

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of Congress regarding Red Flag exercises at sites in Alaska and Nevada.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—111th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3454

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Mr. ENSIGN)

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle E of title III, add the following:

2 **SEC. 349. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING RED FLAG EX-**

3 **ERCISES AT SITES IN ALASKA AND NEVADA.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
5 ings:

6 (1) Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, and Nellis
7 Air Force Base, Nevada, host advanced combat
8 training exercises known as Red Flag for the United
9 States Air Force and foreign participants.

1 (2) The Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex
2 and Nevada Test and Training Range provide Red
3 Flag participants with realistic, large force complex
4 training sites.

5 (3) Participation in Red Flag exercises in the
6 states of Nevada and Alaska by foreign allies pro-
7 vides opportunity for building partnerships and
8 strengthening existing partnerships.

9 (4) The states of Nevada and Alaska provide
10 the Department of the Air Force unique training en-
11 vironments for purposes of Red Flag exercises.

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

14 (1) Red Flag exercises hosted in the states of
15 Alaska and Nevada are critically important to ensur-
16 ing a ready force and building partner capacity;

17 (2) the Department of the Air Force should
18 continue to utilize both the Joint Pacific Alaska
19 Range Complex and Nevada Test and Training
20 Range for Red Flag exercises and other training op-
21 portunities; and

22 (3) the Department of the Air Force should
23 make improvements and investments in the Joint
24 Pacific Alaska Range Complex and Nevada Test and
25 Training Range to maximize training opportunities

- 1 in accordance with the 2025 Air Test and Training
- 2 Range Enhancement Plan.