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Add at the end of subtitle C of title XIII of division A the following:

SEC. 13. ARCTIC REGION DIPLOMACY POLICY.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, and the heads of any other relevant Federal agencies, acting through the U.S. Coordinator for the Arctic Region, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate an Arctic Region Diplomacy Policy. Such policy shall assess, develop, budget for, and implement plans, policies, and actions relating to the following:

(1) Bolstering the diplomatic presence of the United States in Arctic countries, including through enhancements to diplomatic missions and facilities, participation in regional and bilateral dialogues related to Arctic security, and coordination of United
States initiatives and assistance programs across agencies to protect the national security of the United States and its allies and partners.

(2) Enhancing the resilience capacities of Arctic countries to the effects of environmental change and increased civilian and military activity by Arctic countries and other countries that may result from increased accessibility of the Arctic region.

(3) Assessing specific added risks to the Arctic region and Arctic countries that—

(A) are vulnerable to the changing Arctic environment; and

(B) are strategically significant to the United States.

(4) Coordinating the integration of environmental change and national security risk and vulnerability assessments into the decision making process on foreign assistance awards with Greenland.

(5) Advancing principles of good governance by encouraging and cooperating with Arctic states on collaborative approaches to—

(A) responsibly manage natural resources in the Arctic region;

(B) share the burden of ensuring maritime safety in the Arctic region;
(C) prevent the escalation of security tensions by mitigating against the militarization of the Arctic region;

(D) develop mutually agreed upon multilateral policies among Arctic countries on the management of maritime transit routes through the Arctic region and work cooperatively on the transit policies for access to and transit in the Arctic region by non-Arctic countries; and

(E) facilitate the development of Arctic Region Diplomacy Action Plans to ensure stability and public safety in disaster situations in a humane and responsible fashion.

(6) Evaluating the vulnerability, security, survivability, and resiliency of United States interests and non-defense assets in the Arctic region.

(7) Reducing black carbon and methane emissions in the Arctic region.

(b) FORM.—The Arctic Region Diplomacy Policy required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex. Such unclassified form shall be posted on an appropriate publicly available website of the Department of State.