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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HINSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Financial Services, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prioritizing Readiness
5 and Competitiveness Act” or the “PRC Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States that—

1 (1) great power competition with the People's
2 Republic of China will define the future of the 21st
3 century;

4 (2) the People's Republic of China is a revisionist
5 power that seeks to upend the international
6 system in ways that are inimical to United States
7 national interests;

8 (3) great power competition with the People's
9 Republic of China is global in nature and requires
10 a whole-of-government response;

11 (4) resilient domestic manufacturing, a strong
12 and advanced United States Navy, and an innovative
13 economy are critical to succeeding in great power
14 competition; and

15 (5) promoting and supporting new technological
16 research and development will be necessary to maintain
17 a competitive advantage and effectively combat
18 hostile efforts by the Government of the People's Republic
19 of China.

1 **SEC. 3. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN UNEXPENDED FUNDS RE-**
2 **LATED TO AFGHANISTAN FOR THE PURPOSE**
3 **OF BUILDING A RESILIENT DOMESTIC INDUS-**
4 **TRIAL BASE AND STRENGTHENING DEFENSE**
5 **TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall transfer to
7 each of the following appropriations accounts for the fol-
8 lowing purposes an amount equal to one-third of the total
9 amount rescinded under subsection (b):

10 (1) The Defense Production Act purchases ac-
11 count for activities by the Department of Defense
12 pursuant to sections 108, 301, 302, and 303 of the
13 Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4518,
14 4531, 4532, 4533).

15 (2) The Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy ac-
16 count of the Department of Defense.

17 (3) The research, development, test, and evalua-
18 tion, Defense-wide account of the Department of De-
19 fense, to be available for the Defense Advanced Re-
20 search Projects Agency to carry out projects related
21 to strengthening the United States' global advantage
22 in strategic technologies, which may include aero-
23 space, robotics, artificial intelligence, information
24 technology, new and advanced materials, bio-
25 technology, advanced machinery, telecommuni-
26 cations, and energy and power generation.

1 (b) RESCISSION OF UNEXPENDED FUNDS DEDI-
2 CATED TO MAINTAINING A MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC
3 PRESENCE IN AFGHANISTAN.—The following amounts are
4 hereby rescinded:

5 (1) The unobligated balance of amounts made
6 available to the Department of Defense for the Af-
7 ghanistan Security Forces Fund.

8 (2) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
9 made available to the Department of State for Dip-
10 lomatic Programs, all remaining funds relating to
11 maintaining United States diplomatic personnel in
12 Afghanistan.

13 (3) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
14 made available for the Economic Support Fund, all
15 remaining funds relating to implementing and sup-
16 porting comprehensive strategies to combat corrup-
17 tion in Afghanistan, and for the reintegration of
18 former Taliban and other extremists.

19 (4) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
20 made available to the Department of State for the
21 International Narcotics Control and Law Enforce-
22 ment Fund, all remaining funds relating to pro-
23 grams in Afghanistan.

24 (5) Of the unobligated balance of amounts
25 made available to the Department of State for Inter-

1 national Military Education and Training programs,
2 all remaining funds relating to training personnel of
3 the Afghan security forces.

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