

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2647, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH OF ALABAMA**

Page 67, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REAFFIRMING THE RE-**
2 **QUIREMENT TO THOROUGHLY CONSIDER**
3 **THE ROLE OF BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSES**
4 **DURING THE QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE RE-**
5 **VIEW AND THE NUCLEAR POSTURE REVIEW.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) Congress passed and the President signed
9 the National Missile Defense Act of 1999 (Public
10 Law: 106-38), which stated: “It is the policy of the
11 United States to deploy as soon as is technologically
12 possible an effective National Missile Defense system
13 capable of defending the territory of the United
14 States against limited ballistic missile attack (wheth-
15 er accidental, unauthorized, or deliberate).”

16 (2) Section 118 of title 10, United States Code
17 requires the Secretary of Defense “every four years,
18 during a year following a year evenly divisible by
19 four, to conduct a comprehensive examination (to be
20 known as a “Quadrennial Defense Review”) of the

1 national defense strategy, force structure, force mod-
2 ernization plans, infrastructure, budget plan, and
3 other elements of the defense program and policies
4 of the United States with a view toward determining
5 and expressing the defense strategy of the United
6 States and establishing a defense program for the
7 next 20 years.”

8 (3) Among the requirements established by sec-
9 tion 118 of title 10, United States Code, for the ele-
10 ments that must be included in the Quadrennial De-
11 fense Review are the following:

12 (A) The threats to the assumed or defined
13 national security interests of the United States
14 that were examined for the purposes of the re-
15 view and the scenarios developed in the exam-
16 ination of those threats.

17 (B) The specific capabilities, including the
18 general number and type of specific military
19 platforms, needed to achieve the strategic and
20 warfighting objectives identified in the review.

21 (C) The effect on force structure of the use
22 by the armed forces of technologies anticipated
23 to be available for the ensuing 20 years.

24 (4) Section 1070 of the National Defense Au-
25 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law

1 110-116) requires the Secretary of Defense to con-
2 duct a comprehensive review of the nuclear posture
3 of the United States for the next 5 to 10 years “in
4 order to clarify United States nuclear deterrence pol-
5 icy and strategy for the near term.”

6 (5) Among the requirements established by sec-
7 tion 1070 of the National Defense Authorization Act
8 for Fiscal Year 2008 for the elements that must be
9 included in the nuclear posture review is “[t]he role
10 that missile defense capabilities and conventional
11 strike forces play in determining the role and size of
12 nuclear forces.”

13 (6) The Final Report of the Congressional
14 Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United
15 States, issued on May 7, 2009, concluded: “Missile
16 defenses can play a useful role in supporting the
17 basic objectives of deterrence, broadly defined. De-
18 fenses that are effective against regional aggressors
19 are a valuable component of the U.S. strategic pos-
20 ture. The United States should develop and, where
21 appropriate, deploy missile defenses against regional
22 nuclear aggressors, including against limited long-
23 range threats. These can also be beneficial for lim-
24 iting damage if deterrence fails. The United States
25 should ensure that its actions do not lead Russia or

1 China to take actions that increase the threat to the
2 United States and its allies and friends.”

3 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that the Secretary of Defense should thoroughly con-
5 sider the role of ballistic missile defenses during the Quad-
6 rennial Defense Review and the Nuclear Posture Review.

