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S. 1583

To require the Secretary of State to submit to Congress classified dissent cables relating to the withdrawal of the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. BUDD, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

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. SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS OF DISSENT CA-**
2 **BLES RELATING TO WITHDRAWAL OF THE**
3 **UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM AF-**
4 **GHANISTAN.**

5 (a) **SUBMISSION OF CLASSIFIED DISSENT CABLES**
6 **TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of
7 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall sub-
8 mit to Congress any classified Department of State cable
9 or memo that expresses a dissenting recommendation or
10 opinion with respect to the withdrawal of the United
11 States Armed Forces from Afghanistan.

12 (b) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF UNCLASSIFIED DIS-**
13 **SENT CABLES.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of
14 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall
15 make available to the public an unclassified version of any
16 such cable or memo.

17 (c) **PROTECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE IN-**
18 **FORMATION.**—The name and any other personally identifi-
19 able information of an author of a cable or memo referred
20 to in subsection (a) shall be redacted before submission
21 under that subsection or publication under subsection (b).

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