

1 People's Republic of China, and North Korea to
2 address the risks described in that paragraph,
3 including with respect to policy, cost, and oper-
4 ational matters; and

5 (B) of the willingness of the governments
6 of those countries to engage in such discus-
7 sions.

8 **SEC. 1676. REPORT ON NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED**
9 **STATES AND NEAR-PEER COUNTRIES.**

10 (a) REPORT.—Not later than February 15, 2020, the
11 Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of
12 National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate com-
13 mittees of Congress a report on the nuclear forces of the
14 United States and near-peer countries.

15 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
16 shall include the following:

17 (1) An assessment of the current and planned
18 nuclear systems of the United States, including with
19 respect to research and development timelines, de-
20 ployment timelines, and force size.

21 (2) An assessment of the current and planned
22 nuclear systems of the People's Republic of China,
23 including with respect to research and development
24 timelines, deployment timelines, and force size.

1 (3) An assessment of the current and planned
2 nuclear systems of the Russian Federation, including
3 with respect to research and development timelines,
4 deployment timelines, and force size, including—

5 (A) deployed nuclear weapons not covered
6 by the New START Treaty;

7 (B) nuclear weapons in development that
8 would not be covered by the New START Trea-
9 ty; and

10 (C) strategic nuclear weapons that are not
11 deployed.

12 (c) FORM.—The report under subsection (a) shall be
13 submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classi-
14 fied annex.

15 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
17 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
18 gress” means—

19 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and
20 the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
21 Senate; and

22 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and
23 the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
24 of the House of Representatives.

1 (2) NEW START TREATY.—The term “New
2 START Treaty” means the Treaty between the
3 United States of America and the Russian Federa-
4 tion on Measures for the Further Reduction and
5 Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed at
6 Prague April 8, 2010, and entered into force Feb-
7 ruary 5, 2011.

8 **SEC. 1677. REPORT ON OPERATION OF CONVENTIONAL**
9 **FORCES OF MILITARY DEPARTMENTS UNDER**
10 **EMPLOYMENT OR THREAT OF EMPLOYMENT**
11 **OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
14 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force,
15 the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of the Navy,
16 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
17 port detailing the views of each such Secretary on the abil-
18 ity of conventional forces under the authority of that Sec-
19 retary to operate effectively under employment or threat
20 of employment of nuclear weapons by the United States,
21 an ally of the United States, or an adversary of the United
22 States, including with respect to—

23 (1) measures taken to maximize the likelihood
24 that such forces could continue to operate;

to-military discussions with Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with several clarifying amendments, as well as an amendment that would add consideration of other efforts conducted between the U.S. government and foreign governments, or between nongovernmental organizations and foreign counterparts, to reduce such risks. The amendments would also require assessment of the willingness of the above governments to engage in such discussions.

Report on nuclear forces of the United States and near-peer countries (sec. 1676)

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1243) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and the Secretary of State, to submit a report on Russian nuclear systems deployed or under development not covered by New START, Russian non-deployed strategic nuclear systems, nuclear modernization programs of China, and the implications of these assessments on the New START central limits.

The House amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1652) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the DNI, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on current and planned nuclear systems of the United States, Russia, and China, including projections through 2040.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would change the report's deadline to February 15, 2020, and specify the inclusion of Russian nuclear systems deployed or under development not covered by New START and Russian non-deployed strategic nuclear systems.

Report on operation of conventional forces of military departments under employment or threat of employment of nuclear weapons (sec. 1677)

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6603) that would require the secretaries of the military departments, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, to each submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing measures taken to ensure the ability of conventional forces to operate under employment or threat of employment of nuclear weapons.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with amendments that would consolidate the four reports into a single report by the Secretary of

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