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H. R. 4721

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 2019

Ms. HILL of California (for herself and Mr. SIREs) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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 “No Russia in G7 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) The Group of Seven, or G7, is a group of
8 the seven largest advanced economies in the world
9 and includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy,

1 Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States,
2 with the European Union as an observer.

3 (2) The G7 countries are all democracies and
4 focused on strengthening democratic governance
5 globally.

6 (3) In 1997, the G7 invited the Russian Fed-
7 eration to join the group, in recognition of the Rus-
8 sian political and economic reforms underway at
9 that time.

10 (4) In 2014, Russia invaded Ukraine and ille-
11 gally occupied Crimea.

12 (5) In the aftermath of this aggression, the G8
13 decided to suspend Russia's membership, issuing a
14 statement labeling Russia's invasion a violation of
15 international law that could have "grave implications
16 for the legal order that protects unity and sov-
17 ereignty of all states".

18 (6) In the wake of Russia's suspension, the re-
19 maining countries reconstituted themselves as the
20 G7.

21 (7) Since 2014, Russia has repeatedly inter-
22 fered in democratic elections in G7 countries, includ-
23 ing the 2016 United States presidential election, and
24 continues to conduct disinformation and covert influ-
25 ence campaigns against many of the G7 countries.

1 (8) In June 2018, the G7 created the G7 Rapid
2 Response Mechanism, with the mandate to “identify
3 and respond to diverse and evolving threats to our
4 democracies”.

5 (9) Then-Director of National Intelligence, Dan
6 Coats, testified before Congress on January 29,
7 2019, that Russia is “stepping up its campaign to
8 divide Western political and security institutions”
9 and “we expect Russia will continue to wage its in-
10 formation war against democracies and to use social
11 media to attempt to divide our societies”.

12 (10) Russia continues to flout the Minsk agree-
13 ments by directly leading and indirectly supporting
14 separatist forces in Ukraine.

15 (11) Russia continues to make attempts to
16 tighten its hold on Crimea by further militarizing
17 the territory and offering Russian passports to its
18 residents.

19 (12) Russia continues to illegally occupy Crimea
20 and has stepped up its aggressive acts against
21 Ukraine.

22 (13) Despite this behavior, President Trump
23 continues to advocate for an end to Russia’s suspen-
24 sion from the G7 with no preconditions.

1 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

2 It is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the Russian Federation must end its occu-
4 pation of Ukraine and cease its malign activities
5 against G7 nations as preconditions for readmission
6 into a reconstituted G8; and

7 (2) no official representatives of the United
8 States Government, including the President of the
9 United States, should use the power of their office
10 to advocate for Russia's readmission into a reconsti-
11 tuted G8 unless Russia meets the conditions de-
12 scribed in section 4(b).

13 **SEC. 4. PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO**
14 **FACILITATE RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION.**

15 (a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, no Federal funds may be appropriated or oth-
17 erwise made available for any action supporting or facili-
18 tating—

19 (1) the participation of Russia in a Group of
20 Seven proceeding; or

21 (2) the reconstitution of the Group of Eight to
22 include Russia.

23 (b) TERMINATION.—The prohibition under sub-
24 section (a) shall terminate on the date that is 30 days
25 after the date on which the Secretary of State certifies
26 to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of
2 the Senate that—

3 (1) the Government of the Russian Federation,
4 and all persons acting as an agent of or otherwise
5 on behalf of such Government, has halted all inter-
6 ference in United States elections;

7 (2) such Government has ended its illegal occu-
8 pation of the Ukrainian territory of Crimea and is
9 fully implementing its commitments under the Minsk
10 agreements with respect to eastern Ukraine; and

11 (3) such Government is taking affirmative steps
12 to cease its campaign to divide Western economic,
13 political, and security institutions, particularly those
14 institutions of which G7 countries are members.

15 (c) GROUP OF SEVEN DEFINED.—In this Act, the
16 term “Group of Seven” or “G7” means the organization
17 of leading economies commonly known as the “G7” that
18 includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the
19 United Kingdom, and the United States as members, with
20 the European Union as an observer.

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