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S. 571

To require reports on the dangers posed by nuclear reactors in areas that might experience armed conflict.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARKEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To require reports on the dangers posed by nuclear reactors in areas that might experience armed conflict.

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. REPORT ON DANGERS POSED BY NUCLEAR RE-**
4 **ACTORS IN AREAS THAT MIGHT EXPERIENCE**
5 **ARMED CONFLICT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
8 and the Administrator for Nuclear Security shall jointly
9 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
10 assessing the following:

1 (1) The dangers posed to the national security
2 of the United States, to the interests of allies and
3 partners of the United States, and to the safety and
4 security of civilian populations, by nuclear reactors
5 and nuclear power plants in existence as of such
6 date of enactment or scheduled to be completed dur-
7 ing the 10-year period beginning on such date of en-
8 actment and located in the following areas:

9 (A) Regions that have experienced armed
10 conflict in the 25 years preceding such date of
11 enactment.

12 (B) Areas that are contested or likely to
13 experience armed conflict during the life span
14 of those reactors and plants.

15 (C) Areas that would be involved in any of
16 the following hypothetical conflicts:

17 (i) An attack by the Russian Federa-
18 tion on the eastern European countries of
19 Estonia, Latvia, Belarus, Lithuania, or Po-
20 land.

21 (ii) A conflict between India and Paki-
22 stan.

23 (iii) A conflict over Taiwan.

24 (iv) An attack by North Korea on
25 South Korea.

1 (2) Steps the United States or allies and part-
2 ners of the United States can take to prevent, pre-
3 pare for, and mitigate the risks to the national secu-
4 rity of the United States, to the interests of allies
5 and partners of the United States, and to the safety
6 and security of civilian populations, posed by nuclear
7 reactors and power plants in places that may experi-
8 ence armed conflict.

9 (b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by sub-
10 section (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may
11 include a classified annex.

12 (c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
13 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
14 tees of Congress” means—

15 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
16 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
17 on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;
18 and

19 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
20 Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee
21 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
22 resentatives.

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