

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5068

To direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to jointly submit to Congress a plan on Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 20, 2021

Mr. STEUBE (for himself and Mr. PANETTA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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 “Prioritize Evacuation
5 of U.S. Citizens in Afghanistan Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION.**

2 Congress declares the Biden Administration to
3 prioritize and expedite the evacuation and relocation of the
4 U.S. citizens and their families in Afghanistan.

5 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

6 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
7 should—

8 (1) prioritize the repatriation of all United
9 States persons in Afghanistan;

10 (2) make efforts to recover or destroy Depart-
11 ment of Defense equipment and materials that were
12 disposed or dispositioned to the military or Govern-
13 ment of Afghanistan, including property provided
14 through foreign military sales and transfers of
15 United States foreign excess property; and

16 (3) recover or destroy any and all Department
17 of Defense equipment and materials, including weap-
18 ons, vehicles, and aircraft, that have been left behind
19 in Afghanistan to prevent such equipment and mate-
20 rials from entering the possession of the Taliban.

21 **SEC. 4. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF**
22 **STATE JOINT PLAN ON AFGHANISTAN.**

23 The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State
24 shall immediately jointly submit to Congress a report that
25 includes—

1 (1) a plan to safely remove the approximately
2 10,000 to 15,000 United States persons in Afghani-
3 stan, as of the date of the enactment of this Act,
4 from Afghanistan; and

5 (2) a detailed list and dollar amount of the De-
6 partment of Defense equipment and materials that
7 were not fully dispositioned at the time of the accel-
8 erated withdraw.

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