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To require the Secretary of Defense to submit annual reports on allied contributions to the common defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 2024

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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 “Allied Burden Sharing
5 Report Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO**
2 **THE COMMON DEFENSE.**

3 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that section 1003 of
4 the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Pub-
5 lic Law 98–525; 63 Stat. 2241)—

6 (1) expresses the sense of Congress that, due to
7 threats that are ever-changing, Congress must be in-
8 formed with respect to allied contributions to the
9 common defense to properly assess the readiness of
10 the United States and the countries described in
11 subsection (c)(2) for threats; and

12 (2) requires the Secretary of Defense to submit
13 to Congress an annual report on the contributions of
14 allies to the common defense.

15 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
16 gress that—

17 (1) the threats facing the United States—

18 (A) extend beyond the global war on ter-
19 ror; and

20 (B) include near-peer threats; and

21 (2) the President should seek from each coun-
22 try described in subsection (c)(2) acceptance of
23 international security responsibilities and agree-
24 ments to make contributions to the common defense
25 in accordance with the collective defense agreements
26 or treaties to which such country is a party.

1 (c) ANNUAL REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO
2 THE COMMON DEFENSE.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 each
4 year, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with
5 the heads of other Federal agencies, as the Sec-
6 retary determines to be necessary, shall submit to
7 the appropriate committees of Congress a report
8 containing a description of—

9 (A) the annual defense spending by each
10 country described in paragraph (2), including
11 available data on nominal budget figures and
12 defense spending as a percentage of the gross
13 domestic products of each such country for the
14 fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year
15 in which the report is submitted;

16 (B) the activities of each such country to
17 contribute to military or stability operations in
18 which the Armed Forces of the United States
19 are a participant or may be called upon in ac-
20 cordance with a cooperative defense agreement
21 to which the United States is a party;

22 (C) any limitations placed by any such
23 country on the use of such contributions; and

1 (D) any actions undertaken by the United
2 States or by other countries to minimize such
3 limitations.

4 (2) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The countries de-
5 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

6 (A) Each member country of the North At-
7 lantic Treaty Organization.

8 (B) Each member country of the Gulf Co-
9 operation Council.

10 (C) Each country party to the Inter-Amer-
11 ican Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Trea-
12 ty), done at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947,
13 and entered into force December 3, 1948
14 (TIAS 1838).

15 (D) Australia.

16 (E) Japan.

17 (F) New Zealand.

18 (G) The Philippines.

19 (H) South Korea.

20 (I) Thailand.

21 (3) FORM.—Each report under paragraph (1)
22 shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may
23 contain a classified annex.

1 (4) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under
2 paragraph (1) shall be made available on request to
3 any Member of Congress.

4 (d) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
6 tees of Congress” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
9 on Appropriations of the Senate; and

10 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
11 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
12 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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