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# H. R. 2596

To provide for a testing program for the Navy Theater-Wide system and the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense system.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VITTER (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, and Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

To provide for a testing program for the Navy Theater-Wide system and the Theater High-Altitude Area Defense system.

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 “Realistic Tests for Re-  
5 alistic Threats National Security Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) The Government of North Korea, on Au-  
2           gust 31, 1998, launched a three-stage rocket called  
3           the Taepo Dong I.

4           (2) The Taepo Dong rocket, when configured  
5           and deployed as a ballistic missile, will pose a threat  
6           to United States military forces deployed in Asia, to  
7           Asian allies of the United States, and possibly to the  
8           United States itself.

9           (3) The United States is committed to pro-  
10          tecting both its forward deployed forces, its allies in  
11          Asia, and United States citizens against the threat  
12          of ballistic missile attack through the development  
13          and deployment of ballistic missile defense systems,  
14          including the Navy Theater-Wide system and the  
15          Theater High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) sys-  
16          tem.

17          (4) The Taepo Dong I rocket, when configured  
18          as a ballistic missile, is estimated to have a max-  
19          imum velocity greater than the velocity of the tar-  
20          gets in currently planned tests against target of ei-  
21          ther the Navy Theater-Wide system or the Theater  
22          High Altitude Area Defense system. If these systems  
23          are not tested against target missiles with velocities  
24          comparable to the maximum velocity of the Taepo  
25          Dong I missile, the United States will not be capable

1 of meeting the threat posed by the near-term deploy-  
2 ment of that missile by North Korea.

3 (5) Both the Navy Theater-Wide system and  
4 the Theater High Altitude Area Defense system  
5 should be tested in a way to demonstrate their re-  
6 spective capabilities to intercept missiles with the  
7 flight characteristics, and particularly with the max-  
8 imum velocity, of the Taepo Dong I missile.

9 **SEC. 3. TESTING OF THE NAVY THEATER-WIDE SYSTEM**  
10 **AND THE THEATER HIGH-ALTITUDE AREA DE-**  
11 **FENSE SYSTEM.**

12 (a) TESTS.—The Director of the Ballistic Missile De-  
13 fense Organization of the Department of Defense shall,  
14 no later than September 30, 2001, conduct at least one  
15 intercept test of the Navy Theater-Wide defense system  
16 and at least one intercept test of the Theater High Alti-  
17 tude Area Defense (THAAD) system against target mis-  
18 siles with velocities not less than the maximum velocity  
19 of the Taepo Dong I missile of North Korea.

20 (b) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.—The Director of the  
21 Ballistic Missile Defense Organization shall take imme-  
22 diate steps to modify plans for managing the development  
23 of the Navy Theater-Wide system and the Theater High  
24 Altitude Area Defense system to meet the deadline for the  
25 conduct of the intercept tests required by subsection (a).

1           (c) SYSTEM CONFIGURATION.—The Director of the  
2 Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, in order to improve  
3 the likelihood that the intercept tests required by sub-  
4 section (a) are successful, should review changes in the  
5 configuration of the Navy Theater-Wide system and the  
6 Theater High Altitude Area Defense system—

7           (1) to increase the speed of their interceptor  
8 missiles to well in excess of three kilometers-per-sec-  
9 ond; and

10          (2) to allow the interceptor missiles of those  
11 systems to receive and use targeting data provided  
12 by a variety of external sensors, including shipboard  
13 radar, airborne sensors, ground-based radar, and  
14 satellite sensors.

15          (d) FUNDING.—The preparations for, and the con-  
16 duct of, the tests required by subsection (a) shall be paid  
17 out of funds available to the Navy Theater-Wide program  
18 and the Theater High Altitude Area Defense program.

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