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H. R. 4348

To direct the Director of National Intelligence to produce a National Intelligence Estimate on Russian political intentions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, 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 “Keeping Russian En-
5 trapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks
6 Act” or the “KREMLIN Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

8 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Russia continues to engage in information
2 warfare and political interference in the West, in-
3 cluding by undermining democratic systems and ex-
4 ploiting economic and ethnic tensions within member
5 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

6 (2) Such activities constitute a threat to the
7 United States and to its allies.

8 (3) The intelligence community of the United
9 States, while aware of such activities, does not have
10 a complete understanding of the political intentions
11 underlying these activities, which is critical to effec-
12 tively calibrate a United States response to Russian
13 aggression and prevent escalation.

14 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

15 It is the sense of Congress that—

16 (1) the Countering America's Adversaries
17 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44) was an
18 appropriate response to Russia's—

19 (A) meddling in the 2016 United States
20 presidential election;

21 (B) continued aggression in the Ukraine
22 and the Crimea region; and

23 (C) support for the Assad regime in Syria;

24 (2) the United States should sustain its newly
25 deployed enhanced forward presence in Poland, Lith-

1 uania, and Estonia and urge Canada, the United
2 Kingdom, and Germany to quickly deploy and sus-
3 tain parallel commitments in those countries;

4 (3) the United States has defensive intentions
5 in pursuing such sanctions and such enhanced mili-
6 tary posture in Europe, and does not seek to threat-
7 en Russian territory; and

8 (4) the United States does not seek to be an
9 enemy of the Russian people and propaganda di-
10 rected against the United States by President Vladi-
11 mir Putin misrepresents the intentions of the United
12 States for the purposes of preserving his power.

13 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT FOR NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ES-**
14 **TIMATE.**

15 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence, in
17 consultation with the Secretary of State, shall produce a
18 National Intelligence Estimate on the political intentions
19 of Russia, including with respect to each of the following:

20 (1) Russian leadership intentions in pursuing
21 military scenarios against members of the North At-
22 lantic Treaty Organization, including conduct of an
23 exercise on the border with Moldova of more than
24 100,000 Russian forces in August 2017.

- 1 (2) Russian leadership reactions to the Euro-
- 2 pean Reassurance Initiative.
- 3 (3) Areas of possible joint cooperation with
- 4 Russia.

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