

Manager's Resolving Clause Amendment

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.**S. Res. 122**

Reaffirming the importance of United States alliances and partnerships.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by Mr. RISCH

Viz:

- 1 Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the fol-
- 2 lowing: “That the Senate—
- 3 (1) reaffirms the enduring commitment of the
- 4 United States to our treaty allies in the Indo-Pacific
- 5 region and NATO, as well as to other partners, in-
- 6 cluding our treaty obligations for mutual defense;
- 7 (2) emphasizes the primary importance of the
- 8 United States relationships, alliances, and partner-
- 9 ships to global peace and prosperity;
- 10 (3) recognizes the many contributions that alli-
- 11 ances and partnerships have made to advance the in-

1 terests of the United States and to promote shared
2 interests;

3 (4) underscores that alliances have enhanced
4 mutual security by jointly sharing in common de-
5 fense, including the defense of the United States,
6 and that strong alliances and partnerships generate
7 decisive and sustained United States military advan-
8 tages;

9 (5) encourages dealing constructively with sig-
10 nificant tensions in the United States alliance rela-
11 tionships to ensure they do not create fissures that
12 adversaries can exploit;

13 (6) welcomes and seeks to advance the contin-
14 ued collaboration of the United States and our allies
15 and partners to respect and defend the rules-based
16 international order and the values of democracy,
17 human rights, and the rule of law that undergird
18 our common security and prosperity;

19 (7) reaffirms bipartisan support for equitable
20 and mutually beneficial burden-sharing arrange-
21 ments, including fair and additional substantive con-
22 tributions by United States allies, and acknowledges
23 the special measures agreements (SMA) reached by
24 the Biden Administration with Japan and the Re-
25 public of Korea, and urges ongoing consultations to

1 consider additional allied contributions beyond the
2 traditional SMA categories and to use these con-
3 sultations as an opportunity to strengthen our alli-
4 ances with these two partners;

5 (8) reaffirms the commitment of the United
6 States to strengthening and boosting our alliances
7 and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, including to
8 contend with China's growing power projection capa-
9 bilities and use of coercive and grey-zone tactics, and
10 to jointly develop, regulate, and monitor the produc-
11 tion, use, and protection of strategic and emerging
12 technologies;

13 (9) encourages the Biden Administration to
14 focus significantly on growing defense cooperation
15 with Australia, especially in light of the country's
16 2020 Defense Strategic Update, and to build on
17 United States-Japan initiatives that advance alliance
18 defense cooperation that contributes to a free and
19 open Indo-Pacific, and to further boost cooperation
20 with both allies on the research, development, and
21 regulation of strategic and emerging technologies,
22 including defense technologies;

23 (10) reaffirms the commitment of the United
24 States to the NATO alliance and to NATO efforts
25 to counter Kremlin aggression, including military

1 aggression and attempts to erode democratic institu-
2 tions in the United States and other NATO member
3 states;

4 (11) urges the Biden Administration to work
5 with its NATO partners to advance the efforts cur-
6 rently underway within NATO to better prepare the
7 alliance to confront future and emerging challenges,
8 and to continue to encourage NATO nations to con-
9 tribute more to the alliance and improve their capa-
10 bilities;

11 (12) calls upon Indo-Pacific and NATO allies to
12 collaborate with the United States in developing the
13 next generation of defense technologies, including
14 disruptive and emerging technologies, while working
15 together to improve multilateral export controls,
16 common standards for technology security, and
17 norms and standards for new and emerging tech-
18 nologies;

19 (13) asks all members of NATO, including the
20 United States, to devote significant energy to the de-
21 velopment of a new, forward-looking strategy to re-
22 place the 2010 Strategic Concept and focus on the
23 many emerging challenges that face the alliance, in-
24 cluding China, Russia, and instability on Europe's
25 southern border;

1 (14) calls on the Biden Administration to en-
2 sure United States policy and posture reflects the
3 requirements of extended deterrence to preserve non-
4 proliferation benefits, assure allies, and to deter, and
5 if necessary, respond, across the spectrum of nuclear
6 and nonnuclear scenarios in defense of allies and
7 partners;

8 (15) supports maintaining robust diplomatic,
9 economic, and defense budgets as critical to advanc-
10 ing cooperation with allies and partners on shared
11 challenges; and

12 (16) reaffirms United States commitment to
13 the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights,
14 adopted at Paris on December 10, 1948, and the
15 International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,
16 adopted by the United States on December 16,
17 1966, and ratified by the United States on June 8,
18 1992, and welcomes similar commitments from its
19 allies and partners.