

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Quad Economic Secu-  
5       rity Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7       It is the sense of Congress that—

8               (1) the United States, as a Pacific power,  
9       should strengthen cooperation with the Government

1 of Australia, the Government of India, and the Gov-  
2 ernment of Japan to address regional challenges and  
3 promote a free and open Indo-Pacific region;

4 (2) the United States should expand coopera-  
5 tion, through the Quad, with the Government of  
6 Australia, the Government of India, and the Govern-  
7 ment of Japan to address shared economic security  
8 challenges, including by seeking to create an Eco-  
9 nomic Security Working Group within the Quad;  
10 and

11 (3) the reviving of the Quad by President Don-  
12 ald J. Trump and the elevation of the Quad to the  
13 leaders' level by President Joseph R. Biden were  
14 critical to advancing shared interests in the Indo-Pa-  
15 cific region.

16 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

17 In this Act:

18 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-  
19 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-  
20 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Relations  
21 of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs  
22 of the House of Representatives.

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

1           (3) QUAD COUNTRIES.—The term “Quad coun-  
2       tries” means Japan, Australia, India, and the  
3       United States.

4           (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
5       the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-  
6       retary of Commerce.

7           (5) WORKING GROUP.—The term “Working  
8       Group” means the Economic Security Working  
9       Group described in section 4.

10 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY WORK-**  
11 **ING GROUP.**

12       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall seek to enter  
13 into negotiations with the governments of the other Quad  
14 countries with the goal of reaching an agreement to estab-  
15 lish an Economic Security Working Group to secure crit-  
16 ical supply chains, safeguard critical infrastructure,  
17 counter economic coercion, and address crises disrupting  
18 supply chains.

19       (b) FUNCTIONS.—In conducting negotiations de-  
20 scribed in subsection (a) to establish the Working Group,  
21 the Secretary shall seek to ensure the Working Group—

22           (1) serves as a forum for the Quad countries to  
23       coordinate to secure critical infrastructure and bol-  
24       ster supply chain resiliency;

1           (2) holds crisis simulation exercises to better  
2       prepare for potential economic coercion and disrup-  
3       tions to supply chains; and

4           (3) serves as a collective emergency response  
5       mechanism in the case of economic coercion and dis-  
6       ruptions to supply chains for sectors critical to na-  
7       tional security to facilitate emergency communica-  
8       tion and coordination.

9       (c) UNITED STATES REPRESENTATION.—The United  
10   States shall be represented on the Working Group by a  
11   United States official at the level of Deputy Assistant Sec-  
12   retary of State or the equivalent, in line with existing  
13   working groups of the Quad.

14       (d) REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT.—In conducting nego-  
15   tiations described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall en-  
16   courage the Working Group to engage with the govern-  
17   ments of regional partners to help bolster their economic  
18   security, such as by cooperating on capacity-building with  
19   regard to security of port infrastructure and undersea ca-  
20   bles.

21   **SEC. 5. IDENTIFICATION OF SUPPLY CHAINS AND RE-**  
22                           **GIONAL PARTNERS.**

23       (a) SUPPLY CHAINS.—If negotiations are entered  
24   into under section 4, on the commencement of such nego-  
25   tiations, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate con-

1 gressional committees a report identifying supply chains  
2 for sectors critical to national security for purposes of sec-  
3 tion 4(b)(3).

4 (b) REGIONAL PARTNERS.—If negotiations are en-  
5 tered into under section 4, on the commencement of such  
6 negotiations, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate  
7 congressional committees a report identifying which coun-  
8 tries and jurisdictions in the Indo-Pacific region the Sec-  
9 retary considers to be regional partners for purposes of  
10 section 4(d).

11 **SEC. 6. ANNUAL REPORTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—If negotiations are entered into  
13 under section 4, not later than one year after the date  
14 on which such negotiations commence, and annually there-  
15 after until the date described in subsection (b), the Sec-  
16 retary of State and the Secretary of Commerce shall joint-  
17 ly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a  
18 report on efforts to establish the Working Group.

19 (b) DATE DESCRIBED.—The date described in this  
20 subsection is the date on which negotiations to establish  
21 the Working Group conclude, without regard to whether  
22 the Working Group is or is not established.

23 **SEC. 7. NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS AUTHORIZED.**

24 No additional funds are authorized to be appro-  
25 priated to carry out this Act. This Act shall be carried

1 out using amounts otherwise authorized to be appro-  
2 priated.