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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide for a limitation on funds for Afghanistan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEUSER introduced the following bill; which was 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 “No Funding Without
5 Freedom Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR AFGHANISTAN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
8 be appropriated or otherwise made available to the De-
9 partment of State for Afghanistan may be made available
10 unless and until the Secretary of State certifies to the ap-

1 appropriate congressional committees that all United States
2 nationals who are determined by the Secretary of State
3 to be unlawfully or wrongfully detained by the Government
4 of Afghanistan, or by groups or individuals within Afghan-
5 istan, have been released.

6 (b) WAIVER.—The President may waive the prohibi-
7 tion in subsection (a) if the President determines and cer-
8 tifies to the appropriate congressional committees that
9 such a waiver is necessary to secure the release of a
10 United States national who is determined by the Secretary
11 of State to be unlawfully or wrongfully detained by the
12 Government of Afghanistan, or by groups or individuals
13 within Afghanistan. Such certification shall include a de-
14 tailed justification for the waiver, including the steps being
15 taken to secure the release other unlawfully or wrongfully
16 detained United States nationals by such government or
17 groups or individuals.

18 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date
19 of the enactment of this Act, and every 90 days thereafter,
20 the Secretary of State shall submit to the congressional
21 committees a report on the status of all United States na-
22 tionals who are determined by the Secretary of State to
23 be unlawfully or wrongfully detained by the Government
24 of Afghanistan, or by groups or individuals within Afghan-
25 istan, including efforts taken to secure their release and

1 the status of compliance with the certification requirement
2 in subsection (b).

3 (d) APPLICABILITY OF THE ROBERT LEVINSON HOS-
4 TAGE RECOVERY AND HOSTAGE-TAKING ACCOUNT-
5 ABILITY ACT.—The Secretary of State shall make all de-
6 terminations of whether United States nationals are un-
7 lawfully or wrongfully detained by the Government of Af-
8 ghanistan, or by groups or individuals within Afghanistan,
9 under this section in accordance with the provisions of sec-
10 tion 302 of the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and
11 Hostage-Taking Accountability Act (22 U.S.C. 1741).

12 (e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appro-
13 priate congressional committees” means—

14 (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the
15 Committee on Appropriations of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives; and

17 (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and
18 the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.