

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 6375

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report and to provide notice to the public on congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to the Department of Defense.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 5, 2006

Mr. SOUDER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Armed Services

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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. ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS AND NOTICE**

4 **TO PUBLIC ON CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVES**

5 **IN FUNDS AUTHORIZED OR MADE AVAILABLE**

6 **TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1           (1) IDENTIFICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL INI-  
2           TIATIVES.—Chapter 23 of title 10, United States  
3           Code, is amended by adding at the end the following  
4           new section:

5           **“§ 490. Congressional initiatives in funds authorized**  
6                       **or made available to Department of De-**  
7                       **fense: annual report to Congress; notice**  
8                       **to public**

9           “(a) ANNUAL REPORT AND PUBLIC NOTICE RE-  
10          QUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the close of each  
11          fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Con-  
12          gress a report on congressional initiatives applicable to  
13          funds authorized or made available for the Department  
14          of Defense for that fiscal year. Upon being submitted to  
15          Congress, each such report shall be posted on a publicly  
16          available Internet website of the Department of Defense.

17          “(b) CONTENT.—Each report under subsection (a)  
18          shall include, for each congressional initiative applicable  
19          to funds that were authorized or made available to the  
20          Department of Defense for the fiscal year covered by the  
21          report, the following:

22               “(1) A description of each such congressional  
23               initiative, including—

24                       “(A) the geographic location (by city,  
25                       State, country, and congressional district, if rel-

1           evant) in which the funds covered by such con-  
2           gressional initiative are to be used;

3           “(B) the purpose of such congressional ini-  
4           tiative (if known); and

5           “(C) the recipient of the funding covered  
6           by such congressional initiative.

7           “(2) For each such congressional initiative, an  
8           assessment of the utility of the congressional initia-  
9           tive in meeting the goals of the Department, set  
10          forth using a rating system as follows:

11          “(A) A rating of ‘A’ for a congressional  
12          initiative that directly advances the primary  
13          goals of the Department or an agency, element,  
14          or component of the Department.

15          “(B) A rating of ‘B’ for a congressional  
16          initiative that advances many of the primary  
17          goals of the Department or an agency, element,  
18          or component of the Department.

19          “(C) A rating of ‘C’ for a congressional  
20          initiative that may advance some of the primary  
21          goals of the Department or an agency, element,  
22          or component of the Department.

23          “(D) A rating of ‘D’ for a congressional  
24          initiative that cannot be demonstrated as being  
25          cost-effective in advancing the primary goals of

1 the Department or any agency, element, or  
2 component of the Department.

3 “(E) A rating of ‘F’ for a congressional  
4 initiative that distracts from or otherwise im-  
5 pedes that capacity of the Department to meet  
6 the primary goals of the Department.

7 “(c) CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE DEFINED.—In this  
8 section, the term ‘congressional initiative’ means a provi-  
9 sion of law, or a directive contained within a joint explana-  
10 tory statement or report accompanying a conference re-  
11 port or bill (as applicable), that specifies—

12 “(1) the identity of an entity or project, includ-  
13 ing a defense system, for which funds are authorized  
14 or made available in that law (or conference report  
15 or bill) and that was not requested by the President  
16 in a budget submission to Congress; and

17 “(2) the amounts of the funds so authorized or  
18 made available.”.

19 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
20 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
21 by adding at the end the following new item:

“490. Congressional initiatives in funds authorized or made available to De-  
partment of Defense: annual report to Congress; notice to pub-  
lic.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 490 of title 10,  
23 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall

1 apply with respect to funds made available to the Depart-  
2 ment of Defense for each fiscal year after fiscal year 2006.

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