

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, S. 1678, with an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1678

To express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

AN ACT

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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 “Taiwan Allies Inter-
5 national Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI)
6 Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
3 ings:

4 (1) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 (Public
5 Law 96–8) states that it is the policy of the United
6 States “to preserve and promote extensive, close,
7 and friendly commercial, cultural, and other rela-
8 tions between the people of the United States and
9 the people on Taiwan”.

10 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 states
11 that it is the policy of the United States “to main-
12 tain the capacity of the United States to resist any
13 resort to force or other forms of coercion that would
14 jeopardize the security, or the social or economic
15 system, of the people on Taiwan”.

16 (3) Taiwan is a free, democratic, and pros-
17 perous nation of 23,000,000 people and an impor-
18 tant contributor to peace and stability around the
19 world.

20 (4) Since the election of President Tsai Ing-wen
21 as President of Taiwan in 2016, the Government of
22 the People’s Republic of China has intensified its ef-
23 forts to pressure Taiwan.

24 (5) Since 2016, the Gambia, Sao Tome and
25 Principe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, Burkina
26 Faso, El Salvador, the Solomon Islands, and

1 Kiribati have severed diplomatic relations with Tai-
2 wan in favor of diplomatic relations with China.

3 (6) Taiwan currently maintains full diplomatic
4 relations with 15 nations around the world.

5 (7) Taiwan's unique relationship with the
6 United States, Australia, India, Japan, and other
7 countries are of significant benefit in strengthening
8 Taiwan's economy and preserving its international
9 space.

10 (8) According to President Tsai Ing-wen, the
11 severance of diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of
12 diplomatic relations with China is "part of a series
13 of diplomatic and military acts of coercion" by
14 China.

15 (9) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of
16 2018 (Public Law 115-409) states that—

17 (A) it is United States policy "to support
18 the close economic, political, and security rela-
19 tionship between Taiwan and the United
20 States"; and

21 (B) the President should—

22 (i) "conduct regular transfers of de-
23 fense articles to Taiwan that are tailored
24 to meet the existing and likely future
25 threats from the People's Republic of

1 China, including supporting the efforts of
2 Taiwan to develop and integrate asym-
3 metric capabilities, as appropriate, includ-
4 ing mobile, survivable, and cost-effective
5 capabilities, into its military forces”; and

6 (ii) “encourage the travel of high-level
7 United States officials to Taiwan, in ac-
8 cordance with the Taiwan Travel Act”.

9 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC**
10 **RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that—

12 (1) the United States and Taiwan have built a
13 strong economic partnership, with the United States
14 now Taiwan’s second largest trading partner and
15 with Taiwan the 11th largest trading partner of the
16 United States and a key destination for United
17 States agricultural exports;

18 (2) strong United States-Taiwan economic rela-
19 tions have been a positive factor in stimulating eco-
20 nomic growth and job creation for the people of both
21 the United States and Taiwan; and

22 (3) the United States Trade Representative
23 should consult with Congress on opportunities for
24 further strengthening bilateral trade and economic
25 relations between the United States and Taiwan.

1 **SEC. 4. POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REGARD TO**
2 **TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTER-**
3 **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 It should be the policy of the United States—

5 (1) to advocate, as appropriate—

6 (A) for Taiwan's membership in all inter-
7 national organizations in which statehood is not
8 a requirement and in which the United States
9 is also a participant; and

10 (B) for Taiwan to be granted observer sta-
11 tus in other appropriate international organiza-
12 tions;

13 (2) to instruct, as appropriate, representatives
14 of the United States Government in all organizations
15 described in paragraph (1) to use the voice, vote,
16 and influence of the United States to advocate for
17 Taiwan's membership or observer status in such or-
18 ganizations; and

19 (3) for the President or the President's des-
20 ignees to advocate, as appropriate, for Taiwan's
21 membership or observer status in all organizations
22 described in paragraph (1) as part of any relevant
23 bilateral engagements between the United States
24 and the People's Republic of China, including leader
25 summits and the U.S.-China Comprehensive Eco-
26 nomic Dialogue.

1 **SEC. 5. STRENGTHENING OF TIES WITH TAIWAN.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that the United States Government should—

4 (1) support Taiwan in strengthening its official
5 diplomatic relationships as well as other partner-
6 ships with countries in the Indo-Pacific region and
7 around the world;

8 (2) consider, in certain cases as appropriate
9 and in alignment with United States interests, in-
10 creasing its economic, security, and diplomatic en-
11 gagement with nations that have demonstrably
12 strengthened, enhanced, or upgraded relations with
13 Taiwan; and

14 (3) consider, in certain cases as appropriate, in
15 alignment with United States foreign policy interests
16 and in consultation with Congress, altering its eco-
17 nomic, security, and diplomatic engagement with na-
18 tions that take serious or significant actions to un-
19 dermine the security or prosperity of Taiwan.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for
22 five years, the Secretary of State shall report to the appro-
23 priate congressional committees on the steps taken in ac-
24 cordance with subsection (a).

1 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
3 sional committees” means—

4 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the
5 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
6 Finance of the Senate; and

7 (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the
8 Committee on Appropriations, and the Committee on
9 Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.