

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 542

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 3, 1999

Mr. FOLEY 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TRIDENT BAL-**
2 **LISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES SUBJECT TO A**
3 **STATUTORY LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OR**
4 **DISMANTLEMENT OF STRATEGIC NUCLEAR**
5 **DELIVERY SYSTEMS.**

6 Section 1302(a)(2) of the National Defense Author-
7 ization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105–85; 111
8 Stat. 1948) is amended by striking “18” and inserting
9 “14”.

10 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF AMOUNTS SAVED**
11 **BY REASON OF RETIREMENT OF FOUR TRI-**
12 **DENT BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINES.**

13 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
14 gress that, if the Secretary of the Navy should reduce the
15 number of operational Trident ballistic missile submarines
16 from the current 18 to 14, then the amount otherwise pro-
17 grammed for national missile defense programs for any
18 fiscal year after such reduction should be increased by the
19 amount saved during that fiscal year by reason of such
20 reduction.

21 (b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCLUDED AS SAVINGS.—In de-
22 termining the amount saved by reason of a reduction in
23 operational Trident submarines described in subsection
24 (a), there shall be included amounts saved due to the sub-
25 marines taken out of service not being backfitted to carry
26 D–5 missiles or refueled and otherwise modernized and

- 1 amounts saved by reason of D-5 missiles for those sub-
- 2 marines not being procured.

