En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 1735 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

Full Committee		
		En Bloc #2
Log #	Sponsor	Description
082	Takai	Limits the availability of funds for the modification of command and control relationships of U.S. Pacific Fleet.
093	Bordallo	Amends section 1205 of the FY14 NDAA by providing greater oversight of the National Guard State Partnership Program. It creates a centralized account for the program and requires the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to develop and maintain a list of core competencies, with Secretary of Defense approval, to support the program.
127	Davis	Directs \$50 million within the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund to be used for the recruitment and retention of women in the Afghanistan National Security Forces, and requires an inventory of facilities and services within the Afghan Ministries of Defense and the Interior for women, and requires a plan to address shortcomings of such facilities and services.
182r1	Tsongas	Expresses a sense of Congress that it is in the interest of the United States to continue to assist Afghan partners and their immediate families who have served as translators or interpreters for U.S. forces.
190	Smith	Directs the Comptroller General to evaluate DOD's efforts to promote the capacity and will of partner security forces to carry out internal military justice and accountability functions.
218r2	Walorski	Amends section 2379 of title 10, United States Code, by striking the requirement that in making a commercial item determination sufficient information has been provided to evaluate the reasonableness of the price offered for such system, component or spare
243	Forbes	Expresses a sense of Congress on the U.S. alliance with Japan, including that the U.S. highly values the alliance with Japan, supports recent changes to Japanese defense policy and the U.SJapan defense cooperation guidelines, and reaffirms U.S. commitment to the alliance.
263	Gibson	Directs the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to submit a report on the strategic vision and plan for an adequately resourced, trained, equipped, and effective global response force.
294r1	Conaway	Requires the Secretary of Defense to direct the Office of Net Assessment to conduct a study on the role of the DOD in the formulation of long-term strategy.
298r1	Conaway	Expresses certain findings and a sense of Congress that supports the Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania; notes the principle of collective defense; conveys concern for increasingly aggressive military maneuvering by Russia near Baltic State borders; and encourages further defense cooperation with the Baltic States.
301r1	Conaway	Expresses a sense of Congress in support of the state of Georgia and encourages continued cooperation between the U.S. and Georgia to provide for the defense of its people and sovereign territory.
307	Thornberry	Modifies section 1232 of the Full Committee Mark by adding to the sense of Congress certain clarifying statements on the nuclear negotiations with Iran.

Amendment to H.R. 1735 Offered by Mr. Takai of Hawaii

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 SEC. 10____. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR 2 MODIFYING COMMAND AND CONTROL OF 3 UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET.

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or 5 otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 may be obli-6 gated or expended to modify command and control rela-7 tionships to give Fleet Forces Command operational and 8 administrative control of Navy forces assigned to the Pa-9 cific Fleet. The command and control relationships in ef-10 fect on October 1, 2004, shall remain in effect unless a 11 change to such relationships is specifically authorized by 12 a law.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY MS. BORDALLO OF GUAM, MR. BRIDENSTINE OF OKLAHOMA, MR. WALZ OF MINNESOTA, AND MR. LAMBORN OF COLO-RADO

Page 243, line 1, insert "**MODIFICATION AND**" before "**TWO-YEAR**".

Page 243, after line 3, insert the following:

1 (a) AUTHORITY.—Subsection (a)(1) of section 1205 2 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 127 Stat. 897; 32 U.S.C. 107 3 note) is amended by adding at the end before the period 4 the following: "to support the national interests and secu-5 6 rity cooperation goals and objectives of the United States, including applicable policy and guidelines for United 7 8 States security sector assistance".

9 (b) LIMITATION.—Subsection (b) of such section is
10 amended by inserting "that is not" after "an activity that
11 the Secretary of Defense determines is a matter".

12 (c) PROCEDURES.—Such section, as so amended, is
13 further amended—

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1	(1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (i)
2	as subsections (d) through (j), respectively; and
3	(2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
4	lowing:
5	"(c) PROCEDURES.—
6	"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief of the National
7	Guard Bureau shall—
8	"(A) establish, maintain, and update as
9	appropriate a list of core competencies to sup-
10	port each program established under subsection
11	(a), collectively and for each State and terri-
12	tory, and shall submit for approval to the Sec-
13	retary of Defense the list of core competencies
14	and additional information needed to make use
15	of such core competencies; and
16	"(B) designate a director for each State
17	and territory who shall be responsible for the
18	conduct of activities under a program estab-
19	lished under subsection (a) for such State or
20	territory and reporting on activities under the
21	program.
22	"(2) MILITARY-TO-CIVILIAN CORE COM-
23	PETENCIES.—The Secretary of Defense, with the
24	concurrence of the Secretary of State, may conduct
25	an activity under a program established under sub-

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1	section (a) relating to military-to-civilian core com-
2	petencies.".
3	(d) NATIONAL GUARD STATE PARTNERSHIP PRO-
4	GRAM FUND.—Subsection (e) of such section (as redesig-
5	nated) is amended by adding at the end the following:
6	"(3) NATIONAL GUARD STATE PARTNERSHIP
7	PROGRAM FUND.—
8	"(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—
9	"(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-
10	vided in clause (ii), the Secretary of De-
11	fense shall establish on the books of the
12	Department of Defense a National Guard
13	State Partnership Program Fund.
14	"(ii) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary is
15	not required to establish a Fund under
16	clause (i) if, not later than February 1,
17	2016, the Secretary determines and re-
18	ports to the appropriate congressional com-
19	mittees (as defined in subsection $(h)(1)$)
20	that in the opinion of the Secretary such
21	a Fund should be established on the books
22	of the Department of the Treasury.
23	"(B) CRITERIA.—In administering the
24	Fund established under subparagraph (A)(i),
25	the Secretary shall, to the extent the Secretary

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1		determines it to be appropriate, provide for the σ
2		following amounts to be credited to the Fund:
3		"(i) Amounts authorized and appro-
4		priated to carry out the program under
5		this section.
6		"(ii) Amounts that the Secretary of
7		Defense transfers, in such amounts as pro-
8		vided in appropriations Acts, to the Fund
9		from amounts authorized and appropriated
10		to the Department of Defense, including
11		amounts authorized to be appropriated for
12		the Army National Guard and the Air Na-
13		tional Guard.
14		"(C) Inclusion in annual budget
15		The President shall include the Fund estab-
16		lished under subparagraph (A)(i) or such a
17		Fund established on the books of the Depart-
18		ment of the Treasury in the budget that the
19		President submits to Congress under section
20		1105(a) of title 31, United States Code for
21		each fiscal year in which the authority under
22		subsection (a) is in effect.".
23	(e)	ANNULAL REPORT — Paragraph (2)(B) of sub-

(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Paragraph (2)(B) of sub-24 section (f) of such section (as redesignated) is amended—

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1	(1) in clause (iii), by inserting "or other govern- $^{\prime\prime}$
2	ment organizations" after "and security forces";
3	(2) in clause (iv), by adding at the end before
4	the period the following: "and country";
5	(3) in clause (v), by striking "training" and in-
6	serting "activities"; and
7	(4) by adding at the end the following:
8	"(vi) An assessment of the extent to
9	which the activities conducted during the
10	previous year met the objectives described
11	in clause (v).
12	"(vii) The list of core competencies re-
13	quired by subsection $(c)(1)$ and any update
14	to any changes to the list of core com-
15	petencies required by subsection $(c)(1)$.".
16	(f) DEFINITIONS.—Subsection (h) of such section (as
17	redesignated) is amended—
18	(1) in paragraph (1) , by striking subparagraphs
19	(A) and (B) and inserting the following:
20	"(A) the congressional defense committees;
21	and
22	"(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations
23	of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign
24	Affairs of the House of Representatives.";

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1	(2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
2	graph $(3);$
3	(3) by inserting after paragraph (1) (as amend-
4	ed) the following:
5	"(2) CORE COMPETENCIES.—The term "core
6	competencies" means military-to-military and mili-
7	tary-to-civilian skills and capabilities of the National
8	Guard, consistent with the roles and missions of the
9	Armed Forces as established by the Secretary of De-
10	fense."; and
11	(4) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(4) STATE.—The term 'State' means each of
13	the several States and the District of Columbia.
14	"(5) TERRITORY.—The term 'territory' means
15	the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the
16	Virgin Islands.".
	Dage 242 line 4 strike "Section" and incent "(a)

Page 243, line 4, strike "Section" and insert "(g) TERMINATION.—Section".

Amendment to H.R. 1735 Offered by Mrs. Davis of California

In section 1541 of the bill, strike "Funds" and insert "(a) IN GENERAL.—Funds".

In section 1541 of the bill, add at the end the following:

(b) PROMOTION OF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION
 2 OF WOMEN.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts authorized 4 to be appropriated in this Act for fiscal year 2016 5 for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund, there are 6 authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 to be 7 used for the recruitment and retention of women in 8 the Afghanistan National Security Forces, including 9 modification of facilities of the Ministry of the Inte-10 rior and Ministry of Defense to accommodate female 11 service members and police.

(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this
subsection shall be construed to modify the distribution of funds for programs and activities supported
using the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund, but

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rather shall ensure attention to recruitment and re tention of women within each program and activity.
 (c) INVENTORY AND PLAN REQUIRED.—

4 (1) INVENTORY.—Not later than 120 days after 5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary 6 of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of 7 State, shall submit to the specified congressional committees an inventory of the facilities and services 8 9 of the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the Ministry 10 of the Interior that are lacking in adequate re-11 sources for Afghan female service members and po-12 lice, including resources relating to training, im-13 provement to buildings, transportation, security 14 equipment, and new construction.

15 (2) PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after the 16 submission of the inventory required under para-17 graph (1), the Secretary of Defense, with the con-18 currence of the Secretary of State, shall submit to 19 the specified committees a plan to address the short-20 comings of those facilities and services that the Sec-21 retaries consider to be most significant. In devel-22 oping the plan, the Secretaries shall, to the extent 23 possible, utilize amounts authorized to be appro-24 priated under subsection (b) to promote the recruit-25 ment and retention of Afghan female service mem-

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bers and police. The Secretaries shall also identify
 any additional funding shortcomings that would be
 required to fully address the identified shortcomings
 of those facilities and services.

5 (3) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Defense, with 6 the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall sub-7 mit to the specified congressional committees up-8 dates to the inventory required under paragraph (1) 9 and plan required under paragraph (2) at the same 10 time the President submits the budget under section 11 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for each fis-12 cal year each year through fiscal year 2020.

13 (4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
14 "specified congressional committees" means—

15(A) the congressional defense committees;16and

17 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
18 the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af19 fairs of the House of Representatives.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY MS. TSONGAS OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

SEC. 12____. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHAN TRANSLATORS, INTERPRETERS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AIDS.

4 It is the sense of Congress that it is in the interest 5 of the United States to continue to assist Afghan partners, 6 and their immediate families, who have served as trans-7 lators or interpreters and those who have performed sen-8 sitive and trusted activities for United States forces.

Amendment Offered by <u>Mr. Smith (WA)</u>

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

DOD Training Programs on Military Justice and Accountability

As the Department of Defense's military operations increasingly focus on training and developing other nation's security forces across the globe, it is critical that these efforts include establishing the capacity within these forces to prevent the commission of unlawful acts and to pursue military justice and accountability in cases when members of the partner forces violate local or international law. The committee is concerned that a lack of emphasis on these core values could materialize and erode all that the U.S. has accomplished through its training programs.

The committee directs the Comptroller General to evaluate DOD's efforts to promote the capacity and will of partner security forces to carry out internal military justice and accountability functions. The Comptroller General should provide a briefing on preliminary results to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2016, with the report to follow on a date agreed to at the time of briefing. The assessment should address the following:

- An identification of the statutory authorities, applicable doctrine (including field manuals), strategic guidance and programs the Department currently utilizes to implement military justice and accountability training efforts;
- The preparedness of U.S. forces to conduct military justice and accountability training, including the necessary training, skills and resources;
- A list of the countries receiving U.S. security assistance to develop internal military justice and accountability functions and the total dollar amount, by statutory authority or program, for the three preceding fiscal years.
- An assessment of the ways in which the efforts of the Department to build military justice and accountability capacity and will of foreign security forces are part of overarching U.S. security assistance to those countries, including the integrated country strategies formulated by the Department of State.
- The extent to which there are any statutory or other prohibitions on the provision of such assistance;

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- How the Department assesses the effectiveness of activities that are designed to promote military justice and accountability capacity in foreign security forces, including the extent to which enhanced capacity leads to greater accountability.
- Any other issues the Comptroller General determines appropriate with respect to training foreign security forces on military justice and accountability.

Amendment to H.R. 1735 Offered by Mrs. Walorski of Indiana

At the appropriate place in title VIII, insert the following new section:

1	SEC. 8 MODIFICATION TO INFORMATION REQUIRED TO
2	BE SUBMITTED BY OFFEROR IN PROCURE-
3	MENT OF MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEMS AS COM-
4	MERCIAL ITEMS.
5	(a) Requirement for Determination.—Sub-
6	section (a) of section 2379 of title 10, United States Code,
7	is amended—
8	(1) in subsection $(1)(B)$, by inserting "; and"
9	after the semicolon;
10	(2) by striking paragraph (2) ; and
11	(3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-
12	graph (2) .
13	(b) TREATMENT OF SUBSYSTEMS AS COMMERCIAL
14	ITEMS.—Subsection (b) of such section is amended—
15	(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1) , by
16	striking "only if" and inserting "if either";
17	(2) in paragraph (2)—

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1	(A) by striking "that—" and all that fol-
2	lows through "the subsystem is a" and insert-
3	ing "that the subsystem is a";
4	(B) by striking "; and" and inserting a pe-
5	riod; and
6	(C) by striking subparagraph (B).
7	(c) TREATMENT OF COMPONENTS AS COMMERCIAL
8	ITEMS.—Subsection (c)(1) of such section is amended—
9	(1) by striking "title only if" and inserting
10	"title if either"; and
11	(2) in subparagraph (B)—
12	(A) by striking "that—" and all that fol-
13	lows through "the component or" and inserting
14	"that the component or";
15	(B) by striking "; and" and inserting a pe-
16	riod; and
17	(C) by striking clause (ii).
18	(d) INFORMATION SUBMITTED.—Subsection (d) of
19	such section is amended—
20	(1) by striking "submit—" and all that follows
21	through "prices paid" and inserting "submit prices
22	paid'';
23	(2) by striking "; and" and inserting a period;
24	and



(3) by striking paragraph (2).

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY MR. FORBES OF VIRGINIA

MR CONAWAY (TX) is a Co-Sponsor At the appropriate place in title XII of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE UNITED STATES

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ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN.

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) the United States highly values its alliance 5 with the Government of Japan as a cornerstone of 6 peace and security in the region, based on shared 7 values of democracy, the rule of law, free and open 8 markets, and respect for human rights in order to 9 promote peace, security, stability, and economic 10 prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region;

(2) the United States welcomes Japan's decision to contribute more proactively to regional and
global peace and security;

(3) the United States supports recent changes
in Japanese defense policy, including the adoption of
collective self-defense and the new bilateral Guidelines for U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation which
were approved on April 27, 2015, and will promote

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a more balanced and effective alliance to meet the emerging security challenges of this century;

3 (4) the United States and Japan should con4 tinue to improve joint interoperability and collabo5 rate on developing future capabilities with which to
6 maintain regional stability in an increasingly uncer7 tain security environment;

8 (5) the United States and Japan should con-9 tinue efforts to strengthen regional multilateral in-10 stitutions that promote economic and security co-11 operation based on internationally accepted rules 12 and norms;

(6) the United States acknowledges that the
Senkaku Islands are under the administration of
Japan and opposes any unilateral actions that would
seek to undermine such administration and remains
committed under the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation
and Security to respond to any armed attack in the
territories under the administration of Japan; and

(7) the United States reaffirms its commitment
to the Government of Japan under Article V of the
Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security that
"[e]ach Party recognizes that an armed attack
against either Party in the territories under the administration of Japan would be dangerous to its own

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- 1 peace and safety and declares that it would act to
- 2 meet the common danger in accordance with its con-
- 3 stitutional provisions and processes".

Amendment Offered by Gibson

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

Strategic Vision and Plan for an effective Global Response Force

The Committee directs the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to submit a report to the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the House Committee on Armed Services within 180 days of enactment, on the strategic vision and plan for an adequately resourced, trained, equipped, and manned effective global response force (GRF). This report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex. The Committee believes that the GRF is a top priority and having a fully resourced and supported GRF is critical to our national security if ever needed. The Committee strongly believes that the GRF can serve the purpose of deterrence and provide leverage in diplomatic negotiations. This was reinforced by Secretary Carter, who stated the GRF has the greatest deterrent value because of its global reach during his testimony to the House Committee on Armed Services on the President's AUMF and FY16 NDAA Budget Request from DOD Hearing. The Committee directs that the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff shall include in his report a description of current operational requirements and capability gaps for an effective global response force to ensure that a fully developed joint operational concept emerges that supports the National Military Strategy; a description of any shortfalls in joint capacity; an assessment of the ability of the Department of Defense to meet current global response force requirements; an assessment whether each of the military departments is meeting expectations with respect to the global response force; a discussion of what each of the military departments is doing to address any concerns; an assessment of all supporting elements of the global response force, including special operations, air defense, capability to conduct logistical resupply, follow-on forces, and other elements the Chairman determines appropriate; and an assessment of the current capacity and readiness of aircraft lift and maritime ships to transport the global response force and additional forces in support of war plans, including a description of how readiness maneuverability and frequency in which maneuverability capacity is assessed.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

1 SEC. 10____. STUDY AND REPORT ON ROLE OF DEPART 2 MENT OF DEFENSE IN FORMULATION OF 3 LONG-TERM STRATEGY.

4 The Secretary of Defense shall direct the Office of 5 Net Assessment to conduct a study on the role of the De-6 partment of Defense in the formulation of long-term strat-7 egy. Not later than two years after the date of the enact-8 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the con-9 gressional defense committees a report on the results of 10 the study, which shall include—

11 (1) historical lessons learned, and recommenda-12 tions for both the executive and legislative branch on 13 how to create an entity or entities, programs or 14 projects, or supporting efforts or activities to study 15 and formulate suggestions for Department of De-16 fense long-term strategy across the combination of 17 military, economic, scientific, technological, geo-18 political, resources, international relations, and other

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relevant areas of study related to the role of the Department of Defense in national security.

3 (2) key recommendations for alternative or can-4 didate courses of action for establishing such an en-5 tity or entities, programs or projects, or supporting 6 efforts or activities within or outside of the Govern-7 ment, including identification of areas or compo-8 nents of the Government most suited to the formula-9 tion of Department of Defense long-term strategy, 10 or identification of new offices, organizational units, 11 or supporting efforts within or outside of the Gov-12 ernment focused on the development of long-term 13 strategies for the Department; and

(3) an analysis of the efforts of the Department
of Defense to cultivate long-term strategists within
and outside of the Department and the Government,
including an examination of options of best methods
to improve and support the development, training,
and education of strategic thinkers within and outside of the Department and the Government.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1735

OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in title XII of the bill, add the following:

SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SUPPORT FOR ESTO NIA, LATVIA, AND LITHUANIA. (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Baltic States of Estonia, Latvia, and
5 Lithuania are highly valued allies of the United
6 States, and they have repeatedly demonstrated their
7 commitment to advancing our mutual interests as
8 well as those of the NATO Alliance.

9 (2) Operation Atlantic Resolve is a series of ex-10 ercises and coordinating efforts meant to dem-11 onstrate the United States' commitment to the Bal-12 tic States of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and the 13 United States-Baltic partnership's shared goal of 14 peace and stability in the region. Built upon the 15 common values of peace, stability and prosperity, 16 Operation Atlantic Resolve strengthens communica-17 tion and understanding, and is an important effort 18 to deter Russian aggression against the Baltic 19 States.

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(3) As part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, the
 European Reassurance Initiative undertakes exer cises, training, and rotational presence necessary to
 reassure and integrate our Baltic State allies into a
 common defense framework.

6 (4) All three Baltic States contributed to the 7 NATO-led International Security Assistance Force 8 in Afghanistan, sending disproportionate numbers of 9 troops and operating with few caveats. They also 10 continue to engage in the Resolute Support Mission 11 in Afghanistan.

12 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

(1) reaffirms its support for the principle of collective defense as enshrined in Article 5 of the North
Atlantic Treaty for our NATO allies, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania;

17 (2) supports the sovereignty, independence, ter18 ritorial integrity, and inviolability of Estonia, Latvia,
19 and Lithuania as well as their internationally recog20 nized borders, and expresses concerns over increas21 ingly aggressive military maneuvering by Russia
22 near their borders and airspace;

23 (3) expresses concerns over increasingly aggres24 sive military maneuvering by the Russian Federation
25 near Baltic state borders and airspace, and con-

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demns reported subversive and destabilizing activi ties by the Russian Federation within the Baltic
 states; and

4 (4) encourages the Administration to further
5 enhance defense cooperation efforts with Estonia,
6 Latvia, and Lithuania and supports the efforts of
7 their Governments to provide for the defense of their
8 people and sovereign territory.

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Amendment to H.R. 1735 Offered by Mr. Conaway of Texas

At the appropriate place in title XII of the bill, add the following:

1 SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SUPPORT FOR GEOR-2 GIA. 3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following: 4 (1) Georgia is a valued friend of the United 5 States and has repeatedly demonstrated its commit-6 ment to advancing the mutual interests of both 7 countries, including the deployment of Georgian 8 forces as part of the NATO-led International Secu-9 rity Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan and the 10 Multi-National Force in Iraq. 11 (2) The European Reassurance Initiative builds 12 the partnership capacity of Georgia so it can work 13 more closely with the United States and NATO, as well as provide for their own defense. 14 15 (3) In addition to the European Reassurance 16 Initiative, Georgia's participation in the NATO ini-17 tiative Partnership for Peace is paramount to inter-18 operability with the United States and NATO, and

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establishing a more peaceful environment in the re gion.

3 (4) Despite the heavy and painful losses suf4 fered during the ISAF, as a NATO partner Georgia
5 is engaged in the Resolute Support Mission in Af6 ghanistan with the second largest contingent on the
7 ground.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

9 (1) reaffirms United States support for Geor-10 gia's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its 11 internationally-recognized borders, and does not rec-12 ognize the Abkhazia and South Ossetia regions, cur-13 rently occupied by Russia, as independent; and

14 (2) supports continued cooperation between the
15 United States and Georgia and the efforts of the
16 Government of Georgia to provide for the defense of
17 its people and sovereign territory.

Amendment to H.R. 1735 Offered by Mr. Thornberry of Texas

Page 274, line 10, strike "broad, permanent".

Page 274, line 11, strike "limited, temporary".

Page 274, beginning on line 11, strike "Iran's nuclear program" and all that follows through line 20 and insert "Iran's nuclear program for a limited period of time.".

Page 274, line 25, strike "and is" and insert "is".

Page 275, beginning on line 2, strike the period and all that follows through "any" on line 3 and insert "and the CJPOA places no" (and redesignate subsequent paragraphs accordingly).

Page 276, beginning on line 15, strike "and these malign activities will likely" and insert ", which may well".

Page 276, line 17, strike "broad, permanent".

Page 277, beginning on line 3, strike "the Government of Iran" and all that follows through "a nuclearthreshold state" on line 5 and insert "Iran would be an internationally-approved nuclear-threshold state".

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Page 277, line 8, insert "all elements of" before "any".

Page 277, line 10, insert "it should" before "approve".

Page 277, strike lines 16 through 20 and insert the following:

1 (8) Congress supports efforts to reach a peace-2 ful, diplomatic solution to permanently and verifiably end Iran's pursuit, development, and acquisition of 3 4 a nuclear weapons capability, and it reaffirms that 5 it is United States policy that Iran will not be al-6 lowed to develop a nuclear weapons capability and 7 that all instruments of United States power must be 8 considered to prevent Iran from acquiring a nuclear 9 weapon;