

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 5\_\_\_. TABLETOP EXERCISE FOR UNITED STATES**  
2 **INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND REGARDING EX-**  
3 **TREME CONDITIONS.**

4 (a) TABLETOP EXERCISE.—

5 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
7 Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Com-  
8 mand, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
9 Navy and the heads of other Federal departments  
10 and agencies the Commander determines appro-  
11 priate, shall conduct at least one national tabletop  
12 exercise to assess the ability of the Armed Forces  
13 and forces of allies or partners to confront aggres-  
14 sive adversarial threats in the Indo-Pacific region  
15 while confronting extreme environmental hazards.

16 (2) ELEMENTS.—The tabletop exercise under  
17 this section shall evaluate, at a minimum, the fol-  
18 lowing:

1 (A) The resilience of United States weap-  
2 ons, systems, force posture, and command and  
3 control to withstand extreme environmental  
4 hazards during a single combat contingency in  
5 the Indo-Pacific.

6 (B) The mobility of the Armed Forces in  
7 the event of attacks upon critical infrastructure  
8 and logistical chokepoints pertinent to a contin-  
9 gency involving an ally or partner; and

10 (C) The ability of the Armed Forces to  
11 conduct logistics in a constrained environment,  
12 including the ability to resupply United States  
13 and allied forces, and civilian populations.

14 (D) The resiliency of the Indo-Pacific  
15 Command to withstand extreme environmental  
16 hazards.

17 (E) The response of the Federal Govern-  
18 ment to partial or complete loss of overseas  
19 critical infrastructure.

20 (F) The ability of the Armed Forces, in co-  
21 ordination with allies and partners, to resist  
22 force or other coercion by an aggressor if com-  
23 mand and control is compromised due to ex-  
24 treme environmental conditions.

1 (G) The options of the Federal Govern-  
2 ment to ensure the viability of overseas critical  
3 infrastructure in the event of a military contin-  
4 gency, including assets in Japan, the Republic  
5 of Korea, Guam, the Northern Marianas, Ha-  
6 waii, and the Philippines.

7 (H) Air defense capabilities to deter mis-  
8 sile threats from the People's Republic of China  
9 or the Democratic People's Republic of Korea  
10 during a military conflict.

11 (I) The ability of naval projection forces to  
12 defend against adversarial threats while oper-  
13 ating under compromised conditions.

14 (J) The survivability of critical military  
15 forces, particularly air forces.

16 (K) The ability of air forces to conduct  
17 agile combat employment operations under com-  
18 promised positions.

19 (L) The efficacy of ground-based targeting  
20 and firing in the Indo-Pacific to support key  
21 missions amidst extreme environmental condi-  
22 tions.

23 (3) LOCATION.—The Commander shall conduct  
24 the tabletop exercise at an institution of higher mili-  
25 tary education of the Navy selected by the Com-

1           mander. In making such selection, the Commander  
2           shall consider the following elements:

3                   (A) Geographic proximity to the United  
4                   States Indo-Pacific Command area of responsi-  
5                   bility.

6                   (B) Leadership in science and technology,  
7                   academic research, and applied design for inno-  
8                   vation to meaningfully participate or provide  
9                   analysis on the exercises described in paragraph  
10                  (2).

11                  (C) Experience and capacity to conduct a  
12                  tabletop exercise impacted by extreme environ-  
13                  mental conditions.

14                  (D) Leadership in meeting objectives of  
15                  the Department of the Navy to create resilient  
16                  and sustainable military capabilities that can  
17                  withstand extreme environmental conditions.

18                  (4) PREPARATION.—The tabletop exercise shall  
19                  be prepared by personnel of the United States Indo-  
20                  Pacific Command, selected by the Commander in  
21                  consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Sec-  
22                  retary of the Navy, and the President of the institu-  
23                  tion selected by the Commander to host the exercise.

1           (5) PARTICIPANTS.—Participants in the table-  
2           top exercise may include the following, as deter-  
3           mined appropriate by the Commander:

4                   (A) Personnel of the Department of De-  
5           fense.

6                   (B) Representatives of thinktanks or other  
7           entities of the United States.

8                   (C) Representatives of allies and partners,  
9           subject to the approval of the the Secretary of  
10          Defense and the Secretary of State.

11          (6) FREQUENCY.—Additional such tabletop ex-  
12          ercises may be conducted—

13                   (A) not more than twice per year, at dates  
14           and times determined by the Commander and  
15           the President of the institution selected to hose  
16           the tabletop exercise; and

17                   (B) during the four years following the  
18           date of the enactment of this Act.

19          (b) BRIEFING.—Following the conclusion of a table-  
20          top exercise, the Commander and a nongovernmental par-  
21          ticipant determined by the Commander, shall provide to  
22          the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the  
23          tabletop exercise. Such a briefing shall include—

1           (1) an assessment of the decision-making, capa-  
2           bility, and response gaps observed in the tabletop ex-  
3           ercise; and

4           (2) recommendations to improve the resiliency  
5           of, and reduce vulnerabilities in, the domestic critical  
6           infrastructure of the United States in the event of  
7           a military contingency involving an ally or partner.

8           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9           (1) The term “ally or partner” means Taiwan,  
10          Japan, or the Republic of Korea.

11          (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
12          mittees” means—

13               (A) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
14               Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Com-  
15               mittee on Oversight and Reform of the House  
16               of Representatives; and

17               (B) the Committee on Armed Services, the  
18               Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Com-  
19               mittee on Homeland Security and Government  
20               Affairs of the Senate.

21          (3) The term “environmental hazard” in-  
22          cludes—

23               (A) an earthquake;

24               (B) a tsunami;

1 (C) a hurricane, typhoon, monsoon, or  
2 other storm;

3 (D) rising sea levels;

4 (E) mudslides; or

5 (F) any other environmental condition the  
6 Commander determines is relevant to the Indo-  
7 Pacific region and disruptive to military oper-  
8 ations of the United States or forces of an ally  
9 or partner.

10 (4) The term “tabletop exercise” means an ac-  
11 tivity—

12 (A) in which senior personnel gather to de-  
13 liberate various simulated emergency or rapid  
14 response situations; and

15 (B) that is designed to assess the adequacy  
16 of plans, policies, procedures, training, re-  
17 sources, and relationships or agreements that  
18 guide the prevention of, response to, and recov-  
19 ery from a defined event.

