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BURTON 2nd DEGREE
AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2583

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At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

1 SEC. 8 . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SALE OF F-16

2 FIGHTERS TO TAIWAN.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

4 (1) The Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96–
5 8) codified in law the basis for continued commer-
6 cial, cultural, and other relations between the people
7 of the United States and the people of Taiwan.

8 (2) The Taiwan Relations Act states that “the
9 United States will make available to Taiwan such
10 defense articles and defense services in such quan-
11 tity as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to main-
12 tain a sufficient self-defense capability”, and that
13 “both the President and the Congress shall deter-
14 mine the nature and quantity of such defense arti-
15 cles and services based solely upon their judgment
16 on the needs of Taiwan, in accordance with proce-
17 dures established by law”.

18 (3) A Department of Defense report on the
19 military power of the People’s Republic of China in
20 2010 stated that “China’s military build-up opposite

1 [Taiwan] continued unabated. The [People's Libera-
2 tion Army] is developing the capability to deter Tai-
3 wan independence or influence Taiwan to settle the
4 dispute on Beijing's terms. . .[and] the balance of
5 cross-Strait military forces continues to shift in the
6 mainland's favor".

7 (4) A Defense Intelligence Agency assessment
8 of Taiwan's air defense status in 2010 concluded
9 that while Taiwan has nearly 400 combat aircraft in
10 service, "far fewer are operationally capable".

11 (5) Taiwan's president stated in a newspaper
12 interview on February 17, 2011, that Taiwan needs
13 both new F-16 C/D fighter jets and upgrades to the
14 Taiwan Air Forces' existing fleet of F-16 A/B fight-
15 er jets to "maintain a certain defensive and fighting
16 capability".

17 (6) The president of Taiwan stated his adminis-
18 tration's desire to acquire F-16 C/Ds in a May 12,
19 2010, video address to the United States where he
20 asked the United States to provide Taiwan with the
21 necessary weapons to keep its aerial integrity intact.

22 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
23 gress that—

24 (1) the United States, in accordance with the
25 Taiwan Relations Act, should continue to make

1 available to Taiwan such defense articles and serv-
2 ices as may be necessary for Taiwan to maintain a
3 sufficient self-defense capability; and

4 (2) the President should take immediate steps
5 to sell to Taiwan ^(a) all the F-16 fighter jets that are
6 needed by Taiwan, including new F-16 C/D aircraft
7 and upgrades to the existing F-16 A/B fleet; and

(b) diesel submarines offered
to Taiwan by the United States
in 2001, once Taiwan has budgeted
for such submarines.