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# H. R. 6871

To prohibit actions recognizing the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and  
for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Ms. MACE (for herself, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. OGLES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To prohibit actions recognizing the Islamic Emirate of  
Afghanistan, and for other purposes.

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 “Preventing the Rec-  
5 ognition of Terrorist States Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

7 It is the policy of the United States—

1           (1) to not recognize the Islamic Emirate of Af-  
2           ghanistan, which is controlled by the Taliban, as the  
3           official Government of Afghanistan under any cir-  
4           cumstances;

5           (2) to view the Taliban’s takeover of Afghani-  
6           stan as a coup d’état and therefore illegitimate; and

7           (3) to recognize that individuals designated as  
8           terrorists by the United States, such as Sirajuddin  
9           Haqqani, will play a key role in the Taliban regime.

10 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON ACTIONS RECOGNIZING THE IS-**  
11 **LAMIC EMIRATE OF AFGHANISTAN.**

12           (a) **IN GENERAL.**—In furtherance of the policy set  
13 forth in section 2, no Federal department or agency may  
14 take any action or extend any assistance that states or  
15 implies recognition of the Taliban’s claim of sovereignty  
16 over Afghanistan.

17           (b) **FUNDING LIMITATION.**—Notwithstanding any  
18 other provision of law, no Federal funds appropriated or  
19 otherwise made available for the Department of State, the  
20 United States Agency for International Development, or  
21 the Department of Defense on or after the date of the  
22 enactment of this Act may be obligated or expended to  
23 prepare or promulgate any policy, guidance, regulation,  
24 notice, or Executive order, or to otherwise implement, ad-

1 minister, or enforce any policy, that extends diplomatic  
2 recognition to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan.

3 **SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF ISLAMIC EMIRATE OF AFGHANI-**  
4 **STAN AS A STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall des-  
6 ignate the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan as a State  
7 sponsor of terrorism.

8 (b) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM DEFINED.—In  
9 this section, the term “state sponsor of terrorism” means  
10 a country the government of which the Secretary of State  
11 has determined has repeatedly provided support for acts  
12 of international terrorism, for purposes of—

13 (1) section 1754(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Export Con-  
14 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C.  
15 4813(c)(1)(A)(i));

16 (2) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act  
17 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

18 (3) section 40(d) of the Arms Export Control  
19 Act (22 U.S.C. 2780(d)); or

20 (4) any other provision of law.

1 **SEC. 5. DESIGNATION OF THE TALIBAN AS A FOREIGN TER-**  
2 **RORIST ORGANIZATION.**

3 The Secretary of State shall designate the Taliban  
4 as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant to section 219  
5 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

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