

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress on the United States alliance with Japan.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CORKER

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE UNITED STATES**

3 **ALLIANCE WITH JAPAN.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the alliance between the United States and

6 Japan is a cornerstone of peace, security, and sta-

7 bility in the Asia-Pacific region and around the

8 world;

9 (2) Prime Minister Shiuzo Abe's visit to the

10 United States in April 2015 and historic address to

11 a Joint Session of Congress symbolized the strength

1 and importance of ties between the United States
2 and Japan;

3 (3) in 2015, which marks 70 years since the
4 end of World War II, the United States and Japan
5 continue to strengthen the alliance and work to-
6 gether to ensure a peaceful and prosperous future
7 for the Asia-Pacific region and the world;

8 (4) the Governments and people of the United
9 States and Japan share values, interests, and capa-
10 bilities that have helped to build a strong rules-based
11 international order, based on a commitment to rules,
12 norms and institutions;

13 (5) the revised Guidelines for United States-
14 Japan Defense Cooperation and Japan's policy of
15 "Proactive Contribution to Peace" will reinforce de-
16 terrence, update the roles and missions of the
17 United States and Japan, enable Japan to expand
18 its contributions to regional and global security, and
19 allow the United States Government and the Gov-
20 ernment of Japan to enhance cooperation on secu-
21 rity issues in the region and beyond;

22 (6) the United States remain resolute in its
23 commitments under the Treaty of Mutual Coopera-
24 tion and Security to respond to any armed attack in
25 the territories under the administration of Japan;

1 (7) although the United States Government
2 does not take a position on the ultimate sovereignty
3 of the Senkaku Islands, the United States Govern-
4 ment acknowledges that they are under the adminis-
5 tration of Japan and opposes any unilateral actions
6 that would seek to undermine such administration;

7 (8) the United States Government reaffirms
8 that the unilateral actions of a third party will not
9 affect the United States acknowledgment of the ad-
10 ministration of Japan over the Senkaku Islands;

11 (9) the United States Government and the Gov-
12 ernment of Japan continue to work together on com-
13 mon security interests, including to confront the
14 threat posed by the nuclear and ballistic missile pro-
15 grams of the Democratic People's Republic of
16 Korea;

17 (10) the United States Government and the
18 Government of Japan remain committed to ensuring
19 maritime security and respect for international law,
20 including freedom of navigation and overflight; and

21 (11) the United States Government and the
22 Government of Japan continue to oppose the use of
23 coercion, intimidation, or force to change the status
24 quo, including in the East and South China Seas.