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# H. R. 6212

To analyze the impacts of establishing U.S. Customs and Border Protection Preclearance facilities in Taiwan and in other Indo-Pacific countries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. SCHRADER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. MACE, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. MANN, and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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## A BILL

To analyze the impacts of establishing U.S. Customs and Border Protection Preclearance facilities in Taiwan and in other Indo-Pacific countries.

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 “Taiwan Preclearance  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) U.S. Customs and Border Protection  
4 Preclearance is the strategic stationing of CBP per-  
5 sonnel at designated foreign locations to inspect  
6 travelers prior to boarding United States-bound  
7 flights, trains, ships, and ferries. With preclearance,  
8 travelers bypass Customs and Border Protection and  
9 Transportation Security Administration inspections  
10 upon United States arrival and proceed directly to  
11 their connecting flight or destination.

12 (2) The preclearance program enhances the se-  
13 curity of all travelers while facilitating efficient trade  
14 and travel. The program increases collaboration and  
15 coordination between the United States and host  
16 governments through daily interaction with local law  
17 enforcement partners and other government authori-  
18 ties

19 (3) More than 600 U.S. Customs and Border  
20 Protection officers and specialists are stationed in  
21 Aruba, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Ireland,  
22 and The United Arab Emirates.

23 (4) A preclearance program at Taiwan's  
24 Taoyuan International Airport (TPE) would signal  
25 Taiwan's importance as a strategic security partner

1 to the United States and compliance with inter-  
2 national aviation rules.

3 (5) In 2012, the United States announced Tai-  
4 wan’s designation for participation in the Visa Waiv-  
5 er Program, which allows for Taiwanese passport  
6 holders to enter and remain in the United States for  
7 up to 90 days without obtaining a United States  
8 visa.

9 (6) In 2017, Taiwan became the third location  
10 in East Asia and the 12th nation worldwide to be  
11 eligible for the Global Entry program, which allows  
12 for expedited immigration and customs clearance  
13 and pre-approval.

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

15 It is the sense of Congress that—

16 (1) Taiwan is a steadfast partner of the United  
17 States in the common pursuit of a free and open  
18 Indo-Pacific region; and

19 (2) the United States should prioritize the es-  
20 tablishment of preclearance facilities and other secu-  
21 rity programs with allies and partners in the Indo-  
22 Pacific region, including Taiwan.

23 **SEC. 4. DEFINED TERM.**

24 The term “appropriate congressional committees”  
25 means—

1           (1) the Committee on Homeland Security and  
2       Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

3           (2) the Committee on Finance of the Senate;

4           (3) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and  
5       Transportation of the Senate;

6           (4) the Committee on Homeland Security of the  
7       House of Representatives; and

8           (5) the Committee on Ways and Means of the  
9       House of Representatives.

10 **SEC. 5. REPORT.**

11       Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-  
12       ment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in  
13       consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, shall submit  
14       a report to the appropriate congressional committees  
15       that—

16           (1) analyzes the feasibility and advisability for  
17       the establishment of a preclearance facility in Tai-  
18       wan;

19           (2) describes the plan for the establishment of  
20       a preclearance facility in Taiwan or in other coun-  
21       tries in the Indo-Pacific region;

22           (3) assesses the impacts that preclearance oper-  
23       ations in Taiwan will have on—

24                (A) the security partnership between the  
25       United States and Taiwan;

1 (B) trade between the United States and  
2 Taiwan, including the impact on established  
3 supply chains;

4 (C) the tourism industry in the United  
5 States, including the potential impact on rev-  
6 enue and tourist-related commerce;

7 (D) United States and foreign passengers  
8 traveling to the United States for business-re-  
9 lated activities;

10 (E) cost savings and potential market ac-  
11 cess by expanding operations into the Indo-Pa-  
12 cific region;

13 (F) opportunities for government-to-gov-  
14 ernment collaboration available in Taiwan after  
15 preclearance operations are established; and

16 (G) U.S. Customs and Border Patrol inter-  
17 national and domestic port of entry staffing;  
18 and

19 (4) includes country-specific information on the  
20 anticipated homeland security benefits and the secu-  
21 rity vulnerabilities associated with conducting  
22 preclearance operations in Taiwan.

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