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To prepare for contested logistics environments, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ROMNEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To prepare for contested logistics environments, 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 ''Bolstering Indo-Pacific

5 Capabilities Act of 2024''.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF**

7   **KOREA IN CONTESTED LOGISTICS DEM-**

8   **ONSTRATION AND PROTOTYPING PROGRAM.**

9   Section 842(h)(2) of the National Defense Authoriza-

10 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31) is

11 amended—

1   (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (C), (D),

2   and (E) as subparagraphs (D), (F), and (G), respec-

3   tively;

4   (2) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-

5   lowing new subparagraph:

6   "(C) Japan;"; and

7   (3) by inserting after subparagraph (D), as re-

8   designated by paragraph (1), the following new sub-

9   paragraph:

10   "(E) the Republic of Korea;".

11   **SEC. 3. REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CAPABILI-**

12   **TIES TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN THE INDO-**

13   **PACIFIC REGION IN A CONTESTED LOGISTICS**

14   **ENVIRONMENT.**

15   (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall

16   conduct a review of the planning and capabilities of the

17   Department of Defense to support operations in the region

18   of the Indo-Pacific Command in a contested logistics envi-

19   ronment (as defined in section 2926(h) of title 10, United

20   States Code).

21   (b) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW.—The review required by

22   subsection (a) shall—

23   (1) assess the role of each military service with

24   the joint force and with respect to the other military

25   services in a contested logistics environment;

1   (2) assess the ability of each military service to
2   enable effective maintenance and repair activities in
3   a contested logistics environment;

4   (3) assess the ability of each military service to
5   preposition or store materials needed to enable rapid
6   surge capability or to support operations in a con-
7   tested logistics environment;

8   (4) assess the ability of each military service to
9   identify, develop, demonstrate, and field effective
10   and efficient means of conducting repairs of equip-
11   ment when permanent repair facilities are inacces-
12   sible; and

13   (5) identify the resources or the need for any
14   additional resources required by the Secretary of De-
15   fense to reduce or mitigate the risks associated with
16   operations in a contested logistics environment.

17   (c) REPORT.—

18   (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
19   after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
20   retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
21   defense committees a report detailing the results of
22   the review required by subsection (a).

23   (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
24   graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
25   but may include a classified annex.

1 **SEC. 4. EXCEPTION TO RESTRICTIONS ON REPAIR AND**
2   **MAINTENANCE OF NAVAL VESSELS IN FOR-**
3   **EIGN SHIPYARDS FOR SCHEDULED MAINTE-**
4   **NANCE AND REPAIR EXERCISES.**

5   Section 8680(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
7 graph:

8   "(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), during each fis-
9 cal year, scheduled maintenance or repair may be per-
10 formed on not more than six naval vessels described in
11 paragraph (1) outside the United States or Guam if—

12   "(A) the period for the maintenance or repair
13   is less than 90 consecutive days in duration; and

14   "(B) the maintenance or repair is performed as
15   part of an exercise to develop and improve the abil-
16   ity to perform maintenance or repair during wartime
17   or periods of increased international tension.".

18 **SEC. 5. CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DEFINED.**

19   In this Act, the term "congressional defense commit-
20 tees" has the meaning given the term in section
21 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.