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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

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over China, 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 “Prioritizing Readiness
5 and Competitiveness Act” or the “PRC Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States that—

8 (1) great power competition with the People’s
9 Republic of China will define the future of the 21st
10 century;

1 (2) the People’s Republic of China is a revisionist power that seeks to upend the international
2 system in ways that are inimical to United States
3 national interests;

5 (3) great power competition with the People’s
6 Republic of China is global in nature and requires
7 a whole-of-government response;

8 (4) resilient domestic manufacturing, a strong
9 and advanced United States Navy, and an innovative
10 economy are critical to succeeding in great power
11 competition; and

12 (5) promoting and supporting new technological
13 research and development will be necessary to maintain a competitive advantage and effectively combat
14 hostile efforts by the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

17 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN UNEXPENDED FUNDS RELATED TO AFGHANISTAN FOR THE PURPOSE**
18 **OF BUILDING A RESILIENT DOMESTIC INDUSTRIAL BASE AND STRENGTHENING DEFENSE**
19 **TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall transfer to
23 each of the following appropriations accounts for the following purposes an amount equal to one-third of the total
24 amount rescinded under subsection (b):
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1 (1) The Defense Production Act purchases ac-
2 count for activities by the Department of Defense
3 pursuant to sections 108, 301, 302, and 303 of the
4 Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4518,
5 4531, 4532, 4533).

6 (2) The Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy ac-
7 count of the Department of Defense.

8 (3) The research, development, test, and evalua-
9 tion, Defense-wide account of the Department of De-
10 fense, to be available for the Defense Advanced Re-
11 search Projects Agency to carry out projects related
12 to strengthening the United States global advantage
13 in strategic technologies, which may include aero-
14 space, robotics, artificial intelligence, information
15 technology, new and advanced materials, bio-
16 technology, advanced machinery, telecommuni-
17 cations, and energy and power generation.

18 (b) RESCISSION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS DEDI-
19 CATED TO MAINTAINING A MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC
20 PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN.—The following amounts are
21 hereby rescinded:

22 (1) The unobligated balance of amounts made
23 available to the Department of Defense for the Af-
24 ghanistan Security Forces Fund.

1 (2) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
2 made available to the Department of State for Dip-
3 lomatic Programs, all remaining funds relating to
4 maintaining United States diplomatic personnel in
5 Afghanistan.

6 (3) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
7 made available for the Economic Support Fund, all
8 remaining funds relating to implementing and sup-
9 porting comprehensive strategies to combat corrup-
10 tion in Afghanistan, and for the reintegration of
11 former Taliban and other extremists.

12 (4) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
13 made available to the Department of State for the
14 International Narcotics Control and Law Enforce-
15 ment Fund, all remaining funds relating to pro-
16 grams in Afghanistan.

17 (5) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
18 made available to the Department of State for Inter-
19 national Military Education and Training programs,
20 all remaining funds relating to training personnel of
21 the Afghan security forces.

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