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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. FEINGOLD, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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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 “Nuclear Policy and  
5 Posture Review Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISED NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW AND NUCLEAR**  
7 **POSTURE REVIEW.**

8 (a) NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The President shall conduct  
10 a nuclear policy review to consider a range of op-

1 tions on the role of nuclear weapons in United  
2 States security policy. The policy review shall be co-  
3 ordinated by the National Security Advisor and shall  
4 include the Secretary of State, the Secretary of En-  
5 ergy, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of Na-  
6 tional Intelligence, the Director of the Office of  
7 Management and Budget, and the Director of the  
8 Office of Science and Technology Policy.

9 (2) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—The nuclear policy re-  
10 view conducted under paragraph (1) shall—

11 (A) address the role and value of nuclear  
12 weapons in the current global security environ-  
13 ment;

14 (B) set forth short-term and long-term ob-  
15 jectives of United States nuclear weapons pol-  
16 icy;

17 (C) consider the contributions of the Trea-  
18 ty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weap-  
19 ons, done at Washington, London, and Moscow  
20 July 1, 1968 (commonly referred to as the  
21 “Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty”), to United  
22 States national security, and include rec-  
23 ommendations for strengthening the Treaty;

24 (D) explore the relationship between the  
25 nuclear policy of the United States and non-

1 proliferation and arms control objectives and  
2 international treaty obligations, including obli-  
3 gations under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-  
4 Proliferation Treaty;

5 (E) determine the role and effectiveness of  
6 the Treaty Between the United States of Amer-  
7 ica and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  
8 on the Reduction and Limitation of Strategic  
9 Offensive Arms, signed at Moscow July 31,  
10 1991 (commonly referred to as the “START I  
11 Treaty”), and the Treaty Between the United  
12 States of America and the Russian Federation  
13 on Strategic Offensive Reductions, done at  
14 Moscow May 24, 2002 (commonly referred to  
15 as the “Moscow Treaty”), in achieving the na-  
16 tional security and nonproliferation goals of the  
17 United States and in implementing United  
18 States military strategy, and describe the ele-  
19 ments of a recommended successor treaty, in-  
20 cluding verification provisions; and

21 (F) provide policy guidance and make rec-  
22 ommendations for the nuclear posture review to  
23 be conducted under subsection (b).

24 (3) OUTSIDE INPUT.—The policy review shall  
25 include contributions from outside experts and, to

1 the extent possible, shall include public meetings to  
2 consider a range of views.

3 (b) NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Following completion of the  
5 nuclear policy review under subsection (a), the Sec-  
6 retary of Defense shall conduct a comprehensive re-  
7 view of the nuclear posture of the United States to  
8 clarify United States nuclear deterrence policy and  
9 strategy. The Secretary shall conduct the review in  
10 collaboration with the Secretary of Energy, the Sec-  
11 retary of State, the Director of National Intel-  
12 ligence, and the National Security Advisor.

13 (2) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW.—The nuclear pos-  
14 ture review conducted under paragraph (1) shall in-  
15 clude the following elements:

16 (A) The role of nuclear forces in United  
17 States military strategy, planning, and pro-  
18 gramming, including the extent to which con-  
19 ventional forces can assume roles previously as-  
20 sumed by nuclear forces.

21 (B) The policy requirements and objectives  
22 for the United States to maintain a safe, reli-  
23 able, and credible nuclear deterrence posture, in  
24 light of the guidance provided by the nuclear  
25 policy review conducted under subsection (a).

1           (C) The targeting strategy required to im-  
2           plement effectively the guidance provided by the  
3           nuclear policy review conducted under sub-  
4           section (a).

5           (D) The levels and composition of the nu-  
6           clear delivery systems that will be required for  
7           implementing the United States national and  
8           military strategy, including any plans for re-  
9           moving, replacing, or modifying existing sys-  
10          tems.

11          (E) The nuclear weapons complex that will  
12          be required for implementing the United States  
13          national and military strategy, including any  
14          plans to consolidate, modernize, or modify the  
15          complex.

16          (F) The active and inactive nuclear weap-  
17          ons stockpile that will be required for imple-  
18          menting the United States national and mili-  
19          tary strategy, including any plans for replacing  
20          or modifying warheads.

21          (G) An account of the different nuclear  
22          postures considered in the review and the rea-  
23          soning for the selection of the nuclear posture.

24          (c) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

1           (1) NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW.—Not later than  
2           September 1, 2009, the President shall submit to  
3           Congress a report on the results of the nuclear pol-  
4           icy review conducted under subsection (a).

5           (2) NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW.—Not later  
6           than March 1, 2010, the President shall submit to  
7           Congress a report on the results of the nuclear pos-  
8           ture review conducted under subsection (b).

9           (3) FORM.—Each report required under this  
10          subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form,  
11          but may contain a classified annex.

12          (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS ON USE OF NUCLEAR POS-  
13          TURE REVIEW.—It is the sense of Congress that the nu-  
14          clear policy review conducted under subsection (a) should  
15          be used as the basis for establishing future strategic arms  
16          control objectives and negotiating positions of the United  
17          States.

18          (e) RESTRICTION ON FUNDING OF RELIABLE RE-  
19          PLACEMENT WARHEAD PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any  
20          other provision of law, no funds may be appropriated or  
21          otherwise made available for the Reliable Replacement  
22          Warhead Program for fiscal years 2008, 2009, or 2010  
23          until the reports required under subsection (c) have been  
24          submitted to Congress.

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