

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: Expressing the sense of the Senate that the President should retract his June 9, 2018, statement regarding the Russian Federation rejoining the G7 and should clearly state that the Russian Federation will not join the Group of Seven (G7) until it immediately ceases efforts to undermine the rules-based international order and ends its illegal occupation of Crimea.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

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To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. MENENDEZ
to the amendment (No. 2282) proposed by Mr. INHOFE

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SEC. 1271. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON CONDITIONS PRECE-**
4 **DENT TO THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION RE-**
5 **JOINING THE G7.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

1 (1) The Group of Seven (G7) is a group of na-
2 tions consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy,
3 Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States,
4 and which is joined by the European Union at an-
5 nual G7 summits.

6 (2) The G7 states said in May 2017 in
7 Taormina, Italy, that “we are bound together by our
8 shared values of freedom and democracy, peace, se-
9 curity, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.
10 We are determined to coordinate our efforts in pro-
11 moting the rules-based international order and glob-
12 al sustainable development.”

13 (3) On March 24, 2014, the current group of
14 G7 states suspended the Russian Federation from
15 what was then the Group of Eight nations, in re-
16 sponse to the Russian Federation’s illegal invasion
17 and occupation of the Ukrainian territory of Crimea.

18 (4) The G7 states worked constructively toward
19 the imposition of sanctions by the European Union
20 and the United States, respectively, on the Russian
21 Federation for its aggression against Ukraine, in-
22 cluding the illegal occupation of Crimea and its vio-
23 lent aggression in the eastern part of the country.

24 (5) Two G7 member states, France and Ger-
25 many, in close consultation with the United States

1 and other allies, helped to negotiate the Minsk
2 Agreements in September 2014 and February 2015,
3 and have worked within the Normandy Group for-
4 mat to further implementation of these agreements
5 by the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

6 (6) The Government of the Russian Federation
7 has failed to fulfill its obligations under the Minsk
8 Agreements, including with respect to a full
9 ceasefire, the removal of heavy weaponry, permitting
10 the monitoring and verification of a ceasefire regime,
11 and ensuring access for humanitarian aid to conflict-
12 affected individuals.

13 (7) The Government of the Russian Federation
14 continues to illegally occupy Crimea.

15 (8) On June 9, 2018, the President of the
16 United States said, “It would be an asset to have
17 Russia back in. I think it would be good for the
18 world. I think it would be good for Russia. I think
19 it would be good for the United States. I think it
20 would be good for all of the countries of the current
21 G7. I think the G8 would be better.”.

22 (9) The Government of the Russian Federation,
23 since 2014, has expanded its aggression and under-
24 mined democratic institutions against the United
25 States and other countries around the world,

1 through election interference, cyberattacks, corrupt
2 influence, disinformation, and other forms of malign
3 interference.

4 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Con-
5 gress that the President should—

6 (1) welcome the steadfast commitment by G7
7 member states to the values of democracy, human
8 rights, and rule of law that underpin the rules-based
9 international order;

10 (2) condemn the actions of the Government of
11 the Russian Federation that led to its suspension by
12 G7 states from the group in 2014, and which con-
13 tinue to the present day;

14 (3) immediately retract his statement of June
15 9, 2018, in which he called for the readmission of
16 the Russian Federation into the G7; and

17 (4) clearly declare that the Russian Federation
18 will not be readmitted into the G7 until it imme-
19 diately ceases efforts to undermine the rules-based
20 international order and ends its illegal occupation of
21 Crimea.