AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670 OFFERED BY MR. BANKS OF INDIANA

At the appropriate place in title XII, insert the following:

1	SEC. 12 REQUIREMENT FOR MILITARY EXERCISES.
2	(a) Exercises Required.—Beginning on January
3	1 of the year which begins after the date of the enactment
4	of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall require the
5	United States Central Command or other relevant com-
6	mands, units, or organizations of the United States Armed
7	Forces, as the Secretary deems appropriate, to conduct
8	military exercises that—
9	(1) occur not fewer than two times in a cal-
10	endar year;
11	(2) shall include invitations for the armed
12	forces of Israel, provided that the Government of
13	Israel consents to the participation of its forces in
14	such exercises;
15	(3) may include invitations for the armed forces
16	of other allies and partners of the United States to
17	take part in the exercises;
18	(4) seek to enhance the interoperability and ef-
19	fectiveness of the United States Armed Forces, the

1	armed forces of Israel, and the armed forces of other
2	allies and partners of the United States in coalition
3	operations; and
4	(5) shall include, at a minimum, the following
5	activities—
6	(A) practicing or simulating large-scale
7	and long-range strike missions;
8	(B) practicing the aerial refueling of com-
9	bat aircraft of the armed forces of Israel by
10	United States aerial refueling aircraft; and
11	(C) practicing the provision by the United
12	States Armed Forces of other enabling capabili-
13	ties to the armed forces of Israel, including—
14	(i) logistics support;
15	(ii) intelligence, surveillance, and re-
16	connaissance; and
17	(iii) air defense.
18	(b) Sunset.—The requirements in subsection (a)
19	shall terminate one year after the date of the enactment
20	of this Act.
21	(c) Appropriate Congressional Committees De-
22	FINED.—In this section, the term "appropriate congres-
23	sional committees" means—
24	(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the
25	House of Representatives; and

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- 1 (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the
- 2 Senate.

