

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909, AS REPORTED
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At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON JULY 2016 NATO SUM-**
2 **MIT IN WARSAW, POLAND.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization
5 (NATO) has been the cornerstone of transatlantic
6 security cooperation and an enduring instrument for
7 promoting stability in Europe and around the world
8 for over 65 years.

9 (2) NATO currently faces a range of evolving
10 security challenges, including Russian aggression in
11 Eastern Europe, and instability and conflict in the
12 Middle East and North Africa. In the face of these
13 varied challenges, NATO must deter threats and, if
14 necessary, defend NATO member states against ad-
15 versaries.

16 (3) Since NATO's 2014 summit in Wales,
17 NATO member states have made progress in imple-
18 menting a Readiness Action Plan to enhance allied
19 readiness and collective defense in response to Rus-

1 sian aggression. However, much work remains to be
2 done.

3 (4) NATO's solidarity is strengthened by the
4 bolstering of NATO's conventional and nuclear de-
5 terrence, increased defense spending by NATO
6 member states, and continued enlargement of the
7 Alliance.

8 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
9 gress that—

10 (1) at the July 2016 NATO Summit in War-
11 saw, Poland and beyond, the United States should—

12 (A) welcome Montenegro's accession to
13 NATO;

14 (B) continue to work with aspirant coun-
15 tries to prepare them for entry into NATO;

16 (C) continue supporting a Membership Ac-
17 tion Plan (MAP) for Georgia;

18 (D) encourage the leaders of Macedonia
19 and Greece to find a mutually agreeable solu-
20 tion to the name dispute between the two coun-
21 tries;

22 (E) seek a Dayton II agreement to resolve
23 the constitutional issues of Bosnia and
24 Herzegovina;

1 (F) work with the Republic of Kosovo to
2 prepare the country for entrance into the Part-
3 nership for Peace (PfP) program;

4 (G) take a leading role in working with
5 NATO member states to identify, through con-
6 sensus, the current and future security threats
7 facing the Alliance; and

8 (H) take a leading role to work with other
9 NATO member states to ensure the alliance
10 maintains the required capabilities, including
11 the gains in interoperability from combat in Af-
12 ghanistan, necessary to meet the security
13 threats to the Alliance;

14 (2) in Warsaw, NATO member states should
15 build upon the progress made since the 2014 Wales
16 Summit, by committing additional resources to
17 NATO's Readiness Action Plan and related meas-
18 ures to enhance allied readiness and deterrence;

19 (3) NATO member states should review defense
20 spending to ensure sufficient funding is obligated to
21 meet NATO responsibilities, including to allocate at
22 least 2 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to
23 defense spending, and to devote at least 20 percent
24 of defense spending to defense modernization and
25 new equipment;

1 (4) the United States should commit to main-
2 taining a robust military presence in Europe as a
3 means of promoting allied interoperability, providing
4 visible assurance to NATO allies, and deterring Rus-
5 sian aggression in the region; and

6 (5) the United States reaffirms and remains
7 committed to the policies enumerated by NATO
8 member states in the Deterrence and Defense Pos-
9 ture Review, dated May 20, 2012, and the Wales
10 Summit Declaration of September 2014, including
11 the following statement: “Deterrence, based on an
12 appropriate mix of nuclear, conventional, and missile
13 defence capabilities, remains a core element of our
14 overall strategy.”.

