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H. R. 1617

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

- To direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.
 - 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 "Keeping Russian En-
 - 5 trapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks
 - 6 Act" or the "KREMLIN Act".
 - 7 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
 - 8 Congress finds the following:

- 1 (1) Russia continues to engage in information 2 warfare and political interference in the West, in-3 cluding by undermining democratic systems and ex-4 ploiting economic and ethnic tensions within member 5 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 6 (2) Such activities constitute a threat to the United States and to its allies.

8 SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

- 9 It is the sense of Congress that—
- 10 (1) the Countering America's Adversaries
 11 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44) au12 thorized the United States Government to impose
 13 sanctions in response to actions by countries, includ14 ing Russia, that undermine the security of the
 15 United States;
 - (2) the United States should sustain its contribution to the newly deployed enhanced forward presence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia and encourage Canada, the United Kingdom, and Germany to continue their important leadership roles in the military presence of NATO in those countries;
- 24 (3) the United States has defensive intentions 25 in pursuing such sanctions and such enhanced mili-

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- tary posture in Europe, and does not seek to threaten Russian territory;
 - (4) the United States does not seek to be an enemy of the Russian people;
- 5 (5) the United States desires a peaceful, eco-6 nomically prosperous relationship with Russia based 7 on democratic principles where freedom and the rule 8 of law are upheld for all; and
- 9 (6) the United States is committed to defending 10 these fundamental beliefs against any Russian ag-11 gression.

12 SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS.

- 13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
- 14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
- 15 Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of State
- 16 and the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appro-
- 17 priate congressional committees each of the assessments
- 18 described in subsection (b).
- 19 (b) Assessments Described.—The assessments
- 20 described in this section are the following with respect to
- 21 the current intentions of the political leadership of the
- 22 Russian Federation and based on intelligence obtained
- 23 from all sources:

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- 24 (1) Potential military action against members
- of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

1	(2) Potential responses to an enlarged United
2	States or NATO military presence in eastern Europe
3	or to increased United States military support for
4	allies and partners in the region, such as the provi-
5	sion of additional lethal military equipment to
6	Ukraine or Georgia.
7	(3) Potential areas where the Government of
8	the Russian Federation could exploit weaknesses and
9	divisions among the governments of its Western ad-
10	versaries.
11	(c) FORM.—Each assessment required under sub-
12	section (a) may be submitted in classified form but shall
13	also include an unclassified executive summary, consistent
14	with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.
15	(d) Appropriate Congressional Committees.—
16	In this section, the term "appropriate congressional com-
17	mittees" means—
18	(1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-

18 (1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-19 ligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the 20 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-21 resentatives; and

- 1 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the
- 2 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
- on Armed Services of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives March 12, 2019.

Attest: CHERYL L. JOHNSON,

Clerk.

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