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To authorize the transfer of certain defense articles and services to Taiwan,
and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CHABOT (for himself and Mr. SHERMAN) 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 de-
termined 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 “Accelerating Arms
5 Transfers to Taiwan Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The United States is committed to pro-
9 viding Taiwan arms of a defensive character under

1 section 2(b)(5) of the Taiwan Relations Act (22
2 U.S.C. 3301(b)(5)) and under the Six Assurances.

3 (2) The rapid military modernization under-
4 taken by the People's Liberation Army has progres-
5 sively sifted the balance of power in the Taiwan
6 Strait so that it is increasingly likely that the Peo-
7 ple's Republic of China will assess that it is viable
8 to determine the future of Taiwan by other than
9 peaceful means.

10 **SEC. 3. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

11 It is the sense of Congress that the United States
12 and Taiwan have not sufficiently sought to expedite the
13 delivery of arms to Taiwan.

14 **SEC. 4. PRIORITY FOR DELIVERY OF EXCESS DEFENSE AR-**
15 **TICLES TO TAIWAN.**

16 Section 516(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
17 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(c)(2)) is amended by striking “and
18 to the Philippines” and inserting “, to the Philippines, and
19 to Taiwan”.

20 **SEC. 5. USE OF SPECIAL DEFENSE ACQUISITION FUND.**

21 The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the
22 Secretary of State, shall seek to utilize the Special Defense
23 Acquisition Fund established under chapter 5 of the Arms
24 Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2795 et seq.) to expedite
25 the procurement and delivery of defense articles and de-

1 fense services for the purpose of assisting and supporting
2 the armed forces of Taiwan.

3 **SEC. 6. ESTABLISHMENT OF WAR RESERVE STOCKPILE IN**
4 **TAIWAN.**

5 Section 514(c)(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
6 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(c)(2)) is amended by inserting
7 after “Thailand” the following “, Taiwan”.

8 **SEC. 7. REPORT.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the ap-
12 propriate congressional committees a report regarding the
13 planned use of the authorities described in this Act and
14 the amendments made by this Act.

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

17 (1) With respect to the authorities provided
18 under section 4—

19 (A) a list of current and prospective excess
20 defense articles that are or will be provided to
21 Taiwan; and

22 (B) a list of excess defense articles deter-
23 mined to be required by Taiwan but the deliv-
24 ery of which was or will be prioritized for an-

1 other country over the delivery of such articles
2 to Taiwan.

3 (2) Current and prospective uses of the Special
4 Defense Acquisition Fund to decrease timelines for
5 the delivery of defense articles and services to Tai-
6 wan.

7 (3) The advantages of establishing a war re-
8 serve stockpile in Taiwan and the defense items nec-
9 essary to make such stockpile an effective contribu-
10 tion to coalition war fighting.

11 (4) With respect to Presidential authorities
12 under section 506(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act
13 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2318(a)), a description, in-
14 formed by ongoing war planning, of the anticipated
15 defense articles and services that Taiwan will require
16 in the event of a range of unforeseen defense emer-
17 gencies, the cost of such articles and services, and
18 the capacity of the United States to provide such ar-
19 ticles and services in a timely manner.

20 (c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a)
21 may be submitted in classified form.

22 (d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES
23 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate con-
24 gressional committees” means—

1 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
2 Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives; and

4 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
5 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

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