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To establish the Critical Munitions Acquisition Fund.

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Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WICKER, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. DUCKWORTH, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

A BILL

To establish the Critical Munitions Acquisition Fund.

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 “Promoting Readiness
5 for Overseas Contingencies and Unexpected Responses
6 Emergencies Act” or the “PROCURE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. CRITICAL MUNITIONS ACQUISITION FUND.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There shall be established in
9 the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be
10 known as the “Critical Munitions Acquisition Fund” (in
11 this section referred to as the “Fund”).

1 (b) PURPOSE.—Amounts in the Fund shall be made
2 available by the Secretary of Defense—

3 (1) to ensure that adequate stocks of munitions
4 that the Secretary deems critical due to a reduction
5 in stocks or identification as having a high use rate
6 are available for allies and partners of the United
7 States during the war in Ukraine and future con-
8 flicts; and

9 (2) to finance the acquisition of critical muni-
10 tions in advance of the transfer of such munitions
11 to foreign countries during the war in Ukraine and
12 future conflicts.

13 (c) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may
14 also use amounts made available to the Fund to keep on
15 continuous order munitions that the Secretary deems as
16 critical due to a reduction in current stocks or identifica-
17 tion as having a high-use rate during the war in Ukraine
18 or a potential high-use rate during a future conflict.

19 (d) DEPOSITS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Fund shall consist of
21 each of the following:

22 (A) Collections from sales made under let-
23 ters of offer (or transfers made under the For-
24 eign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et
25 seq.)) of munitions acquired using amounts

1 made available from the Fund pursuant to this
2 section, representing the value of such items
3 calculated, as applicable, in accordance with—

4 (i) subparagraph (B) or (C) of section
5 21(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act
6 (22 U.S.C. 2761(a)(1));

7 (ii) section 22 of the Arms Export
8 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2762); or

9 (iii) section 644(m) of the Foreign As-
10 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2403(m)).

11 (B) Such amounts as may be appropriated
12 pursuant to the authorization under this section
13 or otherwise made available for the purposes of
14 the Fund.

15 (C) Not more than \$500,000,000 may be
16 transferred to the Fund for any fiscal year, in
17 accordance with subsection (e), from amounts
18 authorized to be appropriated for the Depart-
19 ment in such amounts as the Secretary deter-
20 mines necessary to carry out the purposes of
21 this section, which shall remain available until
22 expended. The transfer authority provided
23 under this subparagraph is in addition to any
24 other transfer authority available to the Sec-
25 retary.

1 (2) CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FOREIGN GOVERN-
2 MENTS.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
4 graph (B), the Secretary of Defense may accept
5 contributions of amounts to the Fund from any
6 foreign entity, foreign government, or inter-
7 national organization. Any amounts so accepted
8 shall be credited to the Critical Munitions Ac-
9 quisition Fund and shall be available for use as
10 authorized under subsection (b).

11 (B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary may not
12 accept a contribution under this paragraph if
13 the acceptance of the contribution would com-
14 promise, or appear to compromise, the integrity
15 of any program of the Department of Defense.

16 (C) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary ac-
17 cepts any contribution under this paragraph,
18 the Secretary shall notify the congressional de-
19 fense committees, the Committee on Foreign
20 Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on
21 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representa-
22 tives. The notice shall specify the source and
23 amount of any contribution so accepted and the
24 use of any amount so accepted.

25 (e) NOTICE AND WAIT REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—No amount may be trans-
2 ferred pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(C) until the
3 date that is 15 days after the date on which the Sec-
4 retary notifies the congressional defense committees
5 in writing of the amount and purpose of the pro-
6 posed transfer.

7 (2) AMMUNITION PURCHASES.—No amounts in
8 the Fund may be used to purchase ammunition, as
9 authorized by this Act, until the date that is 15 days
10 after the date on which the Secretary notifies the
11 congressional defense committees in writing of the
12 amount and purpose of the proposed purchase.

13 (3) FOREIGN TRANSFERS.—No munition pur-
14 chased using amounts in the Fund may be trans-
15 ferred to a foreign country until the date that is 15
16 days after the date on which the Secretary notifies
17 the congressional defense committees in writing of
18 the proposed transfer.

19 (f) LIMITATION.—No munition acquired by the Sec-
20 retary of Defense using amounts made available from the
21 Fund pursuant to this section may be transferred to any
22 foreign country unless such transfer is authorized by the
23 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.), the
24 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.),
25 or other applicable law, except as follows:

1 (1) The Secretary of Defense may authorize the
2 use by the Department of Defense of munitions ac-
3 quired under this section prior to transfer to a for-
4 eign country, if such use is necessary to meet na-
5 tional defense requirements and the Department
6 bear the costs of replacement and transport, mainte-
7 nance, storage, and other such associated costs of
8 such munitions.

9 (2) Except as required by paragraph (1),
10 amounts made available to the Fund may be used to
11 pay for storage, maintenance, and other costs re-
12 lated to the storage, preservation, and preparation
13 for transfer of munitions acquired under this section
14 prior to their transfer, and the administrative costs
15 of the Department of Defense incurred in the acqui-
16 sition of such items, to the extent such costs are not
17 eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 43(b)
18 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C.
19 2792(b)).

20 (g) TERMINATION.—The authority for the Fund
21 under this section shall expire on December 31, 2024.

22 (h) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
24 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
25 every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of Defense

1 shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
2 tees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
3 Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
4 House of Representatives a report on the use of the
5 Fund.

6 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under
7 paragraph (1) shall include—

8 (A) an accounting of all inlays and out-
9 flows in the Fund;

10 (B) a list of munitions procured by type,
11 make, model, and quantity, together with a jus-
12 tification for the procurement;

13 (C) an assessment of the status of muni-
14 tions procured to include munitions in produc-
15 tion, those placed in stockpile, and those set
16 aside or transferred to a non-Federal govern-
17 ment entity;

18 (D) an updated list of munitions des-
19 ignated consistent with subsection (b), along
20 with a justifications for munitions designated
21 and estimated procurement quantity objectives;
22 and

23 (E) any other matters the Secretary deter-
24 mines appropriate.

1 (3) FORM.—The report required under para-
2 graph (1) shall be submitted to Congress in an un-
3 classified form without any additional disseminations
4 controls, but may include a classified or otherwise
5 restricted annex as necessary.

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