

38. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
Israel OF New York, OR HIS
DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 20 MINUTES:

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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1585, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. ISRAEL OF NEW YORK AND MS.
LEE OF CALIFORNIA**

At the appropriate place in title XII of the bill (relating to matters relating to foreign nations), insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12__ . REPORT ON OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE AIR-**
2 **FIELD LOCATED IN ABEICHE, CHAD.**

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) Sudan has been ravaged by civil war for
5 four decades.

6 (2) More than two million people have died in
7 Southern Sudan over the past two decades due to
8 war-related causes and famine and millions have
9 been displaced from their homes.

10 (3) The airfield located in Abeche, Chad is near
11 the border between Chad and Sudan.

12 (4) Although the Abeche airfield is currently
13 used for military transportation and humanitarian
14 missions, it may be in need of upgrades to allow for
15 increased air traffic, including upgrades to the air-
16 strip and hangers.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that the United States, with the concurrence of the
3 Government of Chad, should help provide for the nec-
4 essary upgrades to the airfield located in Abeche, Chad
5 in order to support potential North Atlantic Treaty Orga-
6 nization operations, facilitate a possible United Nations
7 deployment to Chad and the Darfur region of Sudan, and
8 support humanitarian operations.

9 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
11 shall submit to Congress a report on the current oper-
12 ational status of the airfield located in Abeche, Chad and
13 recommendations for upgrades to the Abeche airfield to
14 support enhanced operations and a large increase in air
15 traffic, including a cost-estimate for such upgrades.