

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8136

To direct the Comptroller General to study the efficacy of procurement for long-lead items and stockpiling under the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2026

Mr. FIELDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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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 “DPA Advanced Pro-
5 curement Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON STOCKPILING AND LONG-LEAD**
2 **ITEMS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the
4 United States shall, not later than 1 year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committee
6 on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and
7 the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
8 of the Senate a study on the efficacy of the current meth-
9 ods used by DPA agencies to address DPA-related long-
10 lead items and related stockpiling challenges.

11 (b) **REQUIREMENTS.**—When conducting the study re-
12 quired under subsection (a), the Comptroller General
13 shall—

14 (1) examine how DPA-related long-lead items
15 are currently procured and stockpiled by DPA agen-
16 cies;

17 (2) identify ways in which Federal agencies can
18 work together to better address procurement and
19 stockpiling of DPA-related long-lead items; and

20 (3) provide legislative recommendations, includ-
21 ing amendments to the DPA, to address procure-
22 ment of DPA-related long-lead items and the stock-
23 piling of such items.

24 (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1 (1) DPA.—The term “DPA” means the De-
2 fense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et
3 seq.).

4 (2) DPA AGENCY.—The term “DPA agency”
5 means a Federal agency to which the President has
6 delegated authority under the DPA.

7 (3) LONG-LEAD ITEM.—The term “long-lead
8 item” means components of a system or piece of
9 equipment for which the times to design and fab-
10 ricate are the longest, and therefore, to which an
11 early commitment of funds may be desirable to com-
12 plete the system by the earliest possible date.

13 **SEC. 3. SHORT TITLE CORRECTION.**

14 The first undesignated section of the Defense Pro-
15 duction Act of 1950 is amended, effective on the date of
16 enactment of such Act, by striking “cited as ‘the De-
17 fense’” and inserting “cited as the ‘Defense’”.

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