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Strike section 1046.

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON THE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE ONGOING ENERGY CRISIS IN THE CARIBBEAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense Climate Working Group established pursuant to Executive Order 14008 (86 Fed. Reg. 7619), the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, and the heads of other Federal departments and agencies as appropriate, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on the national security implications of the current energy crisis in the Caribbean.
crisis, and the availability of renewable energy alternatives, in the Caribbean region.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an assessment of—

(A) the current dependence of Caribbean nations and territories on fossil fuels and corresponding supply chain issues, the inaccessibility of fossil fuels in the region and the ongoing inflationary effect on local energy prices, and the resulting effects of these issues on the safety and security of the United States and its territories, United States military installations, and allies of the United States in the Caribbean region; and

(B) the availability of renewable sources of energy in the Caribbean region as an alternative to fossil fuels, the future prospects for wind, solar, and hydroelectric power in the region, and any resulting effects on the safety and security of the United States and its territories, United States military installations, and allies of the United States in the Caribbean region; and
(2) strategies and recommendations for the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and other relevant Federal agencies for combatting and counteracting the national security concerns identified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1).

SEC. 10. REPORT TO CONGRESS ON NATURAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND CLIMATE RESILIENCY IN THE CARIBBEAN.

(a) In General.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense Climate Working Group established pursuant to Executive Order 14008 (86 Fed. Reg. 7619), the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, and the heads of other Federal departments and agencies as appropriate, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on climate disaster preparedness and climate resiliency efforts in the Caribbean region, with a focus on the security implications for the United States, United States military installations, and allies of the United States in the Caribbean region.
(b) Matters to be included.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(1) an assessment of—

(A) the current and future impact of rising global temperatures in Caribbean nations and territories, and the effect of global heating on recent natural disasters and future natural disasters in the region;

(B) ongoing and proposed efforts at climate adaption, climate resiliency, and natural disaster preparedness and resiliency in Caribbean nations and territories; and

(C) the effects of subparagraphs (A) and (B) on the safety and security of the United States and its territories, United States military installations, and allies of the United States in the Caribbean region; and

(2) strategies and recommendations for the Department of Defense, the Department of State, and other relevant Federal agencies for combatting and counteracting the national security concerns identified in paragraph (1).