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H. R. 5197

To provide assistance to foreign countries to interdict or seize shipments of items in contravention of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 or 2231, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2016

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. GIBSON, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. GARAMENDI, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 “Interdictions Assist-
5 ance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO INTER-**
2 **DICT OR SEIZE SHIPMENTS OF ITEMS IN CON-**
3 **TRAVENTION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY**
4 **COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1701 OR 2231.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—From funds made available for the
6 Department of Defense for fiscal year 2017 to carry out
7 section 1234 of the National Defense Authorization Act
8 for Fiscal Year 2008, the Secretary of Defense, with the
9 concurrence of the Secretary of State, is authorized to pro-
10 vide assistance to foreign countries to interdict or seize
11 shipments of items in contravention of United Nations Se-
12 curity Council Resolution 1701 (2006) or 2231 (2015).

13 (b) **TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.**—Assistance authorized
14 under subsection (a) may include the following:

15 (1) Assistance to any foreign country for the
16 following:

17 (A) Logistical and military support pro-
18 vided by that country to interdict or seize ship-
19 ments of items described in subsection (a),
20 whether by sea, air, or land.

21 (B) Storage, transfer, or destruction of
22 shipments of items described in subsection (a)
23 that are interdicted or seized.

24 (2) Training to enhance the ability of a foreign
25 country to interdict vessels carrying shipments of
26 items described in subsection (a).

1 (c) AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE.—A foreign country
2 may not receive assistance under the authority of sub-
3 section (a) in an amount that exceeds \$2,000,000 in any
4 fiscal year. Such assistance shall be provided in a manner
5 consistent with the requirements relating to amounts of
6 reimbursement under section 1233(c) of National Defense
7 Authorization Act for 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122
8 Stat. 294)).

9 (d) PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS
10 TO MAKE PAYMENTS.—The Secretary of Defense may not
11 enter into any contractual obligation to provide assistance
12 under the authority in subsection (a).

13 (e) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of De-
14 fense shall—

15 (1) notify the congressional defense committees
16 not less than 15 days before providing any assist-
17 ance under the authority in subsection (a); and

18 (2) submit to the congressional defense commit-
19 tees on a quarterly basis a report on any assistance
20 made under the authority in subsection (a) during
21 such quarter, including a description of the items
22 interdicted or seized, a description of whether the
23 items are stored, transferred, or destroyed, and, if
24 the items are stored, a description of the location at
25 which the items are stored.

1 (f) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense
3 committee” has the meaning given such term in section
4 101 of title 10, United States Code.

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