

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1617

AN ACT

To direct the Director of National Intelligence to submit intelligence assessments of the intentions of the political leadership of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Keeping Russian En-
3 trapments Minimal and Limiting Intelligence Networks
4 Act” or the “KREMLIN Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Russia continues to engage in information
8 warfare and political interference in the West, in-
9 cluding by undermining democratic systems and ex-
10 ploiting economic and ethnic tensions within member
11 countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

12 (2) Such activities constitute a threat to the
13 United States and to its allies.

14 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

15 It is the sense of Congress that—

16 (1) the Countering America’s Adversaries
17 Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115–44) au-
18 thorized the United States Government to impose
19 sanctions in response to actions by countries, includ-
20 ing Russia, that undermine the security of the
21 United States;

22 (2) the United States should sustain its con-
23 tribution to the newly deployed enhanced forward
24 presence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
25 (NATO) in Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia
26 and encourage Canada, the United Kingdom, and

1 Germany to continue their important leadership
2 roles in the military presence of NATO in those
3 countries;

4 (3) the United States has defensive intentions
5 in pursuing such sanctions and such enhanced mili-
6 tary posture in Europe, and does not seek to threat-
7 en Russian territory;

8 (4) the United States does not seek to be an
9 enemy of the Russian people;

10 (5) the United States desires a peaceful, eco-
11 nomically prosperous relationship with Russia based
12 on democratic principles where freedom and the rule
13 of law are upheld for all; and

14 (6) the United States is committed to defending
15 these fundamental beliefs against any Russian ag-
16 gression.

17 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT FOR INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENTS.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of National
20 Intelligence, in consultation with the Secretary of State
21 and the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appro-
22 priate congressional committees each of the assessments
23 described in subsection (b).

24 (b) ASSESSMENTS DESCRIBED.—The assessments
25 described in this section are the following with respect to

1 the current intentions of the political leadership of the
2 Russian Federation and based on intelligence obtained
3 from all sources:

4 (1) Potential military action against members
5 of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

6 (2) Potential responses to an enlarged United
7 States or NATO military presence in eastern Europe
8 or to increased United States military support for
9 allies and partners in the region, such as the provi-
10 sion of additional lethal military equipment to
11 Ukraine or Georgia.

12 (3) Potential areas where the Government of
13 the Russian Federation could exploit weaknesses and
14 divisions among the governments of its Western ad-
15 versaries.

16 (c) FORM.—Each assessment required under sub-
17 section (a) may be submitted in classified form but shall
18 also include an unclassified executive summary, consistent
19 with the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

20 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—
21 In this section, the term “appropriate congressional com-
22 mittees” means—

23 (1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
24 ligence, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the

1 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives; and

3 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence, the
4 Committee on Foreign Relations, and the Committee
5 on Armed Services of the Senate.

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2019.

Attest:

Clerk.

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