

Bipartisan legislation to limit Trump's ability to engage independently in foreign policy

Nuclear capacity

NDAF FY 2019:

- Requires the Pentagon to conduct a study on the risks and benefits of increasing the president's decision-making time before deploying nuclear weapons in retaliatory strikes
- The president currently has minutes to prepare nuclear weapons if radars detect that the US is under nuclear attack

North Korea

NDAF FY 2019:

- Affirms the Senate's agreement that South Korea is the "linchpin of peace and security in the Indo-Pacific region" and emphasizes the importance of the US-Korea alliance
- States that the removal of US troops from South Korea, something Trump has suggested, is non-negotiable

NATO

Senate joint resolution:

- Sens. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Jack Reed (D-RI), Cory Gardner (R-CO) and John McCain (R-AZ) introduced a bill to require Senate approval prior to withdrawal from NATO
- Explicitly opposes withdrawing from NATO
- Both the Senate and House have passed resolutions expressing support for the alliance

Russian sanctions

S.2313 Defending Elections from Threats by Establishing Redlines Act of 2018:

- Sens. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Marco Rubio (R-FL) introduced a bill that requires the president to impose sanctions on Russian banks and energy companies if Russia attempts to interfere in future elections
- Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced S.3336 to impose additional sanctions on Russia

Members from both parties have proposed legislation to rein in Trump on foreign policy

Concerns over potential harm to US interests have prompted senators to take action



Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC)

- Graham has sponsored a bill affirming the US's commitment to NATO and numerous bills related to Russian sanctions and election integrity



Sen. John McCain (R-AZ)

- McCain has sponsored bills related to protecting the US position within NATO



Sen. Bob Menendez (D-NJ)

- Menendez has sponsored a resolution condemning the occupation of Crimea and a bill requiring congressional oversight for any US deal with North Korea



Sen. Cory Gardner (R-CO)

- Gardner has sponsored a bill requiring a determination of Russia as a state sponsor of terrorism and a bill to impose sanctions on North Korea