

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S.** \_\_\_\_\_

To authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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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 THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the alliance between the United States and  
6 the Republic of Korea has served as an anchor for  
7 stability, security, and prosperity on the Korean Pe-  
8 ninsula, in the Asia-Pacific region, and around the  
9 world;

10 (2) the United States and the Republic of  
11 Korea continue to strengthen and adapt the bilat-  
12 eral, regional, and global scope of the comprehensive

1 strategic alliance between the two nations, to serve  
2 as a linchpin of peace and stability in the Asia-Pa-  
3 cific region, recognizing the shared values of democ-  
4 racy, human rights, free and open marketS, and the  
5 rule of law, as reaffirmed in the May 2013 “Joint  
6 Declaration in Commemoration of the 60th Anniver-  
7 sary of the Alliance between the Republic of Korea  
8 and the United States of America”;

9 (3) the United States and the Republic of  
10 Korea continue to broaden and deepen the alliance  
11 by strengthening the combined defense posture on  
12 the Korean Peninsula, enhancing mutual security  
13 based on the Republic of Korea-United States Mu-  
14 tual Defense Treaty, and promoting cooperation for  
15 regional and global security in the 21st century;

16 (4) the United States and the Republic of  
17 Korea share deep concerns that the nuclear, cyber,  
18 and ballistic missiles programs of North Korea and  
19 its repeated provocations pose grave threats to peace  
20 and stability on the Korean Peninsula and North-  
21 east Asia and recognize that both nations are deter-  
22 mined to achieve the peaceful denuclearization of  
23 North Korea and remain fully committed to con-  
24 tinuing close cooperation on the full range of issues  
25 related to North Korea;

1           (5) the United States and the Republic of  
2           Korea are particularly concerned that the nuclear  
3           and ballistic missile programs of North Korea, in-  
4           cluding North Korean efforts to miniaturize their  
5           nuclear technology and improve the mobility of their  
6           ballistic missiles, have gathered significant momen-  
7           tum and are poised to expand in the coming years;

8           (6) the Republic of Korea has made progress in  
9           enhancing future warfighting and interoperability  
10          capabilities by taking steps toward procuring Patriot  
11          Advanced Capability missiles, F-35 Joint Strike  
12          Fighter Aircraft, and RQ-4 Global Hawk Surveil-  
13          lance Aircraft;

14          (7) the United States supports the vision of a  
15          Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons, free from  
16          the fear of war, and peacefully reunited on the basis  
17          of democratic and free market principles, as articu-  
18          lated in President Park's address in Dresden, Ger-  
19          many; and

20          (8) the United States and the Republic of  
21          Korea share the future interests of both nations in  
22          securing peace and stability on the Korean Penin-  
23          sula and in Northeast Asia.