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# H. R. 6070

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2023

Mr. AMODEI introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DEPART-**  
2 **MENT OF DEFENSE TO CONDUCT CERTAIN**  
3 **MILITARY ACTIVITIES AT NEVADA TEST AND**  
4 **TRAINING RANGE.**

5 (a) SPECIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED MILITARY AC-  
6 TIVITIES.—Paragraph (1) of section 3011(b) of the Mili-  
7 tary Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (title XXX of the Na-  
8 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000;  
9 Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 886) is amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
11 by inserting “, subject to the conditions set forth in  
12 subsection (a) of section 3014” after “Secretary of  
13 the Air Force”;

14 (2) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
15 graph (C);

16 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-  
17 paragraph (G); and

18 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-  
19 lowing new subparagraphs:

20 “(D) for emergency response;

21 “(E) for the establishment and use of ex-  
22 isting or new electronic tracking and commu-  
23 nications sites, including the construction of up  
24 to 15 equipment pads, no larger than 150-by-  
25 150 feet in size, along existing roads to allow  
26 placement and operation of threat emitters;

1           “(F) for the use and maintenance of roads  
2           in existence as of January 1, 2024, to allow ac-  
3           cess to threat emitters and repeaters for instal-  
4           lation, maintenance, and periodic relocation;  
5           and”.

6           (b)           INTERAGENCY           COMMITTEE.—Section  
7           3011(b)(5)(G), as added by paragraph (1) of section  
8           2844(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National De-  
9           fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law  
10          116–283; 134 Stat. 4351), is further amended—

11           (1) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

12                       “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of  
13                       the Interior and the Secretary of the Air  
14                       Force shall jointly establish an interagency  
15                       committee (referred to in this subpara-  
16                       graph as the ‘interagency committee’) to—

17                               “(I) facilitate coordination, man-  
18                               age public access needs and require-  
19                               ments, and minimize potential conflict  
20                               between the Department of the Inte-  
21                               rior and the Department of the Air  
22                               Force with respect to joint operating  
23                               areas within the Desert National  
24                               Wildlife Refuge; and

1                   “(II) discuss the activities au-  
2                   thorized in paragraph (1) and provide  
3                   input to the United States Fish and  
4                   Wildlife Service and the Department  
5                   of the Air Force when assessing  
6                   whether these activities may be con-  
7                   ducted on the joint operating areas  
8                   within the Desert National Wildlife  
9                   Refuge that are under the primary ju-  
10                  risdiction of the Secretary of the Inte-  
11                  rior in a manner that is consistent  
12                  with the National Wildlife Refuge  
13                  System Administration Act (16  
14                  U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) and other appli-  
15                  cable law.”; and

16                  (2) in clause (ii)—

17                         (A) by inserting “, including a designee of  
18                         the Director of the United States Fish and  
19                         Wildlife Service” before the period at the end of  
20                         subclause (I); and

21                         (B) by inserting “, including a designee of  
22                         the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for  
23                         Energy, Installations, and Environment” before  
24                         the period at the end of subclause (II).

