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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEAL of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Japan has prospered greatly under the se-
6 curity umbrella provided by the United States and
7 has risen from the devastation of World War II to

1 become an economic superpower with the third larg-
2 est gross national product in the world.

3 (2) The security of Asia and the free world is
4 critical to the continued prosperity of Japan.

5 (3) Japan contributes proportionately less to its
6 defense than any other major industrialized nation.

7 (4) Constitutional, political, and psychological
8 constraints limit the extent to which Japan can in-
9 crease its own defense program.

10 (5) Japan enjoyed a \$43,500,000,000 balance
11 of trade surplus with the United States in 1991.

12 (6) The United States taxpayer cannot be ex-
13 pected to shoulder indefinitely a disproportionate
14 share of the burden of defending Japan and the free
15 world.

16 (7) The current inequitable financial commit-
17 ment made by Japan to its defense and that of the
18 free world threatens to undermine its relations with
19 the United States.

20 (8) Continued good relations between the
21 United States and Japan are mutually beneficial and
22 critical to the security and economic well-being of
23 the free world.

4 (10) The people of Japan would undoubtedly
5 welcome the opportunity to pay a fair share for the
6 defense of their country.

7 SEC. 2. ANNUAL SECURITY FEE PAID TO THE UNITED
8 STATES.

9 (a) NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN.—Within 180 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall
11 seek to enter into negotiations with the Government of
12 Japan for the purpose of reaching an agreement that
13 would require the Government of Japan to pay to the
14 United States each year an annual security fee in an
15 amount equal to three percent of the annual gross national
16 product of Japan for the preceding year less the amount
17 actually spent by the Government of Japan for defense
18 during that year.

19 (b) NOTIFICATION TO THE CONGRESS.—Within one
20 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Presi-
21 dent shall notify the Congress whether an agreement as
22 described in subsection (a) has been reached with the Gov-
23 ernment of Japan.

24 (c) FAILURE OF JAPAN TO COMPENSATE THE
25 UNITED STATES.—If the President notifies the Congress

1 under subsection (b) that such an agreement has not been
2 reached or if the Congress determines that such an agree-
3 ment does not satisfy the requirements of subsection (a),
4 the Congress should consider legislation imposing on prod-
5 ucts of Japan imported into the United States an import
6 duty which would be in addition to any other duty that
7 is imposed under law. The additional import duty shall
8 be structured so that it would generate revenue in an
9 amount equal to the annual security fee described in sub-
10 section (a).

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