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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 25, 1999

Ms. Kaptur introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1	SECTION 1. REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CONTRACT PER-
2	FORMANCE IN THE UNITED STATES.
3	(a) In General.—(1) Chapter 141 of title 10,
4	United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
5	following new section:
6	"§ 2410n. Requirements relating to contract perform-
7	ance in the United States
8	"(a) Consideration of Percentage of Work
9	PERFORMED IN THE UNITED STATES.—In the evaluation
10	of sealed bids and competitive proposals submitted in re-
11	sponse to a solicitation for a contract for the procurement
12	of property or services, the head of an agency—
13	"(1) shall include, as a factor in the statement
14	required by section 2305(a)(2)(A)(i) of this title of
15	significant factors expected to be considered in such
16	evaluation, the percentage of work under the con-
17	tract that the bidder or offeror plans to perform in
18	the United States; and
19	"(2) shall assign a high importance to such fac-
20	tor.
21	"(b) Breach of Contract for Transferring
22	WORK OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.—The head of an
23	agency shall include in each contract for the procurement
24	of property or services a clause providing that the contrac-
25	tor is deemed to have breached the contract if the contrac-
26	tor performs less work in the United States than the con-

- 1 tractor stated, in its response to the solicitation for the
- 2 contract, that it planned to perform in the United States.
- 3 "(c) Ineligibility for Contract Renewal.—The
- 4 head of an agency may not renew a contract made pursu-
- 5 ant to a solicitation referred to in subsection (a) if the
- 6 amount of work performed outside the United States
- 7 under the contract exceeds the maximum amount of work
- 8 that the contractor was expected to perform outside the
- 9 United States, based on the amount of work that the con-
- 10 tractor stated, in its response to the solicitation for the
- 11 contract, that it planned to perform inside the United
- 12 States.
- 13 "(d) Waiver.—The head of an agency may waive
- 14 subsection (a), (b), or (c) on a case-by-case basis upon
- 15 a determination that an emergency situation or the na-
- 16 tional security interests of the United States requires such
- 17 a waiver.
- 18 "(e) Scope of Coverage.—This section applies—
- 19 "(1) to any contract for any amount greater
- than the simplified acquisition threshold (as speci-
- 21 fied in section 2302(7) of title 10, United States
- 22 Code); and
- "(2) to any contract for items described in sec-
- tion 2534(a)(5) of this title.

- 1 "(f) Construction.—Subsections (a), (b), and (c)
- 2 may not be construed to diminish the primary importance
- 3 of considerations of quality in the procurement of defense-
- 4 related property or services.
- 5 "(g) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term 'head of
- 6 an agency' has the meaning provided by section 2302(1)
- 7 of this title.".
- 8 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
- 9 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following
- 10 new item:

"2410n. Requirements relating to contract performance in the United States.".

- 11 (b) Effective Date.—Section 2410n of title 10,
- 12 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall
- 13 apply with respect to contracts entered into on or after
- 14 the date that is 60 days after the date of the enactment
- 15 of this Act.

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