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H. R. 1098

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require an annual report by the Secretary of Defense on the military capabilities of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1999

Mr. NEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY CAPABILITIES**
4 **OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 23 of title 10, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
7 ing new section:

1 **“§ 486. Military capabilities of People’s Republic of**
2 **China: annual report**

3 “(a) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall sub-
4 mit to Congress, not later than February 1 each year, a
5 report on the future pattern of military modernization of
6 the People’s Republic of China. Each such report shall be
7 submitted in both classified and unclassified form and
8 shall address both the probable course of military-techno-
9 logical development in the People’s Liberation Army and
10 the development of Chinese military strategy and oper-
11 ational concepts.

12 “(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—Each report
13 under subsection (a) shall include analyses and forecasts
14 of the following:

15 “(1) Trends that would lead the People’s Re-
16 public of China toward advanced intelligence, sur-
17 veillance, and reconnaissance capabilities, either
18 through a development program or by gaining access
19 to commercial or third-party systems with militarily
20 significant capabilities.

21 “(2) Efforts by the People’s Republic of China
22 to develop highly accurate and low-observable ballis-
23 tic and cruise missiles, and the investments in infra-
24 structure that would allow for production of such
25 weapons in militarily significant quantities, particu-
26 larly in numbers sufficient to conduct attacks capa-

1 ble of overwhelming projected defense capabilities in
2 the region.

3 “(3) Development by the People’s Republic of
4 China of enhanced command and control networks,
5 particularly those capable of battle management that
6 would include long-range precision strikes.

7 “(4) Programs of the People’s Republic of
8 China involving unmanned aerial vehicles, particu-
9 larly those with extended ranges or loitering times.

10 “(5) Exploitation by the People’s Republic of
11 China of the Global Positioning System or other
12 similar systems, including commercial land surveil-
13 lance satellites, for significant military purposes, in-
14 cluding particularly for increasing the accuracy of
15 weapons or the situational awareness of operating
16 forces.

17 “(6) Development by the People’s Republic of
18 China of capabilities for denial of sea control, such
19 as advanced sea mines or improved submarine capa-
20 bilities.

21 “(7) Continued development by the People’s Re-
22 public of China of follow-on forces, particularly those
23 capable of rapid air or amphibious assault.”.

- 1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 2 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding
- 3 at the end the following new item:

“486. Military capabilities of People’s Republic of China: annual report.”.

