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To increase burdensharing for the United States military presence in the Persian Gulf region.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To increase burdensharing for the United States military presence in the Persian Gulf region.

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 “Persian Gulf Security
5 Cost Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of the Congress that—

1 (1) the several key oil-producing countries that
2 relied on the United States for their military protec-
3 tion in 1990 and 1991, including during the Persian
4 Gulf conflict, and continue to depend on the United
5 States for their security and stability, should share
6 in the responsibility for that stability and security
7 commensurate with their national capabilities; and

8 (2) the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Coun-
9 cil (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia,
10 and the United Arab Emirates) have the economic
11 capability to contribute more toward their own secu-
12 rity and stability and therefore these countries
13 should contribute commensurate with that capa-
14 bility.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFORTS TO INCREASE BURDENSARING BY COUN-**
16 **TRIES IN THE PERSIAN GULF REGION BENE-**
17 **FITTING FROM UNITED STATES MILITARY**
18 **PRESENCE.**

19 The President shall seek to have each country in the
20 Persian Gulf region to which the United States extends
21 military protection (either through security agreements,
22 basing arrangements, or mutual participation in multi-
23 national military organizations or operations) take one or
24 more of the following actions:

1 (1) For any country in which United States
2 military personnel are assigned to permanent duty
3 ashore, increase its financial contributions to the
4 payment of the nonpersonnel costs incurred by the
5 United States government for stationing United
6 States military personnel in that country, with the
7 goal of achieving by September 30, 2003, 75 percent
8 of such costs. An increase in financial contributions
9 by any country under this paragraph may include
10 the elimination of taxes, fees, or other charges levied
11 on the United States military personnel, equipment,
12 or facilities stationed in that country.

13 (2) Increase its annual budgetary outlays for
14 national defense as a percentage of its gross domes-
15 tic product by 10 percent or at least to a level com-
16 mensurate to that of the United States by Sep-
17 tember 30, 2001.

18 (3) Increase its annual budgetary outlays for
19 foreign assistance (to promote democratization, eco-
20 nomic stabilization, transparency arrangements, de-
21 fense economic conversion, respect for the rule of
22 law, and internationally recognized human rights) by
23 10 percent or at least to a level commensurate to
24 that of the United States by September 30, 2001.

1 law) any United States bilateral assistance appro-
2 priated for that country.

3 (5) Take any other action the President deter-
4 mines to be appropriate as authorized by law.

5 **SEC. 5. REPORT ON PROGRESS IN INCREASING ALLIED**
6 **BURDENSARING.**

7 Not later than March 1, 2001, the Secretary of De-
8 fense shall submit to Congress a report on—

9 (1) steps taken by other countries to complete
10 the actions described in section 3;

11 (2) all measure taken by the President, includ-
12 ing those authorized in section 4, to achieve the ac-
13 tions described in section 3;

14 (3) the difference between the amount allocated
15 by other countries for each of the actions described
16 in section 3 during the period beginning on October
17 1, 2000, and ending on September 30, 2001, and
18 during the period beginning on October 1, 2001, and
19 ending on September 30, 2002; and

20 (4) the budgetary savings to the United States
21 that are expected to accrue as a result of the steps
22 described under paragraph (1).

1 **SEC. 6. REVIEW AND REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY**
2 **BASES FOR FORWARD DEPLOYMENT AND**
3 **BURDENSARING RELATIONSHIPS.**

4 (a) REVIEW.—In order to ensure the best allocation
5 of budgetary resources, the President shall undertake a
6 review of the status of elements of the United States
7 Armed Forces that are permanently stationed outside the
8 United States. The review shall include an assessment of
9 the following:

10 (1) The requirements that are to be found in
11 agreements between the United States and the allies
12 of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

13 (2) The national security interests that support
14 permanent stationing of elements of the United
15 States Armed Forces outside the United States.

16 (3) The stationing costs associated with for-
17 ward deployment of elements of the United States
18 Armed Forces.

19 (4) The alternatives available to forward de-
20 ployment (such as material prepositioning, enhanced
21 airlift and sealift, or joint training operations) to
22 meet such requirements or national security inter-
23 ests, with such alternatives identified and described
24 in detail.

1 (5) The costs and force structure configurations
2 associated with such alternatives to forward deploy-
3 ment.

4 (6) The financial contributions that allies of the
5 United States in the Persian Gulf region make to
6 common defense efforts (to promote democratiza-
7 tion, economic stabilization, transparency arrange-
8 ments, defense economic conversion, respect for the
9 rule of law, and internationally recognized human
10 rights).

11 (7) The contributions that allies of the United
12 States in the Persian Gulf region make to meeting
13 the stationing costs associated with the forward de-
14 ployment of elements of the United States Armed
15 Forces.

16 (8) The annual expenditures of the United
17 States and its allies in the Persian Gulf region on
18 national defense, and the relative percentages of
19 each country's gross domestic product constituted by
20 those expenditures.

21 (b) REPORT.—The President shall submit to Con-
22 gress a report on the review under subsection (a). The
23 report shall be submitted not later than March 1, 2001,
24 in classified and unclassified form.

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