

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 2670) TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND 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

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JULY 12, 2023.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. COLE, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

## R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 582]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 582, by a record vote of 9 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 2670, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, under a structured rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees. The resolution provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-10, modified by the amendment printed in part A of this report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides that following debate, each further amendment printed in part B of this report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of this report and amendments en bloc described

in section 3. The resolution provides that at any time after debate the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of this report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The resolution provides that at the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment pursuant to this resolution, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the bill shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

#### EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2670 includes:

—Clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of a comparative print for a bill proposing to repeal or amend a statute.

The waiver of all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, includes:

—Clause 4 of rule XXI, which prohibits reporting a bill carrying an appropriation from a committee not having jurisdiction to report an appropriation.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of this report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

#### *Rules Committee record vote No. 71*

Motion by Mr. Burgess to report the rule. Adopted: 9–4

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Burgess .....	Yea	Mr. McGovern .....	Nay
Mr. Reschenthaler .....	Yea	Ms. Scanlon .....	Nay
Mrs. Fischbach .....	Yea	Mr. Neguse .....	Nay
Mr. Massie .....	Yea	Ms. Leger Fernández .....	Nay
Mr. Norman .....	Yea		
Mr. Roy .....	Yea		
Mrs. Houchin .....	Yea		
Mr. Langworthy .....	Yea		
Mr. Cole, Chairman .....	Yea		

#### SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670 IN PART A CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

1. Rogers (AL): Corrects textual errors in the Rules Committee Print.

## SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2670 IN PART B MADE IN ORDER

1. Alford (MO): Increases the authorized amount of funding for Army Ground Technology by \$2.6 million. (10 minutes)
2. Allred (TX): Expresses a sense of Congress on how the Secretary of Defense should prioritize critical and emergency technology partnerships in an effort to bolster U.S. defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region. (10 minutes)
3. Amodei (NV): Amends the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the universe of military activities authorized to be conducted at the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) to include the establishment of up to 15 small pads for radar emitters, and the use and maintenance of existing roads. This amendment also specifies that a headquarters-level participant from the USFWS and the Department of the Air Force (DAF) are to be represented on the existing Interagency Committee. (10 minutes)
4. Bacon (NE), Malliotakis (NY), Panetta (CA), Crow (CO): Amends pilot program to improve rate calculation for Basic Allowance for Housing by specifying focus on single-family housing. (10 minutes)
5. Bacon (NE), Peltola (AK), Wittman (VA), Tokuda (HI): Directs the Secretary of Defense to require consideration of affiliate past performance for small business contract consideration (10 minutes)
6. Bacon (NE), Crow (CO): Directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide the congressional defense committees a future force design for the United States Air Force and United States Space Force projected through 2050. (10 minutes)
7. Balderson (OH): Requires the Department of Defense to submit a report on Department policies regarding the consideration and approval of easements for certain energy infrastructure. (10 minutes)
8. Banks (IN), Stefanik (NY), McCaul (TX), Pfluger (TX), Green (TN): Gives the President the authority to transfer retired or nearly-retired U.S. aerial refueling tankers to Israel in the event of an emergency. (10 minutes)
9. Banks (IN), Luttrell (TX), Tenney (NY), Self (TX): Prohibits any funds authorized by the NDAA from going to any entity owned or controlled by the Iranian government or on relevant blacklists. (10 minutes)
10. Banks (IN), Tenney (NY): Expands the annual China Military Power Report to include China's security cooperation with Iran and Russia. (10 minutes)
11. Banks (IN), Stefanik (NY), Tenney (NY): Requires a DOD assessment of the precision-guided munitions Israel needs in the event of conflict with regional actors. Would extend existing authorities to provide Israel with such munitions in the event of an emergency. (10 minutes)
12. Banks (IN): Prohibits any funds authorized in this bill from being made available directly or indirectly to the Badr Organization. (10 minutes)
13. Barr (KY), Case (HI): Directs the Department of Defense, in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard and the Secretary of State, to conduct a feasibility study on the establishment of a

Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance Center of Excellence. (10 minutes)

14. Barr (KY): Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the relevant federal agencies, to conduct a study on the impacts to United States national security from Chinese influence in the electric vehicle supply chain (10 minutes)

15. Barr (KY): Expresses a sense of Congress Regarding the Feasibility Study for Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. (10 minutes)

16. Barr (KY): Awards certain medals to Members of the Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan during Operation Allies Refuge. (10 minutes)

17. Bergman (MI), McClain (MI), James (MI), Stevens (MI), Moolenaar (MI): Increases funding for the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle family for vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles (10 minutes)

18. Bice (OK): Requires a report on airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) requirements within the United States Africa Command area of responsibility. (10 minutes)

19. Bice (OK), Kiggans (VA), Carbajal (CA), Houlahan (PA), Tenney (NY), Green (TN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy to disrupt fentanyl trafficking, and report to Congress on efforts to enhance counter-fentanyl cooperation with Mexico. (10 minutes)

20. Bice (OK): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress with an updated supply chain assessment of certain semiconductor metals with national security applications. (10 minutes)

21. Biggs (AZ), Van Duyne (TX), Miller (IL), Crane (AZ), Self (TX): Expresses a sense of Congress about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the need to continue offering security assistance and related support. (10 minutes)

22. Blunt Rochester (DE): Requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to identify health care provider training gaps in screening and treating maternal mental health conditions. Such study will assess health care provider experience with and attitudes around treating pregnant and postpartum women with mental and substance use disorders and include training recommendations for these providers based on identified training gaps. (10 minutes)

23. Blunt Rochester (DE): Requires the Secretary of Defense to update the registry and provider lists under subsection (b) of section 717 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2016 and submit to Congress a report on mental health provider readiness designations. (10 minutes)

24. Boebert (CO), Crane (AZ), Miller (IL): Requires DoD to report on institutions of higher education which have received DoD funding and hosted a Confucius Institute funded by the People's Republic of China. (10 minutes)

25. Bost (IL), Budzinski (IL), Moulton (MA): Requires the DoD to report to Congress on current footwear regulations and indicate potential regulation improvements that support the needs of the warfighter and the domestic industrial base. (10 minutes)

26. Bowman (NY), Bush (MO): Requires public disclosure about the cost of the United States overseas military footprint. (10 minutes)

27. Bowman (NY), Bush (MO): Requires a report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools. (10 minutes)

28. Brecheen (OK): Requires the Special Inspector General to Ukraine to investigate the accuracy and consistency with which weapons were fiscally evaluated to be fiscally worth by the DOD since the start of the Ukraine-Russia war. (10 minutes)

29. Brownley (CA): Requires DOD to report on food purchasing. (10 minutes)

30. Buchanan (FL), Kuster (NH), Gimenez (FL), Molinaro (NY): Requires Sec. Def. to submit a report the HASC on the effectiveness of Department of Defense Instruction 6025.25 titled the "Drug Take Back Program" and include recommendations on actions to improve or expand the program. (10 minutes)

31. Buchanan (FL), Levin (CA): Requires a GAO study to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of equipping all tactical vehicles of the Armed Forces with black box data recorders. (10 minutes)

32. Buchanan (FL), Scott (VA), Lee (NV): Requires a Department of Defense study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty. (10 minutes)

33. Buchanan (FL): Mandate the Department of Defense promptly notify the Department of Veterans Affairs about someone transitioning from active duty to a veteran with an opioid use disorder. (10 minutes)

34. Buck (CO): Requires categorization and tracking of F-35 aircraft parts (10 minutes)

35. Buck (CO): Manages fragmentation among entities involved in artificial intelligence across the Department of Defense (10 minutes)

36. Buck (CO): Establishes a process for carrying out demilitarization and disposition of major end items. (10 minutes)

37. Buck (CO): Designates a single entity to oversee the implementation of predictive maintenance procedures (10 minutes)

38. Budzinski (IL), Bost (IL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congressional Defense Committees on FY23 expenditures for the Child Development Center at Scott Air Force Base and an assessment of future fiscal needs. (10 minutes)

39. Budzinski (IL), Bost (IL): Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to Congressional Defense Committees on the infrastructure upgrades needed to support mobility aircraft operations. (10 minutes)

40. Budzinski (IL), Bost (IL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congressional Defense Committees on the risks of flooding and other natural weather phenomenon that threaten to endanger military installations. The report should include potential mitigation strategies and a focus on the Mississippi Delta. (10 minutes)

41. Burchett (TN): Requires cost sharing for RDT&E contracts (10 minutes)

42. Burchett (TN): Declassifies any documents relating to publicly known sightings of UAPs (10 minutes)

43. Burlison (MO): Requires that the Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract for online tutoring services which could result in personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People's Republic of China. (10 minutes)

44. Cammack (FL): Establishes a Working Group to identify potential applications for blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies to improve efficiencies or functions at the Department of Defense. (10 minutes)

45. Caraveo (CO), Molinaro (NY): Allows transitioning service members to learn about agriculture through the Transition Assistance Program. (10 minutes)

46. Caraveo (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to conduct a report on the transition process for service members with healthcare backgrounds and the number of transitioning service members that join the Medical Reserve Corps. (10 minutes)

47. Carbajal (CA), Newhouse (WA), Pingree (ME), LaMalfa (CA), Panetta (CA): Prohibits the official display of a cut flower or green in any public area of a building of the Executive Office of the President, the Department of State, or the Department of Defense unless it is produced in the United States. The prohibition does not apply to any cut flower or green used by a federal officer or employee for personal display. (10 minutes)

48. Carey (OH), Tenney (NY), Miller (OH): Prohibits the decommissioning of any KC-135 Stratotankers in Fiscal Year 2024. (10 minutes)

49. Carter (GA): Adds the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives to the list of committees that the Secretary of Defense must submit justification to when U.S. Department of Defense funds are used by EcoHealth Alliance for research. (10 minutes)

50. Carter (TX): Directs the the Secretary of Defense to assess the capacity of the Department of Defense to test, evaluate, and use additive fabrication technology to supplement maintenance parts in support of weapon systems and associated support equipment. (10 minutes)

51. Case (HI): Modifies 10 USC 1781 to add a requirement that requires the Department of Defense to determine the market capacity for applicable medical care and educational services to support Exceptional Family Member Program-enrolled families and provide a report to the Services on a quarterly basis to prevent access to care issues. (10 minutes)

52. Case (HI), Molinaro (NY): Seeks a study to reexamine the calculation of weighted student units for impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities to better support local educational agencies in providing quality education. (10 minutes)

53. Case (HI), Tokuda (HI), Radewagen (AS): Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs to assess and develop plans for Civic Action Teams in the Pacific Islands. (10 minutes)

54. Case (HI), Tokuda (HI): Amends the DOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI) to ensure that regionally associated installations can better coordinate and enter into agreements with projects that are in vicinity to other installations but

effect current or anticipated military training, testing, or operations within the region. (10 minutes)

55. Case (HI), Tokuda (HI): Directs the military to provide a report on efforts to renew critical training land leases in the State of Hawaii. (10 minutes)

56. Case (HI), Radewagen (AS): Modifies the Pilot Program to Develop Young Civilian Defense Leaders in the Indo-Pacific to also include civilians working for ministries with a security mission, so that countries without militaries can participate. (10 minutes)

57. Casten (IL): Calls for the DOD and HHS to work together to study and report to Congress the barriers to mental health care for military pilots, and to provide recommendations to Congress on how best to. Improve Access to Mental Health Care for military pilots Improve the process by which pilots are receiving mental health care are cleared to fly (10 minutes)

58. Castor (FL): Ensures interstate reciprocity of Individualized Education Program (IEP) for military dependent students when a parent/guardian receives PCS orders. (10 minutes)

59. Castor (FL): Directs the Department of Defense to provide temporary daycare accommodations for military dependents when a servicemember is on Permanent Change of Station, Temporary Duty or any other similar deployment. (10 minutes)

60. Correa (CA): Amends the military parole in place authority from the 2020 NDAA. That language covered current active duty or deceased service members, and this amendment also adds honorably discharged veterans. (10 minutes)

61. Crenshaw (TX): Directs the Secretary of Defense to allow those injured in the line of duty and eligible for medical retirement to continue service while receiving hostile fire/imminent danger pay. The purpose of the amendment is to ensure that soldiers injured in the line of duty can receive full retirement benefits that come with 20 years of service. (10 minutes)

62. Crow (CO), Neguse (CO): Requires DOD to develop a strategy to address medical research and development gaps essential to caring for casualties experiencing combined traumatic injuries across chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) spectrum. (10 minutes)

63. Curtis (UT), Blunt Rochester (DE): Requires an assessment of Cable Security Fleet's ability and preparedness to repair transoceanic submarine fiber optic cables that may be damaged or cut by adversaries. (10 minutes)

64. Curtis (UT): Asks for an assessment of Russia's information operations capabilities and an assessment of current efforts taken by the Department of Defense and allied and partner militaries' information operations components to target and otherwise coordinate efforts against Russian military information operations. (10 minutes)

65. Curtis (UT): Asks for a report on the sophistication of Iranian missile capabilities and details of Iranian ballistic missile testing. (10 minutes)

66. Curtis (UT): Asks for a classified report on Iranian involvement in the narcotics trade, the entities associated with the trade, and an assessment on the financial benefits of involvement in the trade & what the money is used for. (10 minutes)

67. Davis (NC), Fitzpatrick (PA), Joyce (OH), Ellzey (TX), Crow (CO): Requires a report from the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs on innovative prevention and treatment methods for military personnel suffering from migraines. (10 minutes)

68. De La Cruz (TX), Edwards (NC), Pappas (NH), Pettersen (CO): Provides funding in the amount of \$5 million each for the following programs: the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Maritime Intelligence Support; the U.S. Northern Command Mexico Office of Defense Cooperation; and the Advanced Analytics for Global Threat Network Disruption for U.S. Northern Command. (10 minutes)

69. DesJarlais (TN), Foster (IL), Morelle (NY): Codifies NNSA as the interagency lead on nuclear forensics, making NNSA responsible for integrating the National Technical Nuclear Forensics (NTNF) activities in a consistent, unified strategic direction. (10 minutes)

70. Donalds (FL): Expresses the Sense of Congress that Congress supports Project Pele, a DOD SCO program that seeks to develop, demonstrate, and deploy a portable nuclear microreactor to bolster American national security and reduce fuel-related logistical challenges. (10 minutes)

71. Donalds (FL): Directs several government entities, including the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Guard, to develop a national strategy to deploy nuclear microreactors to respond to the impacts of a natural disaster. (10 minutes)

72. Donalds (FL), Self (TX): Directs the U.S. Space Force to submit a report pertaining to its current and future potential use of nuclear thermal propulsion space vehicles and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles, and how these nuclear-powered space vehicles can bolster America's national security. (10 minutes)

73. Donalds (FL): Adds Sense of Congress that Congress understands the benefits that advanced nuclear reactors can provide to domestic and international military operations, while reducing fuel-related logistical challenges. (10 minutes)

74. Donalds (FL): Directs the DOD to submit a confidential report evaluating the American national security risks associated with Chinese and Russian interest in space (e.g. satellites; space stations; moon exploration; moon mineral acquisition; etc.). (10 minutes)

75. Donalds (FL): Adds a Sense of Congress that Congress encourages the U.S. Armed Forces to utilize innovative technological capabilities, such as artificial intelligence, quantum information science, advanced air mobility, counter-uas, to ultimately defend the national security of the United States. (10 minutes)

76. Duncan (SC): Grants the Secretary of Defense the authority to transfer data and technology developed under the MOSAICS program to eligible private sector entities. (10 minutes)

77. Dunn (FL), Radewagen (AS), Case (HI): Provides for flexibility in Humanitarian Aid as part of the Denton Program. (10 minutes)

78. Edwards (NC): Requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress on the status of the formulation of policies by the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to record and track alleged incidents of misuse of U.S.-provided equipment in El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras. The report would be due within 90 days of enactment. (10 minutes)

79. Eshoo (CA): Expresses the sense of Congress that the Navy should name a future commissioned ship after William B. Gould, a formerly enslaved sailor who served in the Navy during the Civil War. (10 minutes)

80. Fallon (TX): Expresses the Sense of Congress that the US and Taiwan should explore efforts to expand energy sources and harden existing facilities. (10 minutes)

81. Fitzgerald (WI): Requires elementary and secondary schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) to publish the curriculum on a publicly available website. (10 minutes)

82. Foster (IL): Assessment of the ability of the United States to detect and monitor supercritical nuclear weapon tests conducted at very low yields. (10 minutes)

83. Franklin (FL), Diaz-Balart (FL), Ruppersberger (MD), Ellzey (TX): Provides funding for Cyber Supply Chain Risk Management program. (10 minutes)

84. Frost (FL): Requires a report from the Department of Defense and Armed Services Inspectors General evaluating the cost of financial investigations and the amount directly or indirectly recovered through financial investigations. (10 minutes)

85. Fry (SC): Directs the Secretary of Defense to issue a report, within 1 year of enactment, on the impact of ROTC programs on military recruitment efforts. (10 minutes)

86. Fry (SC), Radewagen (AS), Brecheen (OK): Prohibits the availability of funds for elimination of ROTC programs at institutions of higher education. (10 minutes)

87. Gaetz (FL): Changes the votes required for conviction, sentencing, and other matters in general and special courts-martial. (10 minutes)

88. Gallagher (WI): Mandates a study of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a combined planning group or alternative mechanism with Taiwan. (10 minutes)

89. Gallagher (WI): Tasks DoD to assess vulnerabilities in its supply chain, identify and recommend changes to acquisition laws, regulations, and policies, and prioritize recommendations to achieve critical mineral supply chain independence. (10 minutes)

90. Gallagher (WI): Requires the annual China Military Power report to provide an assessment of the PRC's development in critical and emerging technologies and identify at least 10 PRC entities that are operating in each technology with their known affiliation with the PLA. (10 minutes)

91. Gallagher (WI): Directs the Secretary of Defense to designate priority theaters of operation and priority combatant commands for each fiscal year no later than October 31st. Directs the President and the Secretary of State to give priority in procurement of defense articles and in foreign military sales to countries located in the theaters designated as priority. (10 minutes)

92. Gallagher (WI): Directs an assessment of the feasibility, effectiveness, and value of developing low-cost anti-ship weapons. (10 minutes)

93. Gallagher (WI): Bars DoD from contracting or procuring goods or services, directly or indirectly, from entities on the 1260H list and their subsidiaries. (10 minutes)

94. Garamendi (CA): Allows the Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Federal Ship Financing (Title XI) Program to also provide low-interest loans and loan guarantees for re-flagging commercial vessels under the U.S. registry and repairs, retrofits, and re-configurations of civilian vessels in domestic shipyards. Current law only allows this federal financing for new vessel construction and commercial shipyard improvements. (10 minutes)

95. Garcia (TX), Escobar (TX): Provides an evidentiary whistleblower standard provision for clarification in investigation procedures. (10 minutes)

96. Garcia (TX), Escobar (TX), Kildee (MI), Sykes (OH): Expands bereavement leave to the death of a parent, spouse, or child to include language of non-biological relatives (e.g., adopted, or foster children). (10 minutes)

97. Gimenez (FL), Wexton (VA), Panetta (CA): Requires a report from the President on Iran's military assistance and cooperation with Bolivia, Brazil and Venezuela to be submitted to appropriate Congressional committees. (10 minutes)

98. Gluesenkamp Perez (WA), Neguse (CO): Expresses the sense that it is important for readiness that the military be able to fix its own equipment and directs the Secretary of Defense to submit the report required under EO 14036 related to DOD repairing its own equipment (10 minutes)

99. Gonzales, Tony (TX), Ryan (NY), Ellzey (TX), Crow (CO), Sykes (OH): Increases the Family Separation Allowance to \$400 from \$250. Requires the FSA be periodically reviewed in the Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation. (10 minutes)

100. González-Colón (PR), Soto (FL): Amends Section 204(c) of the Military Construction Authorization Act of 1974 by striking a sentence that hindered federal clean-up work in the Culebra nature reserve. (10 minutes)

101. Gooden (TX): Requires the Secretary of Defense to annually report the total cost to procure technical data that would be used by the government in an effort to promote vendor competition and allow control over specific elements of sustainment. (10 minutes)

102. Gosar (AZ), Biggs (AZ): Authorizes employees at the Yuma Proving Grounds to use nonelectric vehicles in the performance of their duties. (10 minutes)

103. Gottheimer (NJ), Salazar (FL): Increases the DoD SkillBridge Program by \$5 million, funds will be specifically used for employers to train service members transitioning to civilian life for supply chain and transportation related employment. (10 minutes)

104. Gottheimer (NJ), Garbarino (NY), Tenney (NY): Requires the Secretary of Defense to report on the status of U.S.-Israel cooperation on efforts to counter threats by Iran in the form of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), including loitering munitions, otherwise known as "suicide" and "kamikaze" drones. (10 minutes)

105. Gottheimer (NJ), LaLota (NY): Increases the National Defense Education Program by \$5 million to strengthen and expand STEM education opportunities and workforce initiatives targeted at military students. (10 minutes)

106. Gottheimer (NJ), Pfluger (TX): Expresses support for joint U.S.-Israel cooperation in the space arena between NASA and the Israel Space Agency, as well as between the U.S. Air Force, U.S.

Space Force, and the Israeli Air Force in areas of research, development, test, and evaluation. (10 minutes)

107. Gottheimer (NJ), Tenney (NY): Requires the Secretary of Defense to include in their annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China information on the PRC's burgeoning relationship with the Islamic Republic of Iran. (10 minutes)

108. Gottheimer (NJ): Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to report to Congress ways it protects U.S. defense technology sold to foreign partners. (10 minutes)

109. Graves (LA), Gallagher (WI): Makes veterans of Operation End Sweep eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. (10 minutes)

110. Graves (LA): Extends the sunset of the no-cost contracts provision of the 2019 NDAA to December 31, 2032. (10 minutes)

111. Graves (LA), Huffman (CA): Adds countering illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing as an authorization for which the Secretary may support foreign security capacity building. (10 minutes)

112. Green (TN), Panetta (CA), Self (TX): Directs the Commander of Army Special Operations Command to establish an exchange program between Army special operations forces and the special operations forces of the Polish Army. (10 minutes)

113. Green (TN): Mandates that the Department of Defense produce a report to Congress on the feasibility of furnishing the national guard of every state a cyber unit to ensure the state has the ability to quickly respond to cyber attacks. (10 minutes)

114. Green (TN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Department maintains access to a top-tier subterranean training facility for the improvement of training for Special Operations Forces (SOF) units. (10 minutes)

115. Grijalva (AZ), Gallego (AZ): Extends the protections necessary for the continued use by the Air Force of the Barry M. Goldwater Range in Arizona. (10 minutes)

116. Grothman (WI): Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that, to the extent practicable, commercial positions in the Department of Defense are filled by civilian employees or contractors rather than a member of the Armed Forces. (10 minutes)

117. Guthrie (KY), Womack (AR), Kiggans (VA), Hunt (TX), Correa (CA), Ross (NC), Mace (SC), Rouzer (NC), Veasey (TX), Strickland (WA), Escobar (TX): Directs the Secretary of the Army to report to Congress on the Army Human Resources Command 2030 Transformation Plan, including timelines, milestones, and resource needs. (10 minutes)

118. Hageman (WY): Requires the DoD to report on the Ukraine Lend-Lease program's impact on U.S. defense stockpiles and how all equipment will be recovered when the authority expires (10 minutes)

119. Hageman (WY): Enhances fentanyl threat reporting to include a review of U.S. laws and policies which may be facilitating fentanyl trafficking over the southern border (10 minutes)

120. Hageman (WY), Donalds (FL): Requires the Department of Defense to ensure authorized funds for energy resilience under the NATO DIANA initiative considers all energy sources that are capable of providing sufficient baseload power (10 minutes)

121. Hayes (CT), Larson (CT): Requires the military departments to review all installation-level web information about suicide prevention and behavioral health and ensure that contact information is up to date, certifying this annually to Congress. (10 minutes)

122. Hill (AR): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on threats Iran poses to United States and partner military bases. (10 minutes)

123. Houlihan (PA), Fitzpatrick (PA), Bacon (NE), Crow (CO), Ellzey (TX), Salazar (FL): Prohibits export or sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China, North Korea, Russia, Iran or any country subject to sanctions imposed by the United States. (10 minutes)

124. Huffman (CA), Raskin (MD), Norton (DC), Johnson (GA), Cohen (TN): Requires the Secretary to publish the most recent list of chaplain endorsements submitted to the Armed Forces Chaplain Board and the list of known endorsements used by AFCB to verify submissions. (10 minutes)

125. Huizenga (MI), Bergman (MI): Requires a study by the Secretary of Defense on alternative vessel design for improved operations and shock impact mitigation on special operations personnel health and fatigue. (10 minutes)

126. Huizenga (MI), Connolly (VA), Turner (OH), Boyle (PA), McCormick (GA), Dunn (FL): Expresses the sense of Congress that NATO member states should commit to providing, at a minimum, 2 percent of its GDP to defense. (10 minutes)

127. Huizenga (MI), Self (TX): Requires a report to Congress on military activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China in the Arctic Region. (10 minutes)

128. Hunt (TX): Recommends the Secretary of Defense continue to support and fully fund the existing Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officer Program and its academic partnership and assess opportunities to expand the program to other services and across the Combatant Commands. (10 minutes)

129. Issa (CA): Upgrades the Navy Cross of CAPT E. Royce Williams (Ret.) to the Medal of Honor. (10 minutes)

130. Issa (CA): Requires a report on the nuclear cooperation between Iran and Russia. (10 minutes)

131. Ivey (MD): Enables the Defense Innovation Unit within the DoD to identify, support, and collaborate with multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnerships that have the potential to generate key technologies, products, or other solutions that address national defense or security needs. (10 minutes)

132. Ivey (MD): Directs the Secretary of Defense, through the Defense-State Liaison Office, to consult with state authorities that administer professional licenses to increase awareness among state agencies, service members, and their spouses regarding portability of professional licenses when deployed to another state; and directs the GAO to study and report on the implementation and efficacy of portability rights. (10 minutes)

133. Jackson (TX), Self (TX): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture to submit to Congress a report on foreign-owned agricultural land located within 50 miles of a United States military installation. (10 minutes)

134. Jackson (TX), Radewagen (AS), Dunn (FL), Sherman (CA): Requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive Pacific Islands security strategy. (10 minutes)

135. Jackson (TX): Requires a report on college-level credits for military recruits. (10 minutes)

136. Jackson Lee (TX): Adds report to be submitted within 220 days following enactment on Capacity to Provide Disaster Survivors with Emergency Short Term Housing. (10 minutes)

137. Jacobs (CA): Requires the Department of Defense to provide public and congressional notice when certain reports are withheld from public notice, and requires a report on the Department's implementation of this requirement. (10 minutes)

138. James (MI), McClain (MI), Bergman (MI), Moolenaar (MI): Adds additional funding for advanced procurement of F-15EX Aircraft. These funds would support recapitalizing Air National Guard fighter aircraft with the priority given to A-10 squadrons without an identified replacement aircraft. (10 minutes)

139. James (MI): Requires DOD and State to do a joint assessment on current and future constraints to our defense supply chain. Specifically the supply chain that goes towards weapons manufacturing for our military and FMS. (10 minutes)

140. Joyce (OH), Sykes (OH), Brown (OH), Miller (OH): Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States is dangerously dependent upon foreign adversaries for the procurement of natural rubber. (10 minutes)

141. Kaptur (OH): Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to create a new Last Member Standing Medal, to be awarded to members of the Armed Forces who served honorably and as a result of combat with a force hostile to the United States was the last surviving member of their unit, and for other purposes. (10 minutes)

142. Keating (MA): Prohibits the Air Force from renewing the Chiller Class J&A until it develops a methodology to compare the cost differential between initial procurement costs of chillers and ancillary equipment with and without competition. Additionally, requires that the Air Force establish metrics to measure performance under the Chiller Class J&A and to collect data to demonstrate that limiting competition under the Chiller Class J&A is resulting in cost savings. (10 minutes)

143. Krishnamoorthi (IL), Gallagher (WI): Expresses a sense of Congress that building trust and familiarity between the United States and Taiwan is an important component of helping Taiwan improve its self-defense capabilities and that the Secretary of Defense should utilize existing authorities to strengthen working-level communication and coordination between the United States and Taiwan, including relating to conducting exercises; concepts of operation and tactics, techniques, and procedures; and other measures to help Taiwan meet its self-defense needs. (10 minutes)

144. Lamborn (CO): Requires the Department of Defense to provide a strategy on the Precision Strike Missile production capacity for FY24-25 and increasing production capacity. (10 minutes)

145. Landsman (OH): Requires the Department of Defense to submit confidential and non-confidential reports to Congress on private military companies (PMCs). (10 minutes)

146. Landsman (OH): Requires a study into the feasibility of providing child care to National Guardsmen while on inactive-duty training. (10 minutes)

147. Larsen (WA): Authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force to transfer property rights to the county of Snohomish. (10 minutes)

148. Lee (FL): Instructs the Secretary to consider the unintended consequences of Defense Health Agency's recent decision to reduce the footprint of the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base, as per the NDAA's "right sizing" initiative (2017 NDAA section 703). (10 minutes)

149. Lee (NV): Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to conduct a behavioral health epidemiological consultation focusing on the unique social and occupational stressors affecting servicemembers and military families at Creech Air Force Base. The consultation will conclude in a report providing recommendations to improve readiness and overall well-being of those based at Creech. (10 minutes)

150. Lee (NV), Larsen (WA), Gonzales, Tony (TX), Sherrill (NJ), Moylan (GU): Requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study on the use of Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program funds for supporting investments in child care options around military bases. (10 minutes)

151. Lee (NV): Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to report on the feasibility and potential impact of reinstating assignment incentive pay for Creech Air Force Base. (10 minutes)

152. Lee (NV), Larsen (WA), Bacon (NE), Sherrill (NJ), Moylan (GU), Sykes (OH): Requires the Secretary of Defense to carry out a report on at-home child care programs and the feasibility study of streamlining licensing and certification requirements across the Department of Defense's services and bases to better support child care availability and spouse employment. (10 minutes)

153. Lee (NV), Larsen (WA), James (MI), Bacon (NE), Sherrill (NJ), Moylan (GU), Valadao (CA), Bergman (MI), Case (HI): Require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a feasibility study into leveraging resources across states and the private sector to better advance the Department of Defense State Partnership Program. (10 minutes)

154. Loudermilk (GA), Brownley (CA), McCormick (GA), Kim (NJ): Requires the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee on the status of Navy C-130 recapitalization and its impact on contested logistics and intra-theater airlift capacity. (10 minutes)

155. Luna (FL): Requires that servicemembers receive a copy of their medical records no later than 12 days after the separation or retirement from military. (10 minutes)

156. Luttrell (TX): Requires a report on the Army and Air Force programs to locally utilize small businesses. (10 minutes)

157. Lynch (MA), Ryan (NY): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, to develop and implement a centralized program to monitor and assist members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged from health care, as recommended by the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee. (10 minutes)

158. Magaziner (RI): Requires the Secretary of the Navy to report to the congressional defense committees on the use and implementation of the Navy Shipbuilding Workforce Development Special Initiative. The amendment would also require the GAO to study and report to congressional defense committees on the current state of affordable housing availability in high-cost areas with defense-related operations and the effects of limited affordable housing on defense production and readiness. (10 minutes)

159. Magaziner (RI), Swalwell (CA): Requires the Secretary of Defense to sell or make available for rent sleepers and bassinets with advanced sleep technology through military exchanges. (10 minutes)

160. Magaziner (RI): Requires TRICARE's managed care support contractors to keep provider directories up to date (10 minutes)

161. Malliotakis (NY): Sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense to create one Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for all the Boroughs of New York City. Currently, the Borough of Staten Island, which is part of New York City, is included in a BAH with New Jersey resulting in lower payments to active duty service members on Staten Island who are subjected to the costs of living in New York City. (10 minutes)

162. Manning (NC), Kean (NJ), Tenney (NY): Adds a description of the threat posed by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to Europe to the Annual Report on Military Power of Iran. (10 minutes)

163. Massie (KY): Report on the casualty and equipment losses for both sides involved in conflict in Ukraine. (10 minutes)

164. Mast (FL): Requires report on U.S. Defense and Technological Industrial Base specifically related to air and missile defense in CENTCOM (10 minutes)

165. McCaul (TX), Green (TN), Self (TX): Expresses a sense of Congress on the implementation of the Advanced Capabilities Pillar of the Trilateral Security Partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (text of bipartisan, House-passed H.R. 1093) and requires a report on efforts of the Department of State to implement the advanced capabilities pillar of the AUKUS partnership. (10 minutes)

166. McClain (MI), Kean (NJ), Strickland (WA), Mace (SC): Amends Sec. 705 to include Lactation Consultants in order to assist military spouses in need of lactation services. (10 minutes)

167. McClain (MI), Sykes (OH): Requires a report from Sec. Defense on (1) specific weapon systems Ukraine needs to defend itself from Russia; (2) specific weapon systems Taiwan needs to defend itself from the PLA; (3) assessment of weapon supply chains (10 minutes)

168. McClain (MI): Requires a report from Sec. of Defense on efforts to expand the frequency of bilateral and multilateral exercises involving Israel and US' Middle East regional partners. (10 minutes)

169. McCormick (GA), McCaul (TX), Kean (NJ): Provides the flexible hiring authority given to the Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Defense (DoD) to the OIGs of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) for matters related to oversight of aid to Ukraine. (10 minutes)

170. McGarvey (KY): Modifies an existing pilot program at the Department of Defense on timeliness of SBIR awards to include the military departments. (10 minutes)

171. McGovern (MA), Fitzpatrick (PA), LaLota (NY), D'Esposito (NY), Garbarino (NY): Makes technical changes to the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program to clarify congressional intent. (10 minutes)

172. Meeks (NY), Sykes (OH): Adds immediately family members, including military spouses, to the Task Force of DOD on Mental Health report as pertains to access to telehealth services. (10 minutes)

173. Menendez (NJ): Directs the Secretary of Defense to improve outreach to departing servicemembers on career training opportunities in the cybersecurity field, including online search functions. (10 minutes)

174. Meng (NY), Kim (NJ), Strickland (WA), Bera (CA), Carter (GA): Amends Section 1303 of the base text and inserts a "free, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific." (10 minutes)

175. Meng (NY), Bilirakis (FL), Pappas (NH), Malliotakis (NY), Titus (NV), Pallone (NJ), Gallego (AZ), Lawler (NY), Schneider (IL), Menendez (NJ), Blunt Rochester (DE), Kean (NJ), Smith (NJ), Sarbanes (MD): Requires a report on the security relationship between the United States and the Hellenic Republic. (10 minutes)

176. Meng (NY), Williams (NY): Inserts the text of the ATRRS Act. (10 minutes)

177. Miller (IL), Crane (AZ), Green (TN): Expresses a sense of Congress on the importance of pastoral care at Department of Defense medical facilities (10 minutes)

178. Miller-Meeks (IA), Crow (CO), Ellzey (TX), Feenstra (IA): Requires a report on DOD's electric waste containing critical minerals and rare earth elements and information detailing technologies from which these elements could be extracted from electric waste and returned to the U.S. supply chain. (10 minutes)

179. Mills (FL): Requires a report from the Secretary of Defense to the congressional defense committees, the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on expediting fighter aircraft sales to Israel. (10 minutes)

180. Molinaro (NY): Directs the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on Block II of the Black Hawk helicopter program of the Army, including the requested funding for Black Hawk Block II for fiscal years 2025–2029 by year and appropriation, requirements for the program, and a program acquisition strategy. (10 minutes)

181. Molinaro (NY): Ensures trained and licensed mental and behavioral health professionals conduct routine mental health check ups to ensure the safety and well-being of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (10 minutes)

182. Molinaro (NY): Requires an updated report on the U.S. Bio-defense Strategy, including an assessment on the current and potential biological threats against the United States. (10 minutes)

183. Molinaro (NY): Requires a GAO study on the effectiveness of the Exceptional Family Member Program and how it currently supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. (10 minutes)

184. Molinaro (NY): Requires the Secretary to provide periodic reports to Congress on how the Department is ensuring full, ade-

quate TRICARE coverage of Narcan (Naloxone) for servicemembers and their families. (10 minutes)

185. Molinaro (NY): Requires the Secretary to report to Congress within 180 days following enactment on any discrepancies between in-home/nursing care between TRICARE and CHAMPVA. (10 minutes)

186. Moskowitz (FL): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the impact of the cancer drug shortage on veterans and service members. (10 minutes)

187. Moulton (MA), Bacon (NE): Directs SECDEF submit a report concurrent with the budget submission and submission of future years defense planning that provides a five-year projection of divestments the department plans to make for major weapon systems (as defined in law). (10 minutes)

188. Moylan (GU): Requires a DOD study of the feasibility of dredging Port of Guam to determine if this would be a positive externality for DOD operations on Guam. (10 minutes)

189. Moylan (GU): Requires a study to determine if utility poles on Guam are sufficient for DOD readiness in the case of future natural disasters, and if it is feasible to move these poles to underground transmission. As well as to determine the same for water and wastewater infrastructure. (10 minutes)

190. Neguse (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense to take certain actions to establish a comprehensive training standard and certification program for military vehicle operations, aiming to address the persistent issue of inadequate training and reduce incidents, particularly vehicle rollovers, caused by operator inexperience and lack of training. (10 minutes)

191. Neguse (CO): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a database to record training performed by members of the Armed Forces and make such information available to states and other employers to satisfy civilian licensing and certification requirements, and provide service members with a competency report before transitioning to civilian life. (10 minutes)

192. Neguse (CO): Requires responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency pharmaceutical contracts. (10 minutes)

193. Neguse (CO): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a study and report on military grace period reforms, focusing on the impact and stigma of unit tasking during the Transition Assistance Program on service members' ability to transition to civilian life. (10 minutes)

194. Neguse (CO), Casar (TX): Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide housing accommodations for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who are on military housing waitlists. (10 minutes)

195. Neguse (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies under the TPharm5 contract and changes in beneficiary access versus the TPharm4 contract. (10 minutes)

196. Norman (SC), Duncan (SC), Murphy (NC): Authorizes the President to award Major James Capers Jr. the Medal of Honor for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, in which he was awarded the Silver Star. (10 minutes)

197. Norman (SC), Duncan (SC), Murphy (NC): States that it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy shall name a vessel of the United States Navy the “U.S.S. Major James Capers Jr.” in honor of Major James Capers, Jr., for the acts of valor he showed as a Member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, in which he was awarded the Silver Star. (10 minutes)

198. Norman (SC), Doggett (TX), Crane (AZ): Requires the cost of any project funded with financial support from the Department of Defense to disclose the cost to taxpayers. (10 minutes)

199. Obernolte (CA): Allows a certain entity to access to the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area for a particular time and a particular purpose. Waives applicability of the Secretary of the Navy’s instruction for this parcel. (10 minutes)

200. Ocasio-Cortez (NY), Velázquez (NY): Requests a GAO report on the status of the Federal environmental cleanup and decontamination process in Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico. (10 minutes)

201. Ogles (TN): Directs the Secretary of Defense to invite Taiwan to the 2024 Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise. (10 minutes)

202. Panetta (CA): Awards Thomas H. Griffin the Medal of Honor for acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War. (10 minutes)

203. Panetta (CA), Steube (FL), Crow (CO): Requires the Secretary to notify servicemembers via mail, email, or in person about the availability of the free MilTax program and other free DOD tax services within the first two months of the calendar year, and requires the Secretary to submit a report to Congress on program participation. (10 minutes)

204. Panetta (CA), Crow (CO): Improves training, equipping, and utilization of information operations for military planning and strategy. Categorizes information operations and designates information as a military domain. (10 minutes)

205. Panetta (CA), Scott, Austin (GA), McClain (MI), Crow (CO): Creates a Special Operations Forces Arctic Strategy to improve Arctic training and readiness. Streamlines Arctic terminology, standardizes self-validation pathways for Arctic proficiency, and includes Special Forces indigenous approach to domain awareness, among other objectives. (10 minutes)

206. Pappas (NH), Hunt (TX), Van Drew (NJ), Yakym (IN): Requires the Defense Suicide Prevention Office to establish a procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations. (10 minutes)

207. Pascrell (NJ): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of eliminating outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for active-duty service members who suffered a traumatic brain injury while exercising their official duties. (10 minutes)

208. Pascrell (NJ): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs for active-duty service members that sustained a brain injury while completing their official duties. (10 minutes)

209. Peters (CA), Jacobs (CA): Requires the Secretary of the Navy to report to Congress on an annual basis each instance in the year preceding the report in which the Navy used a government dock for a ship repair and maintenance availability when sufficient capacity existed in private docks during the period in which such repairs were expected to be performed. (10 minutes)

210. Pettersen (CO), Crow (CO), Lamborn (CO), Neguse (CO): Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to work with the Service Surgeon General and the Joint Staff Surgeon “to sustain medical support during arctic operations.” (10 minutes)

211. Pettersen (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to publish a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Services may receive the personal effects of such member and file a claim with the Secretary of military department concerned if the survivor believes the effects were disposed of incorrectly. (10 minutes)

212. Pfluger (TX), Self (TX): Requires DOD develop and implement policies to adapt Link-16 system management and certification to align with agile development practices. (10 minutes)

213. Pfluger (TX): Requires DOD to expand Tier 1 training exercises. (10 minutes)

214. Pfluger (TX): Requires DOD to report on incidents involving unmanned aerial systems and related training exercises. (10 minutes)

215. Pfluger (TX), Womack (AR), Nickel (NC), Ciscomani (AZ), Ellzey (TX), Trone (MD): Requires DOD to expedite KC-46A deliveries to Israel and provide immediate training slots for Israeli pilots, maintainers, and air crew. (10 minutes)

216. Pfluger (TX), Davis (NC): Requires DOD to invest personnel into going into districts to increase awareness of what a future in military service provides to their future. (10 minutes)

217. Phillips (MN), Davis (IL), Escobar (TX), Sykes (OH): Implements GAO recommendations from report GAO-21-438 relating to military foster and adoptive families. These recommendations are intended to centralize information on supports available to military foster and adoptive families, revise the military benefit enrollment guidance for foster children, and promote awareness on military benefit enrollment for foster and pre-adoptive children. (10 minutes)

218. Pocan (WI), Lee (CA), Jayapal (WA): Requires a report on DoD’s progress made and remaining challenges to achieving an unqualified audit opinion. (10 minutes)

219. Porter (CA), Crenshaw (TX): Requires a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among servicemembers due to blast pressure exposure during combat and training. (10 minutes)

220. Porter (CA): Commissions a report on a military construction strategy for a sufficient number of child development centers as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at child development centers. (10 minutes)

221. Posey (FL), Garamendi (CA): Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide priority for domestically sourced, fully traceable,

bovine heparin approved by the Food and Drug Administration when available. (10 minutes)

222. Reschenthaler (PA), Fitzpatrick (PA), Joyce (PA), Deluzio (PA), Kelly (PA): Expresses a sense of Congress that the Army Artificial Intelligence Integration Center has proven effective at accelerating the employment of cutting edge capabilities. Encourages the Army to continue to scale up these efforts. (10 minutes)

223. Reschenthaler (PA), Van Orden (WI), Molinaro (NY): Expresses a sense of Congress that encourages the Department of Defense, in collaboration with the Department of the Veterans Affairs, to monitor and ensure appropriate measures are available to reduce suicides among former members of the Guard and Reserve Components who were not activated for military service. (10 minutes)

224. Reschenthaler (PA), Kelly (PA), Joyce (PA): Prohibits availability of funds for DoD to close Austin's Playrooms at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune, and Naval Medical Center San Diego. (10 minutes)

225. Reschenthaler (PA), Thompson (PA): Expresses a sense of Congress that explosion welding is a critical capability for ensuring the national security of the United States and its allies. (10 minutes)

226. Reschenthaler (PA), Johnson (OH), Mooney (WV), Miller (WV), Carey (OH): Expresses a sense of Congress and report to congressional defense committees on development-stage research of lightweight advanced carbon materials such as coal-derived graphite and carbon foam. (10 minutes)

227. Reschenthaler (PA), Swalwell (CA), Meuser (PA), Johnson (OH), Lee (NV): Expresses a sense of Congress that DOD should continue to support projects that onshore domestic extraction, processing, and manufacturing capabilities of the domestic supply chain of rare earth permanent magnets essential to defense and national security applications. (10 minutes)

228. Rodgers (WA): Expresses a sense of Congress regarding military service by individuals with amputations. (10 minutes)

229. Rodgers (WA): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees and the Comptroller General of the United States a certification in writing that the repositioned stocks of the Department of Defense meet all readiness operational plans (10 minutes)

230. Rodgers (WA): Changes the way the Soldier's Medal affects military retirement pay. (10 minutes)

231. Rose (TN): Adds a sense of Congress that the MQ-9 Reaper should be utilized to the greatest extent possible in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command. (10 minutes)

232. Rose (TN): Prohibits the Department of Defense's Office of Strategic Capital from investing or facilitating investments in Chinese-owned firms. (10 minutes)

233. Rose (TN): Adds that it is the sense of Congress that the Indo-Pacific is a joint theater of operations that requires joint coordination among all service branches in order to meet the challenges of the region. (10 minutes)

234. Roy (TX), Massie (KY), Bishop (NC), Davidson (OH), Gosar (AZ), Good (VA): Establishes a Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance (SIGUA) office charged with overseeing all

military and non-military U.S. assistance appropriated or otherwise made available for Ukraine. Directs the office to submit quarterly reports to Congress on obligations and expenditure of U.S. funds and the provision of military equipment. Reports will also track the Ukrainian government's compliance with anti-corruption measures, and comparisons of America's contribution to the war effort versus those from our NATO allies. Requires the President's nominee to serve as SIGUA to be confirmed by the U.S. Senate. (10 minutes)

235. Roy (TX), Crane (AZ): Prohibits funds authorized to DoD or otherwise made available by this Act from being made available, directly or indirectly, to the Government of Iran or any person owned or controlled by the Government of Iran. (10 minutes)

236. Schrier (WA), Rosendale (MT), Newhouse (WA), Cherfilus-McCormick (FL): Requires the Department of Defense to list the DoD systems that interact with Veteran Affairs electronic health records, including downtime incidents and the steps to resolve these issues so that care is not disrupted. (10 minutes)

237. Scott, Austin (GA): Prohibits DoD from purchasing batteries from China. (10 minutes)

238. Scott, Austin (GA): Makes a technical correction to 10 USC 8634(e) regarding the participation of NATO Naval personnel in submarine safety programs. (10 minutes)

239. Scott, Austin (GA), Panetta (CA): Makes technical correction to 10 USC 2165(b) by adding The College of International Security Affairs (CISA) as one of National Defense University's five colleges. (10 minutes)

240. Sewell (AL): Increases funding for Air Force Professional Development Education. (10 minutes)

241. Sewell (AL): Increases funding for Department of Defense Software Factories. (10 minutes)

242. Sherrill (NJ), Kiggans (VA), Kim (NJ), De La Cruz (TX), Crow (CO), Norcross (NJ), Escobar (TX): Instructs the Department of Defense to conduct outreach to community colleges to support their entrance into the Skillbridge Program as Skillbridge program providers. The amendment also instructs the DoD to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to community colleges to support the creation of Centers for Military and Veterans Education, which will provide dedicated resources to transitioning servicemembers and veterans to connect them with job training and in-demand careers. (10 minutes)

243. Slotkin (MI), Bergman (MI), Houlahan (PA), Posey (FL), Kildee (MI): Requires the Department of Defense to post on a publicly available website timely and regularly updated information on the status of cleanup at sites for which the Secretary has obligated funding for environmental restoration activities. (10 minutes)

244. Smith (NJ): Directs the Navy to convey 3.13 acres of land to the Town of Colts Neck. (10 minutes)

245. Smith (NJ): Requires the GAO to conduct a comprehensive investigation to establish the facts regarding military experiments related to Lyme disease. (10 minutes)

246. Smith (NJ), Trahan (MA): Requires the President to submit to Congress a report on the People's Republic of China's military engagement with, and operation of, key facilities in Cambodia, including Ream Naval Base and Dara Sakor Airport. (10 minutes)

247. Smith (NJ): Requires the Secretary of Defense to produce a report on the feasibility of developing and deploying asymmetric naval assets in defense of Taiwan. (10 minutes)

248. Smith (NJ): Requires the Secretary of the Navy to produce a report to Congress on the changes to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training and provide information on deaths or serious injury to candidates. (10 minutes)

249. Smith (NJ): Directs the Director of the Defense Health Agency to develop a mental health intake waiver to allow service members to quickly access civilian mental health services in a period of duress when DHA does not have the capacity to meet mental health service needs in a timely manner. (10 minutes)

250. Sorensen (IL), LaHood (IL): Requires a report be provided by the Air Force on the cost of decommissioning TACP units throughout the country for the three fiscal years following enactment. (10 minutes)

251. Soto (FL): Expands consideration for the Space National Guard's operations to places where there is significant space launch activity. (10 minutes)

252. Spanberger (VA): Includes Americans who went missing during their service with the Canadian Armed Forces prior to U.S. involvement in World War II in the definition of "missing person" for the purpose of ensuring these Americans are classified as such by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. (10 minutes)

253. Spartz (IN): Requires DoD to provide a report to Congress reconciling all U.S. assistance to Ukraine, including normal and supplemental appropriations and drawdowns. The report would specifically detail the countries, entities, and individuals who received such assistance including all contracts awarded to third parties. (10 minutes)

254. Spartz (IN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress on the implementation of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions in the DoD. (10 minutes)

255. Spartz (IN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to Congress addressing DoD's plans to improve the financial management of the department. (10 minutes)

256. Steel (CA): Requires a report on Chinese influence in commercial sea lines of communication and threats posed to strategic maritime routes in African Atlantic ports. (10 minutes)

257. Steel (CA), Wittman (VA): Requires a study on the defense needs of Taiwan and the potential loan and lease of defense articles to the Government of Taiwan. (10 minutes)

258. Stefanik (NY): Requires all military service academies to consider standardized test scores on their applications. (10 minutes)

259. Steil (WI): Requires the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to jointly brief relevant committees of weapons the United States has committed to sending to Ukraine and to other regional allies who are providing weapons to Ukraine. (10 minutes)

260. Steube (FL), Spartz (IN), Grothman (WI): Directs the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General to provide detailed oversight and report to Congress on the U.S. taxpayer-funded assistance to Ukraine no later than 180 days. (10 minutes)

261. Stewart (UT), Owens (UT), Curtis (UT), Moore (UT): Restores authority for the Department of the Army to plan for mili-

tary construction projects for the Chemical and Biological Defense Program at Dugway Proving Ground. (10 minutes)

262. Stewart (UT): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to provide a report on the feasibility of migrating Department of Defense and Intelligence Community classified networks into a modernized multi-level security system. (10 minutes)

263. Strong (AL), Brecheen (OK): Requires the Secretary of Defense submit to Congress a plan to use, transfer or donate excess border wall construction materials and execute said plan until the Department of Defense is no longer incurring costs to maintain, store, or protect said materials. (10 minutes)

264. Sykes (OH), McClain (MI): Directs the U.S. Department of Defense to produce a classified report on current and future military posture, logistics, maintenance, and sustainment requirements to bolster the United States' "capacity to resist force" in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan. (10 minutes)

265. Takano (CA): Directs GAO to report on market consolidation within the defense industrial base and the economic and national security impacts of any resultant anti-competitive behavior. (10 minutes)

266. Takano (CA): Directs GAO to report on the use of Other Transaction Authority (OTA) Contracts across the Department of Defense. (10 minutes)

267. Tenney (NY): Requires a report on the threat of aerial drones and unmanned aircraft to United States national security and an assessment of the unmanned traffic management systems of every military base and installation (within and outside the United States) to determine whether the base or installation is adequately equipped to detect, disable, and disarm hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems. (10 minutes)

268. Tenney (NY): Requires a report on CENTCOM capabilities and any capability gaps in carrying out CENTCOM's responsibilities, as well as recommendations to address any capability gaps. (10 minutes)

269. Thanedar (MI): Requires annual briefings on a DoD-issued a memo on Category Amendment practices and directs contracting officers to take a few actions to address procurement disparities. The request is that they provide a briefing with details on each of those actions. (10 minutes)

270. Thompson (PA), Connolly (VA), Fitzpatrick (PA): Requires the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to submit a report to Congress that identifies the most significant obstacles the Agency faces in recovering and identifying the remains of members of the Armed Forces missing in action. The Director must also provide recommendations on how Congress or relevant agencies can assist in overcoming these obstacles. (10 minutes)

271. Tiffany (WI): Prohibits the Department of Defense from creating, procuring, or displaying any map that depicts Taiwan or any offshore island under the administration of the Taiwan government as part of the territory of the People's Republic of China (10 minutes)

272. Timmons (SC): Requires the development, testing, and certification phase of the Geosynthetics Reinforced Performance pave-

ment test and authorizes \$3.3 million in appropriations. (10 minutes)

273. Titus (NV): Requires the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense to jointly submit a report to Congress on the stability of the Russian regime. (10 minutes)

274. Tlaib (MI): Adds a list of specific locations/methods that promotional material for the 988 hotline should be posted/distributed at military installations to a section requiring their distribution on all military bases. (10 minutes)

275. Torres (CA): Establishes a feasibility study on the possibility of certain professional credentials, such as airplane mechanic certs, held by servicemembers becoming transferrable post-discharge in civilian life. (10 minutes)

276. Turner (OH): Provides a Sense of Congress on the importance of maintaining in-patient military medical treatment facilities. (10 minutes)

277. Wagner (MO), Beatty (OH): Directs the DOD Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Office to analyze DOD capabilities to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation and to provide recommendations for educational programs on how to identify and report child sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agency. (10 minutes)

278. Walberg (MI), Bergman (MI): Includes an assessment of the Army's Holistic Health and Fitness (H2F) model as part of the DOD's reporting requirement on its Comprehensive Strategy on Force Resilience. (10 minutes)

279. Waltz (FL): Incorporates cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods in the Energy Performance Master Plan, prioritizing commercially available tools. (10 minutes)

280. Waltz (FL): Requires that the certification of the Army's Warfighter Machine Interface Program is consistent with Section 3453 requirements (10 minutes)

281. Waltz (FL): Requires a report on Harpoon missile delivery to Taiwan (10 minutes)

282. Waltz (FL), Ellzey (TX): Requires a briefing on Joint Exercises with Taiwan (10 minutes)

283. Waltz (FL), Kelly (MS), Wittman (VA): Requires the Administrator of MARAD to provide a brief on the status of establishing and implementing a national maritime strategy (10 minutes)

284. Wenstrup (OH): Updates credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians. (10 minutes)

285. Westerman (AR), Womack (AR): Authorizes the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation to assist the State of Arkansas in properly securing and preparing the property known as the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI), or "Army/Navy Hospital," for possible reversion back to the United States Government. (10 minutes)

286. Wild (PA), Kilmer (WA): Adds recommendations for improved awareness of 24/7 mental health services, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, to the Department of Defense Mental Health Task Force report. (10 minutes)

287. Wild (PA): Revises the Department of Defense report on expanding partnership opportunities with companies to provide job search assistance to veterans up to two years post-separation from

the military, by increasing the support timeline from two to five years. (10 minutes)

288. Wilson (SC): Amends Sec. 1303 by inserting the line, “and with deeper coordination on nuclear deterrence as highlighted in the Washington Declaration adopted by the two leaders during President Yoon Suk Yeol’s state visit on April 26, 2023.” (10 minutes)

289. Wittman (VA): Waives security clearance reinstatement review for certain covered persons within one year of Armed Services or Department of Defense separation and accelerates reviews for certain covered persons within two years of separation. (10 minutes)

290. Wittman (VA): Authorizes the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordination with the military department acquisition executives, to establish reserves of long-lead items and components required to accelerate munitions deliveries. (10 minutes)

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670 CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

Page 172, line 16, strike “redesignating” and insert “redesignating”.

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, insert the following:

**SEC. 6. BRIEFINGS ON PILOT PROGRAM ON HIRING OF SPECIAL NEEDS INCLUSION COORDINATORS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

Section 576(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10 U.S.C. 1792 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(2) by inserting, after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph (2):

“(2) BRIEFINGS ON IMPLEMENTATION.—Beginning on January 31, 2024, until the termination of the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a quarterly briefing on the implementation of the pilot program. Each such briefing shall include the following:

“(A) The process for selecting child development centers under subsection (b).

“(B) How a special needs inclusion coordinator hired under the pilot program coordinates with the head of the child development center concerned and the commander of the military installation concerned.

“(C) How many special needs inclusion coordinators have been hired under the pilot program.”.

Strike section 821.

Page 1171, line 2, strike “assistanceunder” and insert “assistance under”.

PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2670 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFORD OF MISSOURI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_. FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SMART CONCRETE MATERIALS.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for applied research, ground technology (PE 0602144A), line 012, is hereby increased by \$2,600,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used for the research and development of smart concrete materials).

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, is hereby reduced by \$2,600,000.

**2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLRED OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XIII the following:

**SEC. 1310. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY.**

It is in the Sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States has been a steadfast regional ally in the Indo-Pacific and must do our part to extend and modernize our capabilities to defend our interests and deter aggression against our allies and partners, in accordance with the United States-Indo-Pacific Strategy;

(2) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the heads of other relevant departments and agencies, should continue efforts that strengthen United States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region, including by—

(A) prioritizing critical and emerging technology partnerships as an imperative for America's regional alliances and national security interests in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(B) bolstering innovation for dual-use technologies to ensure the United States military can operate in rapidly evolving digital threat environments and emerging-technology areas;

(3) the Department of Defense and the Department of State should focus on the ongoing and emerging dual-use technology partnerships with priority countries, including—

(A) Australia and the United Kingdom through AUKUS Pillar II;

(B) Japan and the Republic of Korea;

(C) India through the United States-India Critical and Emerging Tech Partnership; (iCET); and

(D) ASEAN security partners;

(4) the Secretary of Defense should seek to prioritize cooperative research, co-development, and testing with Indo-Pacific allies and partners in the areas of—

(A) microelectronics;

(B) cybersecurity;

- (C) artificial intelligence;
  - (D) sensing and surveillance; and
  - (E) data security and secure information sharing; and
- (5) the Offices of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, Research and Engineering, Acquisition and Sustainment, and the Services should conduct a 90-day review of paths to strengthen tech cooperation with the priority countries, and report back with actions Congress can take to support such initiatives within 90 days of such review.

3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE AMODEI OF NEVADA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XXVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONDUCT CERTAIN MILITARY ACTIVITIES AT NEVADA TEST AND TRAINING RANGE.**

(a) SPECIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED MILITARY ACTIVITIES.—Paragraph (1) of section 3011(b) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (title XXX of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000; Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 886) is amended—

- (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “, subject to the conditions set forth in subsection (a) of section 3014” after “Secretary of the Air Force”;
- (2) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (C);
- (3) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (G); and
- (4) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the following new subparagraphs:

“(D) for emergency response;

“(E) for the establishment and use of existing or new electronic tracking and communications sites, including the construction of up to 15 equipment pads, no larger than 150-by-150 feet in size, along existing roads to allow placement and operation of threat emitters;

“(F) for the use and maintenance of roads in existence as of January 1, 2024, to allow access to threat emitters and repeaters for installation, maintenance, and periodic relocation; and”.

(b) INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE.—Section 3011(b)(5)(G), as added by paragraph (1) of section 2844(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 4351), is further amended—

- (1) by amending clause (i) to read as follows:

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Air Force shall jointly establish an interagency committee (referred to in this subparagraph as the ‘interagency committee’) to—

“(I) facilitate coordination, manage public access needs and requirements, and minimize potential conflict between the Department of the Interior and the Department of the Air Force with respect to joint operating areas within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge; and

“(II) discuss the activities authorized in paragraph (1) and provide input to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Department of the Air Force when assessing whether these activities may be conducted on the joint operating areas within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge that are under the primary jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior in a manner that is consistent with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd et seq.) and other applicable law.”; and

(2) in clause (ii)—

(A) by inserting “, including a designee of the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service” before the period at the end of subclause (I); and

(B) by inserting “, including a designee of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment” before the period at the end of subclause (II).

(c) **ADDITIONAL PURPOSE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**—Section 3011(b)(H)(5)(ii), as added by paragraph (2) of such section 2844(b), is amended in clause (ii)—

(1) by striking “and” at the end of subclause (I);

(2) by striking the period at the end of subclause (II) and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(III) discussing and making recommendations to the interagency committee established under subparagraph (G) with respect to any proposal by the Secretary of the Air Force to undertake any of the activities authorized in paragraph (1) on the joint operating areas within the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.”.

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4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BACON OF NEBRASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 269, line 21, strike “commercial real estate” and insert “single-family housing”.

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5. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BACON OF NEBRASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title VIII the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . CONSIDERATION OF PAST PERFORMANCE OF AFFILIATES OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

Not later than July 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall amend section 215.305 of the Department of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (or any successor regulation) to—

(1) require that when evaluating a bid from a small business concern (as defined under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) for a Department of Defense contract, the contracting officer for such contract shall consider the past per-

formance information of affiliates of such concern as the past performance of such concern; and

(2) ensure that only past performance information of such affiliates during the nine-year period preceding the date on which such concern submitted a bid described in paragraph (1) is considered as past performance of such concern.

6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BACON OF NEBRASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title IX, add the following new section:

**SEC. 9 . FUTURE FORCE DESIGN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Congress that—

(1) the Department of the Air Force has made significant progress in organizing, training, and equipping the Air Force and Space Force to address the needs of the Joint Force and align with the current National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy; and

(2) to be prepared to effectively deter and defeat a peer adversary, the Department must address force design requirements that will enable equipment modernization, organizational restructure, and capacity adjustments to meet the challenges presented by the People's Republic of China.

(b) FORCE DESIGN REQUIRED.—Not later than August 31, 2024, the Secretary of the Air Force shall develop a force design for the Air Force and Space Force projected through 2050.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The force design under subsection (b) shall address—

(1) the concepts, capabilities, and structural elements (including size and form) of the Air Force and Space Force that are necessary to ensure those forces effectively execute their core functions through 2050 in support of the National Defense Strategy and the National Military Strategy;

(2) force structure, including the development of capabilities (including platforms and systems) at the right level of capacity to address the challenges outlined by the National Defense Strategy and National Military Strategy;

(3) force composition, including recruitment and development of the human capital, effective distribution of forces in the total force and policies to increase career flexibility across the different components;

(4) organizational design, including development of potential models to increase agility and operational effectiveness across the Air Force and Space Force; and

(5) such other matters as the Secretary of the Air Force determines to be relevant.

(d) INFORMATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days after completion of the force design required under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Air Force shall—

(1) submit a summary of the force design to the congressional defense committees; and

(2) provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the force design.

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDERSON OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following:

**SEC. 28 . REPORT ON EASEMENTS FOR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy Natural Resources of the Senate a report on the policies and procedures of the Department of Defense regarding the consideration and approval of easements for energy infrastructure that could provide military installations with access to hydrogen pipelines and support United States energy distribution and export.

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANKS OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 12 . RULES GOVERNING TRANSFER OF AERIAL REFUELING TANKERS TO ISRAEL.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)), and subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the President, acting through the Secretary of Defense, may transfer to Israel one or more retired United States aerial refueling tankers, any United States aerial refueling tanker that the Secretary of Defense plans to retire during the two-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, or any other United States aerial refueling tanker the President considers appropriate, consistent with—

- (1) all other requirements set forth in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.); and
- (2) the requirements set forth in the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.).

(b) CONDITIONS.—Except in the case of an emergency, as determined by the President, a transfer under subsection (a) may only occur if the transfer—

- (1) does not affect the ability of the United States to maintain a sufficient aerial refueling capacity to satisfy United States warfighting requirements;
- (2) does not harm the combat readiness of the United States;
- (3) does not affect the ability of the United States to meet its commitments to allies with respect to the transfer of aerial refueling capacity; and
- (4) is in the national security interest of the United States.

(c) CERTIFICATION.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—Except in the case of an emergency, as determined by the President, not later than 15 days before making a transfer under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall certify to the appropriate congressional committees that the transfer meets the conditions specified in subsection (b).

(2) EMERGENCIES.—In the case of an emergency, as determined by the President, not later than five days after making a transfer under subsection (a), the President shall—

(A) certify to the appropriate congressional committees that the transfer supports the national security interests of the United States; and

(B) provide to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of the impacts, risks, and mitigation measures with respect to the matters referred to in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (b).

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANKS OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 11 \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON FUNDS TO IRAN.**

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense may be made available, directly or indirectly, to—

(1) the Government of Iran;

(2) any person owned or controlled by the Government of Iran;

(3) any person identified on the list of specially designated nationals and blocked persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury, the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act;

(4) any person owned or controlled by a person described in paragraph (3); or

(5) the Badr organization, Saraya Khorasani, or Kata'ib al-Imam Ali.

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10. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANKS OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 740, beginning on line 7, strike “is amended by inserting” and all that follows through line 9 and insert “is amended to read as follows:”.

Page 740, after line 9, insert the following:

“(C) Relations between—

“(i) the People’s Republic of China and the Russian Federation, including lessons learned by the People’s Republic of China from the Russian Federation, with respect to security and military matters, including—

“(I) China’s support for Russia’s invasion of Ukraine; and

“(II) any arms or related materiel, or dual-use goods, services, or technology that China sells or

otherwise exports to the Russian Federation for use in weapons systems in Ukraine; and  
“(ii) the People’s Republic of China and Iran, with respect to security and military matters.”.

11. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANKS OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATION AND EXTENSION OF ENHANCEMENT OF UNITED STATES-ISRAEL DEFENSE COOPERATION.**

(a) MODIFICATION.—Subsection (d) of section 1275 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (22 U.S.C. 2321h note) is amended to read as follows—

“(d) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSESSMENT OF QUANTITY OF PRECISION-GUIDED MUNITIONS AND OTHER MUNITIONS FOR USE BY ISRAEL.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2024, and annually thereafter through 2026, the Secretary of Defense, in concurrence with the Secretary of State, shall conduct an assessment with respect to the following:

“(A) The quantity and type of precision-guided munitions necessary for Israel to protect Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained armed confrontation between Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran and the proxy forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including Hezbollah and Hamas.

“(B) The quantity and type of other munitions necessary for Israel to protect Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained armed confrontation between Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran and the proxy forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, including Hezbollah and Hamas.

“(C) The quantity and type of precision-guided munitions necessary for Israel to protect Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained armed confrontation between Israel and Hezbollah.

“(D) The quantity and type of precision-guided munitions necessary for Israel to protect Israel and prevail in the event of a sustained armed confrontation between Israel and any other armed group or terrorist organization, such as Hamas.

“(E) The resources the Government of Israel would need to dedicate to acquire the quantity and type of munitions described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

“(F) Whether, as of the date on which the applicable assessment is completed, sufficient quantities and types of munitions to conduct operations described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) are present in—

“(i) the inventory of the military forces of Israel;

“(ii) the War Reserves Stock Allies-Israel;

“(iii) any other United States stockpile or depot within the area of responsibility of United States Central Command, as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate to disclose to the Government of Israel; or

“(iv) the inventory of the United States Armed Forces, as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate to disclose to the Government of Israel.

“(G) United States planning—

“(i) to assist Israel to prepare for the contingencies described in subparagraphs (A) through (D); and

“(ii) to resupply Israel with the quantity and type of munitions described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) in the event of such a contingency.

“(H) The quantity and pace at which the United States is capable of pre-positioning, rapidly replenishing, or assisting in the rapid replenishment of, stockpiles of such munitions in the inventory of the military forces of Israel and the War Reserves Stock Allies-Israel in preparation for, and to conduct, the operations described in subparagraphs (A) through (D).

“(2) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out the assessment required by paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall seek to consult with appropriate counterparts of the Government of Israel.

“(3) INVENTORY.—Not later than 90 days after the date on which the first assessment required by paragraph (1) is conducted, and every 90 days thereafter until December 31, 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees, the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate a report on the actions being taken and the progress made by the United States since the submission of the prior report under this paragraph to ensure that the military forces of Israel and the War Reserves Stock Allies-Israel have the inventory and pre-positioned stocks necessary to prepare for, and to conduct, the operations described in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (1), including procedures implemented by the United States for rapidly replenishing, or assisting in the rapid replenishment of, stockpiles of such munitions for use by Israel as may be necessary.”.

(b) MUNITIONS TRANSFER AUTHORITY EXTENSION.—Section 1275(e) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (22 U.S.C. 2321h note) is amended by striking “the date that is three years after the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “January 1, 2025”.

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12. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANKS OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERS TO THE BADR ORGANIZATION.**

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense may be made available, directly or indirectly, to the Badr Organization.

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13. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF INDO-PACIFIC MARITIME GOVERNANCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commandant of the Coast Guard and the Secretary of State, shall conduct a feasibility study on establishing an Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance Center of Excellence focused on building partner capacity for maritime governance. Such study shall include an evaluation of each of the following:

(1) The strategic importance of the Indo-Pacific region in terms of maritime security and governance.

(2) The existing maritime governance frameworks and institutions in the Indo-Pacific region.

(3) The potential contributions and benefits of establishing a dedicated center for promoting maritime governance in the Indo-Pacific region.

(4) The potential roles, responsibilities, and organizational structure of the center.

(5) The required resources, funding, and personnel necessary to establish and sustain the center.

(6) The potential partnerships and collaborations with regional and international stakeholders, including allied and partner nations, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions.

(7) The legal and regulatory considerations, including any necessary agreements or frameworks with other entities to establish and operate the center.

(8) Any other relevant factors the Secretary determines necessary for the successful implementation of the center.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the study required under subsection (a).

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14. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON THE ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY CHAIN.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the relevant Federal agencies, shall conduct a study on the effects the national security of the United States of the influence of China on the electric vehicle supply chain.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The study required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An evaluation of the percentage of critical minerals and rare earths sourced from the People's Republic of China that

are necessary for construction of electric vehicles in the United States.

(2) A list of countries who contribute to the electric vehicle supply chain of the United States and who are members of People's Republic of China's Belt and Road Initiative or any subsequent economic agreement.

(3) Potential vulnerabilities posed by an increased use of electric vehicles by the vehicle fleet of the Department of Defense.

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15. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR BLUE GRASS CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT, RICHMOND, KENTUCKY.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) directed the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, to conduct a feasibility study to assess potential missions, plants, or industries feasible for Army or Department of Defense needs at the Blue Grass Army Depot following the completion of the mission at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant located in Richmond, Kentucky.

(2) The findings of such study were to be submitted to the congressional defense committees by not later than March 1, 2023.

(3) The Secretary of Defense missed the deadline to submit such findings to Congress.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army should—

(1) not later than September 1, 2023, submit to the congressional defense committees the findings of the study described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a); and

(2) work with Congress and the community in proximity to the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant located in Richmond, Kentucky to build upon such findings.

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16. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . AWARD OF CERTAIN DECORATIONS TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN AFGHANISTAN.**

The Secretary concerned shall award to a member of the Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan between July 14, 2021 and August 30, 2021 in support of Operation Allies Refuge—

(1) the Afghanistan campaign medal;

(2) the combat action ribbon; and

(3) the humanitarian service medal.

17. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BERGMAN OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE FUNDING INCREASE.**

(a) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D—

(A) the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for other procurement, Army, for the joint light tactical vehicle family, line 006, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles is hereby increased by \$14,000,000; and

(B) the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for procurement, Marine Corp, for joint light tactical vehicles, line 045, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles is hereby increased by \$1,000,000.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for administration and Service-wide activities, for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$15,000,000.

18. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BICE OF OKLAHOMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . REPORT ON AIRBORNE INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS OF UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the United States Africa Command shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report that includes a description of the needs for airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance within the area of operations of the United States Africa Command.

(b) MATTERS FOR INCLUSION.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An accounting of the intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance requirements requested by the United States Africa Command in the last three years.

(2) An assessment of the rate at which such intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance requirements were fulfilled.

(3) A determination of intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance shortfalls of the United States Africa Command.

(4) A determination of unfilled intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance requirements based on such intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance shortfalls.

(5) An analysis of current commercial intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities and the capacity of such capabilities to fulfill such intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance shortfalls.

(c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex if such annex is provided separately from the unclassified report.

19. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BICE OF OKLAHOMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . DISRUPTION OF FENTANYL TRAFFICKING.**

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF STRATEGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, and in coordination with the heads of such other Federal agencies as the Secretary considers appropriate, shall develop and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a strategy to use existing authorities, including the authorities under section 124 of title 10, United States Code, as appropriate, to target, disrupt, or degrade threats to the national security of the United States caused or exacerbated by fentanyl trafficking.

(2) CONTENTS.—The strategy required by paragraph (1) shall outline how the Secretary of Defense will—

(A) leverage existing authorities regarding counterdrug and counter-transnational organized crime activities with a counter-fentanyl nexus to detect and monitor activities related to fentanyl trafficking;

(B) leverage existing authorities to support operations to counter fentanyl trafficking carried out by other Federal agencies, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies, or foreign security forces;

(C) coordinate efforts of the Department of Defense for the detection and monitoring of aerial and maritime traffic suspected of carrying fentanyl bound for the United States, including efforts to unify the use of technology, surveillance, and related resources across air, land, and maritime domains to counter fentanyl trafficking, including with respect to data collection, data processing, and integrating sensors across such domains;

(D) provide Department of Defense-specific capabilities to support activities by the United States Government and foreign security forces to detect and monitor the trafficking of fentanyl and precursor chemicals used in fentanyl production, consistent with—

- (i) section 284(b)(10) of title 10, United States Code;
- (ii) all other requirements set forth in the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et 16 seq.); and

(iii) the requirements set forth in the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

(E) leverage existing counterdrug and counter-transnational organized crime programs of the Department to counter fentanyl trafficking;

(F) assess existing training programs of the Department to counter fentanyl trafficking, consistent with section 284(b) of title 10, United States Code;

(G) assess existing training programs of the Department for foreign security forces to ensure the counterdrug and counter-transnational organized crime programs of the Department—

(i) support operations to counter fentanyl trafficking; and

(ii) build capacity to conduct fentanyl interdiction operations, consistent with sections 284(c) and 333 of title 10, United States Code;

(H) use the North American Defense Ministerial and the bilateral defense working groups and bilateral military cooperation round tables with Canada and Mexico to increase domain awareness to detect and monitor fentanyl trafficking; and

(I) evaluate existing policies, procedures, processes, and resources that affect the ability of the Department to counter fentanyl trafficking consistent with existing counterdrug and counter-transnational organized crime authorities.

(3) FORM.—The strategy required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(4) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the submission of the strategy required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the strategy and plans for its implementation.

(b) COOPERATION WITH MEXICO.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enhance cooperation with defense officials of the Government of Mexico to target, disrupt, and degrade transnational criminal organizations within Mexico that traffic fentanyl.

(2) REPORT ON ENHANCED SECURITY COOPERATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on efforts to enhance cooperation with defense officials of the Government of Mexico specified in paragraph (1).

(B) CONTENTS.—The report required by subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) an assessment of the impact of the efforts to enhance cooperation described in paragraph (1) on targeting, disrupting, and degrading fentanyl trafficking;

(ii) a description of limitations on such efforts, including limitations imposed by the Government of Mexico;

(iii) recommendations by the Secretary on actions to further improve cooperation with defense officials of the Government of Mexico;

(iv) recommendations by the Secretary on actions of the Department of Defense to further improve the capabilities of the Government of Mexico to target, disrupt, and degrade fentanyl trafficking; and

(v) any other matter the Secretary considers relevant.

(C) FORM.—The report required by subparagraph (A) may be submitted in unclassified form, but shall include a classified annex.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (1) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;
- (2) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;
- (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;
- (4) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (5) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives; and
- (6) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate.

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20. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BICE OF OKLAHOMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title VIII the following:

**SEC. 8 . . . REPORT ON GALLIUM AND GERMANIUM.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on gallium and germanium, including—

- (1) an analysis conducted in consultation with domestic producers of gallium and germanium of changes in supply chain dynamics, including production capabilities and capacities, after decision by the People’s Republic of China to ban exports of gallium and germanium;
- (2) an updated assessment of any shortfalls in the supply of gallium and germanium of the United States due to such decision; and
- (3) an update from the head of the Office of Manufacturing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization of the Department of Defense on the priority of projects involving gallium and germanium, as informed by the new shortfall projections in the supply of gallium and germanium and national security requirements.

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21. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BIGGS OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XII A the following:

**SEC. 1220A. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ISRAEL.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) since 1948, Israel has been one of the strongest friends and allies of the United States;

(2) Israel is a stable, democratic country in a region often marred by turmoil;

(3) it is essential to the strategic interest of the United States to continue to offer security assistance and related support to Israel; and

(4) such assistance and support is especially vital as Israel confronts a number of potential challenges at the present time, including continuing threats from Iran.

22. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BLUNT ROCHESTER OF DELAWARE OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 336, after line 24, insert the following:

**SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON PROVIDER TRAINING GAPS WITH RESPECT TO SCREENING AND TREATMENT OF MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS.**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, shall conduct a study to identify gaps in the training of covered providers with respect to the screening and treatment of maternal mental health conditions. Such study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the level of experience of covered providers with, and the attitudes of such providers regarding, the treatment of pregnant and postpartum women with mental or substance use disorders; and

(2) recommendations for the training of covered providers, taking into account any training gaps identified pursuant to the study.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing the findings of the study under section (a).

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered provider” means a maternal health care provider or behavioral health provider furnishing services under the military health system (including under the TRICARE program).

(2) The term “TRICARE program” has the meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

23. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BLUNT ROCHESTER OF DELAWARE OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDER READINESS DESIGNATIONS.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall update the registry and pro-

vider lists under subsection (b) of section 717 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 129 Stat. 868; 10 U.S.C. 1073 note) and submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

- (1) the number of providers that have received a mental health provider readiness designation under such section 717, disaggregated by geographic region and provider specialty; and
- (2) recommendations to incentivize, or otherwise increase the number of, providers with such designation.

24. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 . REPORT ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT HOST CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report identifying each institution of higher education that—

- (1) received funds from the Department of Defense in the period of one year preceding the date of the report; and
- (2) hosted a Confucius Institute at the time such funds were received.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

- (1) The term “Confucius Institute” means a cultural institute directly or indirectly funded by the Government of the People’s Republic of China.
- (2) The term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

25. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOST OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 3 . REPORT ON REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO FOOTWEAR OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing—

- (1) the findings of a review conducted by the Secretary on regulations applicable to the footwear of the members of the Armed Forces; and
- (2) recommendations by the Secretary on how to ensure boots worn by members of the Armed Forces are compliant with section 4682 of title 10, United States Code (commonly referred to as the “Berry Amendment”).

26. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWMAN OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT COST OF UNITED STATES OVERSEAS MILITARY FOOTPRINT.**

Section 1090 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(c) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—For fiscal year 2024 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, shall post on the public Internet website of the Department of Defense the costs to each United States taxpayer of the overseas military footprint of the United States, including—

“(1) the costs of building, maintaining, staffing and operating all overseas military bases and installations;

“(2) the personnel costs, including compensation, housing and health care, for all members of the Armed Forces deployed overseas at any point throughout the fiscal year;

“(3) the costs paid to contractors providing goods and services in support of overseas military bases, installations, and operations;

“(4) the costs of conducting all overseas military operations, including operations conducted by United States Armed Forces, operations conducted using unmanned weapons systems, covert operations, and operations undertaken by, with, and through partner forces;

“(5) the costs of all overseas military exercises involving United States Armed Forces; and

“(6) the costs of all military training and assistance provided by the United States to overseas partner forces.

“(d) **DISPLAY OF INFORMATION.**—The information required to be posted under subsections (a) and (c) shall—

“(1) be posted directly on the website of the Department of Defense, in an accessible and clear format;

“(2) include corresponding documentation as links or attachments; and—

“(3) include, for each overseas operation—

“(A) both the total cost to each taxpayer, and the cost to each taxpayer for each fiscal year, of conducting the overseas operation;

“(B) a list of countries where the overseas operations have taken place; and

“(C) for each such country, both the total cost to each taxpayer, and the cost to each taxpayer for each fiscal year, of conducting the overseas operations in that country.”.

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**27. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWMAN OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . IMPROVING OVERSIGHT OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT PRACTICES IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees an annual report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools during calendar year 2023 and

each subsequent calendar year. Each such report shall include, for the year covered by the report—

- (1) the zip codes of public secondary schools visited by military recruiters;
- (2) the number of recruits from public secondary schools by zip code and local education agency; and
- (3) a demographic analysis, including race, ethnicity, and gender, of recruits from public secondary schools by zip code.

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28. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BRECHEEN OF OKLAHOMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 703, after line 12, insert the following:

- (7) To review and ascertain that all Federal agencies involved in the distribution of any weaponry and equipment sent to Ukraine evaluated the financial value of all weaponry and equipment accurately and consistently since February 24, 2022.

Page 705, beginning on line 18, strike “including” and all that follows through line 21 and insert the following: “including a specific description of any instances where the Government of Ukraine failed to comply with the requirements specified to receive United States funds, weaponry, and equipment.”

Page 706, line 11, add “or” at the end.

Page 706, strike lines 12 through 15.

Page 706, line 16, strike “(C)” and insert “(B)”.

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29. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title X the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON FOOD PURCHASING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate and make publicly available on the website of the Department of Defense a report on the total amount spent by the Department of Defense on the following for each of fiscal years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022:

- (1) The total amount spent on food service operations worldwide for all military personnel, contractors and families, including all food service provided at all facilities such as combat operations, military posts, medical facilities, all vessels (air, land, sea), all entertainment and hosting operations such as officer’s clubs and other such facilities, and all food programs provided to other U.S. departments, such as the USDA-DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. The amount can be aggregated per each such category.
- (2) The amount of total spending per the 25 largest food service contractors or operators. Such amount shall include per the top 10 following categories of food, such as meat and poul-

try; seafood; eggs; dairy products; produce (fruits, vegetables, nuts); grains and legumes; processed and packaged foods. The percentage of all food purchased that is an American product, pursuant to section 4862 of title 10, United States Code (or, the total dollar volume in that particular category).

(3) The amount, by dollar volume, of third party certified and verified foods (such as USDA Organic, Equitable Food Initiative, Fair Trade Certified, and other categories determined to be appropriate by the Secretary). The amount, by dollar volume, of contracts for food service, food or food products, from women, minority and veteran owned businesses.

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30. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7. DROP BOXES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FOR DEPOSIT OF UNUSED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of the program established under Department of Defense Instruction 6025.25, titled the “Drug Take Back Program”, or successor program. Such report shall include such recommendations on actions to improve or expand the program as the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

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31. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10. STUDY AND REPORT ON POTENTIAL INCLUSION OF BLACK BOX DATA RECORDERS IN TACTICAL VEHICLES.**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of equipping all tactical vehicles of the Armed Forces with black box data recorders.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

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32. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON ACCESSABILITY OF MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS AND SERVICES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty, including an assessment of—

- (1) the accessibility of mental health care providers on military installations;
- (2) the accessibility of inpatient services for mental health care for such members; and
- (3) steps that may be taken to improve such accessibility.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing the findings of the study under subsection (a).

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**33. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . NOTIFICATION BY SECRETARY CONCERNED TO THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING A MEMBER WITH A HISTORY OF OPIOID ABUSE.**

Section 1142(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” before “In the case”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) In the case of a member eligible for preseparation counseling under this section whom the Secretary concerned knows has a history of opioid abuse, the Secretary concerned shall notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of such history before the separation, retirement, or discharge of such member.”.

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**34. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCK OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle E of title I, add the following new section:

**SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . CATEGORIZATION AND TRACKING OF F-35 AIRCRAFT PARTS.**

Not later the 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

- (1) determine whether F-35 aircraft parts are to be categorized as Government-furnished property; and
- (2) develop a system for continuously tracking such parts, regardless of the determination made under paragraph (1).

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**35. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCK OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following new section:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . COMPLIANCE WITH GAO RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall certify to the congressional defense committees that the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Digital and AI Officer and the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, has finalized and issued guidance and agreements to improve collaboration to better manage fragmentation among entities involved in artificial intelligence across the Department, as recommended by the Government Accountability Office in GAO Report 23-106089, including guidance and agreements that define the roles and responsibilities of the military departments and other organizations of the Department which collaborate on artificial intelligence activities.

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**36. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCK OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following new section:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . PROCESS FOR CARRYING OUT DEMILITARIZATION AND DISPOSITION OF MAJOR END ITEMS.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall certify to the congressional defense committees that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has—

(1) established a process to review and reconcile inconsistent demilitarization codes and document changes in such codes; and

(2) developed guidance for the armed forces for the disposition of major end items, including how to assess potential risks to national security, avoid unnecessary destruction, and optimize monetary returns to the government.

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**37. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCK OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following new section:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . DESIGNATION OF SINGLE ENTITY TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall certify to the congressional defense committees that the Secretary has designated a single entity within each of the armed forces to oversee the implementation of predictive maintenance procedures, and that the Secretary has provided such entity with sufficient authority and resources to carry out the responsibility.

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**38. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUDZINSKI OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle E of title XXVIII the following:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT RELATING TO THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY, ILLINOIS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on expenditures of amounts appropriated for, and nonappropriated funds used for, in fiscal year 2023 and for the Child Development Center at Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois, and an assessment of the needs of the Child Development Center for fiscal year 2024 and subsequent fiscal years.

**39. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUDZINSKI OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XXVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON AGING INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT OF AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS.**

The Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees—

- (1) an assessment of aging infrastructure in direct support of mobility aircraft operations (as determined by the Secretary), including aging runways, ramps, and control towers; and
- (2) a plan to remediate such infrastructure, prioritized by military installation.

**40. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUDZINSKI OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title XXVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS THAT THREATEN TO ENDANGER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report assessing the risks relating to flooding and other natural weather phenomenon, that threaten to endanger military installations.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following;

- (1) Potential mitigation strategies for such environmental risks.
- (2) An assessment of the Mississippi Delta.

**41. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURCHETT OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND EVALUATION CONTRACT COST SHARING.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for any contract that is awarded under or pursuant to a provision of this Act for, in whole or in part, research, development, testing, or evaluation activities, not less than 25 percent of the cost of such activities under such contract must be provided by a non-Federal source.

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42. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURCHETT OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . DECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REPORTS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL PHENOMENA.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall declassify any Department of Defense documents and other Department of Defense records relating to publicly known sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena that do not reveal sources, methods, or otherwise compromise the national security of the United States.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “publicly known sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena” means a sighting of an of an unidentified aerial phenomenon about which there is information available in the public domain prior to the declassification of documents and records required under subsection (a), but does not include United States Government information that was an unauthorized public disclosure.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall require the Secretary of Defense to declassify any information that the Secretary does not already have the authority to declassify under Executive Order 13526, or any successor order.

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43. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURLISON OF MISSOURI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title VIII the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION AND REPORT ON CONTRACTS FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES.**

(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract for online tutoring services which could result in personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People’s Republic of China.

(b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the risks of personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People’s Republic of China pursuant to any contracts for online tutoring services of the Department of Defense in progress.

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44. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CAMMACK OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In subtitle A of title X, add at the end the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLOCKCHAIN-DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGIES-SMART CONTRACTS DEFENSE APPLICATIONS WORKING GROUP.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a working group to be known as the “Blockchain-Distributed Ledger Technologies-Smart Contracts Defense Applications Working Group” (referred to in this section as the “Working Group”). The Working Group shall identify potential applications for blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies in the processes of the Department of Defense.

(b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Working Group shall be composed of representatives of the following:

- (1) The elements of the Department of Defense as described in paragraphs (1) through (10) of section 111(b) of title 10, United States Code.
- (2) The Office of Science and Technology Policy.
- (3) Relevant private sector entities.
- (4) Academic institutions.

(c) **RESOURCES.**—The Working Group shall use Federal studies, reports, or other available resources to inform the use of blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies to improve efficiencies at the Department of Defense and efficiencies or functions of each of the Armed Forces.

(d) **POLICIES.**—Not later than April 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall issue policies for the activities of the Working Group.

(e) **SUPPORT.**—The joint federation of capabilities established under section 937 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 10 U.S.C. 2224) shall provide administrative support to the working group.

(f) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section may be construed to allow the Secretary of Defense to provide any competitive advantage to any participant of the Working Group.

(g) **SUNSET.**—This section and the Working Group established under this section shall terminate on December 31, 2028.

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**45. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARAVEO OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Insert after section 571 the following:

**SEC. 572. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTENTS TO INCLUDE PREPARATION FOR AGRICULTURE.**

Section 1144(f)(1)(D) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by redesignating clause (v) as clause (vi); and
- (2) by inserting after clause (iv) the following:  
“(v) Preparation for agriculture.”.

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**46. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARAVEO OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle H of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON SEPARATING MEMBERS WHO HAVE HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE AND MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS.**

By not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the process by which members of the Armed Forces with health care experience transition to civilian life and the number such members who join the Medical Reserve Corps.

47. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title XVIII the following:

**SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON DISPLAY OF CUT FLOWERS OR GREENS NOT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—A cut flower or a cut green may not be officially displayed in any public area of a building of the Executive Office of the President or of the Department of State or of the Department of Defense unless the cut flower or cut green is produced in the United States.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation in subsection (a) may not be construed to apply to any cut flower or cut green used by a Federal officer or employee for personal display.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CUT FLOWER.—The term “cut flower” means a flower removed from a living plant for decorative use.

(2) CUT GREEN.—The term “cut green” means a green, foliage, or branch removed from a living plant for decorative use.

(3) PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.—The term “produced in the United States” means grown in—

(A) any of the several States;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) a territory or possession of the United States; or

(D) an area subject to the jurisdiction of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

48. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CAREY OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following new section:

**SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON DECOMMISSIONING OF KC-135 STRATOTANKERS.**

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Air Force may be used to decommission a KC-135 Stratotanker.

49. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 741, line 1, after “the congressional defense committees” insert “and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives”.

50. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARTER OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGY FOR USE OF OPEN-ARCHITECTURE ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AND COMPONENTS.**

(a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense shall assess the capacity of the Department of Defense to test, evaluate, and use additive fabrication technology to supplement maintenance parts in support of weapon systems and associated support equipment, including obsolete parts, tools, jigs, fixtures, and other such items and components.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The assessment under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Consideration of existing in-garrison and expeditionary base infrastructure and logistics support components of the Department that use existing open-architecture additive manufacturing commercial technology (commonly referred to as “3D Printing”), related capital equipment, and associated manufacturing media.

(2) An identification of any fabrication capabilities relevant to the capacity described in subsection (a) that may be provided by public-private partnership programs, departments and agencies of the Federal Government, academic institutions, and small business concerns.

(3) An identification of the coordination, scheduling, reimbursement processes, and requirements needed for the potential use of a network of community based, private-public facilities to enable the advanced fabrication capacity described in subsection (a).

(4) An analysis of the frequency, scheduling lead time, fabrication cost, and capacity of each facility relating to the fabrication of obsolete parts, tools, jigs, fixtures or other parts as required for the Department to ensure agile combat employment.

(5) A review of contractor-owned, commercial open-architecture additive and advanced manufacturing fabrication facilities that could enhance efforts to improve reliability, availability and maintainability of legacy weapons systems, in-garrison infrastructure, expeditionary basing, and agile combat employment.

(6) An assessment of any cost- and time-savings, as well as budgetary savings that would result from using open-architecture additive and other advanced manufacturing technologies identified in the strategy under subsection (c).

(c) **STRATEGY.**—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy to fund and coordinate the potential use of a network of domestic, community-based, fabrication facilities for the fabrication of items and components as described in subsection (a).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) be based on the assessment conducted under subsection (a);

(B) identify existing commercially derived, open-architecture additive manufacturing solutions for enabling agile combat employment doctrine and point-of-need support;

(C) to the maximum extent practicable, incorporate the use of emerging small business capabilities and non-traditional partners;

(D) address how the Secretary will coordinate with other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, including the Department of Commerce and Small Business Administration, to plan for and schedule the potential use of community based facilities , as available, to improve reliability, maintainability, and availability of existing weapon and infrastructure support systems of the Department of Defense;

(E) to the extent practicable, define the situations in which the Secretary can use community-based additive manufacturing facilities—

(i) to address shortages in obsolete parts and maintenance tools;

(ii) to accelerate overall weapon system readiness levels; and

(iii) to provide supply chain relief to the Department;

(F) identify—

(i) the requirements needed to accelerate the process for creating “digital twins” of existing obsolete or diminishing parts, including critical and non-critical parts, jigs, fixtures, molds, and other such items and components;

(ii) the requirements, approval processes, and resources needed to enhance, as appropriate, the just-in-time fabrication capabilities supporting overall weapon system readiness, in coordination with the heads of relevant departments and agencies of the Federal Government;

(iii) investments that the Secretary can make to incorporate, contractor-owned, community-based fabrication capacity into the Department of Defense; and

(iv) any preferences that may be applied to community-based or private public partnerships that have used commercial capacity to supplement or support peacetime or wartime mobilizations; and

(G) address all advanced or emerging technologies that could shorten timelines and reduce costs for weapons systems logistics, maintenance and readiness, including with respect to—

- (i) 3D printing of non-critical parts, jigs, fixtures, tooling, molds and other relevant components;
- (ii) expeditionary use and integration of open-architecture additive manufacturing to enable or support agile combat employment; and
- (iii) other relevant technologies to train, equip and prepare warfighters to effectively employ additive manufacturing techniques in both garrison and expeditionary environments.

51. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, insert the following:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM: MODIFICATION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS.**

Subsection (c) of section 1781c of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (3), by inserting “(including health care and educational services)” after “services”; and
- (2) in paragraph (4), by inserting “, determining the market capacity, usage, and availability of such resources,” after “and training”.

52. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY TO REVIEW WEIGHTED STUDENT UNITS FOR IMPACT AID PAYMENTS FOR ELIGIBLE FEDERALLY CONNECTED CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES.**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, shall conduct a study to review the weighted student units used for the calculation of impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities under section 7003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703).

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a) shall include the following:

- (1) An explanation of the method used to establish the weighted student units used for the calculation of impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities under section 7003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703).
- (2) A review of the criteria and any special factors used to determine the eligibility of federally connected children with disabilities under such section.
- (3) An examination of the adequacy of the system used to determined weighted student units for children with disabilities compared to other eligible federally connected children, taking into consideration the cost of any support services required.
- (4) Recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(d) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “local educational agency” has the meaning given that term in section 7013(9) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713(9)).

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53. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 13 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON REESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIC ACTION TEAMS IN PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, in coordination with Commander of United State Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

(1) an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of reestablishing civic action teams in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, as authorized under the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public Law 99–239), the Palau Compact of Free Association Act (Public Law 99–658), and the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–188), including the estimated costs, potential activities of joint interest to the Department of Defense and the host countries, and the timeline needed to set up new teams; and

(2) an assessment of the benefits and challenges of establishing civic action teams in each of—

- (A) the Cook Islands;
- (B) Fiji;
- (C) Kiribati;
- (D) Nauru;
- (E) Niue;
- (F) Papua New Guinea;
- (G) Samoa;
- (H) Solomon Islands;
- (I) Tonga;
- (J) Tuvalu; and
- (K) Vanuatu.

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54. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATION TO AGREEMENTS TO LIMIT ENCROACHMENTS AND OTHER CONSTRAINTS ON MILITARY TRAINING, TESTING, AND OPERATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “as well as a State-owned National Guard installation,” and inserting “a State-owned National Guard installation, each regionally associated installation,”; and

(2) in subsection (j), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) The term ‘regionally associated installation’ means a military installation—

“(A) located within 250 miles of one or more additional military installations;

“(B) under the jurisdiction of separate Secretary concerned than one or more of such additional military installations;

“(C) at which, including such additional military installations, an aggregate total of more than 10,000 members of the Armed Forces are stationed; and

“(D) located in an area in which the military installation or such additional military installations and jointly used by the Department of Defense.”

(b) APPLICABILITY.— This section and the amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to amounts appropriated for agreements entered into under section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, with regionally associated installations (as defined in such section, as amended by subsection (a)) on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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55. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following new section:

**SEC. 28. STUDY AND REPORT ON CERTAIN EASEMENTS AND LEASES OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN HAWAII.**

(a) STUDY AND REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall carry out a study on covered property interests and submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes—

(1) a description of—

(A) the location, size, and expiration date of each covered property interest;

(B) the ways in which the Secretary of Defense uses and intends to use each covered property interest;

(C) the major milestones and expected timeline for renegotiation and renewal of each covered property interest;

(D) any renegotiation and renewal actions with respect to each covered property interest during fiscal years 2019 through 2023;

(E) any such renegotiation and renewal actions planned to occur during fiscal years 2024 through 2030;

(F) each law or policy governing the extension of each covered property interest;

(G) relevant coordination efforts among—

(i) the Secretaries of the military departments and the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command; and

(ii) the Secretaries of the military departments, the Governor of Hawaii, the heads of the appropriate county governments in Hawaii, and communities in areas in proximity to a covered property interest;

(H) risks to renewing each covered property interest; and

(2) recommendations of the Secretary of Defense with respect to necessary legislative actions to ensure the renewal of covered property interests, including such legislative actions to provide Hawaii with financial assistance to aid administrative processes of Hawaii relating to such covered property interests.

(b) COVERED PROPERTY INTEREST DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered property interest” means a lease or easement consisting of not fewer than five acres of real property that—

(1) is located in Hawaii;

(2) is owned by the Department of Defense; and

(3) expires not later than January 1, 2030.

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56. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. . . MODIFICATION OF PILOT PROGRAM TO DEVELOP YOUNG CIVILIAN DEFENSE LEADERS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.**

Section 1261 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (10 U.S.C. 311 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “or other appropriate ministries with a security mission” after “civilian leaders in foreign partner ministries of defense” each place it appears; and

(2) in subsection (c), by inserting “or civilian leaders from other appropriate ministries with a security mission” after “civilian defense leaders from foreign partner ministries of defense”.

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57. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASTEN OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7 . . . STUDY AND REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR PILOTS AND AVIATORS.**

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall collaborate on a study on the barriers to mental health care for military pilots and aviators. The study shall include the development of a set of recommendations to ensure that pilots and aviators who need mental health care have—

(1) no more barriers to care;

(2) no more consequences for seeking care; and

(3) no less scientifically-robust bases for being treated and re-cleared for duty than pilots and aviators who need physical health care.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly submit to Congress a report that contains the results of the study required under subsection (a).

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58. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASTOR OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 . . . PROCESS TO ENSURE INTERSTATE RECIPROCITY IN EDUCATIONAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENTS.**

(a) PROCESS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Education, in consultation with States and local educational agencies, shall establish a process to ensure that a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces who receives educational accommodations while attending an elementary or secondary school in a State, and who then transfers to an elementary or secondary school in a different State due to the relocation of the member of the Armed Forces of whom the student is a dependent, shall have such educational accommodations recognized by the destination State without requiring the dependent to reapply for such accommodations.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The terms “elementary school”, “local educational agency”, “secondary school”, and “State” have the meanings given those terms in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

(2) The term “educational accommodation” means an individualized education program (as defined in section 602 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) or the approval of a student to participate in a gifted and talented program.

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59. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASTOR OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, insert the following:

**SEC. 7 . . . PROVISION OF TEMPORARY CHILD CARE SERVICES.**

The Secretary of Defense shall provide temporary child care services at military child development centers for the children of members of the Armed Forces during a permanent change of station, temporary duty, or any other similar deployment.

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60. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CORREA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 18 . . . PAROLE IN PLACE FOR HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS.**

Section 1758(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 8 U.S.C. 1182 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at the end;

(2) in paragraph (4), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(5) a person who served in the active military, naval, air, or space service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under honorable conditions.”.

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61. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CRENSHAW OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . CONTINUING MILITARY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR CHAPTER 61 RETIREMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations that allow a covered member to continue to elect to serve in the Armed Forces—

(1) in the current military occupational specialty of such covered member, for which the covered member may not be deployable; or

(2) in a military occupational specialty for which the covered member is deployable.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—A covered member who completes 20 years of service computed under section 1208 of title 10, United States Code shall not be denied any benefit under laws administered by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs solely on the basis that the covered member elected to continue to serve in the Armed Forces instead of taking retirement under chapter 61 of title 10, United States Code

(c) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered member” means a member of the Armed Forces—

(1) whom the Secretary concerned determines possesses skill or experience vital to the Armed Force concerned;

(2) who incurs a disability—

(A) while eligible for special pay under section 310 of title 37, United States Code; and

(B) that renders the member eligible for retirement under chapter 61 of title 10, United States Code; and

(3) who elects to continue to serve in the Armed Forces instead of such retirement.

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62. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CROW OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . MEDICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR COMBINED TRAUMATIC INJURIES SUSTAINED IN COMBAT OPERATIONS.**

(a) STRATEGY.—Not later than May 31, 2024, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, the Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat part-

nership, and the National Center for Medical Intelligence) shall develop a strategy to address medical research and development gaps essential to furnishing medical care to casualties experiencing combined traumatic injuries and injuries resulting from exposures across the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear spectrum.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An assessment of the investments made by the Secretary of Defense into supporting efforts related to such combined injuries.

(2) A review of the laboratory and medical product development capabilities of the Department of Defense to conduct research and development into, and support the transition and fielding of, treatments for such combined injuries;

(3) An identification of any clinical practice guidelines to treat combined such combined injuries, and recommendations to amend any such guidelines.

(4) Recommendations for increased investments in research and development to be made by the Secretary of Defense for the conduct of preclinical research, for the purpose of—

(A) optimizing the treatment of such combined injuries; and

(B) protecting health care providers and other medical personnel furnishing such treatment.

(5) A plan for the engagement between the Department of Defense and institutions of higher education with medical centers, and other similar entities, to support public-private partnerships to address such combined injuries.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs completes the strategy under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on such strategy.

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63. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ASSESSMENT OF UNDERSEA CABLE REPAIR CONTINGENCIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission and other relevant agencies, shall submit to Congress an assessment on the ability and preparedness of the USNS Zeus and the Cable Security Fleet to repair transoceanic submarine fiber optic cables that may be damaged or cut by adversaries.

(b) CONTENTS.—The assessment under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a description of preparedness to address a situation in which the cables of partner nations in both the Pacific and Atlantic ocean are damaged or severed at or around the same time;

(2) a determination as to how long it would take for the Cable Security Fleet in coordination with partner nations to repair such cables; and

(3) the options available to provide connectivity in an emergency or crisis caused by or related to the damaging or severing of such cables.

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64. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XV, add the following new section:

**SEC. 15 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON INFORMATION OPERATIONS CAPABILITIES OF RUSSIA.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the effectiveness of the information operations capabilities of Russia poses a threat not only to the operations of the United States, but to those of the allies and partners of the United States.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report containing the following:

(1) An assessment of the information operations capabilities of Russia, including attributable, non-attributable, and deliberately misleading sources in and related to Ukraine.

(2) An assessment of the efforts taken by the Secretary of Defense, and by the information operations components of the armed forces of partners and allies of the United States, to target and otherwise coordinate efforts against Russian military information operations.

(c) FORM.—The report under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

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65. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATION AND UPDATE TO REPORT ON MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF IRAN AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.**

Section 1227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 135 Stat. 1972) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(C), by inserting “ballistic and cruise” after “instances of”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (F), by striking “The United Nations” and inserting “The effect of the United Nations”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(H) Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-affiliated operatives serving in diplomatic and consular posts, cultural centers, religious institutions, and religious functions outside of Iran and actions taken by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the heads of the elements of the intelligence community (as such term is defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003) to reduce the presence of such operations.”;

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

(3) by inserting after subsection (b) the following new subsection:

“(c) UPDATED REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2024, the Director of National Intelligence shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an updated report that includes each of the matters listed in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) and covers developments during the period beginning in June 2022 and ending on the day before the date on which the updated report is submitted.”; and

(4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by inserting “, and the updated report required by subsection (b),” after “report required by subsection (a)”.

66. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . REPORT ON IRANIAN INVOLVEMENT IN REGIONAL NARCOTICS TRADE.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Middle East narcotics trade continues to evolve, including through expanding volumes and routes facilitating the sale, supply, or transfer of captagon and methamphetamines throughout the region.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence in the Senate a report on Iranian involvement in the narcotics trade in the Middle East region. Such report shall include each of the following:

(1) An assessment of any element of the Government of Iran, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (in this section referred to as the “IRGC”) and any Iran-backed group operating in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, or Yemen, that supports the sale, supply, or transfer of narcotics in the Middle East region.

(2) An assessment of the benefits accrued from the sale, supply, and transfer of narcotics in the region by any element of the Government of Iran, including the IRGC and any Iran-backed groups operating in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, or Yemen.

(3) An assessment of all foreign terrorist organizations to or for which the IRGC, or any person owned or controlled by the IRGC, provides material support in the sale, supply, transfer, or production of captagon or other related narcotics or precursors in the Middle East and North Africa.

(4) An assessment of activities conducted by the IRGC in Afghanistan related to the trade of methamphetamine or opiates, including synthetic opiates.

(5) A detailed account of intercepted transfers involving the United States Fifth Fleet of narcotics from Iran or involving Iranian nationals or persons acting, or purporting to act, for or on behalf of the Government of Iran, including the IRGC.

(c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

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67. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON PLAN FOR COVERAGE OF CERTAIN DEVICES CAPABLE OF PREVENTING AND TREATING MIGRAINES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

Not later than February 1, 2024, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the plan of the Assistant Secretary to cover non-pharmacological, neuromodulation migraine prevention and treatment devices approved by the Food and Drug Administration capable of preventing and treating migraines for military personnel.

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68. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DE LA CRUZ OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_ . DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES.**

(a) OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE MARITIME INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT.—In section 4501 of division D, relating to Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, increase the amount for Counter-Narcotics Support, line 010, by \$5,000,000 for Global Trader in the Office of Naval Intelligence Maritime Intelligence Support.

(b) U.S. NORTHERN COMMAND MEXICO OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION.—In section 4501 of division D, relating to Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, increase the amount for Counter-Narcotics Support, line 010, by \$5,000,000 for the U.S. Northern Command Mexico Office of Defense Cooperation.

(c) ADVANCED ANALYTICS FOR GLOBAL THREAT NETWORK DISRUPTION.—In section 4501 of division D, relating to Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, increase the amount for Counter-Nar-

otics Support, line 010, by \$5,000,000 for Advanced Analytics for Global Threat Network Disruption.

(d) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE DEFENSE-WIDE.—In section 4301 of division D, relating to Operation and Maintenance Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, by \$15,000,000.

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69. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DESJARLAIS OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 31 . DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS TECHNICAL NUCLEAR FORENSICS LEAD.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3211(b) of the National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) To lead the technical nuclear forensics efforts of the United States.”

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendment made by this section may not be construed to alter the functions vested in any department or agency of the Federal Government by statute other than the National Nuclear Security Administration pursuant to such amendment.

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70. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

**SEC. 18 . SENSE OF CONGRESS SUPPORTING PROJECT PELE.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress supports Project Pele, which seeks to develop, demonstrate, and deploy an advanced portable nuclear micro-reactor at Idaho National Laboratory by 2025; and

(2) Project Pele will be critical in maintaining and bolstering United States national security by providing firm, reliable, clean, and dense baseload energy to power United States military bases and other distributed military operations, both domestically and abroad.

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71. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. 1859. NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR UTILIZING MICROREACTORS TO ASSIST WITH NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Chief of Engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Nuclear Energy of the Department of Energy, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the

Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Reactor Fleet and Advanced Reactor Deployment of the Department of Energy, develop a national strategy to utilize microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive national strategy developed under subsection (a).

(c) CONTENTS OF NATIONAL STRATEGY.—A national strategy developed under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) EVALUATION OF EXISTING DIESEL DEPLOYMENT EFFORTS.—

An assessment of the effectiveness of utilizing diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts, which such assessment shall include—

(A) information on the current use of diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including—

(i) the prevalence of deploying diesel generators around the United States as the sole power source to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(ii) the average number of diesel generators deployed in natural disaster response efforts based on the type of natural disaster, the severity of the natural disaster, and the location of the natural disaster;

(iii) where Federal, State, and local governments store diesel generators;

(iv) how diesel generators are transported to areas affected by a natural disaster;

(v) any logistical concerns with refueling diesel generators over an extended period of time;

(vi) the potential to utilize accessory equipment that is traditionally connected to diesel generators to help provide electricity to the area in need; and

(vii) any other information that is necessary to understand the role of diesel generators used to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(B) how the effect on the environment of utilizing diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts compares to the estimated effect on the environment of utilizing microreactors to assist with the same natural disaster response efforts; and

(C) the concerns to public safety when deploying diesel generators in natural disaster response efforts.

(2) GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRIORITIES.—A comprehensive, research-based, and long-term discussion of goals, objectives, and priorities for utilizing microreactors instead of diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANALYSIS.—An analysis of—

(A) how the efforts of the Department of Defense to develop microreactor technology for operational uses could be used to inform the development of microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including any recommendations and additional direction that may be necessary for such expedited deployment;

(B) how the Department of Defense can most effectively translate and implement the lessons learned from its oper-

ations in the field to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including how operations in the field related to microreactors can be used to answer broad questions for the nuclear industry and for future issues relating to fuel reliability, energy supply chain issues, reducing diesel convoy casualties, and supporting other global humanitarian needs; and

(C) whether a demonstration program for microreactors is needed prior to deploying microreactors for natural disaster response efforts, based on the analysis provided by subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.—Recommendations on how the Nuclear Regulatory Commission can work with other Federal agencies to expedite—

(A) the approval of designs for microreactors; and

(B) issuing licenses for the utilization, transportation, and operation of microreactors in rapid deployment scenarios, such as natural disaster response efforts.

(5) UTILIZING FEASIBILITY STUDIES.—An analysis of available academic literature and studies, including site feasibility studies, to identify high risk areas that are prone to natural disasters that should be prioritized during emergency planning.

(6) STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DEPLOYING MICROREACTORS.—An assessment of various strategic considerations to improve the efficiency, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including—

(A) whether the Department of Defense, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or any other government entity should build, own, or operate microreactors that are used to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including whether it would be viable to lease microreactors from private industry and whether it would be viable to facilitate public-private partnerships to find cost effective options to utilize microreactors for natural disaster response efforts;

(B) the recommended number of individuals charged with the usage, maintenance, and upkeep of the microreactors, including the recommended qualifications, training requirements, availability requirements, and oversight responsibility of such individuals;

(C) the number of microreactors needed, initially and in the long-term, to effectively respond to a natural disaster based on past natural disaster trends and the specific geographic location of the area;

(D) where microreactors used to assist with natural disaster response efforts would be stored, including information on—

(i) how different microreactor storage locations may affect swift and economically feasible natural disaster response efforts;

(ii) the feasibility of utilizing already-built facilities instead of constructing new microreactor storage facilities;

(iii) the cost of constructing new microreactor storage facilities;

(iv) how to properly store the microreactor when not being utilized for natural disaster response efforts; and

(v) potential storage locations, such as—

(I) the Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response locations in Memphis, Tennessee and Phoenix, Arizona; and

(II) Department of Defense bases;

(E) how to maintain a microreactor and replace, store, and dispose of fuel used by a microreactor, including whether public-private partnerships may be used to assist with such maintenance, replacement, storage, and disposal;

(F) when a diesel generator will suffice in the event of a natural disaster of limited proportions, in comparison to utilizing microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(G) which States and territories and possessions of the United States that are prone to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, should be prioritized when initially selecting locations to deploy microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(H) the methods, capabilities, and costs associated with transporting microreactors that were or may be impacted by natural disasters, including considerations about transporting new microreactors, in addition to microreactors that have been put to use, and any regulatory or legal issues that may arise during the transportation;

(I) any other strategic considerations that should be taken into account before deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(J) how to integrate microreactors into existing electrical grids in emergency situations, including how grid connection points, microgrid limits, site load limits, existing infrastructure, and the standard process for grid interconnections may impact the integration of microreactors into existing electrical grid;

(K) whether microreactors will be susceptible to cyberattacks, including whether autonomous control will impact the microreactor's cyberattack susceptibility and what systems or microreactor designs would be ideal for combating such cyberattacks during a natural disaster response effort; and

(L) how the weight of a microreactor, compared to the weight of a diesel generator, affects deploying microreactors and diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(7) DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS.—An assessment of—

(A) the challenges and barriers to deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts; and

(B) solutions to address each such challenge and barrier.

(8) REVIEW OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION.—

(A) REVIEW.—A review of existing law that can be used to ease the burden of utilizing microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.), the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (42 U.S.C. 2215 note), and any other relevant law.

(B) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Recommendations for legislation to—

(i) assist with—

(I) deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(II) the maintenance and upkeep of such microreactors; and

(III) the initial and long-term storage of such microreactors; and

(ii) pay for the activities described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (i).

(9) PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS.—An assessment about—

(A) the current status of any collaboration between the National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Army Corps of Engineers during natural disaster response efforts;

(B) the specific roles of each entity specified in subparagraph (A) (disaggregated, in the case of the National Guard, by State and by military department) during a natural disaster response effort, and their respective roles when participating in natural disaster response efforts;

(C) the current emergency responsibilities of the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that relate to deploying microreactors during natural disaster response efforts;

(D) the potential opportunity to set up an annual listening group session or consortium to provide all the necessary information needed to deploy microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts and to ensure a smooth transition from the use of diesel generators to the use of microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(E) how the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, consented to by Congress in the joint resolution entitled “Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact” (Public Law 104–321), can be utilized to allow States to allocate their unused microreactors to other States that are in need of microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts; and

(F) how to improve the collaboration between Federal, State, and local government entities and private entities when deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(10) UTILIZING MICROREACTORS TO CHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.—Recommendations on how to utilize microreactors as charging stations for electric vehicles in the event of a mass evacuation resulting from a natural disaster, including recommendations on—

(A) how to deploy microreactors to charge electric vehicles before an evacuation;

(B) the primary transportation corridors that would be used for such a mass evacuation;

(C) how many microreactors would be needed to charge electric vehicles during such a mass evacuation, based on the size and population of the State in which the mass evacuation occurs;

(D) the best placement of microreactors throughout the primary transportation corridors to ensure a smooth electric vehicle charging process and subsequent evacuation;

(E) any potential public-private partnerships that would be useful in utilizing microreactors to charge electric vehicles during a mass evacuation, including an estimate of the costs that would be associated with establishing these partnerships;

(F) how to—

(i) transport microreactors to mass evacuation locations along primary transportation corridors for purposes of charging electric vehicles; and

(ii) pay for such transportation; and

(G) any other topic related to subparagraphs (A) through (F).

(11) DEPLOYING MICROREACTORS TO UNITED STATES TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS.—Recommendations on deploying microreactors to territories and possessions of the United States to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(12) USING MILITARY EQUIPMENT WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.—Recommendations on how to, in the event of a natural disaster and when the deployment of a microreactor is not timely or ideal for the circumstance, deploy military equipment of the United States with nuclear capabilities, such as nuclear aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines, to provide temporary electricity to an area severely impacted by a natural disaster.

(13) BUDGET PRIORITIES.—A multiyear budget plan that identifies the necessary resources to successfully carry out the recommendations and implement any lessons learned from the assessments and other analysis under this subsection.

(14) TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS.—An analysis of current and developing ways to leverage existing and innovative technology to improve the effectiveness of efforts to deploy microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(15) USING INNOVATIVE TOOLS TO PREDICT NATURAL DISASTERS.—A description of how to utilize innovative technology, such as artificial intelligence and predictive meteorological tools, to prepare for the utilization of microreactors before a natural disaster.

(16) FLOATING NUCLEAR BARGES.—An assessment of how floating nuclear barges compare to using portable microreactors, including—

- (A) the advantages and disadvantages of using a portable microreactor compared to a floating nuclear barge; and
- (B) an identification of scenarios during which a floating nuclear barge would be preferred over a portable microreactor.
- (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
- (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—
- (A) the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives; and
- (B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.
- (2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “local government” has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).
- (3) MICROREACTOR.—The term “microreactor” means a nuclear reactor, including a portable nuclear reactor, that has an electricity generating capacity of not more than 20 megawatts of thermal energy.
- (4) NATURAL DISASTER.—The term “natural disaster” has the meaning given the term “Major disaster” in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122), except that the term “natural disaster” does not include a wildfire.
- (5) NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORT.—The term “natural disaster response effort” means a circumstance in which a State or local government requests assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), including assistance to address the loss of primary electrical capacity as a result of a natural disaster.
- (6) STATE.—The term “State” means a State of the United States and the District of Columbia.

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72. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, insert the following:

**SEC. 16 . REPORT ON SPACE FORCE USE OF NUCLEAR THERMAL PROPULSION AND NUCLEAR ELECTRIC PROPULSION SPACE VEHICLES.**

The Chief of the Space Force shall submit to Congress a report on the use by the Space Force of nuclear thermal propulsion and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles. Such report shall include—

- (1) a description of how the Space Force uses such vehicles;
- (2) a description of how the Space Force plans to use such vehicles in the future; and

(3) an identification of any potential benefits that such vehicles can provide to bolster the national security of the United States.

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73. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XXXI, insert the following:

**SEC. 31 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR REACTORS BY THE ARMED FORCES.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) aspects of the Armed Forces have intentions to use advanced nuclear reactors at United States military bases, both domestically and internationally, because of advanced nuclear's potential ability to generate clean electricity consistently and reliably;

(2) the Armed Forces currently rely on fossil fuel, which presents potential safety risks and national security risks associated with such reliance;

(3) advanced nuclear reactors can provide clean, uninterrupted electricity to power a wide array of domestic and international military operations;

(4) the Armed Forces have grown accustomed to an operational energy supply chain in times of peace, but the United States also needs to prepare for the logistical challenges arising from the battles of tomorrow; and

(5) energy use on the battlefield will increase significantly over the next decade, and advanced nuclear reactors will be an important solution to providing secure, dense, and firm energy supply.

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74. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON SPACE ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN FOREIGN ADVERSARY NATIONS.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that evaluates the potential national security risks posed by the space-related activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China, including activities involving—

(1) satellites;

(2) space stations;

(3) moon exploration; and

(4) the acquisition of minerals from the moon.

(b) **FORM.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in classified form, but may include an unclassified summary.

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75. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE CONTINUING NEED FOR INNOVATION IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that Congress encourages the Armed Forces to continue innovating, including by using technological methods that incorporate artificial intelligence, quantum information science, advanced air mobility, and counter-UAS systems to ultimately maintain, bolster, and augment military readiness, wartime preparedness, and ensure the overall national security of the United States.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “advanced air mobility” means a transportation system that transports people and property by air between two points in the United States using aircraft with advanced technologies, including electric aircraft or electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft, in both controlled and uncontrolled airspace.

(2) The term “artificial intelligence” has the meaning given such term in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

(3) The term “counter-UAS system” has the meaning given such term in section 44801(5) of title 49, United States Code.

(4) The term “quantum information science” has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801).

76. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUNCAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_. TRANSFER OF DATA AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPED UNDER THE MOSAICS PROGRAM.**

(a) **TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of Defense may transfer data and technology developed under the MOSAICS program to eligible private sector entities to enhance cyber threat detection and protection of critical industrial control system assets used for electricity distribution.

(b) **AGREEMENTS.**—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense may—

(1) enter into cooperative research and development agreements under section 4026 of title 10, United States Code; and

(2) use such other mechanisms for the transfer of technology and data as are authorized by law.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “eligible private sector entity” means a private sector entity that—

(A) has functions relevant to the civil electricity sector; and

(B) is determined by the Secretary of Defense to be eligible to receive data and technology transferred under subsection (a).

(2) The term “MOSAICS program” means the More Situational Awareness for Industrial Control Systems Joint Capabilities Technology Demonstration program of the Department of Defense.

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77. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUNN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_ . WAIVER PROCESS FOR CERTAIN HUMANITARIAN AID.**

Section 402(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “shall include” and all that follows through “transport.” and inserting “shall include—”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(A) inspection of supplies before acceptance for transport; and

“(B) a process by which, upon request from a destination country, a prohibition on the shipment of certain items under a regulation or other guidance issued pursuant to this paragraph may be waived.”.

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78. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the status of the formulation of policies by the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to record and track alleged incidents of misuse of United States-provided equipment in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

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79. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ESHOO OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING A NAVAL VESSEL AFTER WILLIAM B. GOULD.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name a commissioned naval vessel after formerly enslaved sailor and Civil War veteran, William B. Gould, to honor his strength of character and faithful service to our country.

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80. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FALLON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

It is the sense of Congress that the United States and Taiwan should explore all measures to expand Taiwan's source of energy and harden Taiwan's facilities, including exploring nuclear power.

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**81. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FITZGERALD OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle F of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE CURRICULUM OF SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY.**

Section 2164 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) REQUIREMENT TO DISCLOSE CURRICULUM.—The Secretary of Defense shall make available, on a publicly accessible website, the curriculum for each grade level of each elementary and secondary school operated the Department of Defense Education Activity.”.

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**82. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle B of title XVI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . ASSESSMENT OF THE ABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES TO DETECT LOW-YIELD NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS.**

(a) ASSESSMENT.—The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, shall conduct an assessment of the ability of the United States to detect and monitor supercritical nuclear weapon tests conducted at very low yields.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the assessment conducted under subsection (a). The report shall include specific recommendations for improving the ability of the United States to detect and monitor low-yield nuclear weapon tests conducted at the Novaya Zemlya nuclear test site of the Russian Federation and the Lop Nor nuclear test site of the People's Republic of China as well as globally.

(c) FORM.—The report under subsection (b) may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted shall include an unclassified summary.

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**83. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRANKLIN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ . FUNDING FOR CYBER SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding table in sec-

tion 4201, for system development and demonstration, information technology development (PE 0605013N), line 156, is hereby increased by \$1,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used in support of cyber supply chain risk management).

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for system development and demonstration, trusted and assured microelectronics (PE 0605294D8Z), line 143, is hereby reduced by \$1,000,000.

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84. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FROST OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . ANNUAL REPORT ON OVERSIGHT OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a detailed annual report containing—

(1) a description of the budget of the Department of Defense, the total amount and dollar value of oversight investigations into fraud waste and abuse conducted by the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, and the total amount and dollar value of oversight investigations into fraud, waste, and abuse conducted by the Offices of Inspector General of each of the military departments;

(2) statistical tables showing—

(A) the total number and dollar value of oversight investigation completed and pending, set forth separately by type of oversight investigation;

(B) the priority given to each type of oversight investigation;

(C) the length of time taken for each type of oversight investigation, both from the date of receipt of a qualified incurred cost submission and from the date the oversight investigation begins;

(D) the aggregate cost of performing oversight investigations, set forth separately by type of oversight investigation; and

(E) the total number and dollar value of oversight investigations that are pending for a period longer than one year as of the end of the fiscal year covered by the report, and the fiscal year in which the qualified submission was received, set forth separately by type of oversight investigation;

(3) a summary of any recommendations of actions or resources needed to improve the oversight investigation process; and

(4) any other matters the Inspector General considers appropriate.

(b) **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.**—Each report submitted under subsection (a) shall be made publicly available.

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85. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON EFFECTS OF ROTC ON RECRUITING.**

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report regarding the effects of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps on recruiting for the Armed Forces.

86. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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87. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GAETZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle D of title V the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . VOTES REQUIRED FOR CONVICTION, SENTENCING, AND OTHER MATTERS IN GENERAL AND SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 852 of title 10, United States Code (article 52 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “by the concurrence of at least three-fourths of the members present” and inserting “by the unanimous concurrence of all members present”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “by the concurrence of at least three-fourths of the members present” and inserting “by the unanimous concurrence of all members present”.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to courts-martial convened under chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military Justice), on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

88. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. 13 \_\_\_\_ . UNITED STATES-TAIWAN COMBINED PLANNING GROUP STUDY AND REPORT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall—

(1) conduct a study of the feasibility and advisability of establishing the United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism; and

(2) submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, a report that contains the results of the study.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall consider—

(1) the necessary resources, organizational elements, and roles and responsibilities associated with the potential establishment of the United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism, as well as any other relevant considerations determined by the Secretaries;

(2) a timetable for establishing a United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism, if determined feasible and advisable;

(3) any barriers that would make the establishment of a United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism infeasible or inadvisable, together with any recommended steps for mitigation;

(4) whether a United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism would improve Taiwan's planning processes for developing Taiwan's defense force requirements or efficiencies in Taiwan's defense procurements and investments;

(5) whether a United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism would facilitate the provision of defense articles and defense services to Taiwan;

(6) whether a United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism would enhance combined training and exercises with Taiwan; and

(7) whether a United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism would reinforce the deterrent effect of Taiwan's self-defense capability.

89. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XIV the following:

**SEC. 14 . CRITICAL MINERAL INDEPENDENCE.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(2) COVERED COUNTRY.—The term “covered country” means—

(A) a covered nation (as defined in section 4872(d) of title 10, United States Code); and

(B) any other country determined by the Secretary of Defense to be a geostrategic competitor or adversary of the United States for purposes of this section.

(3) CRITICAL MINERAL.—The term “critical mineral” means a critical mineral (as defined in section 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(a))) that the Secretary of Defense determines to be important to the national security of the United States for purposes of this section.

(4) SHORTFALL MATERIAL.—The term “shortfall material” means materials determined to be in shortfall in the most recent report on stockpile requirements submitted to Congress under subsection (a) of section 14 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–5) and included in the most recent briefing required by subsection (f) of such section.

(b) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States—

(1) to expand mining and processing of critical minerals, including rare earth elements, in the United States and in countries that are allies or partners of the United States to meet the needs of the United States defense sector so that the Department of Defense will achieve critical mineral supply chain independence from covered countries, including the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Democratic People’s Republic of North Korea; and

(2) that the Department of Defense will procure critical minerals and products made using supply chains involving critical minerals that are not mined or processed in or by covered countries.

(c) STRATEGY TO ACHIEVE CRITICAL MINERAL SUPPLY CHAIN INDEPENDENCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a strategy to develop supply chains for the Department of Defense that are not dependent on mining or processing of critical minerals in or by covered countries, in order to achieve critical mineral supply chain independence from covered countries for the Department by 2035.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by paragraph (1) shall—

(A) identify and assess significant vulnerabilities in the supply chains of contractors and subcontractors of the Department of Defense involving critical minerals that are mined or processed in or by covered countries;

(B) identify and recommend changes to the acquisition laws, regulations, and policies of the Department of Defense to ensure contractors and subcontractors of the Department use supply chains involving critical minerals that are not mined or processed in or by covered countries to the greatest extent practicable;

(C) evaluate the utility and desirability of leveraging the process for acquiring shortfall materials for the National Defense Stockpile under the Strategic and Critical Mate-

rials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 et seq.) to strengthen mining and processing capacity for critical minerals in the United States and in countries that are allies or partners of the United States;

(D) identify areas of potential engagement and partnership with the governments of countries that are allies or partners of the United States to jointly reduce dependence on critical minerals mined or processed in or by covered countries;

(E) identify and recommend other policy changes that may be needed to achieve critical mineral supply chain independence from covered countries for the Department;

(F) identify and recommend measures to streamline authorities and policies with respect to critical minerals and supply chains for critical minerals; and

(G) prioritize the recommendations made in the strategy to achieve critical mineral supply chain independence from covered countries for the Department, taking into consideration economic costs and varying degrees of vulnerability posed to the national security of the United States by reliance on different types of critical minerals.

(3) FORM OF STRATEGY.—The strategy required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in classified form but shall include an unclassified summary.

90. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XIII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 13 . INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON EMERGING TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ANNUAL CHINA MILITARY POWER REPORT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—As part of each annual report submitted under section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65; 10 U.S.C. 113 note)(commonly referred to as the “China Military Power report”), the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies as the Secretary of Defense may determine appropriate, shall include a component on emerging technological developments involving the People’s Republic of China.

(b) MATTERS.—Each report component referred to in subsection (a) shall include an identification and assessment of at least five fields of critical or emerging technologies in which the People’s Liberation Army is invested, or for which there are Military-Civil Fusion Development Strategy programs of the People’s Republic of China, including the following:

(1) A brief summary of each such identified field and its relevance to the military power and national security of the People’s Republic of China.

(2) The implications for the national security of the United States as a result of the leadership or dominance by the People’s Republic of China in each such identified field and associated supply chains.

(3) The identification of at least 10 entities domiciled in, controlled by, or directed by the People's Republic of China (including any subsidiaries of such entity), involved in each such identified field, and an assessment of, with respect to each such entity, the following:

(A) Whether the entity has procured components from any known United States suppliers.

(B) Whether any United States technology imported by the entity is controlled under United States regulations.

(C) Whether United States capital is invested in the entity, either through known direct investment or passive investment flows.

(D) Whether the entity has any connection to the People's Liberation Army, the Military-Civil Fusion program of the People's Republic of China, or any other state-sponsored initiatives of the People's Republic of China to support the development of national champions.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

91. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DESIGNATION OF PRIORITY THEATERS OF OPERATION AND COMBATANT COMMANDS; PRIORITY FOR SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.**

Section 22 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2762) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) DESIGNATION OF PRIORITY THEATERS OF OPERATION AND COMBATANT COMMANDS; PRIORITY FOR SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES.—

“(1) DESIGNATION.—Not later than October 31 of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall, consistent with the United States National Defense Strategy and United State national defense priorities, designate theaters of operation that are to be considered priority theaters of operation and combatant commands that are to be considered priority combatant commands for purposes of paragraph (2) for that fiscal year.

“(2) PRIORITY.—In entering into contracts for the procurement of defense articles or defense services for sales to foreign countries under this section, the President and the Secretary of State shall give priority to sales to—

“(A) countries located in theaters of operation that are designated as priority theaters of operation under paragraph (1); and

“(B) countries located in areas under the responsibility of combatant commands that are designated as priority combatant commands under paragraph (1).”.

92. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 10. ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOW-COST ANTI-SHIP WEAPONS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall direct the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command to carry out the assessment described in subsection (b) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act. This assessment will be completed in coordination with the service chiefs associated with the systems specified in subsection (b)(1), to assess the feasibility, effectiveness, and value of developing low-cost anti-ship weapons to help prevent or deter conflict in the Indo-Pacific.

(b) **ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.**—The assessment described in this subsection includes the following:

(1) A determination of the appropriate balance of air, ground, and maritime long range highly survivable anti-ship cruise missiles (including the Long Range Anti-Ship Missile and Maritime Strike Tomahawk), ground-based short range highly survivable cruise missiles (including the Harpoon, Joint Strike Missile, and Naval Strike Missile), and potential lower-cost, less-capable anti-ship weapons to identify operational challenges that—

(A) addresses the large number of unarmed or less technologically sophisticated or survivable maritime craft that will likely be utilized to support a large-scale amphibious assault; and

(B) assesses the ability of the United States to achieve sufficient munitions capacity with the existing inventory of weapons systems options.

(2) An identification of any appropriate weapon system programs that could be developed or manipulated to achieve a lower cost, effective anti-ship weapon system for use against less technologically sophisticated or survivable maritime targets, and examine how to—

(A) leverage the innovative weapons development that the services and the private sector industry have undertaken to address unique challenges in providing weapons systems, training, and other support to Ukraine;

(B) utilize existing programs and systems to minimize delivery time and development costs; and

(C) insulate or mitigate the effect on munitions supply chains that are already under duress.

(3) An identification of support exercises and other initiatives to highlight and refine low-cost anti-ship weapons development.

(c) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on the assessment described in subsection (b).

93. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GALLAGHER OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8. PROHIBITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT RELATED TO ENTITIES IDENTIFIED AS CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1260H OF THE WILLIAM M. THORNBERRY NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021.**

(a) PROHIBITION ON USE OR PROCUREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided under subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may not—

(A) enter into, renew, or extend a contract for the procurement of goods, services, or technology with an entity described in paragraph (2); or

(B) enter into, renew, or extend a contract for the procurement of goods services, or technology that include goods, services, or technology produced or developed by an entity described in paragraph (2).

(2) ENTITIES DESCRIBED.—An entity described in this paragraph is—

(A) an entity that is identified in the annual list the Department of Defense publishes of Chinese military companies operating in the United States in pursuant to section 1260H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note);

(B) any entity subject to the control of an entity described in subparagraph (A); or

(C) any individual working for or on behalf of an entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B).

(3) LIMITATION ON APPLICABILITY.—Nothing in paragraph (1) shall prohibit the Secretary from entering into, renewing, or extending a contract for the procurement of goods, services, or technology to provide a service that connects to the facilities of a third-party, including backhaul, roaming, or interconnection arrangements.

(4) GUIDANCE.—

(A) ENTITY PROHIBITION.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue procurement policies and other guidance for implementation of the prohibitions in paragraph (1)(A) for the Department of Defense.

(B) GOODS, SERVICES, AND TECHNOLOGY PROHIBITION.—Not later than 545 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue procurement policies and other guidance for the implementation of the prohibitions in paragraph (1)(B) for the Department of Defense, including—

(i) best practices to avoid being subject to the prohibitions described in paragraph (1)(B); and

(ii) technical support to assist affected businesses, institutions and organizations as is reasonably nec-

essary for those affected entities to comply with this section, including the creation of a supply chain mapping tool software made available without cost to affected entities.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATES.**—The prohibition under subsection (a)(1)(A) shall take effect one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the prohibitions under subsections (a)(1)(B) shall take effect two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **WAIVER AUTHORITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may waive the requirements under subsection (a) with respect to an entity that requests such a waiver if the entity seeking the waiver—

(A) provides to the Secretary a compelling justification for the additional time to implement the requirements under such subsection, as determined by the Secretary of Defense; and

(B) provides to the Secretary a phase-out plan to eliminate goods, services, or technology produced or developed by an entity described in subsection (a)(2) from the systems of the entity.

(2) **DURATION.**—A waiver granted under paragraph (1) may be for a period of not more than two years after the effective dates described in subsection (c).

(d) **EXCEPTION.**—The President shall not be required to apply or maintain the prohibition under subsection (a) for activities subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.), or to any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **CONTROL.**—The term “control” has the meaning given that term in part 800.208 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations or any successor regulations.

(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Defense.

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94. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XXXV, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . LOANS FOR RETROFITTING TO QUALIFY AS A VESSEL OF THE UNITED STATES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 53706(a) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(8) Financing (including reimbursement of an obligor for expenditures previously made for) the reconstruction, reconditioning, retrofitting, repair, reconfiguration, or similar work in a shipyard located in the United States.”

(b) **PROHIBITION ON USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.**—Amounts appropriated to the Maritime Administration before the date of enactment of this Act shall not be available to be used for the cost of loan guarantees for projects receiving financing support or credit

enhancements under section 53706(a)(8) of title 46, United States Code, as added by this section.

95. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the beginning of subtitle E of title V, insert the following (and redesignate the following sections accordingly):

**SEC. 541. CLARIFICATIONS OF PROCEDURE IN INVESTIGATIONS OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS TAKEN AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN RETALIATION FOR PROTECTED COMMUNICATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraphs (D) and (E) of paragraph (4) of section 1034(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(D)(i) Upon determining that an investigation of an allegation under paragraph (1) is warranted, the Inspector General making the determination shall expeditiously investigate the allegation to determine whether the protected communication or activity under subsection (b) was a contributing factor in the personnel action prohibited under subsection (b) that was taken or withheld (or threatened to be taken or withheld) against a member of the armed forces.

“(ii) In the case of a determination made by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, that Inspector General may delegate responsibility for the investigation to an appropriate Inspector General of a military department.

“(iii) The member alleging the prohibited personnel action may use circumstantial evidence to demonstrate that the protected communication or activity under subsection (b) was a contributing factor in the personnel action prohibited under subsection (b). Such circumstantial evidence may include that the person taking such prohibited personnel action knew of the protected communication or activity, and that the prohibited personnel action occurred within a period of time such that a reasonable person could conclude that the communication or protected activity was a contributing factor in the personnel action.

“(iv) If the Inspector General determines it likelier than not that the member made a communication or participated in an activity protected under subsection (b) that was a contributing factor in a personnel action described in such subsection, the Inspector General shall presume such personnel action to be prohibited under such subsection unless the Inspector General determines there is clear and convincing evidence that the same personnel action would have occurred in the absence of such protected communication or activity.

“(E) If the Inspector General preliminarily determines in an investigation under subparagraph (D) that a personnel action prohibited under subsection (b) has occurred and that such personnel action shall result in an immediate hardship to the member alleging the personnel action, the Inspector General shall promptly notify the Secretary of the military department concerned or the Secretary of Homeland Security, as applicable, of the hardship, and such Secretary shall take such action as such Secretary determines appropriate.”.

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Such paragraph is further amended in subparagraphs (A) and (B) by striking “subsection (h)” both places it appears and inserting “subsection (i)”.

96. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FOR BEREAVEMENT LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Section 701(l) of title 10, United States Code, is amended in paragraph (3) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the following:

- “(A) a spouse;
- “(B) a son or daughter; or
- “(C) a parent;

“(4) In this section, the term ‘son or daughter’ means—

“(A) a biological, adopted, step, or foster son or daughter of the individual;

“(B) a person who is a legal ward of the member, or was a legal ward of the individual when the person was a minor or otherwise required a legal guardian; or

“(C) a person for whom the member stands in loco parentis or stood in loco parentis when the person was a minor or otherwise required the individual to stand *in loco parentis*.

“(5) In this section, the term ‘parent’ means—

“(A) a biological, adoptive, step, or foster parent of the individual, or a person who was a foster parent of the individual when the individual was a minor;

“(B) a legal guardian of the individual, or person who was a legal guardian of the individual when the individual was a minor or otherwise required a legal guardian; or

“(C) a person who stands *in loco parentis* to the member or stood *in loco parentis* when the individual was a minor or otherwise required a person to stand *in loco parentis*.”.

97. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GIMENEZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ REPORT ON IRANIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, AND VENEZUELA .**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes the following:

- (1) An assessment of the size of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, Ministry of Information and Security, and Iranian military presence in Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela, including the number of personnel, trainers, bases, and military advisors registered as embassy attaches.

(2) An assessment of the amount and nature of military aid or equipment provided, and any benefits that were given, to Iran or Iranian personnel in return by Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela, such as passports, diplomatic benefits, access to facilities, or the establishment of facilities.

(3) A description of the supply routes of military equipment to these countries from Iran.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees;

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

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98. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . REPORT ON COMPETITION AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that it is integral that the military be able to fix its own equipment, and that efforts deliberately designed to prevent the military end user from fixing equipment in the field harm our nation’s military readiness.

(b) REPORT AND PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Chair of the White House Competition Council the report required under clause (iii) of section 5(s) of Executive Order 14036 titled “Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy”.

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99. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GONZALES OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 627. FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE: INCREASE; REVIEW.**

(a) INCREASE.—Section 427(a) of title 37, United States Code, is amended, in paragraph (1), by striking “\$250” and inserting “\$400”.

(b) REVIEW.—In each quadrennial review of military compensation conducted after the date of the enactment of this Act and under section 1008(b) of such title, the President shall include—

(1) a review of the family separation allowance under section 427 of such title (or successor allowance); and

(2) the recommendation of the President regarding whether to increase the amount of such allowance to better compensate a member of the uniformed services for separation from family during service described in such paragraph.

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100. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GONZÁLEZ-COLOÑ OF PUERTO RICO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XXVIII the following:

**SEC. 28 . REMOVAL OF PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN AREAS IN CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.**

The first sentence of section 204(c) of the Military Construction Authorization Act, 1974 (Public Law 93-166; 87 Stat. 668) is amended by striking the first sentence.

101. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOODEN OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 105, after line 12, insert the following:

(8) A report on total cost on an annual basis to procure technical data that the Government could eventually use, as needed and depending upon the circumstances, to promote vendor competition and increase Government control over specific elements of sustainment.

102. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSAR OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 . AUTHORIZATION TO USE NONELECTRIC VEHICLES AT YUMA PROVING GROUND.**

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense assigned to the Yuma Proving Ground are authorized to use non-electric vehicles in the performance of their duties.

103. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 . FUNDING FOR SKILLBRIDGE.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 4301, line 440 for Office of Secretary of Defense, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby increased by \$5,000,000 for the Skillbridge program.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for Washington Headquarters Services, line 500, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

104. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 12 \_\_\_\_ . IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO UNITED STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION TO COUNTER UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

Section 1278 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1702; 22 U.S.C. 8606 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(4), by striking “\$40,000,000” and inserting “\$55,000,000”;

(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsections:

“(e) REPORT ON STATUS OF COOPERATION AND CERTAIN IRANIAN THREAT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing the following:

“(1) An assessment of the status of cooperation between the United States and Israel on countering unmanned aerial systems, including an assessment of—

“(A) capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems under research and development;

“(B) capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems that have been fielded to the Armed Forces of the United States or Israel pursuant to this section;

“(C) proposed changes to authorizations, appropriations, or other provisions of law that would result in more effective capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems and expedite the provision to the Armed Forces of the United States and Israel of capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems; and

“(D) the extent to which the United States-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group established pursuant to section 1299M(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 4014), or any successor working group, is being used to carry out the activities described in subsection (a)(1).

“(2) An assessment of the threat to the United States and Israel posed by unmanned aerial systems from Iran and associated proxies of Iran, including an assessment of deployed or otherwise available anti-unmanned aircraft capabilities of the United States and Israel and the adequacy of such capabilities to offset such threat.

“(f) UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘unmanned aerial system’ includes loitering munitions.”

105. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2\_\_ . FUNDING FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for basic research, National Defense Education Program, line 006, is hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, Washington Headquarters Services, line 530, is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

106. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON COOPERATION OVER SPACE EXPLORATION.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) United States-Israel space cooperation and collaboration is in the best interest of the United States and can expand economic, national security, and social benefits for the American people; and

(2) joint United States-Israel cooperation in the space arena should be supported in areas of research, development, test, and evaluation, including—

(A) between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Israel Space Agency; and

(B) between the United States Air Force, United States Space Force, and the Israeli air force.

107. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_ . REPORT ON RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE PRC AND IRAN.**

Section 1202(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as paragraph (15); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the following:

“(14) Developments on the burgeoning relationship between the People’s Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran.”.

108. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON HOW TO PROTECT UNITED STATES DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SOLD TO FOREIGN PARTNERS.**

Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and the Secretary of State, shall prepare and submit (in such manner as the Secretary of Defense may decide) to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives a written report that outlines how the Secretary of Defense will prevent unauthorized users of United States defense technology sold or transferred to foreign partners and allies of the United States under the foreign military sales program or any other authority available to the United States from accessing sensitive information about the technical capabilities and limitations of the technology, and includes—

- (1) a specification of the threat that intellectual technology hardware originating in the People’s Republic of China poses to United States defense technology;
- (2) a description of the steps our foreign partners have taken to mitigate the threat;
- (3) an overview of the ability of the defense industrial base to understand and address that threat; and
- (4) recommendations for changes to policy, regulation, and statute to address that threat.

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109. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAVES OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS OF OPERATION END SWEEP FOR VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL.**

The Secretary of the military department concerned may, upon the application of an individual who is a veteran who participated in Operation End Sweep, award that individual the Vietnam Service Medal.

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110. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAVES OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 833. INDIVIDUAL ACQUISITION FOR COMMERCIAL LEASING SERVICES.**

Section 877(c) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 is amended by striking “shall terminate on December 31, 2022” and inserting “shall terminate on December 31, 2032”.

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111. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAVES  
OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title XII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 12 . AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPACITY OF FOREIGN SECURITY FORCES.**

Section 333(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(10) Counter-illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing operations.”.

112. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN  
OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. . GENERAL THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO MEMORIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR POLISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE COOPERATION.**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Commander of United States Army Special Operations Command shall seek to carry out a training program pursuant to section 322 of title 10, United States Code, between special operations forces under the jurisdiction of the Commander and special forces of the Polish Army. Such program shall be known as the “General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Exchange Program for Polish-American Defense Cooperation”.

(b) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Officers and enlisted members of such special operations forces may participate in the program under this section.

(c) **PROGRESS REPORT.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report regarding progress of the Commander in carrying out the program under this section.

113. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN  
OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XV the following:

**SEC. 1535. REPORT ON STATE NATIONAL GUARD CYBER UNITS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the feasibility of establishing a cyber unit in every National Guard of a State to ensure the ability of a State to quickly respond to cyber-attacks in such State.

114. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN OF  
TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following new section:

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following new section:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO CATEGORY 3 SUBTERRANEAN TRAINING FACILITY.**

(a) **REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN ACCESS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Department of Defense maintains access to a covered category 3 subterranean training facility on a continuing basis.

(b) **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASE.**—The Secretary of Defense may enter into a short-term lease with a provider of a covered category 3 subterranean training facility for purposes of compliance with subsection (a).

(c) **COVERED CATEGORY 3 SUBTERRANEAN TRAINING FACILITY DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered category 3 subterranean training facility” means a category 3 subterranean training facility (as defined in section 2869 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263)) that is—

- (1) operational on or before the date of the enactment of this Act; and
- (2) deemed safe for use on such date.

**115. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIMALVA OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 1859. EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS, AND REVISIONS TO THE MILITARY LANDS WITHDRAWAL ACT OF 1999 RELATING TO BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE.**

(a) **EXTENSION OF WITHDRAWAL AND GILA BEND ADDITION TO BARRY M. GOLDWATER RANGE.**—Section 3031(a)(3) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 (title XXX of Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 898) is amended—

(1) by striking “comprise approximately 1,650,200 acres” and inserting the following: “comprise—

“(A) approximately 1,656,491.94 acres”;

(2) by striking “‘Barry M. Goldwater Range Land Withdrawal’, dated June 17, 1999” and inserting the following: “‘Barry M. Goldwater Range Requested Withdrawal Extension Map’, dated June 13, 2022”; and

(3) by striking “section 3033.” and inserting the following: “section 3033; and

“(B) approximately 2,365.89 acres of land in Maricopa County, Arizona, as generally depicted on the map entitled ‘Gila Bend Addition to Barry M. Goldwater Range’, dated July 5, 2022, and filed in accordance with section 3033.”.

(b) **RELATION TO OTHER WITHDRAWALS AND RESERVATIONS.**—Section 3031(a) of such Act is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (4), (5), (6), and (7) as paragraphs (5), (6), (7), and (8), respectively;

(2) in paragraph (5), as so redesignated, by inserting “, whichever is later” after “accepted by the Secretary of the Interior”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) **RELATION TO OTHER WITHDRAWALS AND RESERVATIONS.**—  
“(A) The prior withdrawals and reservations identified as Public Land Order Nos. 56 and 97, and Executive Order

Nos. 8892, 9104, and 9215, are hereby revoked in their entirety.

“(B) Upon the date of the enactment of this paragraph, the patented mining claim known as the Legal Tender, Mineral Survey No. 3445, located in Section 26, Township 15 South, Range 10 West, Gila Salt River Meridian, Arizona, is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Air Force to the Secretary of the Interior, at no cost and in ‘as-is’ condition, and shall be managed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service as a land parcel included within the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and in wilderness status as part of the Cabeza Prieta Wilderness.”

(c) RENEWAL OF CURRENT WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION.—Section 3031(d) of such Act is amended by striking “25 years after the date of the enactment of this Act” and inserting “on October 5, 2049”.

(d) EXTENSION.—Section 3031(e) of such Act is amended—  
 (1) in the heading, by striking “INITIAL”; and  
 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “initial”.

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116. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GROTHMAN OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in title XI, insert the following:

**SEC. 11 \_\_\_\_ . EXPAND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, to the extent practicable, each commercial position in the Department of Defense or an element of the Department is—

- (1) filled by a civilian employee of the Department; or
- (2) performed by a contractor of the Department.

(b) COMMERCIAL POSITION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “commercial position” means a position the functions of which are determined by the Department of Defense to be commercial pursuant to Department of Defense Instruction 1100.22 (or any successor instruction).

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117. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTHRIE OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XV, insert the following:

**SEC. 15 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION FOR THE ARMY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMAND 2030 TRANSFORMATION PLAN.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the Human Resources Command 2030 Transformation Plan of the Army that includes—

- (1) an estimated timeline for the completion of the implementation milestones of the Plan; and

(2) an identification of future resource needs relating to the modernization of legacy information technology systems.

(b) LEGACY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section, the term “legacy information technology system” has the meaning given the term in section 1076 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 40 U.S.C. 11301 note).

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118. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAGEMAN OF WYOMING OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 710, strike “Section” and insert “(a) IN GENERAL.—Section”.  
Page 710, after line 13, add the following:

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on—

(1) the impact of the exercise of the lend-lease authority under the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 on United States defense stockpiles and readiness; and

(2) the accounting of United States military equipment provided to the Government of Ukraine, including a strategy and timeline for recovering defense articles provided to Ukraine under such lend-lease authority when it expires.

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119. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAGEMAN OF WYOMING OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 571, after line 10, insert the following:

(3) An analysis of United States laws, executive orders, secretarial orders, and agency actions that are likely affecting the evolution of the illicit fentanyl drug trade over the Southern border of the United States.

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120. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAGEMAN OF WYOMING OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 64, line 19, insert “and except as provided in subsection (b)” before “, the Secretary”.

Page 64, after line 24, insert the following:

(b) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be made available for the Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic initiative under subsection (a) may be used for the Energy Resilience Challenge of the initiative unless the Secretary of Defense determines that—

(1) all viable energy sources, including nuclear energy, are considered and supported equally under the Challenge; and

(2) all power generation technologies supported through the Challenge—

(A) are self-contained and capable of operating entirely outside the traditional grid; and

(B) provide sufficient baseload support for the necessary functions of the customer without depending on intermittent energy sources for core functions.

Page 65, line 1, strike “(b)” and insert “(c)”.

Page 65, line 9, insert “, including the compliance of the Secretary with the requirements of subsection (b)” before the period at the end.

Page 65, line 10, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.

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121. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAYES OF CONNECTICUT OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of title XVIII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . ANNUAL REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONLINE INFORMATION RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION.**

Not later than September 30, 2023, and on an annual basis thereafter, each Secretary of a military department shall—

(1) review any information relating to suicide prevention or behavioral health, including any contact information for related resources, that is published on an Internet website of the military department at the installation level;

(2) make updates to such information as may be necessary; and

(3) submit to the congressional defense committees a certification that such information is up-to-date.

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122. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL OF ARKANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle E of title III the following:

**SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON HARDENING UNITED STATES AND PARTNER MILITARY BASES AGAINST IRANIAN ATTACK.**

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit the report described in paragraph (2) to the congressional defense committees, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee on Intelligence in the Senate.

(2) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report shall contain the following contents:

(A) An assessment of the threat posed by Iran against United States and partner military bases, to include missile, unmanned aircraft system, and loitering munition attacks.

(B) An assessment of hardening and air and missile defense upgrades for United States military installations in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(C) A strategy for expediting the hardening of military installations located in the United States similar installations in ally and partner countries, and upgrading air and

missile defense capabilities in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(b) FORM.—This report shall be transmitted in an unclassified manner and may contain a classified annex.

123. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

**SEC. 18 . PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN EXPORTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended by inserting after section 163 (42 U.S.C. 6243) the following:

**“SEC. 164. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN EXPORTS.**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prohibit the export or sale of petroleum products drawn down from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, under any provision of law, to—

“(1) the People’s Republic of China;

“(2) the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea;

“(3) the Russian Federation;

“(4) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

“(5) any other country the government of which is subject to sanctions imposed by the United States; and

“(6) any entity owned, controlled, or influenced by—

“(A) a country referred to in any of paragraphs (1) through (5); or

“(B) the Chinese Communist Party.

“(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary may issue a waiver of the prohibition described in subsection (a) if the Secretary certifies that any export or sale authorized pursuant to the waiver is in the national security interests of the United States.

“(c) RULE.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of the Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act, the Secretary shall issue a rule to carry out this section.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) DRAWDOWN AND SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.—Section 161(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6241(a)) is amended by inserting “and section 164” before the period at the end.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents for the Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 163 the following:

“Sec. 164. Prohibition on certain exports.”.

124. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUFFMAN OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title V the following:

**SEC. 5 . CHAPLAIN ENDORSEMENTS.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries

of the military departments, shall make available on a publicly accessible database a report of (i) the most recent list of chaplain endorsements submitted to the Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) by religious organizations according to Department of Defense Instruction 1304.28, and (ii) the list of known endorsements used by AFCB to verify submissions.

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125. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE VESSEL DESIGN FOR IMPROVED OPERATIONS AND SHOCK IMPACT MITIGATION ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL HEALTH AND FATIGUE.**

(a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense, in cooperation with the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, shall conduct an operational performance study on alternative vessels with M-shape hull designs for reduction of wave slap, mitigation of shock impact on special operations forces, and improved operational and cost efficiencies.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study conducted under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Operational field testing of—

(A) physical health and fatigue metrics of personnel as baseline for transport on existing vessels and a comparative assessment of personnel health and fatigue upon being transported on alternative vessels with M-shape hull designs;

(B) increased sustained speeds; and

(C) improved turn radius and stability for payload targeting.

(2) A comparative cost assessment of the operation and maintenance of existing and M-shape hull vessels.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of the study required under subsection (a).

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126. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE BY NATO MEMBER STATES.**

It is the sense of Congress that each North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member state should commit to providing, at a minimum, 2 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to defense to continue to ensure NATO's military readiness.

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127. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in title XIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE ARCTIC REGION.**

Section 1238 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “this Act” and inserting “the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”;

(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) A description of the two countries’ growing cooperation, since the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, is being implemented in the Arctic region.

“(5) A description of how the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, including the implementation of U.S. and allied sanctions and potential diversion of Russian resources to the war effort, has impacted the Russian Federation’s posture, activity and policy in the Arctic region.

“(6) A description of how the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, including the implementation of U.S. and allied sanctions on the Russian Federation, has impacted the People’s Republic of China’s posture, activity and policy in the Arctic region.

“(7) A description of how the United States and its allies in the Arctic region have adjusted their posture in response to any changes by the Russian Federation since the beginning of the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ARCTIC REGION DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Arctic region’ has the meaning given the term ‘Arctic’ in the Arctic Research and Policy Act (ARPA) of 1984 (Public Law 98-373).”.

128. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNT OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SUPPORT FOR ENERGY FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER PROGRAM.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) These officers assist on the analysis, assessment and planning for the civilian production and distribution of energy resources before, during and after conflicts to meet global energy requirements.

(2) A memorandum of understanding has been established with academia to lead and support the training program, enabling these officers to provide the needed technical expertise to

evaluate, establish, maintain, or rehabilitate energy production and distribution systems.

(3) Academic partnerships can double as a platform for strategic outreach to organizations in the wider military and energy sectors.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the establishment of Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officers in the Army is encouraging; and

(2) the Secretary of Defense should continue to support and fully fund the existing Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officer program and its academic partnership and assess opportunities to expand the program to other Armed Forces and across the combatant commands.

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129. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ISSA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 . . . AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO E. ROYCE WILLIAMS FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE KOREAN WAR.**

(a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award the Medal of Honor under section 8291 of such title to E. Royce Williams for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of E. Royce Williams, as a lieutenant in the Navy, on November 18, 1952, for which he was previously awarded the Navy Cross and the Taegeuk Order of Military Merit of South Korea.

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130. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ISSA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. . . . REPORT ON IRAN-RUSSIA NUCLEAR-RELATED COOPERATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes each of the following:

(1) An assessment of the trade in covered goods, services, and technology between the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the involvement of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and any other military entity of Iran.

(2) A description of the extent to which Russia is providing diplomatic support to Iran at the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors and the resulting impact on efforts to refer Iran's noncompliance with its nuclear safeguards obligations to the United Nations Security Council.

(3) An assessment of the economic value and importance to the Russian nuclear industry of the trade described in paragraph (1).

(4) An assessment of the extent to which Russia is supporting Iran's research and development activities related to delivery systems or dual use technology relevant to weaponization.

(5) An assessment of whether covered goods, services, and technology described in paragraph (1) could be used in a nuclear, chemical, biological, radiological, ballistic missile, or conventional weapons program and the resulting impact on the security of the United States and its partners and allies.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(2) The term “covered goods, services, and technology” means—

(A) all items, materials, equipment, goods and technology set out in the Nuclear Suppliers Group Guidelines governing nuclear transfers, INFCIRC/254 /Part 1;

(B) all items, materials, equipment, goods and technology set out in the Nuclear Suppliers Group guidelines governing the transfer of nuclear related dual use equipment, materials, software and related technology, INFCIRC/254 Part 2;

(C) the provision of any technical assistance or training, financial assistance, investment, brokering or other services related to the supply, sale, transfer, manufacture, or use of the items, materials, equipment, goods and technology described in subparagraphs (A) or (B); and

(D) commercial activities involving uranium mining, production or use of nuclear materials and technologies described in subparagraphs (A) or (B).

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131. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 536, line 16, strike the closed quotation mark and period at the end.

Page 536, after line 16, insert the following:

“(e) SUPPORT FOR MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS.—

“(1) The Director shall identify and support multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnerships that—

“(A) have the potential to generate technologies, processes, products, or other solutions that address national defense or security needs or otherwise benefit national defense or security; and

“(B) have as an objective the technology transfer or commercialization the work product generated by the partnership.

“(2) Support provided by the Director to a multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership under this subsection may include providing resources to the partnership, participating in the partnership, providing technical and technological advice and guidance to the partnership, suggesting and introducing other participants for inclusion in the partnership, and providing the partnership with insight into desired solutions for defense and security needs.

“(3) To be eligible to receive support under this subsection a multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership shall be composed of—

“(A) one or more universities, colleges, or other institutions of higher education with research and innovation capability;

“(B) one or more non-profit organizations that provide policy, research, outreach, operations, organizational, management, testing, evaluation, technology transfer, legal, financial, or advocacy expertise;

“(C) one or more for-profit commercial enterprises that may be publicly or privately owned, early stage or mature, and incorporated or operating by another ownership structure; and

“(D) one or more departments or agencies of the Federal Government with expertise, operations, or resources related to the subject matter of the multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership.

“(4) The areas of research and development covered by a multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership under this subsection may include—

“(A) cybersecurity, quantum computing, or artificial intelligence;

“(B) geo-spatial imaging or geographic information systems;

“(C) aerodynamics, navigation, or wind resistance management;

“(D) satellite operations, functionality, or utilization;

“(E) climate science or natural resource management;

“(F) clean energy generation, storage, distribution, and efficiency;

“(G) space-based operations, monitoring, and management; or

“(H) such other areas as the Director determines appropriate.

“(5) On an annual basis, the Director shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the activities, advances, outcomes, and work product of the multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnerships supported under this subsection.”.

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132. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF SERVICEMEMBERS AND THEIR SPOUSES: PROMOTION; REPORT.**

(a) **PROMOTION.**—Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Defense-State Liaison Office, shall consult with licensing authorities of States to increase awareness of section 705A of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4025a).

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, and publish, a report containing the results of a study regarding compliance by States with section 705A of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4025a). Such report shall include the determination of the Comptroller General regarding the following:

- (1) The extent to which States have complied with such section.
- (2) The efficacy of such compliance.
- (3) Whether a State has a designated official to oversee such compliance.

**133. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of title XVIII add the following:

**SEC. 1859. REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS OF FOREIGN-OWNED AGRICULTURAL LAND NEAR MILITARY INSTALLMENTS.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to Congress a report on foreign-owned agricultural land located within 50 miles of a United States military installation.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

- (1) a list of each foreign person that owns agricultural land located within 50 miles of a United States military installation;
- (2) in the case of an individual described in paragraph (1), the citizenship of such individual;
- (3) in the case of a foreign person described in paragraph (1) that is not an individual or government—
  - (A) the principal place of business of such person; and
  - (B) the country in which each such foreign person is created or organized;
- (4) the nature of each legal entity holding interest in such agricultural land and the type of interest;
- (5) the legal description and acreage of such agricultural land; and
- (6) an assessment of any threat that foreign ownership of such agricultural land may have on United States military readiness, food supply, and national security.

(c) **AGRICULTURAL LAND DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “agricultural land” includes—

- (1) crop land, pasture land, wetlands, and marshlands;

(2) land enrolled in a Federal, State, or local agricultural conservation program; and

(3) land used for animal confinement, concentrated animal feeding operations, livestock production, timber production, or forestry.

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134. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . REPORT ON PACIFIC ISLANDS SECURITY STRATEGY.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) develop a comprehensive Pacific Islands security strategy; and

(2) submit to the congressional defense committees a report on such strategy.

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135. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle J of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 . REPORT ON COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDITS FOR MILITARY RECRUITS.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on current enlistment standards, and whether it is necessary for all college-level credits earned by a military recruit to be placed on a transcript from an accredited, degree-granting institution.

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136. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XXVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 . REPORT ON CAPACITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE SURVIVORS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH EMERGENCY SHORT-TERM HOUSING.**

Not later than 220 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report analyzing the capacity of the Department of Defense to provide survivors of natural disasters with emergency short-term housing.

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137. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS.**

(a) REQUIREMENTS FOR WITHHOLDING CERTAIN REPORTS.—Section 122a(b)(2)(D) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the period at the end and inserting “and the Secretary—”;

(2) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(i) gives public notice that the report will be withheld pursuant to such determination; and

“(ii) submits to the congressional defense committees the reason for the determination that the information should not be made available to the public.”.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees, and make publicly available on an appropriate website of the Department of Defense, a report on the implementation of section 122a of title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a). Such report shall address—

(1) the procedures under which members of the public may request a covered report under subsection (a)(2) of such section 122a; and

(2) the procedures and criteria under which the Secretary determines that a report that would otherwise be a covered report should not be made publicly available pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(D) of such section, as amended by subsection (a).

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138. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following new section:

**SEC. 1 . FUNDING FOR ADVANCED PROCUREMENT FOR F-15EX AIRCRAFT.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for procurement, Air Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for F-15EX Advanced Procurement, line 006, is hereby increased by \$30,600,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for advanced component development and prototypes, environmental security technical certification program (PE 0603851D8Z), line 076, is hereby reduced by \$30,600,000.

(c) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that any F-15EX aircraft procured using funds made available pursuant the increase under subsection (a) are allocated to the Air National Guard to recapitalize fighter aircraft with the priority given to A-10 squadrons without an identified replacement aircraft.

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139. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title VIII the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . ASSESSMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS IMPACTING THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND FOREIGN MILITARY SALES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall conduct the assessment described in subsection (b) and submit to the relevant congressional committees a report on such assessment.

(b) **ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.**—The assessment described in this section shall include information on constraints and threats to the supply chain of Department of Defense contractors and subcontractors (at any tier) to produce any defense article for use by the Department of Defense or that is the subject of a foreign military sale.

(c) **FORM.**—The report required under this section shall be submitted in an unclassified form.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “defense article” has the meaning given in section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

(2) The term “relevant congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(D) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(E) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(F) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

**140. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOYCE OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO RUBBER SUPPLY.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should take all appropriate action to lessen our military’s dependence on adversarial nations for the procurement of strategic and critical materials, and that one such material in short supply according to the most recent report from Defense Logistics Agency Strategic Material is natural rubber, undermining our national security and jeopardizing the military’s ability to rely on a stable source of natural rubber for tire manufacturing and production of other goods. Accordingly, the Secretary is directed to take all appropriate action, pursuant with the authority provided by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98a et seq.), to engage in activities that may include stockpiling, but shall also include research and development aspects for increasing the domestic supply of natural rubber.

**141. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KAPTUR OF OHIO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Insert as section 581 (and redesignate the following sections accordingly):

**SEC. 581. AUTHORIZATION FOR LAST MEMBER STANDING MEDAL.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 1135 and 1136 as sections 1136 and section 1137, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 1134 the following new section:

**“§ 1135. Last Member Standing medal**

“(a) **MEDAL AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary concerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the ‘Last Member Standing medal’, to persons eligible under subsection (c).

“(b) **DESIGN.**—The Last Member Standing medal shall be of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.

“(c) **ELIGIBLE PERSONS.**—Subject to subsection (d), a person eligible to be issued the Last Member Standing medal is any member who—

“(1) served on active duty;

“(2) was deployed during war or overseas contingency operation;

“(3) as a result of a combat instance during such war or overseas contingency, was the last surviving member of a unit;

“(4) demonstrated extraordinary heroism in defense of the United States during such combat instance; and

“(5) whose character is recommended for recognition by their commanding officer and at least two peers.

“(d) **ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.**—Not more than one Last Member Standing medal may be issued to any person.

“(e) **ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.**—If a person described in subsection (c) is deceased, the Secretary concerned may provide for issuance of the Last Member Standing medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

“(f) **REGULATIONS.**—The issuance of a Last Member Standing medal shall be subject to such regulations as the Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform to the extent practicable.”.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should take appropriate actions to expedite—

(1) the design of the Last Member Standing medal provided for by section 1136 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a); and

(2) the establishment and implementation of mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Last Member Standing Medal to persons eligible for the issuance of the medal under such section.

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**142. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PREPARATION FOR RENEWAL OF CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

(a) Limitation.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 may be used to prepare for the renewal of the HVAC chiller replacement standardization project of the Department of the Air Force until the date on which the Secretary of the Air Force submits to the congressional defense committees the certification described in subsection (b).

(b) CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.—The certification described in the subsection is a certification that—

(1) such Secretary has developed a methodology to compare the cost of initial chiller and ancillary equipment procurement under the class justification and authorization for other than full and open competition to the cost of initial chiller and ancillary equipment procurement with competition;

(2) metrics have been established to measure performance under the project described in subsection (a), including training costs, savings from in-house repair, and value per dollar, initial chiller and ancillary equipment procurement costs, overall technician education and training costs, and lifecycle operating costs; and

(3) such Secretary has collected data to demonstrate that limiting competition under the project described in subsection (a) has resulted in total cost of ownership savings.

143. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KRISHNAMOORTHY OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LIAISONS WITH TAIWAN.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) building trust and familiarity between the United States and Taiwan is an important component of helping Taiwan improve its self-defense capabilities;

(2) strengthening working-level communication and coordination among United States and Taiwanese elements would enhance the effectiveness of the United States' provision of defense articles to Taiwan, joint military exercises with Taiwan, and other efforts to improve Taiwan's self-defense capabilities; and

(3) the Secretary of Defense should utilize existing authorities to facilitate communication and coordination, including relating to—

(A) maximizing the deterrent effects of the United States' provision of defense articles to Taiwan and of Taiwan's domestic defense procurements and investments;

(B) conducting exercises that involve complex challenges in multiple warfare domains;

(C) concepts of operation and tactics, techniques, and procedures to improve Taiwan's self-defense capabilities; and

(D) helping Taiwan to meet its needs relating to energy security, cyber defense of its critical infrastructure, resilience of its communications systems, defense against malign influence and information operations, and stockpiling of critical munitions and other appropriate defense articles.

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144. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBORN OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . STRATEGY ON PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND SCHEDULE FOR THE PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE.**

(a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the long-range, ground-launched missile known as the Precision Strike Missile will—

(1) give the Army the ability to target enemy ground forces and eventually naval forces at a greater range and volume than its predecessor, the Army Tactical Missile System;

(2) enhance America's ability to deter or defeat aggression; and

(3) lower the risk faced by the military forces of the United States.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy on the production capacity and schedule for the Precision Strike Missile.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under paragraph (1) shall address the following:

(A) The production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile in fiscal year 2023.

(B) The projected production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

(C) An assessment of measures being taken to increase the production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile.

(D) A strategy for increasing the production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile.

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145. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDSMAN OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANIES THAT ARE A CONCERN TO UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on all private military companies the Secretary determines are a concern to the national security of the United States. Such report shall include each of the following, for each private military company covered by the report:

- (1) The number of personnel employed by the company.
  - (2) Any country or region where the company is known to be operating.
  - (3) An identification of any entity that has provided funding to the company and the amount of such funding.
  - (4) Any illicit conduct in which the company is known to have engaged.
  - (5) Any conflicts the company has had with the United States Armed Forces.
  - (6) Such other information as the Secretary determines appropriate.
- (b) **FORM OF REPORT.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.
- (c) **PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANY DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “private military company” means a business that offers specialized services related to war, conflict, and security, including combat operations, strategic planning, intelligence collection, operation and logistical support, training, procurement, and maintenance.

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146. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDSMAN OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING CHILD CARE FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS PERFORMING INACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING.**

(a) **STUDY AND REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report regarding the feasibility of providing child care—

- (1) through the military child development center of a military installation; and
- (2) to a member of the reserve components while such member performs inactive-duty training at such military installation.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

- (1) The term “inactive-duty training” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.
- (2) The term “military child development center” has the meaning given such term in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.

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147. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LARSEN OF WASHINGTON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XXVIII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . LAND CONVEYANCE, PAINE FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, EVERETT, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON.**

(a) **CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of the Air Force (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey to Snohomish County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington

(in this section referred to as the “County”) all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to three parcels of real property, including any improvements thereon and any related easements, consisting of approximately 14.23 acres, collectively, located on the Washington Air National Guard Base at Paine Field, Everett, Washington, for the purposes of—

(1) removing the property from the boundaries of the Air National Guard Base and accommodating the operational needs of the Snohomish County Airport—Paine Field; and

(2) the development of the parcels and buildings for economic purposes.

(b) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) subject to valid existing rights;

(2) subject to the condition that the County accept the real property, and any improvements thereon, in its condition at the time of the conveyance (commonly known as a conveyance “as is”);

(3) subject to any other terms and conditions as agreed to by the Secretary and the County; and

(4) subject to any other terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(c) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consideration for the conveyance under subsection (a), the County shall pay to the United States in cash an amount that is not less than the fair market value of the right, title, and interest conveyed under subsection (a), as determined by the Secretary based on an appraisal of the property.

(2) TREATMENT OF CONSIDERATION RECEIVED.—Consideration received by the United States under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the special account in the Treasury established under subsection (b) of section 572 of title 40, United States Code, and shall be available in accordance with paragraph (5)(B)(ii) of such subsection.

(d) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Air Force may require the County to cover all costs (except costs for environmental remediation of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), including costs related to real estate due diligence, and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts paid by the County to the Secretary in advance exceed the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the County.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Amounts received under paragraph (1) as reimbursement for costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a) shall be credited to the fund or account that was used to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the conveyance or to an appropriate fund or account currently available to the Secretary for the purposes for which the costs were paid.

Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(e) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

148. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF REDUCTION RELATING TO 6TH MEDICAL GROUP AT MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE IN TAMPA, FLORIDA.**

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the unintended consequences of the determination by the Director of the Defense Health Agency to make reductions with respect to the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base located in Tampa, Florida, pursuant to section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2197) and the amendments made by such section.

149. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONSULTATION REGARDING MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE.**

(a) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall conduct a behavioral health epidemiological consultation on unique social and occupational stressors affecting members of the Air Force assigned to at Creech Air Force Base and dependents of such members.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report that includes—

- (1) an executive summary of findings from consultation; and
- (2) recommendations regarding how to address key findings to improve the quality of life and resiliency of such members and dependents.

150. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title X the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON CERTAIN GRANTS AWARDED UNDER DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study on grants awarded under the defense community infrastructure pilot program established under section 2391(d) of title 10,

United States Code for supporting investments in child care options in areas in close proximity to military installations.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes—

(1) an accounting of all grants awarded under such pilot program to support investments in child care options in areas in close proximity to military installations;

(2) a list of best practices learned from grants awarded before the date of the enactment of this Act under such pilot program for investments in child care facilities;

(3) a description of barriers, if any, that inhibit the Secretary from awarding, on a more frequent basis, grants described in paragraph (1); and

(4) recommendations of the Secretary with respect to ensuring grants awarded under such pilot program are used to address shortages in child care options for military families.

(c) MILITARY INSTALLATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “military installation” has the meaning given such term in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code.

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151. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle B of title VI the following new section:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE ASSIGNED TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the feasibility of paying assignment incentive pay under section 307a of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Air Force assigned to Creech Air Force Base. The study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the financial stress experienced by such members, especially junior members with families, associated with—

(A) the daily commute to and from the base;

(B) the unique demands of the mission to remotely pilot aircraft; and

(C) limited access to essential services, including child care, housing, and readily accessible health care; and

(2) the overall cost to the United States, and financial relief provided by, such assignment incentive pay authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force in 2008 for such members.

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152. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 . . . REPORT ON AT-HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 39 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on at-home child care programs offered by each military department. Such report shall include—

(1) an identification of the number of such at-home child care programs that have opened, closed, or relocated during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date that this three years after such date;

(2) a summary of difficulties, if any, experienced by military spouses employed at such at-home child care programs with respect to—

(A) obtaining necessary certifications or licences; and

(B) opening, closing, or relocating such an at-home child care program; and

(3) a summary of effects, if any, that the opening, closing, or relocation of such an at-home child care program has on the employment rate of military spouses residing in geographic proximity to such at-home child care program.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a feasibility study on—

(A) standardizing the requirements of each military department relating to licensing and certification for at-home child care providers;

(B) removing barriers, if any, to the expansion of at-home child care programs described in subsection (a); and

(C) supporting the employment of military spouses in such at-home child care programs.

(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the submission of the report under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes the findings of such feasibility study.

153. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title XII the following:

**SEC. 12 . . . REPORT ON COORDINATION IN THE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of coordinating with private entities and State governments to provide resources and personnel to support technical exchanges under the Department of Defense State Partnership Program established under section 341 of title 10, United States Code. The report shall include—

(1) an analysis of the gaps in implementation of the State Partnership Program that could be addressed in coordination with private entities or State governments;

(2) the types of personnel and expertise that could be helpful to partner country participants in the State Partnership Program; and

(3) barriers to leveraging such expertise from private entities and State governments, as applicable, and

(4) recommendations for modifications to statute or regulation to address removing such barriers.

154. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LOUDERMILK OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . REPORT ON RECAPITALIZATION OF NAVY C-130 AIRCRAFT.**

Not later than February 1, 2024, the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on—

(1) the status of recapitalization of C-130 aircraft by 2030, as stated in the 2022 Navigation Plan of the Chief of Naval Operations; and

(2) the effects of such recapitalization on contested logistics and intra-theater airlift capacity.

155. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUNA OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 . PROVISION OF MEDICAL INFORMATION REGARDING A SEPARATING MEMBER.**

Subsection (d) of section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the heading and inserting “TRANSMISSION OF MEDICAL INFORMATION TO MEMBER AND DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS”;

(2) by striking “being medically separated or being retired under chapter 61 of this title” and inserting “separating or retiring from the armed forces”;

(3) by inserting “such member and” before “the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”; and

(4) by striking “within 60 days of” and inserting “not later than 12 days after”.

156. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUTTRELL OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title VIII, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 8 . REPORT ON THE AIR FORCE FIRST LOOK PROGRAM AND THE ARMY FIRST STOP PROGRAM.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report analyzing the initiatives of the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of the objectives of and results achieved by the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program.

(2) A description of criteria for participation in such Programs, including a description of contracts or other agreements relating to such participation.

(3) An analysis of the costs and benefits of participation in such Programs for all relevant parties.

(4) A description of the geographic and organizational scope of such Programs, including eligibility criteria, communication of opportunities to participate in such Programs, and implementation of such Programs.

(5) An analysis of available data for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 on the effectiveness of such Programs.

(6) An analysis of spending under such Programs for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, disaggregated by—

(A) element of the Department of Defense (as described in section 111(b) of title 10, United States Code);

(B) military installation;

(C) whether or not a business entity participating in the program is a small business concern; and

(D) with respect to small business concern participants, the North American Industrial Classification System code of such concern.

(7) A description of any initiatives at other elements of the Department similar to such Programs, including the number of military installations at which such initiatives are operating and a description of any training offered to participants in such initiatives on the use of a purchase card of the Department of Defense.

(8) With respect to commercial e-commerce portal providers participating in such Programs, a description of—

(A) how such providers, in coordination with commanders of military installations, provide outreach and education to small business concerns on participation in such Programs;

(B) the use of regulatory compliance protocols, including compliance with part 8 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (relating to “Required sources of supplies and services”);

(C) spending under such Programs for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, including—

(i) the number of unique small business concerns using the commercial e-commerce portal of the provider under such Programs;

(ii) the North American Industrial Classification System code of such concerns; and

(iii) the product or service purchased by each such concern and the cost of each such product or service; and

(D) the use of discounts or other incentives by such provider to encourage participation in such Programs.

(9) Participation rates in such Programs by small business concerns, disaggregated by military installation and North

American Industrial Classification System code of such concerns.

(10) Recommendations for legislative or administrative action, including a description of the resources required, to improve and expand such Programs.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “Air Force First Look Program” means the program of the Department of the Air Force that allow. users of a purchase card of the Department of Defense to purchase products from a commercial e-commerce portal in an amount less than the micro-purchase threshold using such card.

(2) The term “Army First Stop Program” means the program of the Department of the Army that allow. users of a purchase card of the Department of Defense to purchase products from a commercial e-commerce portal in an amount less than the micro-purchase threshold using such card.

(3) The term “commercial e-commerce portal” has the meaning given in section 846 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (41 U.S.C. 1901 note).

(4) The term “small business concern” has the meaning given under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

157. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 604. PROGRAM TO ASSIST SERVICE MEMBERS AT RISK OF SUICIDE.**

(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop and implement a centralized program to monitor and provide assistance to members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged from health care, as outlined in Recommendation 6.29 of the final report issued by the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The centralized program referred to in subsection (a) shall specify:

(1) The individual and agency responsible for conducting service member follow up.

(2) The time when initial follow-up will occur.

(3) The times when subsequent follow-ups will occur.

(4) The manner in which patients will be contacted.

(5) The process for documentation of follow-up attempts.

(6) The procedures for ensuring patient safety where patient is unreachable.

(7) The processes for medical treatment facilities to link mortality data to health care delivery data in order to better identify settings and patients at higher risk of suicide, further inform local suicide prevention strategies for targeted high-risk groups, and ensure compliance with reporting and investigating suicides occurring within 72 hours of discharge from a hospital.

(c) MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AT RISK OF SUICIDE.—For purposes of this section, the term “members of the Armed Forces

at risk of suicide” includes members of the Armed Forces who have attempted suicide and members of the Armed Forces who have been discharged as patients and who have been clinically assessed as benefitting from follow-up support related to suicide prevention.

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158. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGAZINER OF RHODE ISLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 34, after line 7, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_. REPORT ON NAVY SHIPBUILDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL INITIATIVE.**

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the status of the implementation of the Navy shipbuilding workforce development special incentive under section 8696 of title 10, United States Code.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum—

- (1) a description of each activity carried out under subsection (c)(2)(A) of such section to provide short- and long-term workforce housing, transportation, and other support services to facilitate attraction, relocation, and retention of workers; and
- (2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities.

Page 1033, after line 14, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_. GAO STUDY OF AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING..**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to identify and assess the availability of affordable housing in areas having high housing costs and military or defense-related facilities or operations and the effects that limited availability of affordable housing in such areas has on defense production and readiness. The study shall identify examples of successful models and best practices for effectively increasing affordable housing stock in such areas.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

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159. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGAZINER OF RHODE ISLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . SMART SLEEPERS AND BASSINETS AT MILITARY EXCHANGES.**

Subchapter I of chapter 147 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**§2486. Smart sleepers and bassinets at military exchanges**

“The Secretary of Defense shall sell, or make available for rent, sleepers and bassinets with up-to-date sleep technology through military exchanges.”.

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160. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGAZINER OF RHODE ISLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 . IMPROVEMENTS TO TRICARE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES.**

(a) VERIFICATION; UPDATES.—A managed support contractor that supports TRICARE and maintains a directory of health care providers shall verify and update such directory not less than once every 90 days.

(b) DATABASES.—A managed support contractor described in subsection (a) shall update a database not later than two days after receipt of information that affects such database.

(c) ANNUAL REVIEWS.—The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall review directories described in subsection (a) not less than once each year.

161. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MALLIOTAKIS OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VI the following:

**SEC. 6 . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO EQUAL BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING FOR STATEN ISLAND AND NEW YORK CITY.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should prescribe the same basic allowance for housing under section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, for the military housing area that includes Staten Island, New York, as the basic allowance for housing prescribed for the military housing area that includes New York City, New York.

162. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 695, line 14, strike “and” at the end.

Page 695, line 16, strike “forces.”;” and insert “forces; and”.

Page 695, after line 16, insert the following:

“(G) a description or estimation of the threat posed by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to European citizens or to member countries of the European Union.”.

163. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MASSIE OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. . REPORT ON WAR IN UKRAINE.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine that includes information on cau-

salities, wounded, and materials or equipment losses for both sides of the conflict.

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164. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MAST OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . . . REPORT ON THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE AND TECHNOLOGICAL INDUSTRIAL BASE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

(1) an assessment of the extent to which the inefficiencies and inadequacies of the defense and technological industrial base impede the timely production and delivery of air and missile defense components to the allies and partners of the United States located in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command;

(2) an assessment of the ongoing efforts of the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies to remedy inefficiencies and inadequacies described in paragraph (1); and

(3) a strategy for addressing the inefficiencies or inadequacies described in paragraph (1), including an evaluation of the benefits of procuring the components described in such paragraph from and industrial cooperation with allies and partners of the United States located outside the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be in an unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

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165. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE McCAUL OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. . . IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCED CAPABILITIES PILLAR OF THE TRILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (in this section referred to as the “AUKUS partnership”) is intended to positively contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region through enhanced deterrence;

(2) to this end, implementation of the AUKUS partnership will require a whole-of-government review of processes and procedures for Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to benefit from such partnership and, in particular, to support joint development of advanced capabilities;

(3) the Department of State plays a pivotal role in the administration of arms exports and sales programs under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) and the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

(4) the Department of State should work in coordination with the Department of Defense and other relevant United States Government agencies to seek to expeditiously implement the AUKUS partnership; and

(5) the Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, should clearly communicate any United States requirements to address matters related to the technology security and export control measures of Australia and the United Kingdom.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on efforts of the Department of State to implement the advanced capabilities pillar of the AUKUS partnership.

(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) For each of the calendar years 2021 and 2022—

(i) the average and median times for the United States Government to review applications for licenses to export defense articles or defense services to persons, corporations, and the governments (including agencies and subdivisions of such governments, including official missions of such governments) of Australia or the United Kingdom;

(ii) the average and median times for the United States Government to review applications from Australia and the United Kingdom for foreign military sales beginning from the date Australia or the United Kingdom submitted a letter of request that resulted in a letter of acceptance with; and

(iii) the number of applications from Australia and the United Kingdom for licenses to export defense articles and defense services that were denied or approved with provisos, listed by year.

(B) For each of the fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, the number of voluntary disclosures resulting in a violation of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) enumerated under section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780) or involving proscribed countries listed in section 126.1 of the ITAR, by persons, corporations, and the governments (including agencies and subdivisions of such governments, including official missions of such governments) of Australia or the United Kingdom, including information with respect to—

(i) any instance of unauthorized access to technical data or defense articles;

(ii) inadequate physical or cyber security;

(iii) retransfers or re-exports without authorization; and

(iv) employees of foreign companies that are United States persons that provide defense services without authorization.

(C) The value of any civil penalties assessed from 2017 to 2022 for disclosures or violations described in subparagraph (B) on United States applicants that involved foreign persons, foreign corporations, and foreign governments in the United Kingdom or Australia.

(D) A list of relevant United States laws, regulations, and treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party that govern authorizations to export defense articles or defense services that are required to implement the AUKUS partnership.

(E) An assessment of key recommendations the United States Government has provided to the governments of Australia and the United Kingdom to revise laws, regulations, and policies of such countries that are required to implement the AUKUS partnership.

(F) An assessment of recommended improvements to export control laws and regulations of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States that such countries should make to implement the AUKUS partnership and to otherwise meet the requirements of section 38(j)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(j)(2)), and the challenges Australia and the United Kingdom have conveyed in meeting these requirements including with respect to sensitive defense technology security controls.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

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166. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCLAIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

On page 314, line 19, in the header, insert “and International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCS)” before the colon.

On page 314, line 23, in the header, insert “and IBCLC” before “Certifications.”.

On page 315, line 5, in the header, insert “and IBCLC” before “Certifications.”.

On page 315, line 8, insert “and IBCLC” after “doula”.

On page 315, line 15, in the header, insert “and lactation” after “doula”.

On page 316, line 3, in the header, insert “and lactation” after “doula”.

On page 316, line 7, insert “and lactation care” after “doula care”.

On page 316, line 15, in the header, insert “and IBCLCs” after “doulas”.

On page 316, line 17, insert “and IBCLCs” after “doulas”.

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167. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
MCCLAIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

**SEC. 1859. REPORT ON TAIWAN AND UKRAINE RELATING TO CERTAIN  
WEAPONS SYSTEMS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees the report described in subsection (b)

(b) **REPORT DESCRIBED.**—The report described in this subsection is a report that includes the following:

(1) An assessment of weapons systems that the Government of Ukraine needs to defend itself from external aggression from the Russian Federation and other threats.

(2) An assessment of weapons systems that the Government of Taiwan needs to defend itself from external aggression from the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, and other threats.

(3) An assessment of where the weapons systems and supply chains described in paragraphs (1) and (2) converge and diverge.

(4) A strategy to ensure that both the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Taiwan can access the weapons systems described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(c) **FORM.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

168. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
MCCLAIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL EXERCISES.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of the Congress that it is in the national security interest of the United States for the Department of Defense to promote and support multilateral exercises in the United States Central Command and United States Africa Command area of operations that include Israel and United States regional partners and allies.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing efforts to—

(1) expand the frequency of bilateral and multilateral exercises involving Israel and United States regional partners and allies in the Middle East; and

(2) otherwise promote and participate in such exercises.

(c) **FORM.**—The report required by subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form and may contain a classified annex.

169. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 698, line 21, strike “.”.

Page 698, after line 21, insert the following:

“(e) HIRING AUTHORITY FOR INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USAID.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate the assignment of persons to assist on matters relating to the Inspectors General of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and United States Agency for International Development’s oversight of Ukraine response activities as well as to functions vacated by personnel assisting on matters relating to oversight of Ukraine response activities, the Inspectors General of the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development may—

“(A) appoint on a temporary basis using the authorities in section 3161 (without regard to subsection (b)(2) of such section) such personnel as the Inspector General considers appropriate;

“(B) employ Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees’ Retirement System annuitants for the purposes of assisting the Inspector General under this section;

“(C) employ Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System or the Foreign Service Pension System annuitants under chapter 8 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) for the purposes of assisting the Inspector General under this section; and

“(D) appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33, (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter), qualified candidates to the following series for the purposes of supporting the Inspector General’s oversight of Ukraine response activities under this section: 0080, 0201, 0301, 0343, 0340, 0511, 0560, 0905, 1530, 1801, 1805, 1811, 2210.

“(2) APPLICATION.—

“(A) COMPETITIVE STATUS.—A person employed under paragraph (1)(A) shall acquire competitive status for appointment to any position in the competitive service for which the employee possesses the required qualifications upon the completion of 13 months of continuous service as an employee under this section.

“(B) ANNUITANTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Reemployment of an annuitant under paragraph (1)(B) shall be subject to the provisions of section 9902(g) as if the Inspector General was the Department of Defense.

“(ii) FOREIGN SERVICE.—An annuitant reemployed under paragraph (1)(C)—

“(I) shall continue to receive an annuity;

“(II) shall not be considered a participant for purposes of chapter 8 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) or an

employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84; and

“(III) may elect in writing, not later than 90 days after the date of reemployment, to be subject to section 824 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064).

“(C) DIRECT HIRE.—Appointments under paragraph (1)(D) shall be capped at 45 positions per Office of Inspector General per year.

“(3) SUNSET.—The Inspectors General of the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development’s authority to appoint personnel under this section shall cease at the end of the first fiscal year in which the total amount appropriated to the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development for Ukraine response activities is less than \$1,000,000,000.”.

170. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGARVEY OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . . . MODIFICATION TO PILOT PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SBIR AND STTR AWARDS.**

Section 9(hh)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(hh)(2)) is amended by inserting “and each Secretary of a military department” before “shall establish”.

171. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title VII the following new section:

**SEC. . . . EXPANSION OF WOUNDED WARRIOR SERVICE DOG PROGRAM.**

Section 745 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 1071 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program, the Secretary of Defense shall award grants on a competitive basis directly to eligible entities in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall be a nonprofit organization, the primary function of which is raising, training, and furnishing assistance dogs.

“(3) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such in-

formation and assurances as such Secretary determines appropriate.

“(4) CONSIDERATION FOR GRANT AMOUNT.—In determining the amount of a grant awarded under this subsection, such Secretary shall consider—

“(A) the merits of the application submitted pursuant to paragraph (3);

“(B) whether, and to what extent, there is demand by covered members or covered veterans for assistance dogs provided by the eligible entity desiring such grant; and

“(C) the capacity and capability of such eligible entity to raise and train assistance dogs to meet such demand.

“(5) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity awarded a grant under this subsection shall use such grant to plan, design, establish, or operate a program to furnish assistance dogs to covered members and covered veterans, or any combination thereof.

“(6) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant awarded under this subsection may not exceed \$2,000,000.”.

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172. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MEEKS OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 354, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

(C) The access to adequate telehealth resources, including—

(i) for members described in subparagraph (B) and immediate family members (including military spouses), including access to equipment, bandwidths, and platforms used to deliver care; and

(ii) through the use of partnerships, consultation, and collaboration with private sector organizations and institutions, including with respect to using telehealth to provide mental health care.

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173. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENENDEZ OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

**SEC. 1535. IMPROVING OUTREACH RELATED TO CYBERSECURITY JOB PREPARATION.**

The Secretary of Defense shall make every reasonable effort to improve outreach to inform departing servicemembers, whether active duty or reserve, of the availability of credentialing opportunities related to cyber security, including improving the searchability functions of online resources for career training related to cybersecurity, as well as ensuring that Skillbridge includes a notice for all military members interested in cybersecurity job opportunities.

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174. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENG OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 728, line 3, insert “and a free, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region” before the period at the end.

175. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENG OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 1235. REPORT ON THE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the security relationship between the United States and the Hellenic Republic.

(b) REPORT CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of the basing rights granted to the United States under the updated U.S.-Greece Mutual Defense Cooperation Agreement (MDCA) signed October 14, 2021.

(2) A description of United States activities and investment on the bases covered in the MDCA since such date.

(3) An analysis of the potential for additional bases or expanded United States military presence in the Hellenic Republic, particularly on Greek islands.

(4) An assessment of the status of the security cooperation mandated by subtitle B of title XIII of division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81; 135 Stat. 1999; relating to the United States-Greece Defense and Interparliamentary Partnership Act of 2021).

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

176. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENG OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title V the following:

**SEC. 5. ACCESS TO ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES SYSTEM ON A PERSONAL INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICE.**

(a) ACCESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall ensure, subject to paragraph (2), that a member of the reserve components of the Army may access the Army Training Requirements and Resources System using a personal internet-enabled device.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the Army may restrict access to the Army Training Requirements and Resources System on personal internet-enabled devices if the Secretary determines such restriction is necessary to ensure the security and integrity of information systems and data of the United States.

(b) ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Army Training Requirements and Resources System” means the online, real-time information management system of the Army used to catalogue and manage training courses, or any successor to such system.

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177. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REMOVAL OF PRIESTS FROM WALTER REED MEDICAL HOSPITAL.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the provision of pastoral care by priests and religious leaders is vital for the spiritual and emotional well-being of military personnel and their families;

(2) Department of Defense medical facilities, including Walter Reed Medical Hospital, play a critical role in providing healthcare services to the military community;

(3) recent reports indicate that priests providing pastoral care at Walter Reed Medical Hospital were unexpectedly removed, disrupting the availability of spiritual support for patients and their families;

(4) the sudden removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital raises concerns about the effect on the religious and spiritual needs of patients during their healing process;

(5) priests offer invaluable guidance, comfort, and solace, and their presence is essential for individuals facing physical and emotional challenges; and

(6) the Department of Defense should investigate the circumstances surrounding the removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital and to take appropriate measures to ensure that patients have access to pastoral care services without interruption.

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178. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLER-MEEKS OF IOWA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 367. REPORT ON ELECTRONIC WASTE CONTAINING CRITICAL MINERALS.**

(a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the electronic waste of the Department of Defense that contains rare earth elements and other critical minerals. Such report shall include information on—

(1) types of electronic waste, such as shredded hard drives and other data storage devices, from which rare earth elements

and other critical minerals could be extracted, and the types of technologies that could be used for extraction, including proven, commercial acid-free dissolution recycling technology and green chemistry technology; and

(2) whether and how rare earth elements and other critical minerals extracted from electronic waste, could be returned to the domestic supply chain or United States stockpile of such elements and minerals.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(B) the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

(D) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(2) CRITICAL MINERAL.—The term “critical mineral” has the meaning given such term in section 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(a)).

(3) RARE EARTH ELEMENTS.—The term “rare earth elements” means neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium, and terbium.

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179. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, add the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON EXPEDITING FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SALES TO ISRAEL.**

(a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that maintaining Israel’s defense capabilities is a priority for national security interests of the United States, including the upgrading and sale of F–15s and F–35s to Israel.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit the report described in paragraph (2) to the congressional defense committees, the Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, and the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate.

(2) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report shall contain the following contents:

(A) The current state of, and delivery schedule for, the sale or transfer of F–15s and F–35s to Israel.

(B) A review of measures that could increase the overall production rate of these aircraft as appropriate or expedite the delivery schedule.

(c) FORM.—This report shall be transmitted in an unclassified manner and may contain a classified annex.

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180. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following new section:

**SEC. 1 . REPORT ON BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER PROGRAM.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the budget of the President for fiscal year 2025 is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on Block II of the Black Hawk helicopter program of the Army.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Identification of the level of funding requested for the Black Hawk Block II program for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2029 set forth separately by fiscal year and appropriations account.

(2) Requirements for the program that are sufficient to ensure the Black Hawk helicopters of the Army are systematically modernized to address obsolescence and provide capabilities that ensure relevance in the joint all domain operational environment.

(3) A program acquisition strategy.

181. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 304, line 2, strike “and” at the end.

Page 304, line 4, add “and” at the end.

Page 304, after line 4, insert the following:

(C) ensuring the safety and well-being of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities;

182. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 . UPDATES TO NATIONAL BIODEFENSE STRATEGY.**

(a) UPDATES REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall revise and update the most recent version of the national biodefense strategy and associated implementation plan required under section 1086 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 6 U.S.C. 104). In revising and updating the strategy and implementation plan, the Secretaries shall address—

(1) current and potential biological threats against the United States, both naturally occurring and man-made, either accidental or deliberate;

(2) the potential for catastrophic biological threats; and

(3) such other matters as the Secretaries determine appropriate.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional defense committees the updated strategy and implementation plan required under subsection (a).

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” has the meaning given that term in section 1086(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 6 U.S.C. 104).

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183. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7\_\_ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM.**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study, and submit to the Secretary of Defense and Congress a report, on how the Exceptional Family Member Program currently supports members of the Armed Forces and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including any limitations in the resources available under such Program that affect the delivery of necessary services and information for such members and their children, how to improve Program outcomes, and how mental health and other support services could be further integrated in the delivery of care under the Program.

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184. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7\_\_ . PERIODIC REPORTS ON TRICARE COVERAGE OF NARCAN.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress periodic reports on how the Department of Defense is ensuring adequate full TRICARE coverage of Narcan (Naloxone) for Members of the Armed Forces and their families.

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185. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7\_\_ . REPORT ON TRICARE AND CHAMPVA IN-HOME AND NURSING CARE.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on any discrepancies between in-home and nursing care provided under TRICARE and CHAMPVA.

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186. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOSKOWITZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7 . STUDY ON EFFECT OF CANCER DRUG SHORTAGES.**

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the effect of the cancer drug shortage on veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

187. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title I, add the following new section:

**SEC. 1 . REPORT ON DIVESTMENT OF MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEMS.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Concurrent with the submission to Congress of the budget of the President for fiscal year 2025 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that—

(1) identifies each major weapon system the Secretary proposes to divest in the period of five fiscal years following the date of the report; and

(2) for each proposed divestment, includes an explanation of—

(A) the timeline for the divestment;

(B) any cost savings associated with the divestment;

(C) the rationale for the divestment; and

(D) the expected status of the weapon system after divestment.

(b) MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEM DEFINED.—In this section, the term “major weapon system” has the meaning given that term in section 3455(f) of title 10, United States Code.

188. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOYLAN OF GUAM OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. . REPORT ON PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM CAPACITY.**

Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the reliability and capacity of the Port Authority of Guam to support Department of Defense operations in Guam and shall include in such report an assessment of—

(1) the capacity of the Port Authority of Guam to address shipping demands of the Department of Defense;

(2) the feasibility and costs associated with dredging at the wharf of the Port Authority of Guam and the impact of such dredging to the Department of Defense with respect to—

(A) the size of the vessels that such dredging would allow for shipping into Guam; and

(B) whether such dredging would result in savings to the Department;

- (3) the feasibility of such dredging, including a description of—
- (A) what such dredging would entail;
  - (B) the process to relocate and preserve coral;
  - (C) the types of environmental studies needed; and
  - (D) timelines associated with such dredging; and
- (4) whether such dredging would address the readiness and mission considerations of the Department of Defense.

189. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOYLAN OF GUAM OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON UTILITY REQUIREMENTS IN GUAM.**

Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the utility requirements in Guam that are necessary to support Department of Defense missions and shall include in such report an assessment of—

- (1) the reliability of power utility poles in Guam with respect to military readiness and mission considerations and the extent to which such utility poles can sustain inclement weather conditions and acts of mother nature;
- (2) the feasibility and costs associated with the construction of underground power supplies with respect to the reliability and capacity of the demand of the Department of Defense;
- (3) the reliability of the water and wastewater infrastructure in Guam with respect to military readiness and mission considerations; and
- (4) the feasibility and costs associated with investing to improve such infrastructure with respect to the reliability and capacity of the demand of the Department of Defense.

190. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CURRICULUM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a standardized training curriculum for military vehicle operations, encompassing both classroom and practical training components.

(2) DEVELOPMENT.—The training curriculum under paragraph (1) shall be developed in collaboration with subject matter experts, experienced members of the Armed Forces, and relevant stakeholders, and shall cover essential topics such as vehicle dynamics, safety procedures, hazard recognition and avoidance, defensive driving techniques, and vehicle recovery methods.

(3) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the training curriculum under paragraph (1) is regularly updated to incorporate emerging best practices and technological advancements in military vehicle operations.

## (b) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a certification program to validate the proficiency of members of the Armed Forces in military vehicle operations.

(2) DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—The certification program shall be designed to ensure that all members of the Armed Forces, regardless of deployment status, receive adequate training in military vehicle operations before being assigned to operational duty.

(3) ASSESSMENTS.—The certification program shall include written exams, practical assessments, and evaluations of demonstrated competence.

(4) NOTICE OF COMPLETION.—Notice shall be issued to members of the Armed Forces who successfully complete the training program and meet the established proficiency criteria.

## (c) DEADLINES.—

(1) DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence the development and implementation of the training curriculum under subsection (a) and the certification program under subsection (b).

(2) DEADLINE FOR FULL INTEGRATION.—Not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the training curriculum under subsection (a) and the certification program under subsection (b) shall be fully integrated into military training programs.

## (d) TRAINING DELIVERY METHODS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) develop a comprehensive and interactive training methodology that combines traditional classroom instruction with hands-on, practical training exercises:

(2) encourage the use of modern training technologies, simulators, and realistic training environments to enhance effectiveness of the training program; and

(3) ensure that training materials are up-to-date, accessible, and tailored to the specific vehicle types and operational environments members of the Armed Forces are likely to encounter.

## (e) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND EVALUATIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) update reporting mechanisms used to collect and analyze data related to military vehicle incidents, including vehicle rollovers, and the causes of such incidents;

(2) conduct regular evaluations of the effectiveness of the training under this section in reducing incidents and improving the proficiency of military vehicle operators; and

(3) promptly implement any recommendations for program improvements based on the results of such data and evaluations.

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191. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 . MILITARY TRAINING AND COMPETENCY DATABASE.****(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—**

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish—

(A) a centralized database, to be known as the “Military Training and Competency Database” (referred to in this section as the “Database”), to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) a process to make the information in the database available to States and potential employers to assist in determining if the training provided to a member or former member of the Armed Forces satisfies civilian licensing and certification requirements.

(2) CONTENTS.—The Database shall include following information for each member of the Armed Forces:

(A) Name, rank, and military service identification number.

(B) Branch of service and specialty.

(C) Details of completed training courses, certifications, and qualifications.

(D) Any other information the Secretary determines appropriate.

(3) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a process to make the information contained in the Database available to States and other employers upon request to assist such States and employers in verifying whether the training and qualifications of a member or former member of the Armed Forces satisfies relevant civilian licensing or certification requirements.

(4) SECURITY AND ACCESSIBILITY.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Database is secure, easily accessible, and regularly updated to reflect the training and qualifications acquired by members of the Armed Forces.

**(b) COMPETENCY REPORTS.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—Based on the information in the Database the Secretary of Defense shall provide to each member of the Armed Forces a document that outlines the training and qualifications acquired by a member while serving in the Armed Forces. Such document shall be known as a “competency report”.

(2) FORMAT AND CONTENTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop a standardized format for competency reports, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

(A) Relevant personal details about the member.

(B) Description of training courses, certifications, and qualifications obtained.

(C) Date and duration of each completed training.

(D) Authorized signatures and other necessary authentication.

(3) AVAILABILITY.—Competency reports shall be provided to members of the Armed Forces upon their separation or retirement from the Armed Forces.

**(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—**

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish the necessary regulations, procedures, and timelines for the implementation of this section.

(2) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall allocate sufficient resources to ensure the effective establishment, maintenance, and accessibility of the Database and the development and distribution of competency reports to members of the Armed Forces.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the implementation and effectiveness of the Database and any recommendations of the Secretary for improving the Database. The report shall include feedback and recommendations from States and other employers regarding the usability and accuracy of the Database and the competency reports described in subsection (b).

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192. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following new section:

**SEC. 3 . RESPONSIVENESS TESTING OF DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY PHARMACEUTICAL CONTRACTS.**

The Director of the Defense Logistics Agency shall modify Defense Logistics Agency Instructions 5025.03 and 3110.01.—

(1) to require Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support to coordinate annually with customers in the military departments to conduct responsiveness testing of the Defense Logistics Agency's contingency contracts for pharmaceuticals; and

(2) to include the results of that testing, as reported by customers in the military departments, in the annual reports of the Warstopper Program.

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193. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle J of title V the following new section:

**SEC. . STUDY AND REPORT ON REFORMS TO CERTAIN GRACE PERIODS UNDER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) STUDY.—The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall conduct a comprehensive study on military grace period reforms, specifically focusing on the impact of unit tasking during TAP on the ability of servicemembers to transition to civilian life. The study shall include the following elements:

(1) A review of the current practices within the military branches regarding unit tasking during TAP and its effect on service members' transition process.

(2) An analysis of the challenges faced by service members when balancing their primary duties with the demands of TAP including the impact on their mental health, family life, and overall preparedness for civilian life.

(3) An assessment of current military grace periods that allow for unplanned periods of leave, temporary duty, deployments, or other unplanned periods of non-availability, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the such current military grace periods.

(4) Recommendations for the creation of a code or policy that allows servicemembers who are currently enrolled in TAP to report in only to their respective command, ensuring that such servicemembers can fully focus on the transition process.

(5) A description of any necessary resources, support systems, or additional training required to implement the proposed reforms effectively.

(6) Any other relevant information or recommendations deemed necessary by the Undersecretary of Defense to improve TAP and facilitate a successful transition for servicemembers.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the study, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representative and the Senate a report that includes—

(1) the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the study under subsection (a); and

(2) a comprehensive plan of action, including proposed timelines, milestones, and resource requirements, for the implementation of the recommended military grace period reforms under such subsection.

(c) COORDINATION.—The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness may request and utilize the support of other relevant government agencies, as appropriate, in conducting such study.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “military grace period reforms” refers to a set of changes or amendments made to existing laws or policies that establish a designated period of time, commonly known as a grace period, during certain administrative processes or restrictions that may apply to service members in transition.

(2) The term “TAP” means the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense under sections 1142 and 1144, of title 10, United States Code.

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194. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ON HOUSING WAITLISTS.**

(a) WAITLIST ACCOMMODATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who, when undergoing a permanent change of station, are placed on a waitlist for on-base housing for a period of more than 10 days following the date of arrival at the new location, temporary accommodations for the entire duration of such period appropriate for the total size and composition of the family of the member and at a rate not to exceed the basic allowance for housing calculated for such member under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

- (1) installation-specific data on the number of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents on military housing waitlists;
- (2) an identification of the time spent by each such member and their dependents awaiting appropriate housing accommodations;
- (3) an analysis of the factors that are creating the need for such waitlists; and
- (4) an assessment of the causes of waitlist durations that exceed 10 days.

195. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following:

**SEC. 7 . REPORT ON ACCESS OF TRICARE BENEFICIARIES TO NETWORK RETAIL PHARMACIES.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies under the TPharm5 contract and changes in beneficiary access versus the TPharm4 contract.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of pharmacy access in rural areas under such contracts, including:

(A) The number of TRICARE beneficiaries and number of TRICARE network retail pharmacies located in rural areas.

(B) The average drive time to the nearest TRICARE network retail pharmacy for a beneficiary residing in rural areas.

(C) The number of beneficiaries who live farther than a 15-minute drive to a TRICARE retail network pharmacy.

(D) An assessment of medication compliance rates for beneficiaries residing in rural areas for the three years prior to October 24, 2022 compared to the period-to-date following October 24, 2022.

(2) An analysis of TRICARE retail pharmacy network capabilities under such contracts, including the number of network pharmacies offering—

(A) long-term care services;

(B) prescription drug compounding services; and

(C) home infusion therapy services.

(3) An analysis of affected beneficiaries and their use of the TRICARE Pharmacy program under TPharm4 and TPharm5, including:

(A) Data on affected beneficiaries' use of MTF pharmacies, TRICARE mail order program, Accredo, departed retail pharmacies, network retail pharmacies.

(B) An assessment of medication compliance rates for affected beneficiaries for the three years prior to October 24,

2022 compared to the period-to-date following October 24, 2022.

(C) Data on affected beneficiaries' use of pharmacies that offer long-term care services, compound pharmacies, home infusion therapy.

(D) The number of affected beneficiaries and number of total TRICARE beneficiaries by age group: Under age 18, 18-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65-79, 80 and older.

(4) An analysis on the effect on long-term care residents under TPharm4 and TPharm5, including:

(A) The number of beneficiaries who filled at least one prescription at a pharmacy that provides long-term care services.

(B) The number of beneficiaries who filled prescriptions at a single long-term care pharmacy only with no prescriptions filled via mail order, MTF pharmacy, or another retail pharmacy.

(5) An analysis of non-network pharmacy use by TRICARE beneficiaries under TPharm4 and TPharm5, disaggregated by rural beneficiaries, non-rural beneficiaries, affected beneficiaries, rural affected beneficiaries, and non-rural affected beneficiaries:

(A) The number of beneficiaries who used a non-network pharmacy.

(B) The number of non-network claims submitted.

(C) For all non-network claims submitted—

(i) the average TRICARE allowed amount per prescription;

(ii) the average TRICARE amount paid per prescription; and

(iii) the average beneficiary out-of-pocket cost per prescription.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “affected beneficiary” means a beneficiary who filled at least one prescription in the year preceding October 24, 2022 at a departed pharmacy.

(2) The term “beneficiary” has the meaning given that term in section 1074g(i) of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “departed retail pharmacy” means a retail pharmacy that participated in the TRICARE network in September, 2022 but left the network with the transition to the TPharm5 contract.

(4) The term “network pharmacy” means a retail pharmacy described in section 1074g(a)(2)(E)(ii) of title 10, United States Code.

(5) The term “rural”—

(A) with regards to a location, has the meaning given such term in section 343(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)); and

(B) with regards to a beneficiary, has the meaning used by the Secretary of Defense in the administration of section 1074g of title 10, United States Code.

(6) The term “TPharm4” means the period covered by the 4th Generation pharmacy contract under TRICARE prior to Octo-

ber 24, 2022 when the retail network reduction went into effect.

(7) The term “TPharm5” means the period covered by 5th Generation pharmacy contract under TRICARE to date.

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196. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO JAMES CAPERS, JR. FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

(a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in sections 8298(a) and 8300 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 8291 of such title, to James Capers, Jr. for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of James Capers, Jr., as a member of the Marine Corps, during the period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

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197. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF NAVAL VESSEL AFTER MAJOR JAMES CAPERS, JR..**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name a vessel of the United States Navy the “U.S.S. Major James Capers Jr.” in honor of Major James Capers, Jr., for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of James Capers, Jr., as a member of the Marine Corps, during the period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

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198. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Insert in the appropriate place in title XVIII of division A the following:

**SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_ . DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS PERFORMING RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Section 4001 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Whenever issuing a statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing a project or program that is funded in whole or in part with Federal funding, a person performing a research or development project under paragraph (1) or (5) of subsection (b) shall clearly state the following:

“(1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding.

“(2) The dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program.

“(3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.”.

(b) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS UNDER STEVENSON-WYDLER TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ACT OF 1980.—Section 4026 of such title is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary of Defense” and inserting the following:

“(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense”;

(2) in subsection (a), as designated by paragraph (1), in the second sentence, by striking “Technology may” and inserting the following:

“(b) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.—Technology may”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Whenever issuing a statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing a project or program that is funded in whole or in part with Federal funding, a person performing a research or development project pursuant to a cooperative research and development agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall clearly state the following:

“(1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding.

“(2) The dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program.

“(3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.”.

(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should direct the operating divisions of the Department of Defense to design and implement processes to manage and administer grantees’ compliance with the requirements added by this section, including determining to what extent to provide guidance to grantees on calculations.

199. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OBERNOLTE OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Insert at the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XXVIII the following:

**SEC. 28 . NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN NAVY INSTRUCTION TO JOHNSON VALLEY, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.**

Section 2945(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66) is amended by inserting “and notwithstanding the instruction number 11011.47D of the Secretary of the Navy issued on June 26, 2019 (or a subsequent similar instruction),” after “subtitle,”.

200. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OCASIO CORTEZ OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following new section:

**SEC. 3 . COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON ACCELERATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP OF VIEQUES AND CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.**

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of a study conducted by the Comptroller General on the status of the Federal cleanup and decontamination process in the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico.

(b) CONTENTS.—The study shall include a comprehensive analysis of the following:

(1) The pace of ongoing cleanup and environmental restoration efforts in the former military training sites in Vieques and Culebra.

(2) Any potential alternatives to accelerate the completion of such efforts, including their associated costs.

(3) Any effects such alternatives might have on the public health and safety of island residents and steps that can be taken to mitigate risks.

(4) The views of residents of Vieques and Culebra regarding actions that should be taken to achieve the cleanup process more expeditiously and successfully.

(5) Any adverse health outcomes resulting from toxic matter at the sites or cleanup procedure in and avenues to compensate local communities for economic losses and medical costs incurred.

(6) The economic impact that the cleanup process has had on local residents due to restricted use of land for tourism and other activities and avenues to compensate local communities for economic losses.

201. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OGLES OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . INVITATION TO TAIWAN TO THE RIM OF THE PACIFIC EXERCISE.**

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall extend an invitation to the naval forces of Taiwan to fully participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercise conducted in 2024.

202. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO THOMAS H. GRIFFIN FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.**

(a) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—Congress recognizes the following acts of valor by Thomas Helmut Griffin:

(1) Thomas Helmut Griffin distinguished himself by valorous actions against overwhelming odds while serving as a captain in the Army, Senior Advisor, 4/5 Infantry Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

(2) From March 1, 1969 through March 3, 1969, during the Vietnam War, such battalion was ordered to forestall an imminent attack on Quang Ngai City threatened by units of the North Vietnamese Army (hereinafter, “NVA”). The 4/5 Battalion engaged unabatedly with an entrenched NVA regiment over the course of three days. Captain Griffin (hereinafter, “CPT Griffin”) risked his life and disregarded his personal safety, all above and beyond his duty, on some 20 occasions, to lead his battalion in the fight as well as direct gunships, air, and artillery strikes on the enemy positions.

(3) During the initial phase of battle, CPT Griffin made numerous trips across 50 meters of open ground, while under heavy automatic weapon, rocket, and small arms fire, to advise on the conduct of the battle and better direct strikes against enemy forces. Fearing slaughter of his soldiers, CPT Griffin, with one of his counterparts from the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter, “ARVN”), charged directly into heavy enemy fire and assaulted a machine gun bunker. CPT Griffin continued these runs, despite the enemy shooting the heels off CPT Griffin’s boots.

(4) After taking out the NVA bunker, CPT Griffin brandished the captured machine gun and rocket launcher to exhort his battalion out of the kill zone and continue the assault into the enemy entrenchments while remaining exposed to heavy fire. CPT Griffin’s raw and intense close combat leadership galvanized his battalion to move out of the kill zone and continue their mission.

(5) CPT Griffin’s ARVN counterpart was struck by close fire, and CPT Griffin unhesitatingly carried the wounded commander to safety while shielding him with his own body against rocket and artillery fire. CPT Griffin proceeded to carry

four more wounded soldiers to safety while protecting them with his own body, returning each time against devastating enemy fire. While leading the final attack, CPT Griffin was hit three times in the chest by enemy small arms fire, yet continued to lead at the forefront of his battalion until the mission was completed. Under CPT Griffin's command and leadership, the 4/5 Battalion continued to reduce the enemy regiment's fighting capacity.

(6) CPT Griffin's personal leadership in intense close combat resulted in a major win for his battalion against overwhelming odds, killing 93 enemy soldiers and saving the lives of over 300 allied soldiers by galvanizing and leading them out of the kill zone.

(7) CPT Griffin's selfless devotion to duty, his extraordinary heroism, conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, and numerous risks of his life above and beyond the call of duty, are all in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army, and reflect great credit on himself, the Armed Forces, and the United States.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following with regards to the original decision to award a Silver Star to Thomas Helmut Griffin:

(1) When awarding him the Silver Star, CPT Griffin's chain of command was unaware of the full extent of his valorous actions and the numerous risks he took for his soldiers, all above and beyond the call of duty.

(2) Congress notes that although CPT Griffin was struck three times by enemy fire, and at one point was completely surrounded by the enemy, he continued to fight and lead his battalion against devastating and overwhelming enemy fire.

(3) Congress notes that CPT Griffin's Commanding Officer, Colonel Dean E. Hutter (ret.), sent a letter to the Department of the Army dated November 6, 2013, in which he accounts for the revelation of additional, substantive and material evidence not known at the time of the decision to award the Silver Star, and in which he describes as compelling "the justice of upgrading CPT Griffin's sustained and varied acts of combat valor to their rightful level of recognition, the Medal of Honor".

(4) Congress further notes that Colonel Hutter issued a letter to former United States Representative Sam Farr on September 15, 2011, noting his support for an upgrade from a Silver Star to a Medal of Honor, having recognized CPT Griffin's acts of valor as, "numerous, selfless demonstrations of personal risk in pressing a close-combat attack against a well-entrenched element of a battalion-size enemy formation".

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO THOMAS HELMUT GRIFFIN FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 7271 of such title, to Thomas Helmut Griffin for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(2) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of Thomas H. Griffin during the period of March 1 through March 3, 1969, while serving as a captain in the Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

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203. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. 1859. PROMOTING THE MILTAX PROGRAM AND TAX PREPARATION SERVICES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each member of an Armed Force under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department receives, not later than March 1 of each calendar year, an annual written notice by mail, an electronic mail, or in person notice, electronic notification of the availability of the MilTax program and other tax preparation assistance programs furnished by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than the date which is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a written report to Congress regarding the rates of participation by members described in subsection (a) in the programs described in such subsection.

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204. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XV, add the following new section:

**SEC. 15 . . . . . UPDATED STRATEGY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELATING TO INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander of the United States Strategic Command and the Commander of the United States Cyber Command, shall develop a strategy that updates the strategy contained in the document of the Department of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 (in this section referred to as the “updated strategy”).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The updated strategy shall—

(1) build upon the document of the Department of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 and the goals outlined in the 2022 National Defense Strategy;

(2) provide for each of the activities under subsection (c);

(3) serve as the lead document for the Joint Force with respect to organizing and using information as a component of military strategy;

(4) establish consistency in the understanding of, and the conduct of operations in, the information environment across the Armed Forces;

(5) reflect changes in the information environment, and operations conducted in such environment, since 2018; and

- (6) categorize information operations based on current uses in military campaigns, to enable better staffing, training, and funding for specific types of operations in the information environment.
- (c) ELEMENTS.—The updated strategy shall include the following:
- (1) The designation of information as a military domain, for the purpose of facilitating—
    - (A) improved treatment of the information domain within the National Defense Strategy;
    - (B) more effective tasking of roles and responsibilities within each Armed Force for the Secretaries concerned to meet objectives in the information environment;
    - (C) improved organization, with respect to the use of information as a tool for military purposes, of—
      - (i) forces across each Armed Force; and
      - (ii) the various combatant commands.
  - (2) The designation of specific categories for the various components of information operations as follows:
    - (A) A category to be known as “operations in the information environment”, inclusive of the components of information operations that—
      - (i) support the achievement of objectives at the tactical and operational levels; and
      - (ii) through such achievements, establish information operations as a national component of power, by contributing to the hard or soft power of the United States (such as the military capabilities or economic strength of the United States, respectively).
    - (B) A category to be known as “special information operations”, inclusive of the components of information operations that enable the Joint Force and interagency forces to address nontraditional problem sets, particularly with respect to—
      - (i) operations that occur in the gray zone; or
      - (ii) competition below the threshold of armed conflict.
    - (C) A category to be known as “long-term public diplomacy”, inclusive of the components of information operations that—
      - (i) require synchronized themes, messaging, symbols, and narratives, with long term organization incentive structures to achieve a coherent effect;
      - (ii) involve an organizational structure that incentivizes collaboration between the Department of Defense and other relevant Federal departments and agencies; and
      - (iii) prioritizes long-term public diplomacy.
  - (3) The establishment of working definitions for each of the categories listed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2), taking into consideration the corresponding descriptions provided in such subparagraphs.
  - (4) An assessment of potential means to synchronize efforts between combatant commands that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, offer information operations training to meet

requirements established by the categorization of information operations proposed in paragraph (2), including—

- (A) the Marine Corps Information Operations Command;
- (B) the 16th Air Force;
- (C) the Army 1st Information Operations Command; and
- (D) the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

(d) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate an interim report on the implementation of this section, including—

- (1) an interim plan for the updated strategy, to include a proposed implementation plan and a framework for the future submission of quarterly progress reviews under subsection (e)(4).
- (2) any funding requirements to implement the updated strategy; and
- (3) any other resources necessary to implement the updated strategy, as identified by the Secretary of Defense.

(e) DEADLINE; FINAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and, with respect to the matter specified in paragraph (4), on a quarterly basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing—

- (1) a copy of the completed updated strategy;
- (2) an implementation plan for the updated strategy;
- (3) an outline of an investment framework that identifies planning priorities and funding requirements to implement the updated strategy according to such plan; and
- (4) a progress review with respect to the status of the implementation of the updated strategy.

205. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 12 . INCLUSION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES IN PLANNING AND STRATEGY RELATING TO THE ARCTIC REGION.**

(a) STRATEGY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of the United States Northern Command, shall develop and submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a Special Operations Forces Arctic Security Strategy, applicable across each component of the special operations forces and within each Armed Force (in this section referred to as the “strategy”).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy shall—

- (A) build upon the findings of the report under section 1090(a)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for

Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) and the 2022 National Defense Strategy;

(B) facilitate a consistent understanding of Arctic security priorities across the Department of Defense and a common understanding of the use and purpose of special operations forces for Arctic activities across the Armed Forces, combatant commands, and other relevant elements of the Department of Defense; and

(C) promote greater use and prioritization of special operations forces capabilities, particularly with respect to the special operations force of the Army, in Arctic security planning and coordination with Indigenous populations and High North allies and partners.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall include the following:

(1) A plan for the leveraging of North American Indigenous Arctic populations, and the establishment of working definitions and parameters for cooperation with such populations in the following areas:

(A) Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance gathering.

(B) Improved Arctic training and operation tactics, techniques, and procedures.

(C) Empowering local populations to create solutions to regional issues.

(D) Building resilience against invasion and occupation and enhancing deterrence capabilities.

(E) Improving the capacity of allies and partners to build capabilities in the region that produce advantages against adversaries.

(F) Building United States credibility for combat operations in the region.

(G) Demonstrating United States commitment to improving living standards in the region.

(H) Any other area the of the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command determines appropriate.

(2) A requirement that special operations forces achieve readiness with respect to not more than two Arctic environments.

(3) With respect to terminology and working definitions of the Department—

(A) a requirement that—

(i) the use of the terms “Arctic-capable” and “Arctic-ready” may no longer be used in any document or other material produced by the Department of Defense that outlines Arctic strategies;

(ii) the replacement terms “Arctic-trained” and “Arctic-proficient” shall be used in lieu of “Arctic-capable” and “Arctic-ready”, respectively; and

(iii) the Department shall provide clear definitions and readiness requirements for each replacement term under clause (ii).

(B) a review of terminology, and the use of such terminology, relating to military doctrinal readiness (such as the terms “trained” and “proficient”) in the Arctic context, to

ensure that the Armed Forces meet operational expectations and may fully partake in joint-training exercises with allies and partners of the United States.

(4) A description of the conditions necessary to establish a standardized pathway for self-validation for each Armed Force that requires units to be Arctic capable, with such standardized pathway being tailored to each Armed Force but consistent with respect to shared terminology, an agreed upon list of Arctic environments, and agreed upon standards to become Arctic capable in each such environment.

(5) A requirement that the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of the United States Northern Command, include in any future years plan for the Arctic Security Initiative required under section 1090(b)(2)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) the following:

(A) Updates on ongoing priorities for Arctic objectives of the special operations forces.

(B) Assessments of the integration of Arctic operations of the special operations forces, including the use of Indigenous approaches to domain awareness.

(C) A description of the activities and resources needed for the special operations forces to obtain readiness in the Arctic region, including manning, training, equipping, and funding requirements.

(D) Any other matter the Commander of the United States Northern Command and the Secretary of Defense jointly determine appropriate.

(6) A requirement that, on an annual basis, the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a progress report (in unclassified form, but with the option of including a classified annex) on the implementation and use of the strategy, including—

(A) an assessment of the ability of the strategy to address new and ongoing concerns;

(B) areas relating to the strategy in need of improvement, including any new funding necessary;

(C) use of the strategy across each Armed Force; and

(D) an updated threat assessment with respect to the Arctic region.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “special operations forces” means forces described under section 167(j) of title 10, United States Code.

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206. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PAPPAS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10\_\_ . ASSESSMENT OF SUICIDE RISK AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

(a) PROCEDURE.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and in col-

laboration with the Defense Suicide Prevention Office. shall establish a procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the strategy and procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations.

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207. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PASCRELL JR. OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY AND REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF LIFTING OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION THERAPY MAXIMUMS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of lifting outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for members of the Armed Forces who—

(1) are serving on active duty and who

(2) have suffered a brain injury while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces; and

(3) are TRICARE beneficiaries.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall include the examination of a range of therapy services, including restorative therapies and therapies intended to improve cognitive and functional capabilities.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than twelve months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that includes the findings and conclusions of the study required by subsection (a).

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208. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PASCRELL JR. OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON APPROVAL OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACCREDITATION BODIES FOR TRANSITIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL BRAIN INJURY TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs for members of the Armed Forces who sustained a brain injury while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces.

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209. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title I, insert the following:

**SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON USE OF GOVERNMENT DOCKS FOR SHIP REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE.**

On an annual basis, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that—

(1) identifies each instance in the year preceding the date of the report in which the Navy used a Government dock for a ship repair and maintenance availability when sufficient capacity was available in private docks during the period in which such repairs and maintenance were expected to be performed; and

(2) for each such instance, provides an explanation of the reasons the Navy used a Government dock rather than a private dock.

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210. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERSEN OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 . . . STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN MEDICAL SUPPORT DURING OPERATIONS OF ARMED FORCES IN ARCTIC REGION.**

(a) STRATEGY.—Not later than May 3, 2024, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces and the Joint Staff Surgeon, shall develop a strategy to sustain medical support during operations of the Armed Forces in the Arctic region, with a focus on addressing medical challenges related to extreme cold weather environments.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An identification of future extreme cold weather medical requirements and capabilities necessary to support operational health and readiness in Arctic conditions.

(2) An identification of any current or potential partnerships with institutions of higher education with academic medical centers, or other entities, to support current and future medical requirements of members of the Armed Forces in extreme cold weather environments.

(3) Requirements of the Department of Defense for laboratories and medical product development, including requirements for research and development to support the transition and fielding of medical products for extreme cold weather environments.

(4) An identification of extreme cold weather medical capability gaps and actions necessary to close or mitigate those gaps.

(5) Recommendations to amend relevant clinical practice guidelines to treat injuries sustained in extreme cold weather environments.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs completes the development of the strategy under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on such strategy.

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211. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
PETTERSEN OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . GUIDE FOR SURVIVORS TO CLAIM THE PERSONAL EF-  
FECTS OF A DECEASED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation of the Secretaries of the military departments, shall publish and post on the website of Military OneSource a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Forces may—

- (1) receive the personal effects of such member; and
- (2) file a claim with the Secretary of the military department concerned if the survivor believes such effects were disposed of incorrectly.

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212. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFLUGER  
OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II of division A, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPECTRUM CERTIFICATION.**

- (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—
  - (1) use of Link 16 is vitally important to national defense;
  - (2) the 2002 Memorandum of Agreement signed between the Department of Defense and Department of Transportation regarding Link 16 use in the 960–1215 MHz frequency band, resulted in the Departments jointly developing a methodology to facilitate Electromagnetic Compatibility Features (EMCF) certification which ensures frequency deconfliction of Link 16 from air traffic systems;
  - (3) in 2009 the Department of Defense was endorsed to certify all future Link 16 terminals, eliminating the need for NTIA EMCF demonstrations;
  - (4) recent issues between Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration coordination over Electromagnetic Compatibility Features along with the expanded use of software defined radios and agile software practices within the Department of Defense have caused significant delays to needed national security capabilities, detrimental training impacts, Department of Defense safety risks that adversely impact national security, incur excess taxpayer expense, and make current certification processes incompatible with maintaining spectrum dominance over adversary nations;
  - (5) the Department of Defense is responsible for the testing of numerous systems and has the requisite knowledge, experience, and expertise to conduct self-certification of Department radio systems and are currently performing the testing required to support radio system certification;
  - (6) only those changes, hardware or software based, that impact EMCF of a Department of Defense radio should require recertification IAW Appendix A of The Department of Defense and Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the 960–1215 MHz Frequency Band and that the weapon system program manager is best positioned to make

the determination of any impacts hardware or software changes may have;

(7) the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System/Multi-Function Information Distribution System (Link 16) Certification of Spectrum Support and NTIA Manual of Regulations for Federal Radiofrequency Spectrum Management grants approval for uncoordinated operations of Link 16 systems if meeting certain restrictions; authorizing the Department of Defense to internally manage Link 16 use on certified systems subject to documented restrictions;

(8) Link 16 use not meeting requirements for uncoordinated operations can be approved if coordinated with the FAA;

(9) in over 45 years of use, there are no recorded instances of Department of Defense use of Link 16 causing interference with air traffic systems; and

(10) as agreed to by both the Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration, Link 16 policies must be updated to keep pace with agile development practices and ensure safe and effective spectrum dominance for national defense.

(b) **POLICIES REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement policies to adapt Link 16 system management and certification to align with agile development practices.

(c) **ELEMENTS.**—The policies required by subsection (b) shall include the following:

(1) A standardized process through a Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Manual, to allow Link 16 frequency use within approved special use airspaces for the purpose of testing radio systems and associated software that have not completed electromagnetic compatibility features certification.

(A) Such processes shall at minimum ensure routine and continued approval for test operations of developmental systems in the Nevada Test and Training Range, Restricted Area 2508, Warning Area 151/470, Warning Area 386, and the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

(B) Standardized mitigations that enable routine approval including effective radiated power settings and coordination for rapid test termination may be considered.

(2) Processes to streamline approval or denial of temporary frequency assignment for Link 16 operations to not more than 15 days for test, training, and large-scale exercises.

(A) Such processes shall cover operations in excess of uncoordinated operations time slot duty factor limits, inclusion of foreign participants, and participation of non-stage 4 approved terminals or platforms.

(B) Consideration shall be given to delegation of sole authority for temporary frequency assignment to the Department of Defense and the automation of such decision-making process.

(3) Delegation of authority to the system program manager to determine when new software within Department Link 16 terminals affect electromagnetic compatibility features and requires recertification.

(4) The self-certification of Department radio compliance with electromagnetic compatibility features.

(5) Processes to internally manage Link 16 uncoordinated operations that enable approval for test, training, and exercises that does not exceed 15 days for systems holding an active radio frequency authorization or temporary frequency assignment.

(d) INFORMATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees—

(1) a briefing on the policies developed pursuant to subsection (b), along with a timeline for implementation; and

(2) a list of such additional resources or authorities as the Secretary determines may be required to implement such policies.

(e) TESTING REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense shall conduct, sponsor, or review testing and analysis that determines if any effects on commercial air traffic systems are possible due to Link 16 terminals which have not completed electromagnetic compatibility features certification and quantifies any such effects. Such testing shall evaluate Link 16 transmission within plus or minus 7 megahertz of the 1030 and 1090 megahertz frequency bands to determine if effects on commercial air traffic systems are possible, under what conditions such effects could occur, and the impact of such effects.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the testing conducted pursuant to paragraph (1), with an emphasis on procedures that can and will be implemented to negate harmful effects on commercial air traffic from the use of Link 16 terminals or platforms that have not completed electromagnetic compatibility features certification, within special use airspace.

213. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFLUGER OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title III, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR REALISTIC TRAINING EXERCISES UNDER CONTESTED AND AUSTERE CONDITIONS.**

(a) REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall increase, through the development of new exercises or the expansion of existing exercises, the use of theater-wide and component-level training exercises that stress operations conducted under contested and austere conditions, including the conditions described in paragraph (4).

(2) TIER 1 EXERCISES.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that, at a minimum, each exercise of the Armed Forces classified as a “tier 1 exercise” is conducted, in part or in whole, under such contested and austere conditions.

(3) ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES.—Each exercise developed or expanded under paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the performance of that exercise from, at a minimum, the perspective of—

- (A) operational command; and
  - (B) control and tactical execution.
- (4) **CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.**—The conditions described in this paragraph are conditions involving the following:
- (A) Limited command and control.
  - (B) Contested logistics.
  - (C) The use of non-electronic dependent communications.
  - (D) The use of alternate positioning, navigation, and timing methods.
  - (E) The conduct of operations in a highly degraded electromagnetic environment with widely dispersed forces.
- (b) **EXERCISES AT JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX.**—The Secretary of Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary to improve the infrastructure and associated resources required to carry out effective training exercises under contested and austere conditions, including the conditions described in paragraph (4), at the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

214. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFLUGER OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 . . . ANNUAL REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

(a) **REPORTS REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on incidents involving unmanned aerial systems and related training exercises.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—Each report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the period of one year preceding the date of the report—

- (1) a summary any actions taken to respond to real-world incidents involving unmanned aerial systems;
- (2) a description of any training exercises conducted to test, evaluate, and refine procedures to defend against unmanned aerial systems; and
- (3) a comprehensive evaluation of the processes and procedures used for designing and conducting such exercises, including an explanation of whether such exercises incorporate—
  - (A) live flown evaluations in representative scenarios;
  - (B) minimal use of “white cards”, simulated effects, and advanced notice to executing personnel; and
  - (C) a rotating sample of locations to improve personnel training.

215. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFLUGER OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. 12 . . . ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR AERIAL REFUELING.**

(a) **TRAINING ISRAELI PILOTS TO OPERATE KC-46 AIRCRAFT.**—

- (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall—

- (A) make available sufficient resources and accommodations within the United States to train members of the Israeli Air Force on the operation of KC-46 aircraft; and
- (B) conduct training for members of the Israeli Air Force, including—
- (i) training for pilots and crew on the operation of the KC-46 aircraft in accordance with standards considered sufficient to conduct coalition operations of the United States Air Force and the Israeli Air Force; and
  - (ii) training for ground personnel on the maintenance and sustainment requirements of the KC-46 aircraft considered sufficient for such operations.
- (2) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall, with respect to members of the Israeli Air Force associated with the operation of KC-46 aircraft—
- (A) before the completion of the training required by paragraph (1)(B), authorize the participation of such members of the Israeli Air Force in the United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program;
  - (B) make available billets in the United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program necessary for such members of the Israeli Air Force to participate in such program; and
  - (C) to the extent practicable, ensure that such members of the Israeli Air Force are able to participate in the United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program immediately after such members complete such training.
- (3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall cease to have effect on the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment of this Act.
- (b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that includes the following:
- (1) An assessment of—
    - (A) the current operational requirements of the Government of Israel for aerial refueling; and
    - (B) any gaps in current or near-term capabilities.
  - (2) The estimated date of delivery to Israel of KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of Israel.
  - (3) A detailed description of—
    - (A) any actions the United States Government is taking to expedite the delivery to Israel of KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of Israel, while minimizing adverse impacts to United States defense readiness, including strategic forces readiness;
    - (B) any additional actions the United States Government could take to expedite such delivery; and
    - (C) additional authorities Congress could provide to help expedite such delivery.
  - (4) A description of the availability of any United States aerial refueling tanker aircraft that are retired or are expected to

be retired during the two-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act that could be provided to Israel.

(c) FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES KC-46 AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL.—

(1) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that describes the capacity of and requirements for the United States Air Force to forward deploy KC-46 aircraft to Israel on a rotational basis until the date on which a KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of Israel is commissioned into the Israeli Air Force and achieves full combat capability.

(2) ROTATIONAL FORCES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Secretary of Defense shall, consistent with maintaining United States defense readiness, rotationally deploy one or more KC-46 aircraft to Israel until the earlier of—

- (i) the date on which a KC-46 aircraft procured by the military forces of Israel is commissioned into such military forces and achieves full combat capability; or
- (ii) five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may only carry out a rotational deployment under subparagraph (A) if the Government of Israel consents to the deployment.

(C) PRESENCE.—Beginning on January 1 of the first calendar year that commences after the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, rotational deployments of United States KC-46 aircraft shall be present in Israel for not less than 270 days during each 1-year period until the applicable date under subparagraph (A).

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216. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFLUGER OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . OUTREACH ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES AND NOMINATION PROCESS.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, shall—

- (1) establish a program under which Department of Defense personnel shall provide outreach in each congressional district to increase awareness of the benefits of the military service academies and academy nomination process; and
- (2) make available sufficient resources to facilitate the program required by paragraph (1).

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217. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, insert the following:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO MILITARY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.**

The Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) provide a centralized location for, and promote awareness of, information about foster and adoption-related policies and available Department of Defense support to better assist military foster and adoptive families, including by providing such information through Military OneSource, using a designated point person on an installation, or through an existing installation program office;

(2) ensure that the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director of Defense Human Resource Activity, revises AFI 36-3026, Volume 1, in cooperation with other components of the Department of Defense, as appropriate, to make it consistent with Department of Defense regulations on the required documents to enroll foster children in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System; and

(3) ensure that the Secretaries of the military departments identify opportunities to regularly promote to all employees responsible for enrollment in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System awareness of accurate information and guidance, with respect to enrolling both foster and pre-adoptive children, including by coordinating with relevant offices to promote awareness of the guidance through annual trainings or other training mechanisms.

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**218. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POCAN OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle A of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING AN UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION.**

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress made by each component of the Department of Defense that has not yet received an unqualified audit opinion on the progress made and the significant outstanding challenges toward achieving an unqualified opinion.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a ranking of each of the components that is under stand-alone audit or being audited as part of the Department of Defense consolidated audit that has yet to receive an unqualified audit opinion in order of how advanced each component is in achieving an unqualified audit opinion;

(2) a detailed summary of the outstanding financial, technological, and personnel requirements to enable each component to receive an unqualified audit opinion;

(3) a detailed summary of the financial investments made during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year during which the report is submitted in efforts to modernize the business and financial accounting systems of the Department;

(4) a status update of the implementation of the Department of the recommendations of the Comptroller General included in the report titled “DoD needs to Improve System Oversight” (GAO-23-104539); and

(5) a summary of the strategy of the Department to address shortfalls and potential future training and skills gaps in the financial accounting and oversight workforce.

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219. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PORTER OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 7 . . . STUDY ON USE OF ROUTINE NEUROIMAGING MODALITIES IN DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION OF BRAIN INJURY DUE TO BLAST PRESSURE EXPOSURE DURING COMBAT AND TRAINING.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of the use of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among members of the Armed Forces due to one or more blast pressure exposures during combat and training.

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an interim report on the methods and action plan for the study under subsection (a).

(2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date on which the Secretary begins the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the results of such study.

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220. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PORTER OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 . . . STUDY ON CONSTRUCTION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a recommendation for a strategy for military construction projects for a sufficient number of child development centers (as defined in section 2871 of title 10, United States Code) as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at such child development centers.

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221. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POSEY OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in title III, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRIORITY FOR DOMESTICALLY SOURCED BOVINE HEPARIN.**

In selecting heparin for acquisition by the Department of Defense (regardless of whether the end use of such acquisition involves military or civilian application), the Secretary of Defense shall provide priority for domestically sourced, fully traceable, bovine heparin approved by the Food and Drug Administration when available.

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222. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ARMY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INTEGRATION CENTER.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) the Army Artificial Intelligence Integration Center has proven effective at accelerating the deployment of cutting edge capabilities by integrating research and education across multiple functions and personnel levels and facilitating close collaboration with leading universities and both traditional and non-traditional firms;
- (2) Congress and the Department of Defense should continue to pursue the efforts described in paragraph (1) as part of the modernization strategy of the Army; and
- (3) Congress encourages the Army to continue to scale up those efforts.

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223. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 519. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO MEASURES TO ADDRESS SUICIDE AMONG FORMER NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

It is a sense of Congress that—

- (1) since 2020, the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Reports have not included information regarding former members of the Guard and Reserve Components who were not activated for military service; and
- (2) Congress encourages the Department of Defense in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs to monitor and ensure appropriate measures are available to reduce suicides in this population.

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224. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CLOSING AUSTIN'S PLAYROOMS AT CERTAIN MILITARY HOSPITALS.**

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to close the Austin's Playrooms at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune, or Naval Medical Center San Diego.

**225. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Add at the end of subtitle G of title VIII the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING EXPLOSION WELDING.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) The joining of certain dissimilar metals, particularly steel with alloy metals such as stainless steel, brass, nickel, silver, titanium, and zirconium, requires explosion welding.

(2) Explosion welding employs hundreds of highly skilled workers within the United States.

(3) Explosion welded alloys can be found in every major United States naval platform, particularly in Columbia-class submarines, Ford-class aircraft carriers, and Arleigh Burke-class destroyers.

(b) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) explosion welding is a critical capability for ensuring the national security of the United States and its allies;

(2) a limited number of domestic companies produce explosion welded alloys that satisfy Department of Defense requirements;

(3) if domestic sources fail, demand would be fulfilled by China, creating an immediate supply chain vulnerability; and

(4) the Department of Defense should take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the United States has a reliable and domestic source for explosion welding to support United States military needs.

**226. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON RESEARCH RELATING TO LIGHTWEIGHT ADVANCED CARBON MATERIALS .**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should support development-stage research of lightweight advanced carbon materials such as coal-derived graphite and carbon foam for use in electromagnetic interference shielding, signature reduction, aerospace tooling, and other defense applications.

(b) **REPORT.**—No later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on any research efforts of the Department of Defense relating to the potential use of lightweight advanced carbon materials for de-

fense applications. Such report shall include an explanation of any research demonstrating the potential use of coal-derived carbon foam as—

- (1) a passive heat exchanger for jet blast diverters on aircraft carriers, electromagnetic interference shielding and signature reduction;
- (2) aerospace tooling; and
- (3) high-temperature insulation.

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227. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RESCHENTHALER OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RARE EARTH MAGNET SUPPLY CHAIN.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) rare earth magnets power critical technologies and national security systems, from missiles, sensors, and jets to advanced energy technologies and consumer electronics;
- (2) a robust domestic supply of rare earth elements and critical materials would support a strong and durable national defense posture; and
- (3) as the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment fulfills its responsibilities related to the development of secure, reliable, and domestically-sourced critical and strategic materials, Congress encourages the Secretary of Defense to continue supporting projects that onshore domestic extraction, processing, and manufacturing capabilities of the domestic supply chain of rare earth permanent magnets essential to defense and national security applications.

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228. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RODGERS OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH AMPUTATIONS.**

It is the sense of Congress that increasing geopolitical threats, combined with recruitment challenges experienced by the Armed Forces, are a threat to the national security interests of the United States, therefore, the Secretary of Defense should issue medical waivers to an individual seeking to serve in the Armed Forces who is precluded from serving solely because of a non-service-connected amputation.

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229. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RODGERS OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following new section:

**SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . CERTIFICATION AND COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT RELATING TO PREPOSITIONED STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) CERTIFICATION.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than March 15, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the commanders of the combatant commands, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a certification in writing that the prepositioned stocks of the Department of Defense meet all operations plans, in both fill and readiness, that are in effect as of the date of the submission of the certification. Such certification shall include an identification by the Secretary of—

- (A) the quantities of equipment included in such stock;
- (B) whether such equipment is sufficiently modernized;
- (C) the state of readiness of such equipment; and
- (D) the air and missile defense capabilities protecting such equipment, if any.

(2) REQUIREMENTS IF STOCKS DO NOT MEET OPERATIONS PLANS.—If the Secretary is unable to certify that any of the prepositioned stocks of the Department meet the operations plans specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include with the certification a list of the operations plans affected, a description of any measures that have been taken to mitigate any risk associated with prepositioned stock shortfalls, and an anticipated timeframe for the replenishment of the stocks.

(3) FORM.—The certification required under paragraph (1) may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted, shall include an unclassified summary.

(b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than March 15, 2024, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the sufficiency of the prepositioned stocks of the Department of Defense to meet all operations plans, in both fill and readiness, that are in effect as of the date of the submission of the report. Such report shall include an assessment by the Comptroller General of each of the matters listed in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(1).

**230. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RODGERS OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6 \_\_\_\_ . ELIMINATION OF CAP ON ADDITIONAL RETIRED PAY FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM ERA.**

Title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1402(f)(2), by striking “The amount” and inserting “Except in the case of a member who served during the Vietnam Era (as that term is defined in section 12731 of this title), the amount”;

(2) in section 7361(a)(2), by inserting “(except in the case of a member who served during the Vietnam Era, as that term is defined in section 12731 of this title)” after “based”; and

(3) in section 9361(a)(2), by inserting “(except in the case of a member who served during the Vietnam Era, as that term is defined in section 12731 of this title)” after “based”.

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231. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10** \_\_\_\_ . **SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF MQ-9 REAPER IN AREA OF OPERATIONS OF UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND.**

It is the sense of Congress that the MQ-9 Reaper should be used to the greatest extent possible in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.

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232. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8** \_\_\_\_ . **OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL CHINESE COMPANY INVESTMENT PROHIBITION.**

Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of Strategic Capital in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering may not invest in or guarantee or otherwise facilitate any investment in any entity—

(1) incorporated under the laws of the People’s Republic of China; or

(2) of which more than 50 percent is owned, directly or indirectly, by—

(A) citizens of the People’s Republic of China;

(B) entities incorporated under the laws of the People’s Republic of China; or

(C) any combination of the individuals and entities described in subparagraphs (A) and (B).

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233. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 625, line 11, insert “and that the Indo-Pacific is a joint theater of operations that requires joint coordination among all service branches in order to meet the challenges of the region” before the period at the end.

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234. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROY OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 699, line 1, strike “to provide for” and all that follows through the period on line 6 and insert the following:  
for the following:

(1) To provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations, including within the territory of Ukraine, relating to the programs and operations

funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine.

(2) To provide for the independent and objective leadership and coordination of, and recommendations on, policies designed to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse in such programs and operations described in paragraph (1).

(3) To provide for an independent and objective means of keeping the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress on corrective action.

Page 699, line 14, insert “, with the advice and consent of the Senate” before the period.

Page 700, after line 14, insert the following new paragraph:

(7) INDEPENDENCE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDITS.—No officer of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the United States Agency for International Development shall prevent or prohibit the Special Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation related to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any such audit or investigation.

Page 701, beginning line 1, strike “The duties of the Special Inspector General are as follows” and insert “It shall be the duty of the Special Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the treatment, handling, and expenditure of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine, and of the programs, operations, and contracts carried out utilizing such funds. Such duty shall also include the following”.

Page 701, after line 7, insert the following (and redesignate all subsequent paragraphs accordingly):

(2) The investigation of overpayments such as duplicate payments or duplicate billing and any potential unethical or illegal actions of Federal employees, contractors, or affiliated entities and the referral of such reports, as necessary, to the Department of Justice to ensure further investigations, prosecutions, recovery of further funds, or other remedies.

(3) The oversight and accounting of the obligation and expenditure of such funds; the monitoring and review of contracts funded by such funds.

(4) The monitoring and review of the transfer of such funds and associated information between and among departments, agencies, and entities of the United States and private and nongovernmental entities.

(5) The maintenance of records on the use of such funds to facilitate future audits and investigations of the use of such funds.

Page 703, after line 12, insert the following (and redesignate all subsequent subsections accordingly):

(e) EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Special Inspector General may obtain services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at daily rates not to exceed the

equivalent rate prescribed for grade GS-15 of the General Schedule by section 5332 of such title.

(f) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—To the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, the Special Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Special Inspector General.

Page 704, after line 5, insert the following:

(4) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, shall provide the Special Inspector General with—

(A) appropriate and adequate office space at appropriate locations of the Department of State or the Department of Defense (as the case may be) in Ukraine, or at an appropriate United States military installation in the European theater, together with such equipment, office supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of such offices, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for such offices and the equipment and facilities located therein; and

(B) appropriate and adequate support for audits, investigations, and related activities by the Special Inspector General or assigned personnel within the territory of Ukraine.

(5) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon request of the Special Inspector General for information or assistance from any department, agency, or other entity of the Federal Government, the head of such entity shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, furnish such information or assistance to the Special Inspector General, or an authorized designee.

(B) REPORTING OF REFUSED ASSISTANCE.—Whenever information or assistance requested by the Special Inspector General is, in the judgment of the Special Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not provided, the Special Inspector General shall report the circumstances to the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, and to the appropriate congressional committees without delay.

Page 704, line 15, strike “is submitted” and all that follows through line 19 before the period and insert the following:

is submitted, the activities during such period of the Special Inspector General and the activities under programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine. Each report shall include, for the period covered by such report, a detailed statement of all obligations, expenditures, and revenues associated with military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine, including the following:

(i) Obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds.

(ii) Operating expenses of agencies or entities receiving amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine.

(iii) In the case of any contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism described in paragraph (4)—

(I) the amount of the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism;

(II) a brief discussion of the scope of the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism;

(III) a discussion of how the department or agency of the United States Government involved in the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism identified, and solicited offers from, potential individuals or entities to perform the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism, together with a list of the potential individuals or entities that were issued solicitations for the offers; and

(IV) the justification and approval documents on which was based the determination to use procedures other than procedures that provide for full and open competition.

(iv) An accounting comparison of—

(I) the military and nonmilitary support provided to Ukraine by the United States; and

(II) the military and nonmilitary support provided to Ukraine by other North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries, including allied contributions to Ukraine that are subsequently backfilled or subsidized using United States funds.

Page 706, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly):

(4) COVERED CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AGREEMENTS, AND FUNDING MECHANISMS DESCRIBED.—A covered contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism described in this paragraph is any major contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism that is entered into by any department or agency of the United States Government that involves the use of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine with any public or private sector entity for any of the following purposes:

(A) To build or rebuild physical infrastructure of Ukraine.

(B) To establish or reestablish a political or societal institution of Ukraine.

(C) To provide products or services to the people of Ukraine.

(D) To provide lethal or nonlethal weaponry to Ukraine.

(E) To otherwise provide military or nonmilitary support to Ukraine.

Page 706, after line 17, insert the following (and redesignate all subsequent subsections accordingly):

(h) REPORT COORDINATION.—

(1) TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE.—The Special Inspector General shall also transmit each report required by subsection (g) to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after receipt of a report pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall separately submit to the appropriate congressional committees any comments on the matters covered by the report. Such comments shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex if the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, considers it necessary.

(B) ACCESS.—On request, any Member of Congress may view the comments submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A), including the classified annex.

(i) TRANSPARENCY.—

(1) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees of a report required by subsection (g), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of the report available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

(2) COMMENTS ON MATTERS COVERED BY REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees pursuant to subsection (h)(2)(A) of comments on a report required by subsection (g), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of the comments available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

(j) WAIVER.—

(1) AUTHORITY.—The President may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (i) with respect to the public availability of any element in a report required by subsection (g), or any comment submitted pursuant to subsection (h)(2)(A), if the President determines that the waiver is justified for national security reasons.

(2) NOTICE OF WAIVER.—The President shall publish a notice of each waiver made under this subsection in the Federal Register no later than the date on which a report required by subsection (g), or any comment submitted pursuant to subsection (h)(2)(A), is submitted to the appropriate congressional committees. The report and comments shall specify whether waivers under this subsection were made and with respect to which elements in the report or which comments, as appropriate.

(3) Rule of construction.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to authorize the President to waive any requirement under subsection (h)(2) with respect to the availability of comments submitted pursuant to such subsection.

Page 709, after line 17, insert the following:

(n) FINAL REPORT.—The Special Inspector General shall, prior to the termination of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance under subsection (m), prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a final forensic audit report on programs and operations funded with amounts appro-

priated or otherwise made available for the military and non-military support of Ukraine.

(o) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 to carry out this section.

(2) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for “Operation and maintenance, defense-wide—Line 490—Office of the Secretary of Defense, is hereby reduced by” \$20,000,000.

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235. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROY OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING FUNDING TO IRANIAN ENTITIES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available, directly or indirectly, to—

(1) the Government of Iran;

(2) any person owned or controlled by the Government of Iran;

(3) any person that is on the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury and the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; or

(4) any person owned or controlled by a person described in paragraph (3).

(b) **EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.**—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to activities subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.

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236. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRIER OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 18 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON SYSTEM DEPENDENCIES, UPTIME, AND KEY FACTORS OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the electronic health record system and other system dependencies, uptime, and key factors that affect the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(b) **REPORT.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include each of the following:

(1) A list of the information technology systems, infrastructure, and entities of the Department of Defense pertaining to

the electronic health record system of the Department with which the Department of Veterans Affairs has an operational or technical dependency.

(2) A list of instances of electronic health record system and associated system downtime, performance degradations, outages, or incidents of the Department of Defense during fiscal year 2023, including, for each such instance each of the following:

- (A) The duration.
- (B) The results of a root cause analysis.
- (C) Any after action reporting.
- (D) The accountable office within the Department.
- (E) An indication of whether the Department of Veterans Affairs was also affected.

(3) Any steps taken by, or plan of, the Secretary of Defense to address, mitigate, or resolve the instances identified in paragraph (2), as well as the an identification of any uptime goals for any system affected by an instance identified in paragraph (2).

(4) Any steps taken by the Secretary of Defense to improve governance, coordination, and policy decisions conducted with or affecting the Secretary of Veterans Affairs related to electronic health record systems and associated systems of the Department of Defense with which the Department of Veterans Affairs has an operational or technical dependency.

(5) A plan or schedule, if any, to modernize or replace systems of the Department of Defense pertaining to identity management or patient registration, including the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, with which the Department of Veterans Affairs has an operational or technical dependency.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and
- (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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237. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 50, line 2, after “produced by” insert “any of the following:”.

Page 50, line 3, after “(also known as ‘CATL’)” insert “; BYD Company, Limited; Envision Energy, Limited; EVE Energy Company, Limited; Gotion High tech Company, Limited; Hithium Energy Storage Technology company, Limited;”.

Page 50, line 4, strike “Company” and insert “companies”.

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238. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REVIVAL OF AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION OF NATO NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SUBMARINE SAFETY PROGRAMS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subsection (e) of section 8634 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Subsection (a) of such section 8634 is amended by striking “the Secretary of the Navy may conduct a program” and inserting “the Secretary of the Navy may conduct a program beginning on or after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”.

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239. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title IX, insert the following:

**SEC. 9 \_\_\_\_ . ADDITION OF COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS TO NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY.**

Section 2165(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph (6):

“(6) The College of International Security Affairs.”

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240. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SEWELL OF ALABAMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title III, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . AIR FORCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION.**

(a) **INCREASE.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for the Operation and Maintenance, Air Force—Training and Recruiting—Line Number 330—Professional Development Education is hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for the Operation and Maintenance, Navy—Administration—Line Number 450 is hereby reduced by \$2,000,000.

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241. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SEWELL OF ALABAMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_\_\_ . FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SOFTWARE FACTORIES.**

(a) **INCREASE.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Air Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for management support, acquisition workforce-cyber, network and business systems (PE 0605829F), line 115, is hereby

increased by \$10,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used in support of Department of Defense software factories).

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, administration, line 450, is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000.

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242. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHERRILL OF NEW JERSEY OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle H of title V, add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR TRANSITIONING MEMBERS THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGES.**

(a) **SKILLBRIDGE.**—The Secretary of Defense may conduct outreach to community colleges in order to enter into more agreements with such community colleges that may provide training or internships to members of the Armed Forces pursuant to the Skillbridge program established under section 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code.

(b) **CENTERS FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EDUCATION.**—The Secretary of Defense may conduct outreach and provide assistance to community colleges to support the creation of centers at such community colleges through which members of the Armed Forces eligible for Skillbridge and veterans may receive job training.

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243. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SLOTKIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS OF CERTAIN CLEANUP EFFORTS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall publish on the publicly available website established under section 331(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 2701 note) timely and regularly updated information on the status of the cleanup of sites for which the Secretary has obligated amounts for environmental restoration activities.

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244. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XXVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . LAND CONVEYANCE, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, NEW JERSEY.**

(a) **CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of the Navy may convey to Colts Neck Township, New Jersey (in this section referred to as the “Township” ), all right, title, and interest of the

United States in and to a parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 3.13 acres and currently used by the Township for school bus parking.

(b) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Navy shall require the Township to cover costs to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), including survey costs, costs for environmental documentation related to the conveyance, and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts are collected from the Township in advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the Township.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be credited to the fund or account that was used to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the land conveyance under subsection (a) or, if the period of availability of obligations for that appropriation has expired, to the appropriations of a fund that is currently available to the Secretary for the same purpose. Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the parcel of real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy.

(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of the Navy may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

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245. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title X the following:

**SEC. 10 . GAO REVIEW AND REPORT ON BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS EXPERIMENTS ON AND IN RELATION TO TICKS, TICK-BORNE DISEASE.**

(a) REVIEW.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of research conducted during the period beginning on January 1, 1945, and ending on December 31, 1970, by the Department of Defense, including by the Department of Defense in consultation with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, or any other Federal agency on—

(1) the use of ticks as hosts or delivery mechanisms for biological warfare agents, including experiments involving Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales; and

(2) any efforts to improve the effectiveness and viability of Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales as biological weapons through combination with other diseases or viruses.

(b) **LOCATION OF RESEARCH.**—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall review research conducted at facilities located inside United States and facilities located outside the United States, including laboratories and field work locations.

(c) **REVIEW OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall review any relevant classified information.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report, which shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex, that includes the following:

- (1) the scope of any research described in subsection (a); and
- (2) whether any ticks used in such research were released outside of any facility (including any ticks that were released unintentionally); and
- (3) whether any records related to such research were destroyed, and whether such destruction was intentional or unintentional.

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246. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON ACTIVITY OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN CAMBODIA.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the congressional committees specified in subsection (c) a report assessing—

- (1) the involvement of the Government of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) or the People's Liberation Army (PLA) (used herewith to include the People's Liberation Army Navy) in upgrading existing facilities or constructing new facilities at Ream Naval Base and Dara Sakor Airport in Cambodia;
- (2) any actual or projected benefits, including any enhancement of the power projection capabilities of the PLA, that the Government of the PRC, the CCP or the PLA may accrue as a result of such upgrades or construction;
- (3) the impact that the presence of the PLA in Cambodia may have on the interests, allies, and partners of the United States in the region;
- (4) any efforts undertaken by the United States Government to convey to the Government of Cambodia the concerns relating to the presence of the PLA and the Government of the PRC in Cambodia and the impact that presence could have on security in the South China Sea and the Indo-Pacific region more broadly and on adherence to the Constitution of Cambodia;
- (5) the impact the presence of the PLA in Cambodia, as well as closer government-to-government ties between Cambodia and the Government of the PRC, including through investments under the Belt and Road Initiative, has had on the deterioration of democracy and human rights inside Cambodia;

(6) any party-to-party training, coordination or other links between the CCP and the Cambodian People's Party; and

(7) any other ongoing activities by the PLA or any other security services of the Government of the PRC in Cambodia.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

(c) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The congressional committees specified in this subsection are—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

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247. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 13 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO TAIWAN IN DEVELOPING AN ASYMMETRIC NAVAL SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITY.**

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report, along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate congressional committees that contains an assessment of—

(1) the feasibility of providing assistance to Taiwan in developing an asymmetric naval self-defense capability;

(2) whether Taiwan's self-defense capability would be enhanced by small, high-speed, long-range (200 or more nautical miles), extreme-weather-capable, reduced-radar-signature boats with the capacity for launching missiles, addressing sub-surface threats or delivering and recovering small troop units to coastal and littoral locations in the vicinity of the Taiwan Strait, and, if so, in what number and in what configurations;

(3) whether existing and planned Tuo Chiang class catamaran-hulled corvettes are naval assets capable of contributing to an effective asymmetric naval self-defense strategy; and

(4) the effectiveness of Taiwan's existing larger-platform surface naval fleet, including Keelung-class destroyers, Cheung Kung-class frigates, Chi Yang-class frigates, and Kang Ding-class frigates for self-defense; and

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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248. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10\_\_\_. REPORT ON BASIC UNDERWATER DEMOLITION/SEAL TRAINING PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House or Representatives a report on the Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training program (in this section referred to as “BUD/S”) during the period beginning on the date of the induction of BUDS Class 319 and ending on the date of completion of the most recently completed BUD/S class as of the date of the enactment of this Act. Such report shall include—

(1) the standards, metrics, training doctrine, purposes, and administration of BUD/S;

(2) the standards and practices governing medical care provide to candidates undergoing BUD/S training;

(3) the standards and qualifications informing the selection of instructors for BUD/S;

(4) the training pathway for candidates prior to induction for BUD/S;

(5) any changes governing training and screening for candidates prior to induction;

(6) any changes regarding the composition, qualifications, and conduct of the instructor cadre at BUD/S;

(7) the policies regarding civilian participation in BUD/S, such as retired Navy personnel;

(8) any changes to policies regarding retired civilian personnel participating in BUD/S instruction;

(9) all instances of candidates who died, or suffered serious injury necessitating separation from the Navy during BUD/S;

(10) policies set forth governing standard operating procedures in the case of the death of a candidate at BUD/S;

(11) accountability actions related to incidents that resulted in the death or serious injury of BUD/S candidates; and

(12) corrective actions implemented after the death or serious injury of BUD/S candidates.

(b) ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT.—The Secretary of the Navy shall submit, with the report required under subsection (a) accompanying documents outlining the standards of conduct, training doctrine, instructor qualification, and medical care, used by Naval Special Warfare Command to inform the training standards and provide operational direction to BUD/S.

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249. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO FACILITATE URGENT ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall waive any requirement for a member of the Armed Forces to undergo an intake screening from a provider of the Department of Defense at a military medical treatment facility prior to receiving a mental health care service from a TRICARE-authorized civilian provider if the Director determines—

- (1) such service may not be provided at a military medical treatment facility during the 48-hour period following the time at which the member presents with the condition requiring such service; and
- (2) urgent circumstances necessitate the rapid provision of such service.

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**250. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SORENSEN OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

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

**SEC. 3 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DECOMMISSIONING OF TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY UNITS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the costs associated with the prospective decommissioning, reduction, or termination of any Tactical Air Control Party unit of the Air Force planned during the three fiscal years following the date of the enactment.

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**251. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SOTO OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Page 562, line 8, insert “or where there are significant space launch or mission control facilities” after “operates”.

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**252. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPANBERGER OF VIRGINIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle C of title V, insert the following:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PERSONS WHO SERVED WITH THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES DURING PART OF WORLD WAR II IN DEFINITION OF MISSING PERSON.**

Section 1513(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”;
- (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; or”; and
- (3) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

“(C) a citizen of the United States who served with the Canadian Armed Forces between September 10, 1939, and December 7, 1941, and is in a missing status.”

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253. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARTZ  
OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XII the following:

**SEC. 1226. REPORT ON CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a report reconciling all United States assistance to Ukraine, including all normal and supplemental Ukraine appropriations and drawdowns, from January 1, 2022, through the date of such submission. The report shall specifically detail the countries, entities, and individuals who received such assistance.

(b) ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall also detail the following:

(1) All contracts awarded to third parties with enumerated amounts, including an identification of each such third party recipient and a specification of the amount awarded to each such third party.

(2) The total of appropriated or authorized amounts that have been obligated or expended, as well as the total amounts of authorized or appropriated funds that have not been so obligated or expended.

(c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

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254. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARTZ  
OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XV, insert the following:

**SEC. 15 \_\_\_\_. ASSESSMENT OF INNOVATIVE DATA ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of an assessment of the implementation by the Department of Defense of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions that could improve risk management, agility, and capabilities for strategic defense purposes.

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255. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARTZ  
OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of title X the following new section:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_. OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN.**

Section 240b(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate” after “congressional defense committees”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows: “BRIEFINGS”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) Not later than June 30, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall provide to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a briefing on the status of the corrective action plan. Such briefing shall include an assessment of the progress of the Secretary of Defense in achieving an unqualified audit opinion as described in subsection (a)(2)(iv)”.

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256. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEEL OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON CHINESE PRESENCE IN AFRICA.**

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the threat posed by the People’s Republic of China with respect to—

- (1) China’s commercial sea lines of communication, particularly those linking China to the African Atlantic ports;
- (2) increasing Chinese military presence on the African continent;
- (3) displacing United States influence in the Southern Atlantic; and
- (4) asserting China’s status as gaining influence and threats posed to strategic maritime routes.

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257. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEEL OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . STUDY ON DETERMINATION OF DEFENSE NEEDS OF TAIWAN.**

(a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall conduct a study on the defense needs of Taiwan and the potential loan and lease of defense articles to the Government of Taiwan. Such study shall address the following:

- (1) An initial assessment of the defense articles that are appropriate for such loan or lease.
- (2) An assessment of any supply chain or other logistical challenges associated with the loan or lease of defense articles identified pursuant to paragraph (1).
- (3) A discussion of expected timeframes for the provision to the Government of Taiwan of defense articles identified pursuant to paragraph (1), including—

(A) expected timelines for the delivery of such defense articles; and

(B) expected timelines for the full integration of such defense articles by the military of Taiwan, such that the military of Taiwan is able to effectively use defense articles so delivered in the event of a conflict with the People's Republic of China.

(4) Such other matters as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings of the study under subsection (a).

(2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(c) DEFENSE ARTICLE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “defense article” has the meaning given that term in section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

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258. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEFANIK OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 5 . . . CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES IN MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION PROCESS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy require the submission and consideration of standardized test scores as part of the their application processes.

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259. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEIL OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XII the following:

**SEC. 1226. BRIEFINGS ON ARMS DELIVERIES TO UKRAINE.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days thereafter for one year, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly brief the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on the status of weapons the United States has committed to sending to Ukraine and to other regional allies and partners who are providing weapons to Ukraine, including an estimated delivery timetable for such weapons, and a description of measures being taken to expedite the delivery of such weapons.

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260. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEUBE OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON DETAILED OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on detailed oversight of United States assistance to Ukraine.

261. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEWART OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM IN BUDGET ACCOUNTS OF MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.**

Section 1701(d)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (50 U.S.C. 1522(d)(2)) is amended by striking “may not be included in the budget accounts” and inserting “may be included in the budget accounts”.

262. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEWART OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XV, add the following new section:

**SEC. 15 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON MODERNIZED MULTILEVEL SECURITY SYSTEM.**

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence and in coordination with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the commanders of such other combatant commands as the Secretary may determine appropriate, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on migrating the classified networks of the Department of Defense and the intelligence community, respectively, into a modernized multilevel security system.

(b) **MATTERS.**—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of how to leverage commercially available or existing Government off-the shelf technology solutions to achieve the migration described in such subsection.

(2) An assessment of constraints posed by the policies of the Department of Defense and the intelligence community, respectively, preventing the rapid adoption of such technology solutions, including with respect to hardware and software solutions.

(3) Recommendations for updating such policies to grant members of the Armed Forces and intelligence analysts access to more secure tools for the rapid dissemination, integration, and storage of information containing both unclassified and classified components (also referred to as “mixed information”) from multiple networks and sources concurrently, regardless of originating network classification.

(4) An opinion from the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command (with the option of including an opinion from the commander of any other combatant command deter-

mined appropriate by the Secretary) with respect to the level of importance associated with achieving the migration described in subsection (a).

(c) FORM.—The report under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(d) INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “intelligence community” has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

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263. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STRONG OF ALABAMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Strike section 2854 and insert the following:

**SEC. 2854. PLAN FOR USE OF EXCESS BORDER WALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.**

(a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a plan to use, transfer, or donate to States on the southern border of the United States all existing excess border wall construction materials, including bollards.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A list of contracts in the process of performance to store excess border wall construction materials, identified by location and cost to date.

(2) A detailed proposal for the disposition of such excess border wall construction materials, including a timeline for disposition and the authorities under which such disposition shall occur.

(3) An assessment of the condition of such materials being stored, including (if applicable) a description of materials that have depreciated in value, become damaged, or been lost.

(c) EXECUTION OF PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date of submission of the plan required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall commence execution of such plan until the date on which the Department of Defense is no longer incurring any costs to maintain, store, or protect the materials specified under subsection (a).

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264. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SYKES OF OHIO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF A CHINESE ATTACK OF TAIWAN.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on current and future military posture, logistics, maintenance, and sustainment requirements to bolster the capacity of the United States to resist force in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan. Such report shall include an assessment of the requirements for all scenarios, including protracted combat in a contested environment (such as anti-access, area denial), and an evaluation of how to best enable a dispersed, distributed force in the Indo-Pacific region.

(b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in classified form.

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265. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . REPORT ON DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE COMPETITION.**

Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

(1) an evaluation of the consolidation within the defense industrial base and how such consolidation affects the ability of the Department of Defense to procure goods at competitive and market equivalent prices;

(2) an analysis of the state of competition within the defense industrial base, including an overview of the sizes, as measured by factors including number of employees, facilities, and contracts with the Department of Defense, and market shares of contractors that currently hold a contract with the Department of Defense; and

(3) an assessment of the economic and national security effects of anticompetitive behavior in the defense industrial base.

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266. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TAKANO OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . MODIFICATIONS TO DATA, POLICY, AND REPORTING ON THE USE OF OTHER TRANSACTIONS.**

Section 8739 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 2371 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “December 31, 2019, and annually thereafter through December 31, 2023,” and inserting “December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter through December 31, 2028,”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON USE OF OTHER TRANSACTION AUTHORITY.—No later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the use of transactions authorized under sections 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code, including—

“(1) the extent to which such transactions are used in accordance with policy and guidance related to the use of such transactions;

“(2) the total number of transactions for each fiscal year made to nontraditional defense contractors (as defined in section 3014 of title 10, United States Code);

“(3) a summary of such transactions to which the Department of Defense is a participant for which performance has not been completed on the date of submission of such report, including—

“(A) a description of the entity or agency responsible for any consortium;

“(B) a list, including the name, of each member of such consortium, including the percentage of such members who are nontraditional defense contractors for each such consortium; and

“(C) for fiscal years 2022 and 2023—

“(i) the total amount awarded under such transactions to each such consortium; and

“(ii) the total amount awarded under such transactions to members who are nontraditional defense contractors for each such consortium; and

“(4) for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, a list of contractors who have been awarded more than \$20,000,000 under such transactions, including a description of each such award, the number of awards made, and the total dollar amount awarded.”.

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267. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TENNEY OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON UNMANNED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AT MILITARY BASES AND INSTALLATIONS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes—

(1) a detailed description of the threat of aerial drones and unmanned aircraft to United States national security; and

(2) an assessment of the unmanned traffic management systems of every military base and installation (within and outside the United States) to determine whether the base or installation is adequately equipped to detect, disable, and disarm hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems.

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(1) The Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(2) The Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

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268. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TENNEY OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_. REPORT ON UNITED STATES FORCE CAPABILITIES IN THE CENTCOM AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should maintain robust capabilities in the United States Central Command area of responsibility to respond to a range of issues of critical national security importance to the United States and United States allies and partners, to include any attempt by the Islamic Republic of Iran to pursue, develop, or otherwise acquire a nuclear weapon or such capabilities.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commander for United States Central Command shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that contains the elements described in paragraph (2).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by this subsection shall contain the following elements:

(A) An assessment of United States military capabilities in the United States Central Command area of responsibility.

(B) An identification of any capabilities gaps related to the assessment in described in subparagraph (A) and recommendations for addressing such capabilities gaps.

(3) FORM.—The report required by this subsection shall be submitted in unclassified form and may contain a classified annex.

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**269. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE THANEDAR OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_. BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CATEGORY MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM.**

(a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense shall jointly provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the implementation of the memorandum by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment entitled “Achieving Small Business Goals through Category Management Practices” and dated January 27, 2023.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each briefing required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The effects of the implementation of the memorandum described in subsection (a) on contracting opportunities for small businesses.

(2) The tools and data analysis that are being used to support small business concerns in procurement decisions to increase small business opportunities.

(3) The strategic efforts that have been taken to achieve the small business participation goals of the Department of Defense through the use of existing and open market contracts to

reach a mix of new entrants, seasoned 8(a) companies, and other small disadvantaged businesses.

(4) The opportunities that have been identified to transition from bundled or consolidated contracts without small business participation to contracts with small business participation or to use small business set-aside competition.

(5) The metrics the Department of Defense has established to measure the effects of the implementation of the memorandum described in subsection (a) on opportunities for small businesses to contract with the Department.

(6) The success stories of small business participation with the Department of Defense that the Department has identified and is sharing in industry engagements.

(7) The sufficiency of the educational resources identified in the memorandum described in subsection (a).

(8) Any recommendations on additional steps the Department of Defense can take to maximize small business participation with the Department through category management practices.

(c) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committees on Armed Services and Small Business of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committees on Armed Services and on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

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270. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON OBSTACLES TO MISSION OF DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY.**

The Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(1) a description of the most significant obstacles, if any, to the mission of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to recover and identify the remains of members of the Armed Forces missing in action; and

(2) recommendations of such Director relating to legislative or administrative actions to resolve such obstacles.

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271. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TIFFANY OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

**SEC. 1310. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN MAPS.**

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be used to create, procure, or display any map that depicts Taiwan, Kinmen, Matsu, Penghu, Wuciou, Green Island, or Orchid Island as part of the territory of the People’s Republic of China.

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272. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TIMMONS IV OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, add the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . GEOSYNTHETICS PERFORMANCE TESTING.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for applied research, ground technology (PE 0602144A), line 012, is hereby increased by \$3,300,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used to carry out the development, testing, and certification phase of the Geosynthetics Reinforced Performance pavement test.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, is hereby reduced by \$3,300,000.

273. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TITUS OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON REGIME STABILITY IN RUSSIA.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that an unstable Russia presents varied, serious, and complex security challenges and threats to the United States and its allies, partners, and interests.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days before the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate a report that includes—

(1) the manner and extent to which regime instability in Russia would affect United States national security, the security of NATO allies, and the geopolitical aftershocks throughout Eurasia;

(2) an assessment of the stability of the Putin regime; and

(3) clarity on the command and control structure of Russia's nuclear arsenal in different contexts.

(c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

274. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TLAIB OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 247, line 16, after “Secretary.” insert “Promotional materials shall be posted in gyms, dining facilities, gas stations, exchanges, commissaries, package stores, barracks buildings, unit

headquarters offices, and barbershops amongst other locations. Promotional materials shall also be posted to unit and installation webpages, social media, and included in newsletters.”.

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275. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TORRES OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle J of title V the following new section:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT ON PORTABILITY OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS HELD BY SERVICEMEMBERS.**

(a) **STUDY.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall conduct a study on the feasibility of ensuring that an eligible professional credential held by a servicemember is considered valid in the jurisdiction of an applicable licensing authority for use at an appropriate scope of practice in the appropriate field after the date on which such servicemember is discharged or released from active military, naval, air, or space service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense completes such study, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(1) the findings of such study; and

(2) recommendations relating to ways in which the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs may collaborate with an applicable licensing authority to ensure a servicemember may use an eligible professional credential held by such servicemember in the jurisdiction of such licensing authority at an appropriate scope of practice in the appropriate field after the date described in subsection (a).

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “applicable licensing authority” means, with respect to a servicemember, the licensing authority of the State in which the servicemember resides.

(2) The term “eligible professional credential” means a professional credential, including a professional credential in the field of airplane mechanics, obtained using expenses paid pursuant to the program under section 2015 of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “expenses” has the meaning given such term in such section.

(4) The term “servicemember” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4025a).

(5) The term “State” means each of the several States and territories and the District of Columbia.

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276. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MAINTAINING IN-PATIENT MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) in-patient military Medical Treatment Facilities are critical components of the Military Health System and necessary to maintain a medically ready force that can be deployed at a moment's notice on operational missions;

(2) in-patient military Medical Treatment Facilities are required to develop the skilled medical force with the proper trained subspecialties needed to care for service members in wartime and during deployments;

(3) each of the military departments should support a sufficient number of in-patient Medical Treatment Facilities to ensure military readiness; and

(4) The Defense Health Agency and the military departments, particularly the Department of the Air Force, should aggressively pursue creative options, including increased partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to maintain economical efficiency for the currently operating in-patient military Medical Treatment Facilities.

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**277. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WAGNER OF MISSOURI OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Page 624, after line 5, insert the following:

(6) An analysis of Department capabilities to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation in areas with high populations of members of the United States Armed Forces, including overseas locations.

(7) Recommendations for programs to educate members of the United States Armed Forces on how to identify and report instances of child sexual abuse and exploitation, both online and in-person, to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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**278. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALBERG OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

Page 364, line 9, strike “focusing on models” and insert “including the Holistic Health and Fitness model, and focusing on other models”.

Page 365, line 16, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

Page 365, line 16, insert the following:

(3) Any workforce challenges in finding qualified trained professionals to implement elements of the strategy.

Page 366, line 10, insert “athletic trainer,” before “or”.

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**279. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title XXVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 28 . INCORPORATION OF CYBER SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND METHODS IN THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE MASTER PLAN.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2911 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(16) The use of cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods for continuous analysis, monitoring, and mitigation of cyber risk.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(k) CYBER SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND METHODS.—(1) In incorporating cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods in the energy performance master plan under subsection (d), the Secretary concerned shall—

“(A) prioritize the adoption of such tools and methods that are commercially available;

“(B) use existing databases on cyber vulnerabilities when selecting such tools and methods for use in energy projects; and

“(C) ensure that such tools and methods provide continuous analysis, monitoring, and mitigation of cyber risk in energy projects.

“(2) In incorporating cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall incorporate all funding available to such Secretary for such measures, including funds appropriated under section 2914 of this title (commonly referred to as the ‘Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program’).”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report analyzing the implementation of (a). Such report shall include the following:

(1) Progress in implementing cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods.

(2) An analysis of the implementation of Executive Order 14017 titled “America’s Supply Chains” (86 Fed. Reg. 11849) and Executive Order 14028 titled “Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity” (86 Fed. Reg. 26633) in projects that receive or will receive funds under section 2914 of title 10, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the “Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program”).

(3) A description of the execution of cybersecurity recommendations in the February 2022 report of the Department of Defense titled “Securing Defense-Critical Supply Chains”;

(4) Progress in using commercially available cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods to provide continuous analysis, monitoring, and mitigation of cyber risk in energy projects.

(5) An analysis of the effect of such tools and methods on energy resilience and energy security on military installations receiving funding under the Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program.

(6) Recommendations and best practices for implementing such tools and methods on military installations.

(7) Recommendations on implementation of such tools and methods in all energy and infrastructure programs on military

installations that use Facility Related Control Systems Cybersecurity, accounting for the effect of such tools on readiness, energy security, and energy resiliency.

280. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title II, add the following new section:

**SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PENDING REPORT AND CERTIFICATION ON THE WARFIGHTER MACHINE INTERFACE OF THE ARMY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Army, for the Warfighting Machine Interface program, not more than 25 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on which the report required by the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) under the heading “Information on use of commercial software for the warfighter machine interface of the Army” is submitted to the congressional defense committees.

(b) CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the submittal of the report described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees—

(1) a certification indicating whether or not the procurement process for current and future increments of the Warfighter Machine Interface is in compliance with the requirements of section 3453 of title 10, United States Code; or

(2) in the event the Secretary of the Army certifies under paragraph (1) that procurement process for the Warfighter Machine Interface is not in compliance with the requirements of section 3453 of title 10, United States Code, a plan to bring such procurement process into compliance with such section.

281. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 18. REPORTS ON HARPOON MISSILE DELIVERIES TO TAIWAN.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) On April 7, 2023, the Department of Defense announced that the Navy had awarded a procurement contract for 400 Harpoon anti-ship cruise missiles to Taiwan to accompany the new ground-based Harpoon Coastal Defense System (in this section referred to as the “HCDS”).

(2) The Department of State notified Congress of its decision to approve a possible foreign military sale to Taiwan on October 26, 2020, that includes such 400 missiles.

(3) Almost two and a half years elapsed between the notification and contract award for the HCDS for Taiwan.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States remains committed to the security of Taiwan; and

(2) there is reason for concern about the ability of the United States to deliver adequate maritime defense capabilities to the Taiwanese military.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on—

(A) measures that the Department of Defense is taking to address systematic contracting delays related to key weapons procurement programs to Taiwan; and

(B) lessons learned from the provision of HCDS to Ukraine that may be applicable to Taiwan and other allies and partners of the United States.

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the submission of the report required under subsection (c), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes an assessment of the findings and conclusions of the report required under subsection (c).

282. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 . BRIEFING ON JOINT EXERCISES WITH TAIWAN.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress to strongly support the conduct of wargames, tabletop exercises, and operational exercises with the armed forces of Taiwan, as such wargames and exercises are an effective way to build operational expertise and create a force capable of deterring an adversary.

(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the schedule of exercises between the United States Navy and Air Force and their Taiwanese counterparts.

283. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 1195, after line 24, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 3538. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY.**

(a) BIENNIAL BRIEFING.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not less than twice annually, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, in consultation with the National Security Council, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall provide briefings to appropriate defense committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate on the status of establishing the type of national maritime strategy required

in section 50114 of title 46, United States Code. The Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps shall participate in each briefing required under this paragraph, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard is encouraged to participate in each such briefing.

(2) **USE.**—The Administrator should use the briefings required under paragraph (1) to augment and influence the national maritime strategy discussion with national security focused stakeholders across the administration, until an updated strategy is published and endorsed by the President of the United States.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—As the national maritime strategy relates to National Security, each briefing under subsection (a) should include the following:

(1) Recommendations for a whole-of-government approach to orchestrating national instruments of power to shape all elements of the maritime enterprise of the United States, domestic and international, on the high seas or domestic waterways.

(2) Assessment of great power competition in the maritime domain, to include opportunities for increased cooperation with Allied and Partner global maritime industry leaders to improve national shipbuilding and shipping, while promoting the international rules-based maritime order.

(3) Analysis of existing shipyards to build and capitalize on the virtuous cycle between commercial and military shipbuilding and repair, to include areas of improvement.

(4) Analysis of opportunities for private or public financing to increase the capacity, efficiency, and effectiveness of America's shipyards, to include infrastructure, labor force, technology, and global competitiveness.

(5) Analysis of potential improvements to national or cooperative arrangements for sea-lift capacity and shipping, including for contested logistics.

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284. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WENSTRUP OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 7 . POLICY OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY ON EXPANDED RECOGNITION OF BOARD CERTIFICATIONS FOR PHYSICIANS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall revise the policy of the Defense Health Agency related to credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians under such policy to a wide range of additional board certifications in medical specialties and subspecialties.

(b) **BASELINE STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION.**—To receive recognition, a physician board certification must meet the standards for recognition set forth, which shall ensure that the specialty or subspecialty board certification reflects that any board certified physician has been certified by one of the following certifying bodies:

(1) Under Multi-Specialty Organizations a physician should be board certified by one of the following:

(A) The American Board of Medical Specialties.

- (B) The American Osteopathic Association.
- (C) The American Board of Physician Specialties.
- (2) Under Singular Specialty Organizations a physician should be board certified by one of the following:
  - (A) Certifying Boards approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Educations
  - (B) The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
  - (C) The American Board of Pain Medicine.
- (3) Should the physician board certification not be listed contact the identified organization of which each certifying body must maintain the following;
  - (A) A website that allows for the verification of the certification that meets the standards of the NCQA, URAC, et al.
  - (B) Must be a 501 nonprofit organization with a headquarter office.
  - (C) Have a full-time certification staff with a psychometrician maintaining all testing psychometric processes.
  - (D) Must maintain certification through continuous maintenance or recertification processes, with a requirement of continuous knowledge development that maintains a demonstration component of testing [and/or] assessment. This will ensure physicians maintain their knowledge in the specialty or subspecialty in which they practice safeguarding patient safety and care.
  - (E) Primary source verification of education and training of all applicants.

285. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WESTERMAN OF ARKANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII the following new section:

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . AUTHORITY TO CONVEY THE ARMY AND NAVY GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may convey to the State of Arkansas by quitclaim deed, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the covered property if, not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this Act—

(1) the Governor of Arkansas submits to such Secretary a request for such conveyance; and

(2) such Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the General Services Administration, determines such conveyance is appropriate notwithstanding the requirements under section 3 of the Act of September 12, 1959 (Public Law 86-323).

(b) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, shall designate the State of Arkansas as the local redevelopment authority with respect to the covered property.

(c) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, may make a grant (including a supplemental grant) or enter into a cooperative agreement to assist the local redevelopment authority designated pursuant to subsection (b) in planning community adjustments and economic diversification, including site caretaker services, security services, and fire protection services, required under the conveyance under subsection (a).

(d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing that includes—

(1) with respect to the conveyance under subsection (a), a summary of the coordination among affected stakeholders including—

(A) the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation;

(B) the Administrator of the General Services Administration;

(C) the National Park Service;

(D) the Governor of Arkansas;

(E) the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and

(F) the Secretary of the Navy;

(2) a summary of—

(A) any environmental investigations conducted at the covered property as of the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) the response actions required under any such environmental investigation;

(C) an estimate of the cost to each such response action; and

(D) an identification of potentially responsible parties, if any, for any hazardous substance identified under an environmental investigation described in subparagraph (A);

(3) an estimation of the total cost to—

(A) stabilize each structure on the covered property; and

(B) demolish each such structure; and

(4) an assessment of necessary steps for the covered property to be eligible for a grant under the Arkansas Brownfields Program and recommendations with respect to such steps.

(e) COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered property” means the approximately twenty-one acres, more or less, of land located at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, which comprise facilities previously occupied by the Army and Navy General Hospital conveyed by quitclaim deed to the State of Arkansas pursuant to the Act of September 12, 1959.

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286. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILD OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 357, line 16, redesignate subparagraph (U) as subparagraph (V).

Page 357, after line 15, insert the following:

(U) The awareness of 24/7 mental health resources, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

287. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILD OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 244, line 8, strike “two years” and insert “five years”.

288. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 727, line 24, insert “and with deeper coordination on nuclear deterrence as highlighted in the Washington Declaration adopted by the two leaders during President Yoon Suk Yeol’s state visit on April 26, 2023,” after “defense capabilities,”.

289. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 . SECURITY CLEARANCE REINSTATEMENT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) PRE-EMPLOYMENT REVIEWS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) during the one-year period following the date of the separation of any covered individual from the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense (as the case may be)—

(A) waive the requirement for a reinstatement review prior to the commencement of post-service employment by such individual in a civilian position requiring an equivalent level of security clearance as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation; and

(B) deem the security clearance of such individual valid and eligible for immediate use for post-service employment in such civilian position; and

(2) during the 2-year period following the conclusion of the period specified in paragraph (1), with respect to a covered individual occupying or seeking to occupy a civilian position described in such paragraph, shall complete the reinstatement review for such individual by not later than 180 days after the date of the initiation of such review.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a covered individual who—

(1) in the case of a former member of the Armed Forces, separated from the Armed Forces under other than honorable circumstances;

(2) is otherwise under review or suspension by the Director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency; or

(3) is unable to demonstrate that a security clearance at an equivalent level as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation of the individual from the Armed Forces or Department of Defense (as the case may

be) is required for post-service employment in a civilian position.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means a former member of the Armed Forces or a former civilian employee of the Department of Defense.

(2) The term “reinstatement review” means a review for the reinstatement of a security clearance.

290. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 . . . DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE MUNITION SURGE CAPACITY CRITICAL RESERVE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordination with the service acquisition executive of each military department, is hereby authorized to establish a critical reserve of long-lead items and components to provide the capability to quickly access the required components to accelerate the delivery of munitions for the capabilities identified pursuant to section 222c of title 10, United States Code.

(b) LONG-LEAD DEFINED.—In this section, the term “long-lead” means a material, component or subsystem that must be procured well in advance of the need for the munition necessary in order to meet a planned delivery schedule for a complete major end item.

(c) QUANTITY.—The quantity of long-lead items reserved pursuant to subsection (a) should be in amounts commensurate to fulfill the requirements identified as Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirements and Out-Year inventory numbers under section 222c(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(d) AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment may enter into one or more contracts, beginning in fiscal year 2024, for the advance procurement of long-lead items and components associated with munitions in economic order quantities when cost savings are achievable.