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To prohibit access by the Government of the Russian Federation to certain Russian-owned diplomatic facilities and properties located in the States of Maryland and New York, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASCARELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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

To prohibit access by the Government of the Russian Federation to certain Russian-owned diplomatic facilities and properties located in the States of Maryland and New York, and for other purposes.

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 “No Russian Diplomatic
5 Access to Compounds Here in America Act” or “No Rus-
6 sian DACHA Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ACCESS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF**
2 **THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO CERTAIN RUS-**
3 **SIAN-OWNED DIPLOMATIC FACILITIES AND**
4 **PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE STATES OF**
5 **MARYLAND AND NEW YORK.**

6 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in section 3,
7 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Presi-
8 dent may not—

9 (1) permit access by the Government of the
10 Russian Federation to any Russian-owned diplo-
11 matic facilities and properties described in sub-
12 section (b); or

13 (2) permit access by personnel of the Govern-
14 ment of the Russian Federation to any such Rus-
15 sian-owned diplomatic facilities and properties.

16 (b) FACILITIES AND PROPERTIES DESCRIBED.—The
17 Russian-owned diplomatic facilities and properties de-
18 scribed in this subsection are the facilities and properties
19 located—

20 (1) at Pioneer Point in Centreville, Maryland;
21 and

22 (2) in Upper Brookville, New York.

1 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF SANCTIONS IM-**
2 **POSED WITH RESPECT TO THE RUSSIAN FED-**
3 **ERATION.**

4 (a) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF POLICY CHANGES
5 TO SANCTIONS ON THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION.—Before
6 taking any action to waive, suspend, reduce, provide relief
7 from, or otherwise limit the application of paragraph (1)
8 or (2) of section 2(a), the President shall submit to the
9 appropriate congressional committees and leadership a re-
10 port that—

11 (1) describes the proposed action;

12 (2) certifies that the Government of the Rus-
13 sian Federation did not use the facilities and prop-
14 erties described in section 2(b) for intelligence-re-
15 lated purposes; and

16 (3) certifies that the Government of the Rus-
17 sian Federation has ceased the harassment of
18 United States Government diplomatic personnel in
19 the Russian Federation.

20 (b) PERIOD FOR REVIEW BY CONGRESS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—During the 120-calendar-day
22 period following submission by the President of a re-
23 port under subsection (a), the Committee on Foreign
24 Relations of the Senate and the Committee on For-
25 eign Affairs of the House of Representatives shall,
26 as appropriate, hold hearings and briefings and oth-

1 erwise obtain information in order to fully review the
2 report and the certification required by subsection
3 (a)(2).

4 (2) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING INITIAL
5 CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.—Notwithstanding
6 any other provision of law, during the period for
7 congressional review provided for under paragraph
8 (1), the President may not waive, suspend, reduce,
9 provide relief from, or otherwise limit the application
10 of paragraph (1) or (2) of section 2(a).

11 (3) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING PRESI-
12 DENTIAL CONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION
13 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
14 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval
15 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with
16 subsection (c), the President may not waive, sus-
17 pend, reduce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit
18 the application of paragraph (1) or (2) of section
19 2(a), for a period of 12 calendar days following the
20 date of passage of the joint resolution of dis-
21 approval.

22 (4) LIMITATION ON ACTIONS DURING CONGRES-
23 SIONAL RECONSIDERATION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION
24 OF DISAPPROVAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
25 vision of law, if a joint resolution of disapproval

1 passes both Houses of Congress in accordance with
2 subsection (c), and the President vetoes the joint
3 resolution, the President may not waive, suspend, re-
4 duce, provide relief from, or otherwise limit the ap-
5 plication of paragraph (1) or (2) of section 2(a), for
6 a period of 10 calendar days following the date of
7 the President’s veto.

8 (c) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL.—

9 (1) JOINT RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL DE-
10 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “joint resolu-
11 tion of disapproval” means a joint resolution of ei-
12 ther House of Congress the sole matter after the re-
13 solving clause of which is as follows: “That Congress
14 disapproves of the action proposed by the President
15 in the report submitted to Congress under section
16 3(a) of the No Russian Diplomatic Access to Com-
17 pounds Here in America Act on _____.”, with
18 the blank space being filled with the appropriate
19 date.

20 (2) EFFECT OF ENACTMENT.—Notwithstanding
21 any other provision of law, the President may not
22 take any action to waive, suspend, reduce, provide
23 relief from, or otherwise limit the application of
24 paragraph (1) or (2) of section 2(a), if a joint reso-

1 lution of disapproval is enacted in accordance with
2 this subsection.

3 (3) INTRODUCTION.—During the 120-calendar-
4 day period provided for under subsection (b)(1), a
5 joint resolution of disapproval may be introduced—

6 (A) in the House of Representatives, by
7 the majority leader or the minority leader; and

8 (B) in the Senate, by the majority leader
9 (or the majority leader’s designee) or the mi-
10 nority leader (or the minority leader’s des-
11 ignee).

12 (4) FLOOR CONSIDERATION IN HOUSE OF REP-
13 RESENTATIVES.—

14 (A) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If a
15 committee of the House of Representatives to
16 which a joint resolution of disapproval has been
17 referred has not reported the resolution within
18 10 legislative days after the date of referral,
19 that committee shall be discharged from further
20 consideration thereof.

21 (B) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
22 Beginning on the third legislative day after
23 each committee to which a joint resolution of
24 disapproval has been referred reports it to the
25 House or has been discharged from further con-

1 sideration thereof, it shall be in order to move
2 to proceed to consider the resolution in the
3 House. All points of order against the motion
4 are waived. Such a motion shall not be in order
5 after the House has disposed of a motion to
6 proceed on the resolution. The previous ques-
7 tion shall be considered as ordered on the mo-
8 tion to its adoption without intervening motion.
9 The motion shall not be debatable. A motion to
10 reconsider the vote by which the motion is dis-
11 posed of shall not be in order.

12 (C) CONSIDERATION.—The joint resolution
13 of disapproval shall be considered as read. All
14 points of order against the resolution and
15 against its consideration are waived. The pre-
16 vious question shall be considered as ordered on
17 the resolution to final passage without inter-
18 vening motion except two hours of debate equal-
19 ly divided and controlled by the sponsor of the
20 resolution (or a designee) and an opponent. A
21 motion to reconsider the vote on passage of the
22 resolution shall not be in order.

23 (5) CONSIDERATION IN THE SENATE.—

24 (A) COMMITTEE REFERRAL.—A joint reso-
25 lution of disapproval introduced in the Senate

1 shall be referred to the Committee on Foreign
2 Relations.

3 (B) REPORTING AND DISCHARGE.—If the
4 Committee on Foreign Relations has not re-
5 ported a joint resolution of disapproval within
6 10 session days after the date of referral of the
7 resolution, that committee shall be discharged
8 from further consideration of the resolution and
9 the resolution shall be placed on the appro-
10 priate calendar.

11 (C) PROCEEDING TO CONSIDERATION.—
12 Notwithstanding Rule XXII of the Standing
13 Rules of the Senate, it is in order at any time
14 after the Committee on Foreign Relations re-
15 ports the joint resolution of disapproval to the
16 Senate or has been discharged from its consid-
17 eration (even though a previous motion to the
18 same effect has been disagreed to) to move to
19 proceed to the consideration of the resolution,
20 and all points of order against the resolution
21 (and against consideration of the resolution)
22 are waived. The motion to proceed is not debat-
23 able. The motion is not subject to a motion to
24 postpone. A motion to reconsider the vote by
25 which the motion is agreed to or disagreed to

1 shall not be in order. If a motion to proceed to
2 the consideration of the resolution is agreed to,
3 the resolution shall remain the unfinished busi-
4 ness until disposed of.

5 (D) DEBATE.—Debate on the joint resolu-
6 tion of disapproval, and on all debatable mo-
7 tions and appeals in connection therewith, shall
8 be limited to not more than 10 hours, which
9 shall be divided equally between the majority
10 and minority leaders or their designees. A mo-
11 tion to further limit debate is in order and not
12 debatable. An amendment to, or a motion to
13 postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consid-
14 eration of other business, or a motion to recom-
15 mit the resolution is not in order.

16 (E) VOTE ON PASSAGE.—The vote on pas-
17 sage shall occur immediately following the con-
18 clusion of the debate on the joint resolution of
19 disapproval and a single quorum call at the con-
20 clusion of the debate, if requested in accordance
21 with the rules of the Senate.

22 (F) RULINGS OF THE CHAIR ON PROCE-
23 DURE.—Appeals from the decisions of the Chair
24 relating to the application of the rules of the
25 Senate, as the case may be, to the procedure re-

1 relating to the joint resolution of disapproval shall
2 be decided without debate.

3 (G) CONSIDERATION OF VETO MES-
4 SAGES.—Debate in the Senate of any veto mes-
5 sage with respect to the joint resolution of dis-
6 approval, including all debatable motions and
7 appeals in connection with the resolution, shall
8 be limited to 10 hours, to be equally divided be-
9 tween, and controlled by, the majority leader
10 and the minority leader or their designees.

11 (6) RULES RELATING TO SENATE AND HOUSE
12 OF REPRESENTATIVES.—

13 (A) COORDINATION WITH ACTION BY
14 OTHER HOUSE.—If, before the passage by one
15 House of a joint resolution of disapproval of
16 that House, that House receives a joint resolu-
17 tion of disapproval from the other House, the
18 following procedures shall apply:

19 (i) The joint resolution of disapproval
20 of the other House shall not be referred to
21 a committee.

22 (ii) With respect to the joint resolu-
23 tion of disapproval of the House receiving
24 the joint resolution of disapproval from the
25 other House—

1 (I) the procedure in that House
2 shall be the same as if no joint resolu-
3 tion of disapproval had been received
4 from the other House; but

5 (II) the vote on passage shall be
6 on the joint resolution of disapproval
7 of the other House.

8 (B) TREATMENT OF A RESOLUTION OF
9 OTHER HOUSE.—If one House fails to introduce
10 a joint resolution of disapproval, the joint reso-
11 lution of disapproval of the other House shall
12 be entitled to expedited floor procedures under
13 this subsection.

14 (C) TREATMENT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION
15 IN SENATE.—If, following passage of the joint
16 resolution of disapproval in the Senate, the
17 Senate then receives a joint resolution of dis-
18 approval from the House of Representatives,
19 the joint resolution of disapproval of the House
20 shall not be debatable.

21 (D) APPLICATION TO REVENUE MEAS-
22 URES.—The provisions of this paragraph shall
23 not apply in the House of Representatives to a
24 joint resolution of disapproval that is a revenue
25 measure.

1 (7) RULES OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 AND SENATE.—This subsection is enacted by Con-
3 gress—

4 (A) as an exercise of the rulemaking power
5 of the Senate and the House of Representa-
6 tives, respectively, and as such is deemed a part
7 of the rules of each House, respectively, but ap-
8 plicable only with respect to the procedure to be
9 followed in that House in the case of a joint
10 resolution of disapproval, and supersedes other
11 rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent
12 with such rules; and

13 (B) with full recognition of the constitu-
14 tional right of either House to change the rules
15 (so far as relating to the procedure of that
16 House) at any time, in the same manner, and
17 to the same extent as in the case of any other
18 rule of that House.

19 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
20 AND LEADERSHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term
21 “appropriate congressional committees and leadership”
22 means—

23 (1) the Committee on Finance, the Committee
24 on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the Select
25 Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on For-

1 eign Relations, and the majority and minority lead-
2 ers of the Senate; and

3 (2) the Committee on Ways and Means, the
4 Committee on Financial Services, the Permanent Se-
5 lect Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on
6 Foreign Affairs, and the Speaker, the majority lead-
7 er, and the minority leader of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives.

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