

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4491

To amend the National Security Act of 1947 to modify the membership of the National Security Council, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 2021

Mr. SWALWELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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 “National Security
5 Council Modernization Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.**

7 (a) ADVICE ON INTEGRATION OF BIODEFENSE POLI-
8 CIES.—Subsection (b)(1) of section 101 of the National

1 Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3021) is amended by
2 striking “and military” and inserting “biodefense, and
3 military”.

4 (b) MODIFICATION TO MEMBERSHIP AND ATTEND-
5 ANCE.—Subsection (c) of such section is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)—

7 (A) by inserting “the Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services, the Director of National
9 Intelligence, and the Chairman of the Joint
10 Chiefs of Staff,” after “the Secretary of the
11 Treasury,”; and

12 (B) by inserting “who are appointed by the
13 President, by and with the advice and consent
14 of the Senate,” before “as the President may
15 designate”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking “the Director
17 of National Intelligence, the Director of National
18 Drug Control Policy, and the Chairman of the Joint
19 Chiefs of Staff,” and inserting “the Director of Na-
20 tional Drug Control Policy, the Director of the Cen-
21 ters for Disease Control and Prevention, and the
22 Surgeon General of the United States”.

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