

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 204

BY SENATOR HODGES

STATE DEPARTMENT. Creates the task force on Protecting Louisiana's Critical Infrastructure from Foreign Adversaries.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Task Force on Protecting Louisiana's Critical Infrastructure
3 from Foreign Adversaries to study real-world threats that foreign adversaries pose
4 to Louisiana's critical infrastructure, including threats to our United States' military
5 bases, oil and gas production and refining facilities, industrial manufacturing plants,
6 energy generation infrastructure, and agriculture and food production lands.

7 WHEREAS, in a recent interview by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Kash
8 Patel stated that over the last several years that an alarming number of parcels of land and
9 buildings that are surrounding United States' military bases have been bought by foreign
10 adversaries, including Russian citizens and members of the Chinese Communist Party; and

11 WHEREAS, on June 3, 2025, Director Kash Patel also announced that a Chinese
12 national, who allegedly expressed loyalty to the Chinese Communist Party and was funded
13 by the Chinese government, reportedly smuggled a dangerous biological pathogen into the
14 United States as an act of agroterrorism; and

15 WHEREAS, the biological pathogen that Director Patel referred to is a fungus that
16 causes a disease known as "head blight" which infects wheat, barley, corn, and rice and can
17 cause significant health issues in both humans and livestock and is responsible for billions
18 of dollars in economic losses worldwide each year; and

1 WHEREAS, Director Patel also stated that, while the federal government has a role
2 to play in protecting our nation from the threats imposed by the Chinese Communist Party
3 efforts to infiltrate American institutions, critical infrastructure, and our food supply, each
4 state must also take proactive measures to address these concerns in order to protect state
5 infrastructures from the Chinese Communist Party's actions; and

6 WHEREAS, People's Republic of China (PRC) is a one-party rule nation that is
7 controlled by the Chinese Communist Party; and

8 WHEREAS, on April 18, 2024, former Federal Bureau of Investigation Director
9 Christopher Wray stated that the PRC "has made it clear that it considers every sector that
10 makes our society run as fair game in its bid to dominate on the world stage, and that its plan
11 is to land low blows against a civilian infrastructure to try to induce panic and break
12 America's will to resist"; and

13 WHEREAS, in the same speech, Former Director Wray stated that "the PRC's
14 targeting of our critical infrastructure is both broad and unrelenting" and that the PRC is
15 working to "give itself the ability to physically wreak havoc on our critical infrastructure at
16 a time of its choosing"; and

17 WHEREAS, the purpose of compromising this infrastructure is "to cause real-world
18 harm to American citizens and communities in an event of conflict" between the United
19 States and the PRC, according to Wray; and

20 WHEREAS, this real-world harm directly threatens Louisianians because Louisiana
21 is home to a significant number of the United States' military bases, oil and gas production
22 and refining facilities, industrial manufacturing plants, energy generation infrastructure, and
23 agriculture and food production lands; and

24 WHEREAS, study and more work is needed to protect Louisiana's critical
25 infrastructure from foreign threats, in particular threats from the Russian government and
26 the Chinese Communists Party.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
28 does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Protecting Louisiana's Critical
29 Infrastructure from Foreign Adversaries to study real-world threats that foreign adversaries
30 pose to Louisiana's critical infrastructure, including threats to our United States' military

1 bases, oil and gas production and refining facilities, industrial manufacturing plants, energy
2 generation infrastructure, and agriculture and food production lands, and to propose
3 recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the
4 Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771
5 and 772, no later than February 15, 2026.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration of
7 the threats imposed on Louisiana's United States military bases, oil and gas production and
8 refining facilities, industrial manufacturing plants, energy generation infrastructure, and
9 agriculture and food production.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
11 members:

12 (1) The senator who represents Senate District 13, who shall serve as chairman.

13 (2) Two members of the Senate who are appointed by the president of the Senate.

14 (3) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, or his designee.

15 (4) The president of the Center for Security Policy, or his designee.

16 (5) The director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency
17 Preparedness, or his designee.

18 (6) The attorney general, or his designee.

19 (7) The special agent in charge of the New Orleans field office of the Federal Bureau
20 of Investigation, or his designee.

21 (8) The special agent in charge of the New Orleans field office of the United States
22 Secret Service, or his designee.

23 (9) The officer in charge of the Baton Rouge office of the United States Department
24 of Homeland Security, or his designee.

25 (10) The adjutant general of the Louisiana Army National Guard, or his designee.

26 (11) The member of the House of Representatives who represents District 30, who
27 shall be appointed and serve if authorized by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
29 names of designees to the task force to the senator who represents Senate District 13 no later
30 than August 15, 2025.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no
2 later than September 15, 2025, at the call of the chairman, and the members may elect other
3 officers to assist the chairman as the task force may deem appropriate.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study the task force will seek
5 input, advice, information, and data from any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that
6 it deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study the task force may
8 request staff support from the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
10 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the
11 affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
13 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be
14 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the
16 submission of its report or March 1, 2026, whichever occurs first.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, the president of the Center for Security Policy,
19 the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness,
20 the attorney general, the special agent in charge of the New Orleans field office of the
21 Federal Bureau of Investigation, the special agent in charge of the New Orleans field office
22 of the United States Secret Service, the officer in charge of the Baton Rouge office of the
23 United States Department of Homeland Security, and the adjutant general of the Louisiana
24 Army National Guard.

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