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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1588, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title XII (page 384, after line 3), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____.** **SENSE OF CONGRESS ON REDEPLOYMENT OF**
2 **UNITED STATES FORCES IN EUROPE**

3 (a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress makes the following find-
4 ings:

5 (1) In March 1999, in its initial round of ex-
6 pansion, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
7 (NATO) admitted Poland, the Czech Republic, and
8 Hungary to the Alliance.

9 (2) At the Prague Summit on November 21–22,
10 2002, the NATO heads of state and government in-
11 vited the countries of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia,
12 Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to join
13 the Alliance.

14 (3) The countries admitted in the initial round
15 of expansion referred to in paragraph (1) and the
16 seven new invitee nations referred to in paragraph
17 (2) will in combination significantly alter the nature
18 of the Alliance.

19 (4) During the first 50 years of the Alliance,
20 NATO materially contributed to the security and



1 stability of Western Europe, brining peace and pros-
2 perity to the member nations.

3 (5) The expansion of NATO is an opportunity
4 to assist the invitee nations in gaining the capabili-
5 ties to ensure peace, prosperity, and democracy for
6 themselves during the next 50 years of the Alliance.

7 (6) The military structure and mission of
8 NATO has changed, no longer being focused on the
9 threat of a Soviet invasion, but evolving to handle
10 new missions in the area of crisis management,
11 peacekeeping, and peace-support in the Euro-Atlan-
12 tic area of operations.

13 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—In light of the findings
14 in subsection (a), it is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty
16 Organization Alliance and the evolution of the mili-
17 tary mission of that Alliance requires a fundamental
18 reevaluation of the current posture of United States
19 forces stationed in Europe; and

20 (2) the President should—

21 (A) initiate a reevaluation referred to in
22 paragraph (1); and

23 (B) in carrying out such a reevaluation,
24 consider a military posture that takes maximum
25 advantage of basing and training opportunities



1 in the newly admitted and invitee states re-
2 ferred to in paragraphs (1) and (2), respec-
3 tively, of subsection (a).



Hunter Amendment to title 12

Summary

The amendment offers a sense of Congress regarding ongoing changes within the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Noting the enlargement of NATO into Eastern Europe, the amendment urges the President to reevaluate the U.S. defense posture in Europe in a manner to take maximum advantage of basing and training opportunities in the territory of new NATO members.