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H. R. 3263

To limit the transfer of F-35 aircraft to Turkey.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SPEIER, and Ms. TITUS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Oversight and Reform, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, 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 “Protecting NATO
5 Skies Act of 2019”.

6 SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF F-35 AIRCRAFT TO

7 TURKEY.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under sub-
9 section (b), no funds may be obligated or expended—

4 (2) to transfer intellectual property or technical
5 data necessary for or related to any maintenance or
6 support of the F-35 aircraft; or

10 (b) EXCEPTION.—The President may waive the limi-
11 tation under subsection (a) upon a written certification to
12 Congress that the Government of Turkey does not plan
13 or intend to accept delivery of the S-400 air defense sys-
14 tem.

15 (c) TRANSFER DEFINED.—In this section, the term
16 “transfer” includes the physical relocation outside of the
17 continental United States.

18 (d) APPLICABILITY.—The limitation under sub-
19 section (a) does not apply to F-35 aircraft operated by
20 the United States Armed Forces

21 SEC. 3. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS ON PURCHASE BY TUB-

KEY OF S-400 AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM

23 It is the sense of the Congress that, if the Govern-
24 ment of Turkey purchases the S-400 air defense system
25 from the Russian Federation—

12 (4) such a purchase would result in a signifi-
13 cant impact to defense cooperation between the
14 United States and Turkey;

15 (5) such a purchase would significantly increase
16 the risk of compromising United States defense sys-
17 tems and operational capabilities; and

1 such person were a sanctioned person for purposes
2 of such section.

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