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People’s Republic of China, and North Korea to
address the risks described in that paragraph,
including with respect to policy, cost, and oper-
ational matters; and

(B) of the willingness of the governments
of those countries to engage in such discus-
sions.

SEC. 1676. REPORT ON NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED
STATES AND NEAR-PEER COUNTRIES.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than February 15, 2020, the
Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of
National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate com-
mittees of Congress a report on the nuclear forces of the
United States and near-peer countries.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a)
shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the current and planned
nuclear systems of the United States, including with
respect to research and development timelines, de-
ployment timelines, and force size.

(2) An assessment of the current and planned
nuclear systems of the People’s Republic of China,
including with respect to research and development
timelines, deployment timelines, and force size.
(3) An assessment of the current and planned nuclear systems of the Russian Federation, including with respect to research and development timelines, deployment timelines, and force size, including—

(A) deployed nuclear weapons not covered by the New START Treaty;

(B) nuclear weapons in development that would not be covered by the New START Treaty; and

(C) strategic nuclear weapons that are not deployed.

(c) FORM.—The report under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 1677. REPORT ON OPERATION OF CONVENTIONAL FORCES OF MILITARY DEPARTMENTS UNDER EMPLOYMENT OR THREAT OF EMPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force, the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of the Navy, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing the views of each such Secretary on the ability of conventional forces under the authority of that Secretary to operate effectively under employment or threat of employment of nuclear weapons by the United States, an ally of the United States, or an adversary of the United States, including with respect to—

(1) measures taken to maximize the likelihood that such forces could continue to operate;
to-military discussions with Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with several clarifying amendments, as well as an amendment that would add consideration of other efforts conducted between the U.S. government and foreign governments, or between nongovernmental organizations and foreign counterparts, to reduce such risks. The amendments would also require assessment of the willingness of the above governments to engage in such discussions.

Report on nuclear forces of the United States and near-peer countries (sec. 1676)

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 1243) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) and the Secretary of State, to submit a report on Russian nuclear systems deployed or under development not covered by New START, Russian non-deployed strategic nuclear systems, nuclear modernization programs of China, and the implications of these assessments on the New START central limits.

The House amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1652) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the DNI, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on current and planned nuclear systems of the United States, Russia, and China, including projections through 2040.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would change the report’s deadline to February 15, 2020, and specify the inclusion of Russian nuclear systems deployed or under development not covered by New START and Russian non-deployed strategic nuclear systems.

Report on operation of conventional forces of military departments under employment or threat of employment of nuclear weapons (sec. 1677)

The Senate bill contained a provision (sec. 6603) that would require the secretaries of the military departments, and the Commandant of the Marine Corps, to each submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing measures taken to ensure the ability of conventional forces to operate under employment or threat of employment of nuclear weapons.

The House amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with amendments that would consolidate the four reports into a single report by the Secretary of
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