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H. R. 5883

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 18, 2018

Mr. KEATING (for himself and Mr. POE of Texas) 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 “Unexploded Ordnance
5 Removal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STRATEGY FOR REMOVING UNEXPLODED ORD-**
2 **NANCE IN SYRIA AND IRAQ.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in con-
4 currence with the Secretary of State, shall develop and im-
5 plement a strategy for removing unexploded ordnance in
6 Syria and Iraq that includes the following:

7 (1) An assessment of the hazards posed by
8 unexploded ordnance in Syria and Iraq, including
9 with respect to U.S. strategic and military interests,
10 the areas of concentration of unexploded ordnance,
11 and schools, hospitals, or civil-service buildings that
12 are proximate to unexploded ordnance.

13 (2) A detailed description and timeline for ac-
14 tions to eliminate the hazards posed by unexploded
15 ordnance in Syria and Iraq.

16 (b) MULTILATERAL COORDINATION.—In developing
17 and implementing the strategy required under subsection
18 (a), the Secretary of Defense is authorized to coordinate
19 as appropriate with appropriate officials of foreign coun-
20 tries and multilateral institutions.

21 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter until
23 December 31, 2021, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-
24 tion with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the con-
25 gressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign
26 Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign

1 Affairs of the House of Representatives a report that in-
2 cludes—

3 (1) in the first such report, the strategy de-
4 scribed in subsection (a), including—

5 (A) the results of the assessment described
6 in subsection (a)(1);

7 (B) the description and timeline required
8 by subsection (a)(2); and

9 (C) a description of contributions of for-
10 eign partners in developing the strategy in ac-
11 cordance with subsection (b);

12 (2) in subsequent reports, any updates from the
13 previous report to such strategy, results, descrip-
14 tions, or timeline; and

15 (3) the actions taken pursuant to the authoriza-
16 tion under subsection (b) to implement such strat-
17 egy, as so updated, through multilateral efforts.

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