determines to be necessary,

1 shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress
2 a report containing a description of—

3 (1) the annual defense spending by each allied
4 nation, including available data on nominal budget
5 figures and defense spending as a percentage of the
6 gross domestic products of such allied nations for
7 the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year
8 in which the report is submitted;

9 (2) the activities of each such allied nation to
10 contribute to military or stability operations in
11 which the Armed Forces of the United States are a
12 participant;

13 (3) any limitations placed by any such allied
14 nation on the use of such contributions; and

15 (4) any actions undertaken by the United
16 States or by other countries to minimize such limita-
17 tions.

18 (b) FORM.—Each report under subsection (a) shall
19 be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a clas-
20 sified annex.

21 (c) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under sub-
22 section (a) shall be made available on request to any Mem-
23 ber of Congress.

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