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# H. R. 6625

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report about the effects on national security of the surveillance conducted by the People's Republic of China via the high-altitude surveillance balloon shot down in the airspace of the United States in February 2023, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 6, 2023

Mr. FRY (for himself, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. ROSE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. POSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Chinese Spy Balloon  
3 Assessment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE EFFECTS ON NATIONAL SECURITY**  
5 **OF CERTAIN SURVEILLANCE CONDUCTED BY**  
6 **THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

7 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date  
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,  
9 in consultation with the President, shall submit to the  
10 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the  
11 House of Representatives a report about the effects on na-  
12 tional security of surveillance conducted by the People’s  
13 Republic of China via the high-altitude surveillance bal-  
14 loon shot down in the airspace of the United States in  
15 February 2023, including—

16 (1) a description of any such effects on military  
17 installations; and

18 (2) an analysis of any technology and materials  
19 recovered from the high-altitude surveillance balloon,  
20 including each country of origin of such technology  
21 and materials, if a country of origin can be deter-  
22 mined.

23 (b) FORM.—The report required under this section  
24 shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may in-  
25 clude a classified annex.

1           (c) MILITARY INSTALLATION DEFINED.—In this sec-  
2 tion, the term “military installation” has the meaning  
3 given such term in section 2801 of title 10, United States  
4 Code.

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