

116TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1273

To direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit an assessment of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY (for himself and Mr. STEWART) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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 “Keeping Russian En-
5 trapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks
6 Act” or the “KREMLIN Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) Russia continues to engage in information
4 warfare and political interference in the West, in-
5 cluding by undermining democratic systems and ex-
6 ploiting economic and ethnic tensions within member
7 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

8 (2) Such activities constitute a threat to the
9 United States and to its allies.

10 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that—

12 (1) the Countering America’s Adversaries
13 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44) was an
14 appropriate response to Russia’s—

15 (A) meddling in the 2016 United States
16 presidential election;

17 (B) continued aggression in the Ukraine
18 and the Crimea region; and

19 (C) support for the Assad regime in Syria;

20 (2) the United States should sustain its newly
21 deployed enhanced forward presence in Poland, Lith-
22 uania, and Estonia and urge Canada, the United
23 Kingdom, and Germany to quickly deploy and sus-
24 tain parallel commitments in those countries;

25 (3) the United States has defensive intentions
26 in pursuing such sanctions and such enhanced mili-

1 tary posture in Europe, and does not seek to threat-
2 en Russian territory; and

3 (4) the United States does not seek to be an
4 enemy of the Russian people and propaganda di-
5 rected against the United States by President Vladi-
6 mir Putin misrepresents the intentions of the United
7 States for the purposes of preserving his power.

8 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT.**

9 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, the Director of National Intelligence
11 shall submit to the House Permanent Select Committee
12 on Intelligence and the Senate Select Committee on Intel-
13 ligence an assessment, which may be submitted in classi-
14 fied form, based on intelligence obtained from all sources
15 regarding the current intentions of the political leadership
16 of the Russian Federation, with respect to the following:

17 (1) Russian leadership intentions in pursuing
18 military scenarios against members of the North At-
19 lantic Treaty Organization, including conduct of an
20 exercise on the border with Moldova of more than
21 100,000 Russian forces in August 2017.

22 (2) Russian leadership reactions to the Euro-
23 pean Reassurance Initiative.

- 1 (3) Potential areas of cooperation between the
- 2 Government of the Russian Federation and the gov-
- 3 ernments of its Western adversaries.

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