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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CLELAND 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. REPORT ON CERTAIN INFORMATION BEFORE**
4 **CERTAIN DEPLOYMENTS OF ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION ON USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS
6 FOR DEPLOYMENT BEFORE REPORT.—Except as pro-
7 vided in subsection (d), the President may not obligate
8 or expend any appropriated funds for a deployment of the
9 Armed Forces referred to in subsection (b) until the Presi-
10 dent submits to the appropriate officials and committees

1 of Congress a report on the deployment meeting the re-
2 quirements of subsection (c).

3 (b) COVERED DEPLOYMENTS.—A deployment of the
4 Armed Forces referred to in this subsection is a deploy-
5 ment of the Armed Forces—

6 (1) into hostilities;

7 (2) into situations where imminent involvement
8 in hostilities is clearly indicated by the cir-
9 cumstances;

10 (3) in a contingency operation; or

11 (4) to or with a multilateral organization.

12 (c) REPORT.—The report on a deployment under this
13 section shall—

14 (1) specify the vital national interests at stake
15 that require the deployment, the likely consequences
16 of the deployment on such interests and on any
17 other national interests, and the adverse con-
18 sequences to such interests of the absence of such
19 deployment;

20 (2) specify why diplomatic and other means
21 (other than the deployment) are unable to secure the
22 interests specified under paragraph (1);

23 (3) identify concrete policy objectives that are
24 to be achieved by the deployment, the specific mili-
25 tary missions that are designed to achieve each such

1 policy objective, and the anticipated date, or the set
2 of conditions, that defines the endpoint of the de-
3 ployment; and

4 (4) specify the authority for the deployment
5 under the Constitution and under international law.

6 (d) EXCEPTION.—(1) Subsection (a) shall not apply
7 in the case of a deployment in response to a war declared
8 by Congress, or a national emergency declared by the
9 President or Congress, that is caused by an attack on the
10 United States, or its territories or possessions, or on the
11 Armed Forces abroad.

12 (2) If subsection (a) does not apply with respect to
13 a deployment by reason of paragraph (1), the President
14 shall submit to the appropriate officials and committees
15 of Congress a report on the deployment that meets the
16 requirements of subsection (c) as soon as practicable after
17 the date of the deployment.

18 (e) CONSTRUCTION WITH WAR POWERS RESOLU-
19 TION.—(1) Compliance with the provisions of this section
20 with respect to a deployment shall satisfy the requirements
21 of section 4(a) of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.
22 1543(a)) with respect to the deployment.

23 (2) Nothing in this section shall affect the applica-
24 bility of section 5 of the War Powers Resolution (50

1 U.S.C. 1544) to any deployment referred to in subsection
2 (b).

3 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “Armed Forces” has the meaning
5 given that term in section 101(a)(4) of title 10,
6 United States Code.

7 (2) The term “appropriate officials of Con-
8 gress” means the following:

9 (A) The Speaker of the House of Rep-
10 resentatives.

11 (B) The President pro tempore of the Sen-
12 ate.

13 (3) The term “appropriate committees of Con-
14 gress” means the following:

15 (A) The Committees on Armed Services
16 and on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

17 (B) The Committees on Armed Services
18 and on International Relations of the House of
19 Representatives.

20 (4) The term “contingency operation” has the
21 meaning given that term in section 101(a)(13) of
22 title 10, United States Code.

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