

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2547

To state the policy of the United States with respect to the expansion of cooperation with allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region and Europe regarding the People's Republic of China.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. ROMNEY

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Indo-Pacific Coopera-
5 tion Act of 2019".

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) Congress supports the finding on the Peo-
9 ple's Republic of China articulated in the 2018 Na-

1 tional Defense Strategy and the 2017 National Se-
2 curity Strategy.

3 (2) The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act of
4 2018 (Public Law 115–409) established the policy of
5 the United States “to develop and commit to a long-
6 term strategic vision and a comprehensive, multi-
7 faceted, and principled United States policy for the
8 Indo-Pacific region” so as to advance United States
9 national security, economic, human rights, and other
10 regional interests, and for such purposes, Congress
11 has authorized appropriate funding.

12 (3) The People’s Republic of China is
13 leveraging military modernization, influence oper-
14 ations, and predatory economics to coerce neigh-
15 boring countries to reorder the Indo-Pacific region
16 to the advantage of the People’s Republic of China.

17 (4) As the People’s Republic of China continues
18 its economic and military ascendance, asserting
19 power through a whole of government long-term
20 strategy, the People’s Republic of China will con-
21 tinue to pursue a military modernization program
22 that seeks Indo-Pacific regional hegemony in the
23 near-term and displacement of the United States to
24 achieve global preeminence in the future.

1 (5) The most far-reaching objective of the de-
2 fense strategy of the United States is to set the mili-
3 tary relationship between the United States and the
4 People's Republic of China on a path toward trans-
5 parency and nonaggression.

6 (6) The People's Republic of China uses eco-
7 nomic inducements and penalties, influence oper-
8 ations, and implied military threats to persuade
9 other countries to heed the political and security
10 agenda of the People's Republic of China.

11 (7) United States allies and partners are crit-
12 ical to effective competition with the People's Repub-
13 lic of China.

14 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

15 It is the policy of the United States—

16 (1) to expand military, diplomatic, and eco-
17 nomic alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific
18 region and with Europe and like-minded countries
19 around the globe that are critical to effective com-
20 petition with the People's Republic of China;

21 (2) to develop, in collaboration with such allies
22 and partners, a unified approach to addressing and
23 detering significant diplomatic, economic, and mili-
24 tary challenges posed by the People's Republic of
25 China; and

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- 1 (3) to promote, in partnership with like-minded
- 2 countries around the globe, the values of democracy
- 3 and human rights.