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To require coordination of depot-level maintenance in multinational exercises conducted by the Air Force.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KELLY (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To require coordination of depot-level maintenance in multinational exercises conducted by the Air Force.

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. DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE COORDINATION**

4 **IN MULTINATIONAL EXERCISES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Each year, the Secretary of the
6 Air Force shall incorporate in at least one multinational
7 exercise conducted in the area of operations of the United
8 States Indo-Pacific Command—

9 (1) depot-level maintenance, repair, and
10 sustainment considerations, including binational or

1 multinational planning sessions with covered nations
2 on—

3 (A) identifying opportunities to cooperate
4 on depot-level maintenance and repair in ways
5 that minimize transportation requirements in
6 such area of operations and determining the au-
7 thorities necessary to deliver necessary joint ca-
8 pabilities;

9 (B) facilitating real-time coordination be-
10 tween the United States and covered nations to
11 maintain munitions stock levels and resupply
12 routes in such area of operations;

13 (C) mutual recognition of airworthiness
14 and maintenance certification between the
15 United States and covered nations; and

16 (D) emergency tabletop exercises, such as
17 when an aircraft of a covered nation breaks
18 down in United States territory, and vice versa,
19 in a contested logistics environment.

20 (2) coordination with the Air Force
21 Sustainment Center, including the participation of
22 representatives of—

23 (A) the United States Indo-Pacific Com-
24 mand;

25 (B) the United States Pacific Air Forces;

1 (C) the United States Air Mobility Com-
2 mand; and

3 (D) the Air Force Sustainment Center.

4 (b) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a
8 report summarizing the lessons learned from car-
9 rying out an exercise in accordance with subsection
10 (a) with respect to the Republic of Korea and the
11 Commonwealth of Australia.

12 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
13 graph (1) shall include the following:

14 (A) A list of candidate systems for co-
15 sustainment with the Republic of Korea and the
16 Commonwealth of Australia.

17 (B) A list of depot-level repair workload
18 opportunities to undertake with the Republic of
19 Korea and the Commonwealth of Australia, in-
20 cluding testing equipment or line replaceable
21 units.

22 (C) Opportunities to incorporate Korean
23 and Australian industry partners in depot-level
24 maintenance repair activities, including through
25 public-private partnerships.

1 (D) An identification of any potential
2 logistical challenges that could arise with the
3 host country, including with respect to work-
4 force, housing, and location of workload.

5 (E) An identification of any potential im-
6 pediments involving intellectual property or
7 data rights between original equipment manu-
8 facturers and the Department of the Air Force
9 or between the Department of the Air Force
10 and the Republic of Korea or the Common-
11 wealth of Australia.

12 (F) An identification of any potential im-
13 pediments related to International Traffic in
14 Arms Regulations and related statutes.

15 (G) Any additional recommendations to
16 Congress that would ease the facilitation of
17 depot-level maintenance repair partnerships
18 with the Republic of Korea and the Common-
19 wealth of Australia, including changes to exist-
20 ing status of forces agreements.

21 (H) An analysis of current maintenance
22 and repair capabilities and gaps in the organic
23 industrial base of the Republic of Korea and
24 the Commonwealth of Australia.

1 (I) An assessment of the types of mainte-
 2 nance and repair activities (including depot-
 3 level, preventative, and corrective) that may be
 4 most appropriate for a partnership with the Re-
 5 public of Korea or the Commonwealth of Aus-
 6 tralia.

7 (J) An assessment of how any such part-
 8 nership may contribute to allied contingency op-
 9 erations, interoperability, and regional posture
 10 resilience in the Indo-Pacific region.

11 (K) A consideration of planning factors re-
 12 lated to the evolving force generation models of
 13 the Air Force, future-generation aircraft pro-
 14 grams, deployment schedules, statutory mainte-
 15 nance thresholds, and other relevant operational
 16 requirements.

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) COVERED NATION DEFINED.—The term
 19 “covered nation” means any of the following:

20 (A) The Commonwealth of Australia.

21 (B) Canada.

22 (C) Japan.

23 (D) New Zealand.

24 (E) The Republic of Korea.

1 (F) The United Kingdom of Great Britain
2 and Northern Ireland.

3 (G) Any other nation as designated as a
4 covered nation for the purposes of this section
5 by the Secretary of the Air Force.

6 (2) INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULA-
7 TIONS.—The term “International Traffic in Arms
8 Regulations” means subchapter M of chapter I of
9 title 22, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
10 regulations).

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