

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 5068

To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to jointly submit to Congress a plan on Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

August 20, 2021

Mr. Steube (for himself and Mr. Panetta) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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 "Prioritize Evacuation
- 5 of U.S. Citizens in Afghanistan Act".

1 SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION.

- 2 Congress declares the Biden Administration to
- 3 prioritize and expedite the evacuation and relocation of the
- 4 U.S. citizens and their families in Afghanistan.
- 5 SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.
- 6 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
- 7 should—
- 8 (1) prioritize the repatriation of all United
- 9 States persons in Afghanistan;
- 10 (2) make efforts to recover or destroy Depart-
- ment of Defense equipment and materials that were
- disposed or dispositioned to the military or Govern-
- ment of Afghanistan, including property provided
- through foreign military sales and transfers of
- 15 United States foreign excess property; and
- 16 (3) recover or destroy any and all Department
- of Defense equipment and materials, including weap-
- ons, vehicles, and aircraft, that have been left behind
- in Afghanistan to prevent such equipment and mate-
- rials from entering the possession of the Taliban.
- 21 SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF
- 22 STATE JOINT PLAN ON AFGHANISTAN.
- The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State
- 24 shall immediately jointly submit to Congress a report that
- 25 includes—

1	(1) a plan to safely remove the approximately
2	10,000 to 15,000 United States persons in Afghani-
3	stan, as of the date of the enactment of this Act,
4	from Afghanistan; and

(2) a detailed list and dollar amount of the Department of Defense equipment and materials that were not fully dispositioned at the time of the accelerated withdraw.

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