

119TH CONGRESS
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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 “Quad Space Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPACE COOPERATION AMONG QUAD COUNTRIES.**

2 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
3 gress that—

4 (1) as a Pacific power, the United States should
5 strengthen cooperation with the Government of Aus-
6 tralia, the Government of India, and the Govern-
7 ment of Japan to address regional challenges and
8 promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region;

9 (2) the United States should expand coopera-
10 tion, through the Quad, with the Government of
11 Australia, the Government of India, and the Govern-
12 ment of Japan to address shared security challenges,
13 particularly in space; and

14 (3) the revival of the Quad by President Donald
15 J. Trump and the elevation of the Quad to the lead-
16 ers' level by President Joseph R. Biden were critical
17 steps in advancing shared interests in the Indo-Pa-
18 cific region.

19 (b) DETERMINATION OF AREAS OF MUTUAL INTER-
20 EST IN SPACE.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
22 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
23 retary of Defense shall seek to initiate discussions,
24 through the Quad, with the Government of Aus-
25 tralia, the Government of India, and the Govern-

1 ment of Japan to identify areas of mutual interest
2 with respect to—

3 (A) the formulation of best practices in
4 space;

5 (B) cooperation on space situational
6 awareness; and

7 (C) space industrial policy.

8 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after
9 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
10 of Defense shall submit to the Committees of Armed
11 Services of the Senate and the House of Representa-
12 tives a report on the discussions under paragraph
13 (1), including—

14 (A) a detailed description of potential
15 areas of mutual interest identified through such
16 discussions; and

17 (B) an identification of potential steps the
18 Secretary intends to take to formalize coopera-
19 tion, though the Quad, among the United
20 States, Australia, India, and Japan.

21 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) QUAD.—The term “Quad” means the part-
23 nership among the Quad countries.

24 (2) QUAD COUNTRIES.—The term “Quad coun-
25 tries” means the following:

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- 1 (A) The United States.
- 2 (B) Australia.
- 3 (C) India.
- 4 (D) Japan.