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H. R. 2273

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2021

Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BAIRD, Ms. HERRELL, and Mr. HICE of Georgia) 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 “Chinese Government
5 COVID–19 Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States economy has been se-
4 verely affected by the Government of the People's
5 Republic of China's controls on media reporting that
6 limit coverage of the Coronavirus Disease 2019
7 (COVID-19).

8 (2) United States Government senior officials
9 have expressed concerns about the completeness and
10 timeliness of information China is reporting on
11 COVID-19 and about the overall economic impact of
12 COVID-19 in the United States.

13 (3) China should be held financially responsible
14 for funds made available by the United States Gov-
15 ernment to address COVID-19.

16 **SEC. 3. EXECUTIVE STRATEGY TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT**
17 **FROM CHINA OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY**
18 **THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO AD-**
19 **DRESS COVID-19.**

20 (a) EXECUTIVE STRATEGY.—The President, in con-
21 sultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, shall develop
22 and carry out a strategy to seek reimbursement from the
23 People's Republic of China of funds made available by the
24 United States Government to address COVID-19.

25 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
26 of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the

1 President shall submit to the appropriate congressional
2 committees a report on the strategy required under sub-
3 section (a) and its implementation.

4 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congress-
6 sional committees” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
8 mittee on the Budget, and the Committee on Ways
9 and Means of the House of Representatives;

10 (2) the Committee on Appropriations, the Com-
11 mittee on the Budget, and the Committee on Fi-
12 nance of the Senate; and

13 (3) the Joint Economic Committee.

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