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To require a report on the extension of authorities to the United States Special Operations Command for the development, acquisition, and sustainment of special operations-peculiar technology, equipment, and services, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROUNDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITIES FOR THE UNITED STATES SPE-**
2 **CIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND FOR DEVELOP-**
3 **MENT, ACQUISITION, AND SUSTAINMENT OF**
4 **SPECIAL OPERATIONS-PECULIAR TECH-**
5 **NOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES.**

6 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

8 (1) the Secretary of Defense should extend to
9 the Commander of the United States Special Oper-
10 ations Command (USSOCOM) and the acquisition
11 executive of the Command authorities for the devel-
12 opment, acquisition, and sustainment of special op-
13 erations-peculiar technology, equipment, and services
14 that are equivalent to the authorities of the Secre-
15 taries of the military departments and the acquisi-
16 tion executives of the military departments for the
17 development, acquisition, and sustainment of tech-
18 nology, equipment, and services for the military de-
19 partments; and

20 (2) the United States Special Operations Com-
21 mand should use any authorities extended as de-
22 scribed in paragraph (1), and any other appropriate
23 authorities and mechanisms, to achieve the rapid re-
24 search and development, prototyping, and fielding of
25 technology, equipment, and services that are critical

1 to ensure the success of the Command in carrying
2 out its missions.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
5 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and
6 the House of Representatives a report setting forth the
7 following:

8 (1) An identification of the authorities the Sec-
9 retary recommends for provision to the Commander
10 of the United States Special Operations Command
11 and the acquisition executive of the Command as de-
12 scribed in subsection (a), and recommendations for
13 any modifications of such authorities that the Sec-
14 retary considers appropriate for purposes of the
15 Command.

16 (2) Such recommendations for legislative or ad-
17 ministrative action as the Secretary considers appro-
18 priate for the provision of authorities identified pur-
19 suant to paragraph (1) as described in subsection
20 (a).

21 (3) Such other matters as the Secretary con-
22 siders appropriate.

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