

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide a complete substitute.

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

S. Res. 557

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the strategic importance of NATO to the collective security of the transatlantic region and urging its member states to work together at the upcoming summit to strengthen the alliance.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. CORKER

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 NATO's collective defense, en-
- 5 shrined in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty,
- 6 done at Washington April 4, 1949;
- 7 (2) emphasizes the need for all NATO member
- 8 states to be prepared to meet their respective obliga-
- 9 tions under Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty;
- 10 (3) pledges its support for all appropriate meas-
- 11 ures collectively taken to deter and defend against,

1 if necessary, Russian aggression against the terri-
2 tory of any NATO member state, including the ex-
3 plicit aim of the leaders of the Russian Federation
4 to fracture the unity between NATO member states;

5 (4) emphasizes its commitment to a North At-
6 lantic alliance based on shared values, including the
7 rule of law, to prevent internal forces from eroding
8 NATO's foundation;

9 (5) encourages all NATO member states to
10 clearly commit to further enlargement of the alli-
11 ance, including extending invitations to any aspirant
12 country which has met the conditions required to
13 join NATO; and

14 (6) urges leaders who will be meeting at the
15 2018 NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium to ensure
16 that NATO—

17 (A) meets urgent security threats;

18 (B) continues to evolve to counter emerg-
19 ing challenges, including hybrid warfare, ter-
20 rorism, cyberattacks, and renewed challenges to
21 sea lines of communication between North
22 America and Europe; and

23 (C) adopts a rapid reinforcement plan
24 that—

25 (i) expedites political decision making;

- 1 (ii) reinvigorates the NATO command
- 2 structure;
- 3 (iii) streamlines the capacity to mobi-
- 4 lize forces across national borders; and
- 5 (iv) improves joint readiness goals.