

116TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1617

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,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

- This Act may be cited as the "Keeping Russian En-
- 3 trapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks
- 4 Act" or the "KREMLIN Act".
- 5 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.
- 6 Congress finds the following:
- 7 (1) Russia continues to engage in information
- 8 warfare and political interference in the West, in-
- 9 cluding by undermining democratic systems and ex-
- ploiting economic and ethnic tensions within member
- 11 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.
- 12 (2) Such activities constitute a threat to the
- 13 United States and to its allies.
- 14 SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
- 15 It is the sense of Congress that—
- 16 (1) the Countering America's Adversaries
- 17 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44) au-
- thorized the United States Government to impose
- sanctions in response to actions by countries, includ-
- 20 ing Russia, that undermine the security of the
- 21 United States;
- 22 (2) the United States should sustain its con-
- tribution to the newly deployed enhanced forward
- presence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 25 (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:
- 4 (3) the United States has defensive intentions 5 in pursuing such sanctions and such enhanced mili-6 tary posture in Europe, and does not seek to threat-7 en Russian territory;
- 8 (4) the United States does not seek to be an enemy of the Russian people;
 - (5) the United States desires a peaceful, economically prosperous relationship with Russia based on democratic principles where freedom and the rule of law are upheld for all; and
- 14 (6) the United States is committed to defending 15 these fundamental beliefs against any Russian ag-16 gression.

17 SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS.

- 18 (a) In General.—Not later than 90 days after the
- 19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
- 20 Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of State
- 21 and the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appro-
- 22 priate congressional committees each of the assessments
- 23 described in subsection (b).
- 24 (b) Assessments Described.—The assessments
- 25 described in this section are the following with respect to

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- 1 the current intentions of the political leadership of the
- 2 Russian Federation and based on intelligence obtained
- 3 from all sources:
- 4 (1) Potential military action against members 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).
- 6 (2) Potential responses to an enlarged United
 7 States or NATO military presence in eastern Europe
 8 or to increased United States military support for
 9 allies and partners in the region, such as the provi10 sion of additional lethal military equipment to
 11 Ukraine or Georgia.
- 12 (3) Potential areas where the Government of 13 the Russian Federation could exploit weaknesses and 14 divisions among the governments of its Western ad-15 versaries.
- 16 (c) FORM.—Each assessment required under sub-17 section (a) may be submitted in classified form but shall 18 also include an unclassified executive summary, consistent
- 19 with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.
- 20 (d) Appropriate Congressional Committees.—
- 21 In this section, the term "appropriate congressional com-
- 22 mittees" means—
- 23 (1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
- ligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the

- 1 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
- 2 resentatives; and
- 3 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the
- 4 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
- 5 on Armed Services of the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives March 12, 2019.

Attest:

Clerk.

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