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FAPA Urges Swift Senate Action as Committee Advances Three Taiwan Bills, Signaling Early-2026 Pro-Taiwan Momentum

The Formosan Association for Public Affairs (FAPA) welcomes the action taken yesterday, January 29, by the [Senate Foreign Relations Committee \(SFRC\)](#), which advanced **three pivotal Taiwan bills** during its first business meeting of the year. The committee’s approval of the **Taiwan Energy Security and Anti-Embargo Act (S. 2722)**, the **Taiwan Undersea Cable Resilience Initiative Act (S. 2222)**, and the **Taiwan Allies Fund Act (S. 1216)** signals that Taiwan policy remains a top early priority in the 2026 legislative agenda, reflecting resolute efforts to bolster U.S.–Taiwan relations amid escalating gray-zone and regional challenges.

“The threat posed by the People’s Republic of China (PRC) in the Taiwan Strait is both urgent and escalating. We can no longer afford the luxury of delay; that is why the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is moving decisively and with bipartisan purpose early in the new year to **safeguard Taiwan’s sovereignty and ensure it remains free, democratic, and independent**,” said FAPA National President Dr. Su-Mei Kao. “**The committee’s action addresses issues central to Taiwan’s security, resilience, and international standing, and demonstrates a shared commitment to strengthening U.S. support for Taiwan across multiple dimensions.**”

Building on recent landmark advancements in U.S.–Taiwan security cooperation, including the congressional authorization of \$1 billion for the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative (TSCI) in the FY2026 NDAA and the clearance of major \$11.1 billion Foreign Military Sales (FMS) packages to Taiwan in December 2025, yesterday’s committee action shows that Congress is broadening its focus beyond China’s traditional military threats to include escalating gray-zone activities in early 2026.

The deliberate sabotage of undersea cables has emerged as a key gray-zone tactic [since 2023](#), and recent [New York Times reporting](#) has further revealed the PRC’s deployment of thousands of maritime militia vessels in coordinated, geometric formations across the East China Sea—a demonstration of mobilization capabilities that could be utilized for blockade-style tactics to severely disrupt Taiwan’s energy supply. The Taiwan Energy Security and Anti-Embargo Act (S. 2722), introduced by Senator [Pete Ricketts](#) (R-NE), and the Taiwan Undersea Cable Resilience Initiative Act (S. 2222), introduced by Senator [John Curtis](#) (R-UT), directly addresses these urgent risks by bolstering Taiwan’s energy resilience and safeguarding critical communications infrastructure, while further deepening U.S.–Taiwan strategic cooperation.

“FAPA supports these bipartisan initiatives aimed at strengthening Taiwan’s energy resilience and safeguarding its undersea cable infrastructure” Dr. Kao emphasized. “**With the advancement of these Taiwan bills, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee is sending a clear message: Taiwan’s security is integral to U.S. national security. Deterring the PRC’s aggression is a shared responsibility between the two nations, and the U.S. is stepping up to the plate to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.**”

“The SFRC has set the pace; the next step is clear: these three Taiwan bills should move immediately to the Senate floor,” Dr. Kao underscored. “**FAPA urges Senate leadership to act swiftly and carry this momentum forward without delay.**”

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