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At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XIII, insert the following:

SEC. ___. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL MILITARY AIR REFUELING ACT OF 2022.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Israel is a strong partner of the United States;

(2) Israel is a stable democratic country in a region often marred by turmoil;

(3) it is in the national interest of the United States to continue to make certain that Israel has defense articles vital to its security;

(4) such support is vital as Israel and the United States confront a number of potential shared challenges, including continuing threats and regional aggression from Iran and its proxies;

(5) Russia’s unprovoked invasion of Ukraine has highlighted the limitations of the United States defense acquisition system and its inability to produce weapons and equipment on a relevant
timeline to meet the essential requirements of key
United States allies and partners like Israel; and

(6) consistent with the Department of State de-
termination, approving a possible foreign military
sale to Israel of up to eight KC–46 aircraft and re-
lated equipment, that found “the proposed sale fur-
ther supports the foreign policy and national secu-

rity of the United States by allowing Israel to pro-
vide a redundant capability to U.S. assets within the
region, potentially freeing U.S. assets for use else-
where during times of war”, “the sale improves
Israel’s national security posture as a key U.S. ally”,
and that “there will be no adverse impact on U.S.
defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale”,
the Department of State, in coordination with the
Department of Defense, should expedite contracting
the appropriate number of KC–46A Pegasus refuel-
ing tankers for Israel.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
in concurrence with the Secretary of State, shall provide
to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Rep-
resentatives a report, including—
(1) an assessment of Israel’s current operational requirement for aerial refueling and any gaps in current or near-term capabilities available;

(2) the estimated date of delivery for KC–46 aircraft to Israel;

(3) an assessment of United States Air Force contracting for KC–46 aircraft for Israel, including any delays or possible process improvements;

(4) a detailed description of—

(A) actions the United States Government is taking to expedite delivery, without adversely impacting United States defense readiness;

(B) the feasibility and advisability of providing Israel an interim capability;

(C) additional actions that could be taken to expedite delivery without adversely impacting United States defense readiness and why the respective actions have not been taken yet; and

(D) authorities or appropriations that Congress could provide to expedite the delivery;

(5) a description of which countries are ahead of Israel in the queue for delivery of KC–46s;

(6) a description of ongoing or potential measures associated with KC–46 aircraft to expedite the attainment of operational capability once delivered,
including training with United States or allied forces
in advance on the same system;

(7) an assessment of future availability for pur-
chase of more KC–46 refueling tankers by Israel;

(8) an estimated timeframe for purchase and
delivery of such aircraft; and

(9) options to accelerate purchase and delivery
of such aircraft without adversely impacting United
States defense readiness.