

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4350**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CASE OF HAWAII**

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 . UNITED STATES MILITARY PRESENCE IN PALAU.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-  
3 gress that—

4 (1) the United States and the Republic of  
5 Palau have a strong relationship based on strength-  
6 ening regional security, ensuring a free and open  
7 Indo-Pacific, and protecting fisheries from illegal,  
8 unreported and unregulated fishing; and

9 (2) Congress is receptive to the Republic of  
10 Palau’s request to the United States to establish a  
11 regular United States military presence in Palau for  
12 purposes of Palau’s defense and encourages the De-  
13 partment of Defense to review such request.

14 (b) REPORT.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days  
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense shall provide a report and briefing  
18 to the appropriate congressional committees on the  
19 Department of Defense’s plans to review the Repub-

1       lic of Palau’s request to the United States to estab-  
2       lish a regular United States military presence in  
3       Palau and any planned military construction associ-  
4       ated with such military presence.

5               (2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
6       TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-  
7       propriate congressional committees” means—

8               (A) the congressional defense committees;  
9       and

10              (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of  
11       the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Af-  
12       fairs of the House of Representatives.

