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H. R. 1361

To terminate or retire certain aircraft and ship programs of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2013

Mr. KIND 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Inefficient Defense
5 Elimination Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OR RETIREMENT OF AIRCRAFT AND**
7 **SHIP PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) C-27J AIRCRAFT.—

9 (1) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT.—Not-
10 withstanding any other provision of law, none of the

1 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise
2 made available for fiscal year 2014 or any fiscal year
3 thereafter for the Department of Defense may be
4 obligated or expended to procure C-27J aircraft.

5 (2) TREATMENT OF CURRENT AIRCRAFT.—Not-
6 withstanding any other provision of law, with respect
7 to each C-27J aircraft being maintained by the Sec-
8 retary of Defense that was procured on or before the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 shall—

11 (A) make the aircraft available for sale to
12 another department or agency of the Federal
13 Government or the government of an ally of the
14 United States; or

15 (B) if the Secretary determines that the
16 sale of an aircraft under subparagraph (A) is
17 not appropriate, retire or dispose of the aircraft
18 in a manner the Secretary determines appro-
19 priate.

20 (b) GLOBAL HAWK AIRCRAFT.—

21 (1) PROHIBITION ON PROCUREMENT.—Not-
22 withstanding any other provision of law, none of the
23 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise
24 made available for fiscal year 2014 or any fiscal year
25 thereafter for the Department of Defense may be

1 obligated or expended to procure RQ-4 Block 30
2 Global Hawk unmanned aircraft systems.

3 (2) TREATMENT OF CURRENT AIRCRAFT.—Not-
4 withstanding section 154(b) of the National Defense
5 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law
6 112-239) or any other provision of law, with respect
7 to each RQ-4 Block 30 Global Hawk unmanned air-
8 craft system being maintained by the Secretary of
9 Defense that was procured on or before the date of
10 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall—

11 (A) make the aircraft available for sale to
12 another department or agency of the Federal
13 Government or the government of an ally of the
14 United States; or

15 (B) if the Secretary determines that the
16 sale of an aircraft under subparagraph (A) is
17 not appropriate, retire or dispose of the aircraft
18 in a manner the Secretary determines appro-
19 priate.

20 (c) AEGIS GUIDED MISSILE CRUISERS.—Notwith-
21 standing any other provision of law, the Secretary of De-
22 fense shall—

23 (1) retire four Aegis guided missile cruisers
24 during fiscal year 2014; and

1 (2) retire three Aegis guided missile cruisers
2 during fiscal year 2015.

3 (d) AMPHIBIOUS LANDING SHIPS.—Notwithstanding
4 any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense shall
5 retire two amphibious landing ships during fiscal year
6 2014.

7 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to the congressional defense committees (as
11 defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States
12 Code) a report analyzing the necessity of stationing mem-
13 bers of the Armed Forces in Europe, including an evalua-
14 tion of property owned by the Federal Government in Eu-
15 rope that could be sold if such stationing was reduced or
16 terminated.

17 (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under sub-
18 section (a) shall consider the following:

19 (1) Benefits to the United States from having
20 the Armed Forces present in Europe that would not
21 be achievable elsewhere.

22 (2) Direct military threats to the United States
23 that require such a presence and whether such
24 threats could be countered with a smaller presence.

1 (3) The ability of European allies to address
2 threats without such presence.

3 (4) Ways in which a withdrawal or reduction of
4 members of the Armed Forces stationed in Europe
5 will affect the sustainability of military operations
6 abroad.

7 (5) Ways in which such a withdrawal or reduc-
8 tion will affect the ability of the United States to im-
9 plement a broader national security strategy.

10 (6) Any formal treaty obligations or bilateral
11 agreements that require the Armed Forces of the
12 United States to be present in Europe.

13 (7) Effectiveness of current force levels in Eu-
14 rope in achieving national security objectives.

15 (8) Unique benefits of sustaining each base lo-
16 cation in Europe and ways in which reduction of
17 such bases would affect the ability of the United
18 States to sustain military operations abroad.

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