

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1454

To establish the policy of the United States with respect to deployment of missile defense systems capable of defending allies of the United States against ballistic missile attack.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2003

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defense Against Re-
5 gional Threats Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLIED MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY.**

2 It is the policy of the United States to provide for
3 deployment as soon as is technologically possible of effec-
4 tive missile defense systems capable of defending Israel,
5 Japan, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and all member
6 nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization against
7 ballistic missile attack.

8 **SEC. 3. ALLIED BURDENSARING.**

9 It is the policy of the United States to seek continued
10 negotiated burdensharing agreements with the nations
11 specified in section 2 to share the costs of development
12 and deployment of ballistic missile defense systems.

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