Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H. R. 8259, With an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

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H. R. 8259

To prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEeks (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KEATING, Mr. COHEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. TRONE, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. SUOZZI, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To prohibit Russian participation in the G7, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE G7.

(a) LIMITATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no Federal funds are authorized to be appropriated to take any action to support or facilitate—
(1) the participation of Russia in a Group of
Seven proceeding; or

(2) the reconstitution of the Group of Eight to
include Russia.

(b) TERMINATION.—Subsection (a) shall cease to
have any force or effect after the date on which—

(1) the Secretary of State and the Director of
National Intelligence, in consultation with the Sec-
retary of Homeland Security and the Director of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation, certify to the ap-
propriate congressional committees and leadership
that the Government of Russia, and all persons act-
ing as an agent of or otherwise on behalf of such
government, has halted all interference in United
States elections or elections of the other members of
the Group of Seven, members of the North Atlantic
Treaty Organization (NATO) and the European
Union, and other allies and partners; and

(2) the Secretary of State, in consultation with
the Director of National Intelligence, determines and
certifies to the appropriate congressional committees
and leadership that the Government of Russia, and
all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise on be-
half of such government, has—
(A) ended its illegal occupation of Crimea and is fully complying with its commitments under the Minsk agreement with respect to Eastern Ukraine;

(B) ended its illegal occupation of South Ossetia and Abkhazia and will support efforts for the reintegration of these regions with the Republic of Georgia; and

(C) withdrawn its troops and armaments from Transnistria and fully respects Moldova’s sovereignty and territorial integrity.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership a report on the threats and challenges of Russia to NATO and the United States in Afghanistan and to United States efforts to counter such threats and challenges, including—

(1) an assessment of support provided by the Government of Russia, and all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise on behalf of such government, for Taliban-linked militants, including—
(A) the provision of defense articles, defense services, or technology (as such terms are defined and described in the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)) or financial assistance for purposes that undermine or run counter to the principles agreed upon in the Agreement for Bringing Peace to Afghanistan entered into on February 29, 2020;

(B) financial transactions, including transactions made through the hawala system, between the individuals and entities of the Government of Russia, or individuals or entities acting in connection with that government, to Taliban-linked militants, other militants with connections to Afghanistan, and their intermediaries; and

(C) any alleged program to incentivize the killing of United States or NATO coalition soldiers by the Government of Russia or any other foreign government;

(2) a description of United States Government efforts to engage in diplomatic efforts with Russia and the governments of NATO coalition allies and partners to counter Russian malign influence in Afghanistan; and
(3) a description of the views of the governments of other NATO members, including heads of government, political leaders, and military commanders in the region on Russian interference and malign influence in Afghanistan.

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

(1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Speaker, the majority leader, and the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the majority leader and the minority leader of the Senate.