

## 115TH CONGRESS BESSION H.R. 7220

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**DECEMBER 6, 2018** 

Mr. McEachin (for himself and Mr. Schneider) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

## 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 "Produce All Relevant
- 5 Information to Safeguard Climate Act" or the "PARIS
- 6 Climate Act".
- 7 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
- 8 It is the sense of Congress that—
- 9 (1) the policy of the United States should re-
- 10 flect and respond to the findings of the Fourth Na-

tional Climate Assessment, which states that "the warming trend observed over the past century can only be explained by the effects that human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse gases, have had on the climate", that "the evidence of human-caused climate change is overwhelming", that "climate-related threats to Americans' physical, social, and economic well-being are rising", and that "without substantial and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions . . . annual losses in some economic sectors are projected to reach hundreds of billions of dollars by the end of the century", in some scenarios reducing gross domestic product by as much as 10 percent;

(2) the President and Congress, in formulating a policy response to the findings of the National Climate Assessment, should fully address all of the threats contemplated in such Assessment, including the increasing frequency of heat waves, floods, wildfires, and other extreme weather events, increasing scarcity of water, expanded territory for certain infectious diseases, and diminishing air quality, and should be mindful of low-income communities, communities of color, or other vulnerable populations

1	that are disproportionately impacted by climate
2	change; and
3	(3) in order to best minimize or prevent the
4	harms of which the National Climate Assessment
5	warns, the Federal Government must join with other
6	governments in a concerted global effort to swiftly
7	curtail greenhouse gas and meet the goals estab-
8	lished by the Paris Agreement.
9	SEC. 3. QUARTERLY ASSESSMENTS REGARDING THE PARIS
10	AGREEMENT.
11	(a) In General.—Not later than 30 days after the
12	date of the enactment of this Act and quarterly thereafter,
13	the Secretary of State shall publish on a publicly available
14	website of the Department of State and submit to the ap-
15	propriate congressional committees an assessment that ad-
16	dresses each of the following matters regarding the Paris
17	Agreement:
18	(1) How many parties to the Paris Agreement
19	have formally indicated an intent to withdraw from
20	such Agreement.
21	(2) Whether the Department has a reasonable
22	expectation that any of the parties referred to in
23	paragraph (1) may pursue withdrawal from the

Paris Agreement in the next year, and if so, an iden-

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1	tification of such parties and the motives for such
2	withdrawal.
3	(3) Whether the United States has established
4	specific terms for re-engagement with the Paris
5	Agreement, per stated Administration policy at the
6	United Nations (C.N.464.2017.TREATIES-
7	XXVII.7.d) on August 4, 2017.
8	(b) Definitions.—In this section:
9	(1) Appropriate congressional commit-
10	TEES.—The term "appropriate congressional com-
11	mittees" means—
12	(A) in the House of Representatives—
13	(i) the Committee on Foreign Affairs;
14	(ii) the Committee on Armed Services;
15	(iii) the Committee on Natural Re-
16	sources;
17	(iv) the Committee on Science, Space,
18	and Technology; and
19	(v) the Committee on Energy and
20	Commerce; and
21	(B) in the Senate—
22	(i) the Committee on Foreign Rela-
23	tions;
24	(ii) the Committee on Armed Services:

1	(iii) the Committee on the Environ-
2	ment and Public Works;
3	(iv) the Committee on Health, Edu-
4	cation, Labor, and Pensions; and
5	(v) the Committee on Energy and
6	Natural Resources.
7	(2) Paris agreement.—The term "Paris
8	Agreement" means the United Nations Framework
9	Convention on Climate Change's 21st Conference of
10	Parties in Paris, France, adopted December 12,
11	2015.

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