

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2283

To encourage enhanced security cooperation with European allies and continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 1, 2014

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin (for himself and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To encourage enhanced security cooperation with European allies and continued enlargement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

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 “NATO Alliance Rec-
5 ognition and Promotion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) On March 12, 2014, the North Atlantic
9 Treaty Organization (NATO) marked the 15th anni-

1 versary of enlargement through the accession of 3
2 Central European countries: the Czech Republic, Po-
3 land, and Hungary.

4 (2) On March 29, 2014, NATO marked the
5 10th anniversary of enlargement through the acces-
6 sion of 7 Central European countries: Bulgaria, Es-
7 tonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and
8 Slovenia.

9 (3) On April 1, 2014, NATO marked the 5th
10 anniversary of enlargement through the accession of
11 Albania and Croatia.

12 (4) The incorporation of these European coun-
13 tries into NATO has contributed toward a vision of
14 Europe that is aimed at promoting stability and co-
15 operation and building a Europe whole and free,
16 united in peace, democracy, and common values.

17 (5) Since joining the Alliance, these 12 member
18 states have contributed to numerous NATO-led
19 peace and security and stability operations, including
20 the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)
21 mission in Afghanistan.

22 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.**

23 Congress declares that—

24 (1) NATO has been the cornerstone of trans-
25 atlantic security cooperation and an enduring instru-

1 ment for promoting peace and stability in Europe
2 and around the world for over 65 years;

3 (2) the incorporation of the Czech Republic, Po-
4 land, Hungary, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lith-
5 uania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Albania, and
6 Croatia has been essential to the success of NATO
7 in this modern era and has strengthened the list of
8 key European allies of the United States;

9 (3) since joining NATO, these member states
10 have remained committed to the collective defense of
11 the Alliance and have demonstrated their will and
12 ability to contribute to transatlantic solidarity and
13 assume increasingly more responsibility for efforts to
14 promote international peace and security;

15 (4) these NATO member states have become re-
16 liable partners and supporters of aspiring members,
17 and the United States recognizes their continued ef-
18 forts to aid in further NATO enlargement initia-
19 tives;

20 (5) recent regional aggression has highlighted
21 the importance of a strong, inclusive NATO alliance,
22 with robust defense capabilities;

23 (6) the commitment by these NATO members
24 to Alliance principles and active participation in Alli-

1 ance initiatives demonstrates the success of NATO's
2 Open-Door Policy;

3 (7) the United States, as a means of continuous
4 and effective self-help and mutual aid, will continue
5 to work with allies to maintain and improve our in-
6 dividual and collective Allied capacity; and

7 (8) the United States will remain committed to
8 enhancing security cooperation with European allies
9 and maintaining a military presence in Europe as a
10 means of promoting Allied interoperability and capa-
11 bilities and providing visible assurance to NATO al-
12 lies in the region.

13 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

14 It is the sense of Congress—

15 (1) to reaffirm the commitment of the United
16 States to collective defense under Article 5 of the
17 NATO Treaty;

18 (2) that NATO members should review defense
19 spending to ensure sufficient funding related to indi-
20 vidual and collective capacity; and

21 (3) that the United States, together with
22 NATO allies, should continue to pursue enlargement
23 initiatives for aspirant countries.

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