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So the amendment was agreed to.
The result of the vote was announced
as above recorded.

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NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LEE of Nevada). Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7900) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, is postponed.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO CERTAIN
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1225

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Flood.
COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM: Mr. Flood.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 8167

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove myself as cosponsor of H.R. 8167.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 8167

Mr. MULLIN. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove myself as cosponsor of H.R. 8167.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-
TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7900) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 49 OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 49 printed in part A of House Report 117-405.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

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

SEC. __. GENDER ANALYSIS IN FOREIGN TRAIN-
ING PROGRAMS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the President should encourage the increased participation of women in existing programs funded by the United States Government that provide training to foreign nationals regarding law enforcement, the rule of law, or professional military education, and should expand and apply gender analysis to improve program design and implementation.

(b) GENDER ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of State and other relevant departments, shall conduct a gender analysis of International Education and Training Programs offered to allied and partner forces to ensure the programs are equitable and address issues experienced by all participants.

(c) GENDER ANALYSIS TRAINING.—The Department of Defense, in coordination with the Department of State, shall develop and include gender analysis training to be included in the International Education and Training Programs at United States military schools and training institutions.

(d) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—No later than two years after enactment of this act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall brief the appropriate congressional committees on the Department of Defense and Department of State's actions and progress in implementing the requirements under subsection (b) and subsection (c).

(e) 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.

(f) GENDER ANALYSIS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “gender analysis” has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the Women’s Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act (22 U.S.C. 2151-2).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of amendment No. 49 on the International Military Education and Training Program. IMET is, as we all know, a prestigious and competitive program that trains the next generation of senior leadership in our allies’ militaries around the globe and enables us to maximize the competitive advantage our alliances and partnerships provide.

However, as of 2019, approximately only 8 percent of the IMET’s participants were women. That percentage increase was only 2 points since 2015.

We can and must do better to ensure that we continue to provide this world-class training to our female military leaders around the world.

This amendment would simply require a gender analysis assessment of the program to better understand the impediments to increasing the number of female participants and address any specific needs the women in the program may have.

By signaling the importance of including more gender diversity in the program, we are encouraging our partners and allied militaries to invest more heavily in the recruitment, training, and promotion of women within their security forces.

We do know that this is not just important; it is smart. We know that our world is more peaceful and prosperous when women are involved in national security and defense decisionmaking processes.

I also want to point out that this will continue the work that was begun under former President Trump when he signed the Women, Peace, and Security Act during his administration. It received bipartisan support then. It is also supported by President Biden.

It will also improve military effectiveness of our security partners and, thereby, advance implementation of the National Defense Strategy.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, first, let me say at the outset that I very much appreciate the way the chairwoman and I have been able to work together on the issue of military education in general. But I have to oppose this amendment.

International Military Education and Training, or IMET, is a vital pillar of

our national security. In recent years, Ukrainian servicemembers have benefited from IMET to enhance their combat readiness and lethality.

As we have seen in the aftermath of Putin’s invasion of Ukraine, security partnerships like IMET can help make the difference between life and death and the ability of our allies and partners to withstand foreign aggression.

Since 2014, in fact, the U.S. military has played a key role in boosting Ukrainian military capabilities, training alongside them, providing Ukraine with critical weapons and munitions, enabling its reserve component, and more. Our security focus, however, was laser-focused on enhancing Ukraine’s ability to defend itself against the Russian invasion.

My concern is that the amendment would broaden the scope of IMET and end up watering down the results for both the United States and for our security partners. Promoting human rights, including the rights of women, is a well-established goal of U.S. foreign and development policy. I don’t deny that. Instruction on gender roles, female opportunity, and narrowing gaps between men and women should, however, not be a part of the U.S. military’s mandate when it comes to teaching allied and partner nations the art of war.

As I said earlier tonight, all of our instruction for warfighting needs to be focused on the actual fighting of wars, which will, in turn, allow us to deter wars.

This is not to discount the importance of other issues, but the military is simply not the right tool for advancing this objective. As former Obama administration official Rosa Brooks notes in her book, “How Everything Became War and the Military Became Everything,” the military has in recent years taken on missions that depart from its core responsibility of fighting and winning the Nation’s wars.

My concern is this amendment would exacerbate this trend, so, therefore, I oppose this amendment.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, I, too, share a position of working well with my colleague as the ranking member of the Military Personnel Subcommittee. I just feel that he is not appreciating, with all due respect, what this amendment does.

We already say that women, peace, and security should be part of it. That was something that was signed by President Trump, and it was bipartisan then. It is something that has also been embraced by President Biden.

This is only looking at the fact that very few women in the military of our allies have been participating in this program. This program exists to provide military education and training to our allies, and we are talking about

only 6 to 8 percent of them being women who are participating.

This is an analysis. That is all this amendment does is analyze whether or not we have promoted this properly to encourage our allies to have servicewomen in their countries participate.

We do know that when you have women in the military, it adds to our success. It does not degrade it.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GALLAGHER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I certainly don’t deny the fact that having women in the military is a huge asset, as the gentlewoman said. I have served in the Marine Corps with women I greatly admire, to whom I am greatly indebted.

I just think we have to strike the right balance here between widening the aperture for our military education, our training programs, such that they get distracted from the core focus on warfighting, as well as foisting some of our own requirements and the higher standards that the United States sets on some of our allied partners.

I appreciate the gentlewoman’s argument, but I remain in firm opposition to this amendment, and I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing the amendment.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER).

The question is on the amendment. The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed. The Chair understands that amendment Nos. 53 and 65 will not be offered.

AMENDMENT NO. 79 OFFERED BY MR. LEVIN OF MICHIGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 79 printed in part A of House Report 117-405.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

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

SEC. 3. DESTRUCTION OF MATERIALS CONTAINING PFAS WITH TECHNOLOGIES NOT REQUIRING INCINERATION.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on

the progress of the Department of Defense in implementing on-site PFAS destruction technologies not requiring incineration. The report shall include the following:

(1) A list of technologies that modify the characteristics of the waste such that it is no longer classified as hazardous waste and can be disposed of through more cost-effective mixed waste protocols.

(2) An identification of any such technologies that have undergone, are undergoing, or will undergo testing by the Environmental Security Technology Certification Program and the status of such testing.

(3) The results of any such testing.

(b) **GUIDANCE.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall prescribe guidance on best practices and preferred methods for destruction and disposal of PFAS wastes with an emphasis on alternatives to incineration.

(c) **EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM.**—The Secretary of Defense shall prohibit the incineration of covered materials under section 343 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (10 U.S.C. 2701 note) until the date on which the Secretary prescribes the guidance required under subsection (b).

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I would like to begin by thanking Chair ADAM SMITH for his leadership on H.R. 7900, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, and for working with my team over the past few years to strengthen provisions to address toxic PFAS exposures at the Department of Defense.

I thank Representatives Slotkin and Khanna for working with me on this as well.

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Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. For more than 50 years, the military required the use of firefighting foam made with dangerous PFAS chemicals known as aqueous film-forming foam or AFFF, despite having known since the 1970s that it was toxic to people and the environment.

The Department of Defense has historically disposed of or destroyed these chemicals through incineration or burning. However, PFAS does not break down under typical incineration conditions.

Research shows that PFAS emitted through air stacks can travel several miles downwind from facilities emitting PFAS, like incinerators. That PFAS then deposits in soil and in drinking water supplies in downwind communities, exposing unsuspecting Americans to these dangerous chemicals.

Research also shows that in practice, incinerators are likely not destroying PFAS completely, but rather, emitting PFAS and other toxic chemical byproducts in our air, drinking water, and other local surroundings.

Madam Speaker, that is why PFAS substances have often been called “forever chemicals.”

Why are we disposing of PFAS through incineration without evidence that the chemical is, in fact, being destroyed and not causing further harm to our communities?

That is why my amendment is critical. It builds on a provision enacted under last year’s NDAA, which placed a prohibition on the incineration of PFAS by the Department of Defense until the Environmental Protection Agency completed guidance or a final rule on the safe disposal of PFAS.

This amendment simply extends the prohibition and requires the Pentagon to submit a report to Congress on the progress of its implementation of other safe disposal methods such as onsite PFAS destruction technologies not requiring incineration.

There is no doubt that we need to dispose of dangerous PFAS chemicals, but we cannot pursue disposal methods that cause more harm. This amendment protects our communities and our environment and ensures we are pursuing disposal methods that are safe.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting our communities and our planet from dangerous PFAS exposure by supporting this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The **SPEAKER pro tempore**. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, the report required in this amendment is well intentioned, but the preference against incineration chooses sides on destruction technology.

We want to make sure the DOD destroys PFAS material using whatever technology performs the best and conforms to the technical standards used throughout the Federal Government.

There is a current moratorium on incineration of PFAS material until guidance on destruction and disposal is published by the administrator of the EPA.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. TONKO), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. TONKO. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for offering this commonsense amendment. The reality is, we have a lot of waste containing PFAS spread out all across the country. We need a plan to make certain that it is handled and disposed of safely.

In the past, I have strongly opposed efforts—including efforts in my district—to incinerate these materials without any proper evaluation of whether it was—or even could be—done safely.

This amendment is the right approach. It requires DOD to study and report on the technological options to destroy PFAS before we commit to incinerating it in a manner that could put public health and the environment at risk.

There needs to be much greater transparency on what DOD has done to date and how DOD is planning to deal with PFAS waste in the future, and I believe Congress has a responsibility to ensure that the methods used are protective of public health.

Madam Speaker, I urge Members to support this amendment.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JOHNSON).

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding time.

Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition and urge my colleagues to oppose the Levin amendment. What most concerns me about this amendment is subsection (c), which extends last year’s incineration moratorium on all PFAS in firefighting foam and does not fix the underlying drafting problems from that enactment.

Specifically, the scoping provisions in section 343 do not limit the moratorium only to the Department of Defense but captures “materials sent to another entity or entities.”

In doing so, this ban continues to present ambiguity about who is subject to the incineration moratorium, potentially extending the temporary ban from just the military to any entity or person.

Moreover, this amendment contravenes the Federal law governing these matters: The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Practically speaking, if the executive or judicial branches of our government adopt this interpretation, it would have profound policy implications on waste, storage, and disposal practices in our country.

Of greatest concern, a policy like this has the real potential to overwhelm existing landfill capacity and leave few viable disposal options for Americans.

Again, I urge my colleagues to oppose the Levin amendment.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I want to be clear: This is not a permanent ban on the incineration of PFAS. It is a moratorium until guidelines for safe disposal can be produced.

Unfortunately, Congress was forced to place a moratorium on incinerating PFAS because DOD flagrantly ignored the directives requiring DOD to satisfy certain requirements before incinerating PFAS to ensure it did not cause further harm.

EPA’s scientists reviewed non-incineration technologies; namely, three commercial systems using supercritical water oxidation, and found a high level of AFFF destruction, well over 99.99 percent. EPA has suggested these technologies could replace incineration for AFFF.

We know there are better technologies; we are simply extending this

so that the Department of Defense can come up with a plan to dispose of PFAS safely.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, again, I oppose this amendment and urge a “no” vote, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN).

The question is on the amendment.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

AMENDMENT NO. 81 OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 81 printed in part A of House Report 117-405.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

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

SEC. 5. PILOT PROGRAM ON SAFE STORAGE OF PERSONALLY OWNED FIREARMS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a voluntary pilot program to promote the safe storage of personally owned firearms.

(b) ELEMENTS.—Under the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall furnish to members of the Armed Forces described in subsection (c) secure gun storage or safety devices for the purpose of securing personally owned firearms when not in use (including by directly providing, subsidizing, or otherwise making available such devices).

(c) VOLUNTARY PARTICIPANTS.—A member of the Armed Forces described in this subsection is a member of the Armed Forces who elects to participate in the pilot program under subsection (a) and is stationed at a military installation selected under subsection (e).

(d) PLAN.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for the implementation of the pilot program under subsection (a).

(e) SELECTION OF INSTALLATIONS.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall select not fewer than five military installations at which to carry out the pilot program under subsection (a).

(f) DURATION.—The duration of the pilot program under subsection (a) shall be for a period of six years.

(g) REPORT.—Upon the termination of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the following information:

(1) The number and type of secure gun storage or safety devices furnished to mem-

bers of the Armed Forces under such pilot program.

(2) The cost of such pilot program.

(3) An analysis of the effect of such pilot program on suicide prevention.

(4) Such other information as the Secretary may determine appropriate, except that such information may not include the personally identifiable information of a participant in such pilot program.

(h) SECURE GUN STORAGE OR SAFETY DEVICE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “secure gun storage or safety device” means—

(1) a device that, when installed on a firearm, is designed to prevent the firearm from being operated without first deactivating the device;

(2) a device incorporated into the design of the firearm that is designed to prevent the operation of the firearm by any individual without access to the device; or

(3) a safe, gun safe, gun case, lock box, or other device that may be used to store a firearm and is designed to be unlocked only by a key, combination, or other similar means.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I say to my colleagues, this is a really important amendment. This deals with suicide and securing guns.

This program will be a pilot. It will be at five installations. It will be voluntary. It is bipartisan and bicameral.

Senator DAN SULLIVAN is my co-lead on the Senate side. It is already in the Senate NDAA. The NRA is satisfied with this amendment.

So what does it do?

This year, my subcommittee has spent over 100 hours on the issue of suicide in the military. I have personally spoken to parents and spouses of servicemembers who have died by suicide.

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We have seen an extraordinary increase in suicide in our Active-Duty servicemembers, some 40 percent increase in the past 5 years, and we have hot spots in areas like Alaska and on the USS *George Washington*, where most recently seven sailors have died by suicide. In Alaska we have seen the suicide rate double in 2021.

Since then, I have traveled to Alaska with Senator SULLIVAN to visit soldiers in Anchorage and Fairbanks. We have heard from junior enlisted soldiers who feel isolated, stressed out, and disconnected, who must wait 2 to 3 months to see a behavioral health provider. The providers are overwhelmed by demand from suicidal servicemembers. It is a challenging problem.

Earlier in March, the subcommittee had a hearing, and one of the experts said that one of the best things we can do is deal with the issue that many persons who are contemplating suicide are making that decision impulsively. A few seconds makes a difference.

The experts are saying to us, if we have a simple process by which, voluntarily, servicemembers can request a gun safe or a firearm lock and have it

paid for, that will save lives because ideations can come and go so quickly.

We must create a new norm, not through mandates, but by encouragement. This amendment would create a voluntary pilot program at five installations, as I already mentioned. Safe storage has bipartisan support from both Presidents Trump and Biden, and I would really request a resounding bipartisan vote for this amendment.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, this amendment requires the Department of Defense to establish a voluntary pilot program to provide secure gun storage or safety devices for personally owned firearms. I don't think it is the DOD's responsibility. This should be the responsibility of the servicemember who owns the firearm.

Most firearm manufacturers provide gun locks with the sale of a firearm. They also are readily available at very low cost at many sporting goods stores around the country.

Madam Speaker, I urge all Members to oppose the amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I have great admiration for the ranking member of the committee. A lot of things aren't DOD's responsibility, except for the fact that servicemembers are their responsibility, and we have an obligation to address this extraordinary rate of suicide in the military.

This is one modest step, as a pilot program, to determine whether or not it is effective. We have experts telling us it is, and we have a crisis of servicemembers who are taking their lives. There does not appear to be rhyme or reason to it but for the fact that they have suicidal ideations or because they can't see behavioral health experts, which we are trying to address through other elements of the NDAA. I feel very strongly that this is really a key. Again, it is bipartisan, it is bicameral, and the NRA is fine with the amendment.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I think I have said enough, and I will close. I ask for a “yes” vote.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I still oppose the amendment. I urge a “no” vote, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the previous question is ordered on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Ms. SPEIER).

The question is on the amendment.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PERRY. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1224, I offer amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 2, consisting of amendment Nos. 34, 40, 47, 70, 75, 77, 113, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, and 278, printed in part A of House Report 117–405, offered by Mr. SMITH of Washington:

AMENDMENT NO. 34 OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 10. CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS OF RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS TO COMBAT TERRORISM.

Section 127e of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2) by adding at the end of the following new subparagraph—

“(D) The processes through which the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall ensure that, prior to a decision to provide any support to foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals, full consideration is given to any credible information available to the Department of State relating to violations of human rights by such entities.”.

(2) in subsection (d)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (H), by inserting “, including the promotion of good governance and rule of law and the protection of civilians and human rights” before the period at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (I)—

(i) by striking the period at the end and inserting “or violations of the laws of armed conflict, including the Geneva Conventions of 1949, including—”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(i) vetting units receiving such support for violations of human rights;

“(ii) providing human rights training to units receiving such support; and

“(iii) providing for the investigation of allegations of gross violations of human rights and termination of such support in cases of credible information of such violations.”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(J) A description of the human rights record of the recipient, including for purposes of section 362 of this title, and any relevant attempts by such recipient to remedy such record.”;

(3) in subsection (i)(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(I) An assessment of how support provided under this section advances United States national security priorities and aligns with other United States Government efforts to address underlying risk factors of terrorism and violent extremism, including repression, human rights abuses, and corruption.”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(j) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), no funds may be used to provide support to any foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals if the Secretary of Defense has credible information that the unit has committed a gross violation of human rights.

“(2) The Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretary of State, may waive the prohibition under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that the waiver is required by extraordinary circumstances.

“(3) The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to the foreign forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals of a country if the Secretary of Defense determines that—

“(A) the government of such country has taken all necessary corrective steps; or

“(B) the support is necessary to assist in disaster relief operations or other humanitarian or national security emergencies.

“(k) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to constitute a specific statutory authorization for any of the following:

“(1) The conduct of a covert action, as such term is defined in section 503(e) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3093).

“(2) The introduction of United States armed forces, within the meaning of section 5(b) of the War Powers Resolution, into hostilities or into situations wherein hostilities are clearly indicated by the circumstances.

“(3) The provision of support to regular forces, irregular forces, groups, or individuals for the conduct of operations that United States Special Operations Forces are not otherwise legally authorized to conduct themselves.

“(4) The conduct or support of activities, directly or indirectly, that are inconsistent with the laws of armed conflict.”.

SEC. 3. CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS OF RECIPIENTS OF SUPPORT OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS FOR IRREGULAR WARFARE.

Section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1639) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2), by adding at the end of the following new subparagraph:

“(D) The processes through which the Secretary shall, in consultation with the Secretary of State, ensure that prior to a decision to provide support to individual members or units of foreign forces, irregular forces, or groups in a foreign country full consideration is given to any credible information available to the Department of State relating to gross violations of human rights by such individuals or units.”;

(2) in subsection (d)(2) of such section—

(A) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as subparagraph (H); and

(B) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following new subparagraph (G):

“(G) A description of the human rights record of the recipient, including for purposes of section 362 of title 10, United States Code, and any relevant attempts by such recipient to remedy such record.”;

(3) in subsection (h)(3), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(I) An assessment of how support provided under this section advances United States national security priorities and aligns with other United States Government interests in countries in which activities under the authority in this section are ongoing.”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j); and

(5) by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection (i):

“(i) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), no funds may be used to provide support to any individual member or unit of a foreign force, irregular force, or group in a foreign country if the Secretary of Defense has credible information that such individual or unit has committed a gross violation of human rights.

“(2) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretary of State, may waive the prohibition under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines that the waiver is required by extraordinary circumstances.

“(3) EXCEPTION.—The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall not apply with respect to individual members or units of such foreign forces, irregular forces, or groups if the Secretary of Defense, after consultation with the Secretary of State, determines that—

“(A) the government of such country has taken all necessary corrective steps; or

“(B) the support is necessary to assist in disaster relief operations or other humanitarian or national security emergencies.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 40 OFFERED BY MS. SÁNCHEZ OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 12. MATTERS RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AT NATO.

The President shall direct the United States Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to—

(1) advocate for adequate resources towards understanding and communicating the threat posed by climate change to allied civil security (specifically for the climate action and resilience agendas);

(2) support the establishment of a NATO Center of Excellence for Climate and Security;

(3) advocate for an in-depth critical assessment of NATO’s vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, building upon the Secretary General’s 2022 climate change and security impact assessment, that evaluates and analyzes NATO’s resilience in responding to the threat climate change will pose on migration, food insecurity, and housing insecurity; and

(4) communicate the core security challenge posed by climate change as articulated in NATO’s strategic concept.

AMENDMENT NO. 47 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. . REPORT ON COLUMBIAN MILITARY FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall submit to Congress a report—

(1) documenting knowledge and intelligence from 1980–2010 regarding—

(A) Colombian military involvement in assassinations and disappearances, and collaboration in paramilitary offensives;

(B) military conduct in the false positives initiative from 2002–2008; and

(C) any gross violations of human rights resulting from the Colombian military’s partnerships with private companies for security; and

(2) including an overview of the United States—Colombia military partnership during 1980—2010, specifying periods of deepened collaboration and coordination; and

(3) a discussion of the specifics regarding increases in military support, training, logistics, and weapons transfers on the part of the United States during such time period and the manner and extent of compliance on the part of Colombian forces with the requirements of section 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, section 362 of title 10, United States Code, and other prohibitions on the provision of security assistance to units of foreign forces on the basis of gross violations of human rights.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

AMENDMENT NO. 70 OFFERED BY MR. VINCENTE GONZALEZ OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in subtitle J of title V, insert the following new section:

SEC. 5 — REPORT ON NON-CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 147(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) by redesignating paragraph (9) as paragraph (10); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (8) the following new paragraph:

“(9) shall submit to the congressional defense committees an annual report on—

“(A) the number of members of the Armed Forces who are not citizens of the United States during the year covered by such report;

“(B) the immigration status of such members; and

“(C) the number of such members naturalized; and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 75 OFFERED BY MRS. CAROLYN B. MALONEY OF NEW YORK

At the end of division E, insert the following:

SEC. 5806. FEDERAL CONTRACTING FOR PEACE AND SECURITY.

(a) PURPOSE.—It is the policy of the Federal Government not to conduct business with companies that undermine United States national security interests by continuing to operate in the Russian Federation during its ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine.

(b) CONTRACTING PROHIBITION.—

(1) PROHIBITION.—The head of an executive agency may not enter into, extend, or renew a covered contract with a company that continues to conduct business operations in territory internationally recognized as the Russian Federation during the covered period.

(2) EXCEPTIONS.—

(A) GOOD FAITH EXEMPTION.—The Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the General Services Administration, may exempt a contractor from the prohibition in paragraph (1) if the contractor has—

(i) pursued and continues to pursue all reasonable steps in demonstrating a good faith effort to comply with the requirements of this Act; and

(ii) provided to the executive agency a reasonable, written plan to achieve compliance with such requirements.

(B) PERMISSIBLE OPERATIONS.—The prohibition in paragraph (1) shall not apply to business operations in Russia authorized by a license issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control or the Bureau of Industry and Security or is otherwise allowed to operate notwithstanding the imposition of sanctions.

(C) AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN RUSSIA.—The prohibition in paragraph (1) shall not apply to contracts related to the oper-

ation and maintenance of the United States Government’s consular offices and diplomatic posts in Russia.

(D) INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS.—The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall not apply to any contract that is any of the following:

(i) For the benefit, either directly or through the efforts of regional allies, of the country of Ukraine.

(ii) For humanitarian purposes to meet basic human needs.

(3) NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC INTEREST WAIVERS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The head of an executive agency is authorized to waive the prohibition under paragraph (1) with respect to a covered contract if the head of the agency certifies in writing to the President that such waiver is for the national security of the United States or in the public interest of the United States, and includes in such certification a justification for the waiver and description of the contract to which the waiver applies. The authority in this subparagraph may not be delegated below the level of the senior procurement executive of the agency.

(B) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—The head of an executive agency shall, not later than 7 days before issuing a waiver described in subparagraph (A), submit to the appropriate congressional committees the certification described in such subparagraph.

(4) EMERGENCY RULEMAKING AUTHORITY.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Administrator of General Services and the Secretary of Defense, shall promulgate regulations for agency implementation of this Act using emergency rulemaking procedures while considering public comment to the greatest extent practicable, that includes the following:

(A) A list of equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, or other items or activities, the engagement with which would be considered business operations, subject to the prohibition under paragraph (1).

(B) A requirement for a contractor or offeror to represent whether such contractor or offeror uses any of the items on the list described in subparagraph (A).

(C) A description of the process for determining a good faith exemption described under paragraph (2).

(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(A) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives.

(B) BUSINESS OPERATIONS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in clauses (ii) and (iii), the term “business operations” means engaging in commerce in any form, including acquiring, developing, selling, leasing, or operating equipment, facilities, personnel, products, services, personal property, real property, or any other apparatus of business or commerce.

(ii) EXCEPTIONS.—The term “business operations” does not include any of the following:

(I) Action taken for the benefit of the country of Ukraine.

(II) Action serving humanitarian purposes to meet basic human needs, including through a hospital, school, or non-profit organization.

(III) The provision of products or services for compliance with legal, reporting, or other requirements of the laws or standards of countries other than the Russian Federation.

(IV) Journalistic and publishing activities, news reporting, or the gathering and dissemination of information, informational materials, related services, or transactions ordinarily incident to journalistic and publishing activities.

(iii) EXCEPTION FOR SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION ACTIONS.—The term “business operations” does not include action taken to support the suspension or termination of business operations (as described in clause (i)) for the duration of the covered period, including—

(I) an action to secure or divest from facilities, property, or equipment;

(II) the provision of products or services provided to reduce or eliminate operations in territory internationally recognized as the Russian Federation or to comply with sanctions relating to the Russian Federation; and

(III) activities that are incident to liquidating, dissolving, or winding down a subsidiary or legal entity in Russia through which operations had been conducted.

(C) COVERED CONTRACT.—The term “covered contract” means a prime contract entered into by an executive agency with a company conducting business operations in territory internationally recognized as the Russian Federation during the covered period.

(D) COVERED PERIOD.—The term “covered period” means the period of time beginning 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on a date that is determined by the Secretary of State based on steps taken by the Russian Federation to restore the safety, sovereignty, and condition of the country of Ukraine, or 10 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is sooner.

(E) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive agency” has the meaning given the term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 77 OFFERED BY MR. KHANA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 857, after line 6, insert the following:

SEC. 1336. UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP.

(a) STRONG UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) a strong United States-India defense partnership, rooted in shared democratic values, is critical in order to advance United States interests in the Indo-Pacific region; and

(2) this partnership between the world’s oldest and largest democracies is critical and must continue to be strengthened in response to increasing threats in the Indo-Pacific regions, sending an unequivocal signal that sovereignty and international law must be respected.

(b) UNITED STATES-INDIA INITIATIVE ON CRITICAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES (iCET).—The Congress finds that the United States-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET) is a welcome and essential step to developing closer partnerships between governments, academia, and industry in the United States and India to address the latest advances in artificial intelligence, quantum computing, biotechnology, aerospace, and semiconductor manufacturing. Such collaborations between engineers and computer scientists are vital to help ensure that the United States and India, as well as other democracies around the world, foster innovation and facilitate technological advances which continue to far outpace Russian and Chinese technology.

(c) BORDER THREATS FROM CHINA AND RELIANCE ON RUSSIAN-BUILT WEAPONS.—Congress recognizes that—

(1) India faces immediate and serious regional border threats from China, with continued military aggression by the Government of China along the India-China border,

(2) India relies on Russian-built weapons for its national defense, and

(3) the United States should take additional steps to encourage India to accelerate India's transition off Russian-built weapons and defense systems while strongly supporting India's immediate defense needs.

(d) **WAIVER OF CAATSA SANCTIONS IN BEST INTERESTS OF UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES-INDIA DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP.**—While India faces immediate needs to maintain its heavily Russian-built weapons systems, a waiver to sanctions under the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act during this transition period is in the best interests of the United States and the United States-India defense partnership to deter aggressors in light of Russia and China's close partnership.

AMENDMENT NO. 143 OFFERED BY MR. BUDD OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 5. ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST THE TRANSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS INTO CAREERS IN EDUCATION.

(a) **VETERANS-TO-CLASSROOMS PROGRAM.**—

(1) **MODIFICATION AND REDESIGNATION OF PROGRAM.**—Section 1154 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking: **“employment as teachers: Troops-to-Teachers Program”** and inserting **“employment in schools: Veterans-to-Classrooms Program”**;

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraphs:

“(2) **SECRETARY.**—The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Defense.

“(3) **COVERED POSITION.**—

“(A) The term ‘covered position’ means a full-time position in an eligible school as—

“(i) a teacher, including an elementary school teacher, a secondary school teacher, and a career and technical education teacher;

“(ii) a school leader;

“(iii) a school administrator;

“(iv) a nurse;

“(v) a principal;

“(vi) a counselor;

“(vii) a teaching aide;

“(viii) specialized instructional support personnel;

“(ix) a school resource officer; or

“(x) a contractor who performs the functions of a position described in any of clauses (i) through (viii).”;

(iii) by amending paragraph (4), as so redesignated, to read as follows:

“(4) **ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.**—The term ‘eligible school’ means—

“(A) a public elementary school, including a public elementary charter school;

“(B) a public secondary school, including a public secondary charter school; or

“(C) a Bureau-funded school as defined in section 1141(3) of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021(3)).”;

(iv) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated, by striking “Troops-to-Teachers” and inserting “Veterans-to-Classrooms”;

(v) by striking paragraph (9), as so redesignated, and inserting the following new paragraph (9):

“(9) **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.**—The term ‘school resource officer’ has the meaning given that term in section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10389(4)).”;

(vi) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated, by striking “and ‘State’” and inserting “‘specialized instructional support personnel’, and ‘State’”;

(C) in subsection (b)—

(i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “Secretary of Defense may carry out a Troops-to-Teachers Program” and inserting “The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, may carry out a Veterans-to-Classrooms Program”;

(ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “become a teacher” and inserting “obtain a covered position”;

(iii) by amending subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) to read as follows:

“(A) by local educational agencies or charter schools in States with a shortage of individuals to fill covered positions, as determined by the Secretary of Education.”;

(D) in subsection (d)(4)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “or career or technical subjects” and inserting “career and technical education, or subjects relating to a covered position”;

(ii) in clause (ii), by inserting “in a covered position or” after “seek employment”;

(E) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking “become a teacher” and inserting “obtain a covered position”;

(II) in clause (ii), by striking “as an elementary school teacher” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “in a covered position for not less than three school years in an eligible school to begin the school year after the member obtains the professional credentials required for the position involved”;

(ii) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking “as a teacher in an eligible elementary school or secondary school or as a career or technical teacher” and inserting “in a covered position”;

(iii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) in subparagraph (A)—

(aa) in the first sentence, by striking “educational level, certification, or licensing” and inserting “educational level, certification, licensing, or other professional credentials”;

(bb) in the second sentence, by striking “\$5,000” and inserting “\$9,000 (except as adjusted by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (D))”;

(II) in subparagraph (B)—

(aa) in clause (i), by striking “as an elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, or career or technical teacher” and inserting “in a covered position”;

(bb) in clause (ii), by striking “may not exceed \$5,000, unless the eligible school is a high-need school, in which case the amount of the bonus may not exceed \$10,000” and inserting “may not exceed \$9,000 (except as adjusted by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (D)), unless the eligible school is a high-need school, in which case the amount of the bonus may not exceed \$18,000 (except as so adjusted)”;

(III) in subparagraph (C)—

(aa) in clause (i), by striking “5,000” and inserting “20,000”;

(bb) in clause (ii), by striking “3,000” and inserting “5,000”;

(cc) in clause (iv), by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$18,000 (except as adjusted by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (D))”;

(IV) by adding at the end the following:

“(D)(i) The Secretary may adjust the dollar amounts set forth in subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and (C)(iv) to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index over the applicable period.

“(ii) In this subparagraph, the term ‘applicable period’ means—

“(I) with respect to an initial adjustment under clause (i), the period that has elapsed since the date of the enactment of the TEAMS Act; or

“(II) with respect to any adjustment after the initial adjustment, the period that has elapsed since the date of the most recent adjustment under clause (i).”;

(F) in subsection (f)(1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking “become a teacher” and inserting “obtain a covered position”;

(II) by striking “as an elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, or career or technical teacher” and inserting “in a covered position”;

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking “, employment as an elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, or career or technical teacher” and inserting “employment in a covered position”;

(G) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by striking “as elementary school teachers, secondary school teachers, and career or technical teachers” and inserting “in covered positions”;

(H) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(j) **PARTNERSHIPS.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may enter into one or more partnerships with States, local educational agencies, or covered entities—

“(A) to help sustain and expand the reach of the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program to promote careers in education among current and future veterans under this section;

“(B) to provide information on the Program in accordance with subsection (k)(2) in widely available, user-friendly formats;

“(C) to help recruit more veterans, including veterans who are retired law enforcement officers, and service members who are within 6 months of transitioning out of the military into new careers in education;

“(D) to promote careers in education among current and future veterans by providing veterans with information on other employment transition programs, including—

“(i) the Veterans’ Employment & Training Service and the National Veterans’ Training Institute of the Department of Labor;

“(ii) the transition assistance programs established under section 1144 of this title;

“(iii) the SkillBridge and Career Skills Programs of the Department of Defense;

“(iv) the AmeriCorps program carried out under subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.); and

“(v) other transitional or educational programs; and

“(E) to promote careers in education by helping veterans learn about educational benefits available to them, including Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, certification programs, and applicable on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs, to help veterans get into an educational career field.

“(2) **COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term ‘covered entity’ means—

“(A) an entity qualifying as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

“(B) a veterans service organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.

“(k) **PROGRAM INFORMATION.**—

“(1) **INFORMATION FROM SECRETARY.**—The Secretary shall make available, on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense, the information described in paragraph (3).

“(2) INFORMATION FROM COVERED ENTITIES.—Each State, local educational agency, and covered entity that enters into a partnership with the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall make available, on a publicly accessible website, the information described in paragraph (3).

“(3) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The information described in this subparagraph is information on the Veterans-to-Classrooms program authorized under this section, including a description of the application process for the program and the potential benefits of participating in the program.

“(1) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—Not less frequently than once every two years, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program. At minimum, the report shall include a comparison of the number of participants in the Program during the period covered by the report relative to the number of stipends authorized under the Program during such period.

“(m) PROCESS TO STREAMLINE APPLICATIONS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the TEAMS Act, the Secretary shall implement a process to simplify the submission of applications under subsection (d)(2).”.

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 58 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1154 and inserting the following new item:

“1154. Assistance to eligible members and former members to obtain employment in schools: Veterans-to-Classrooms Program.”.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) REFERENCES.—Beginning on the effective date specified in paragraph (3), any reference in Federal law (other than this Act), regulations, guidance, instructions, or other documents of the Federal Government to the Troops-to-Teachers Program shall be deemed to be a reference to the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program.

(b) VETERANS EMPLOYABLE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.—Section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10389(4)) is amended by inserting after “a career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority,” the following: “or a veteran (as such term is defined in section 101(2) of title 38, United States Code) who is hired by a State or local public agency as a law enforcement officer for purposes of serving as a school resource officer, who is”.

(c) TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION CAREERS FOR VETERANS.—

(1) TASK FORCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall convene a task force to identify strategies that may be used to assist veterans in obtaining employment in the field of education.

(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The task force convened under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) consult regularly with veterans service organizations in performing the duties of the task force; and

(B) coordinate administrative and regulatory activities and develop proposals to—

(i) identify State licensing and certification requirements that are excessive and unnecessarily burdensome for veterans seeking to transition into careers in education;

(ii) identify potential compensation structures for educational employment that include salary credit for prior military and law enforcement experience;

(iii) recommend incentives to encourage educational employers to hire veterans;

(iv) assess the feasibility of establishing dedicated military veteran liaison positions in school districts;

(v) examine how funds made available for the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program under section 1154 of title 10, United States Code, may be used to conduct outreach, provide certification support, and help States establish outreach centers for veterans; and

(vi) explore how partnerships entered by the Secretary under subsection (j) of such section may be used to promote careers in education among veterans through collaboration with relevant employment transition programs, including the Transition Assistance Program, the SkillBridge and Career Skills Programs of the Department of Defense, and the AmeriCorps program.

(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall consist of—

(A) the Secretary of Defense, or the designee of the Secretary, who shall be the head of the task force;

(B) the Secretary of Education, or the designee of the Secretary;

(C) the Attorney General, or the designee of the Attorney General;

(D) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the designee of the Secretary;

(E) the Secretary of Labor, or the designee of the Secretary;

(F) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, or the designee of the Director;

(G) four representatives from a veterans service organization, selected by the President;

(H) a representative of the Administrative Conference of the United States; and

(I) representatives of State and local governments selected by the President, which may include representatives of State boards of education and relevant State licensing agencies.

(4) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date on which the task force is convened under paragraph (1), the task force shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(i) a description of actions that may be carried out by State and local governments to reduce barriers that interfere with the ability of veterans to transition into careers in education; and

(ii) recommendations for specific legislative and regulatory actions that may be carried out to reduce such barriers.

(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall be made available on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense.

(5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “veterans service organization” means any organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(d) FUNDING.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, there are authorized to be appropriated \$240,000,000 to carry out the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program under section 1154 of title 10, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)).

(2) OFFSETS.—

(A) Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 3102 for defense environmental cleanup, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4701, is hereby reduced by \$217,500,000.

(B) Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated for research, development, test, and evaluation, Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for applied research,

force protection applied research (PE 0602123N), line 005—

(i) for CFP-Resilient Autonomous System Research and Workforce Diversity is hereby reduced by \$4,000,000;

(ii) for Direct air capture and carbon removal technology program is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000; and

(iii) for Resilient Autonomous Systems Research & Workforce Diversity is hereby reduced by \$8,500,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 164 OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO.

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

SEC. 10 . AVAILABILITY OF MODULAR SMALL ARMS RANGE FOR ARMY RESERVE IN PUERTO RICO.

The Secretary of Army shall ensure that a modular small arms range is made available for the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico.

AMENDMENT NO. 165 OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO.

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

SEC. 10 . INDEPENDENT EPIDEMIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACTIVITIES IN VIEQUES.

(a) AGREEMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to perform the services covered by this section.

(2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter into the agreement described in paragraph (1) not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) STUDIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Under an agreement between the Secretary and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine under this section, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine shall carry out epidemiological studies of the short-term, long-term, primary, and secondary health effects caused or sufficiently correlated to exposure to chemicals and radioactive materials from activities of the Department of Defense in the communities of concern, including any recommendations. In carrying out such studies, the National Academies may incorporate the research generated pursuant to funding opportunity number EPA-G2019-ORD-A1.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The epidemiological studies carried out under paragraph (1) and the recommendations developed under such paragraph shall include the following:

(A) A list of known contaminants and their locations that have been left by the Department of Defense in the communities of concern.

(B) For each contaminant under subparagraph (A), an epidemiological study that—

(i) estimates the disease burden of current and past residents of Vieques, Puerto Rico, from such contaminants;

(ii) incorporates historical estimates of residents' groundwater exposure to contaminants of concern that—

(I) predate the completion of the water-supply pipeline in 1978;

(II) include exposure to groundwater from Atlantic Weapons Fleet Weapons Training Area “Area of Concern E” and any other exposures that the National Academies determine necessary;

(III) consider differences between the aquifers of Vieques; and

(IV) consider the differences between public and private wells, and possible exposures from commercial or agricultural uses; and

(iii) includes estimates of current residents' exposure to chemicals and radiation which may affect the groundwater, food, air, or soil, that—

(I) include current residents' groundwater exposure in the event of the water-supply pipeline being temporarily lost; and

(II) is based on the actual practices of residents in Vieques during times of duress, for example the use of wells for fresh water following Hurricane Maria.

(C) An identification of Military Munitions Response Program sites that have not fully investigated whether contaminants identified at other sites are present or the degree of contamination present.

(D) The production of separate, peer-reviewed quality research into adverse health outcomes, including cancer, from exposure to drinking water contaminated with methyl tert-butyl ether (MTBE).

(E) Any other factors the National Academies determine necessary.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than two years after the date of the execution of an agreement under subsection (a), the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine shall—

(A) submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the findings of the National Academies under subsection (b); and

(B) make available to the public on a publicly accessible website a version of the report that is suitable for public viewing.

(2) FORM.—The report submitted under paragraph (1)(A) shall be submitted in unclassified form.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees; and

(B) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

(2) The term “communities of concern” means Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and the former Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area.

AMENDMENT NO. 166 OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO

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

SEC. 7. HEALTH-RELATED BEHAVIORS SURVEY AND REPORT.

(a) SURVEY.—The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall conduct a health-related behaviors survey among the members of the Armed Forces.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing the results of the survey under subsection (a).

AMENDMENT NO. 167 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

At the end of subtitle B 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 500, is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 168 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

At the appropriate place in subtitle J of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. REPORT ON INSTANCES OF ANTI-SEMITISM.

The Secretaries concerned shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that identifies, with respect to the equal opportunity programs under the jurisdiction of each Secretary concerned—

(1) all administrative investigations into allegations of antisemitism; and

(2) all substantiated instances of antisemitism.

AMENDMENT NO. 169 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

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

SEC. 10. ANNUAL REPORT ON USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an annual report on—

(1) the use of online social media platforms by entities designated as foreign terrorist organizations by the Department of State for recruitment, fundraising, and the dissemination of information; and

(2) the threat posed to the national security of the United States by the online radicalization of terrorists and violent extremists.

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this section, the appropriate congressional committees are—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

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

AMENDMENT NO. 170 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

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

SEC. 5. ANNUAL REPORT REGARDING COST OF LIVING FOR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Section 136 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall submit annually to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing an analysis of the costs of living, nationwide, for

“(1) members of the Armed Forces on active duty; and

“(2) employees of the Department of Defense.”

AMENDMENT NO. 171 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

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 cor-

responding 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 172 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

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

SEC. 5. FUNDING FOR SKILLBRIDGE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING.

(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. Such additional amounts shall be for the Skillbridge program under section 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code, to provide training to members of the Armed Forces to become law enforcement officers.

(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.

AMENDMENT NO. 173 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

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

SEC. 5. NUMBERS OF CERTAIN NOMINATIONS FOR CADETS AT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.

Section 7442 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter following paragraph (10), by striking “10” and inserting “15”; and

(2) in subsection (b)(5), by striking “150” and inserting “200”.

AMENDMENT NO. 174 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

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.

AMENDMENT NO. 175 OFFERED BY MR. GREEN OF TENNESSEE

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

SEC. 12. GENERAL THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

(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 operations forces of the Polish Army. Such program shall be known as the “General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Exchange Program for Polish-American Defense Cooperation”.

(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the program include the following:

(1) To create an enduring training cooperation program to enhance the national security and defensive capabilities of the United States and Poland.

(2) To enable both countries to effectively respond to emerging threats and future challenges in Eastern Europe and around the globe.

(3) To increase the interoperability, combined readiness, joint planning capabilities, and shared situational awareness between special operations forces described in subsection (a).

(4) To provide a program for the exchange of such special operations forces that will increase readiness and capacity to counter adversarial operations, including—

(A) enhancing and increasing the capability to counter irregular and asymmetrical warfare;

(B) enhancing and increasing the capability to respond to, and conduct, information operations;

(C) enhancing and increasing the capability to counter land and air assaults, including the capacity to conduct urban warfare; and

(D) any other relevant training that the Secretary of Defense determines relevant, including training at military training centers and professional military education institutions of the Department of Defense.

(5) To encourage the deepening and number of training programs among NATO allies and partners to strengthen joint resiliency, readiness, and deterrence capabilities, to facilitate peace in the transatlantic region.

(c) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Officers and enlisted members of such special operations forces may participate in the program under this section.

(d) **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 training program.

AMENDMENT NO. 176 OFFERED BY MR. GUEST OF MISSISSIPPI

At the end of subtitle B of title V of division A of the bill, add the following:

SEC. ____ . DIVESTITURE OF TACTICAL CONTROL PARTY.

No divestiture of any Tactical Control Party specialist force structure from the Air National Guard may occur until the Chief of the National Guard Bureau provides a report to the congressional defense committees describing—

(1) the capability gaps caused by divestiture of Tactical Control Party force structure from the Air National Guard and its impact on the Department of Defense to execute the National Defense Strategy; and

(2) the impacts of such divestiture to the operational capabilities of the Army National Guard.

AMENDMENT NO. 177 OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT

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

SEC. 7 ____ . 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 178 OFFERED BY MR. HIMES OF CONNECTICUT

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

SEC. ____ . TASK FORCE TO TRACK SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on best practices for creating a Task Force or Working Group to determine how to track and monitor United States defense articles and defense services made available to Ukraine. Such report shall also identify gaps or needs for greater research investment in developing predictive modeling that can forecast the movement of weapons, to be used for weapons tracking in Ukraine and in future conflicts where the United States provides security assistance.

(b) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the submission of the report required by subsection (a), the best practices and recommendations identified in such report shall be implemented.

(c) **UPDATE.**—The President shall provide to the congressional defense committees quarterly updates on the progress of implementation in accordance with subsection (b).

AMENDMENT NO. 179 OFFERED BY MR. HORSFORD OF NEVADA

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

SEC. 1609. REPORT ON HYPERSPECTRAL SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY.

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 on how hyperspectral satellite technology being developed and tested by domestic commercial satellite companies may be incorporated in the Department of Defense's existing and future greenhouse gas reduction efforts.

AMENDMENT NO. 180 OFFERED BY MR. HORSFORD OF NEVADA

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

SEC. 2 ____ . FUNDING FOR HIGH ENERGY LASER AND CERTAIN EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES.

(a) **FUNDING FOR HIGH ENERGY LASER.**—

(1) **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 advanced technology development, air and missile defense advanced technology (PE 0603466A), line 048, Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems Palatized-High Energy Laser is hereby increased by \$25,000,000.

(2) **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, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for advanced technology development, air and missile defense advanced technology (PE 0603466A), line 048, Program Increase is hereby reduced by \$25,000,000.

(b) **FUNDING FOR EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES.**—

(1) **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 system development & demonstration, emerging technology initiatives (PE 0605054A), line 136, Program Increase

(10kw-50kw DE-MSHORAD) is hereby increased by \$70,000,000.

(2) **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, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for system development & demonstration, emerging technology initiatives (PE 0605054A), line 136, Program Increase (10kw-50kw DE-MSHORAD) and C-UAS P-HEL is hereby reduced by \$70,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 181 OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

SEC. 2 ____ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to the availability of appropriations for this purpose, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program to accelerate the development of advanced technology for national security by creating incentives for trusted private capital in domestic small businesses or non-traditional businesses that are developing technology that the Secretary considers necessary to support the modernization of the Department of Defense and national security priorities.

(2) **PURPOSES.**—The purposes of the pilot program required by this subsection are as follows:

(A) To promote the global superiority of the United States in advanced technologies of importance to national security, which are not adequately supported by private sector investment.

(B) To accelerate the transition and deployment of advanced technologies into the Armed Forces.

(C) To support Department spending through a loan guarantee to accelerate development of advanced technology as described in paragraph (1).

(b) **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary shall enter into a public-private partnership with one or more persons using criteria that the Secretary shall establish for purposes of this subsection.

(2) **CRITERIA.**—The criteria established under paragraph (1) for entering into a public-private partnership with a person shall include the following:

(A) The person shall be independent.

(B) The person shall be free from foreign oversight, control, influence, or beneficial ownership.

(C) The person shall have commercial private capital fund experience with technology development in the defense and commercial sectors.

(D) The person shall be eligible for access to classified information (as defined in the procedures established pursuant to section 801(a) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3161(a))).

(3) **OPERATING AGREEMENT.**—The Secretary and a person with whom the Secretary enters a partnership under paragraph (1) shall enter into an operating agreement that sets forth the roles, responsibilities, authorities, reporting requirements, and governance framework for the partnership and its operations.

(c) **INVESTMENT OF EQUITY.**—

(1) Pursuant to a public-private partnership entered into under subsection (c), a person with whom the Secretary has entered the partnership shall invest equity in domestic small businesses or nontraditional businesses consistent with subsection (a).

(2) Investments under paragraph (1) shall be selected based on their technical merit,

economic considerations, and ability to support modernization goals of the Department.

(d) BRIEFINGS AND REPORTS.—

(1) INITIAL BRIEFING AND REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the implementation of this section and a report on the feasibility of implementing loan guarantees to enhance the effectiveness of the pilot program under subsection (a), including—

(A) a detailed description of how loan guarantees would be vetted, approved, and managed, including mechanisms to protect the government's interests; and

(B) how such loan guarantees would be coordinated with other government invest mechanisms or other private sector financing.

(2) FINAL BRIEFING.—Not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the outcomes of the pilot program under subsection (a) and the feasibility and advisability of making it permanent.

(e) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on the date that is five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “domestic business” has the meaning given the term “U.S. business” in section 800.252 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulation.

(2) The term “domestic small businesses or nontraditional businesses” means—

(A) a small businesses that is a domestic business; or

(B) a nontraditional business that is a domestic business.

(3) The term “free from foreign oversight, control, influence, or beneficial ownership”, with respect to a person, means a person who has not raised and managed capital from a person or entity that is not trusted and is otherwise free from foreign oversight, control, influence, or beneficial ownership.

(4) The term “independent”, with respect to a person, means a person who lacks a conflict of interest accomplished by not having entity or manager affiliation or ownership with an existing fund.

(5) The term “nontraditional business” has the meaning given the term “nontraditional defense contractors” in section 3014 of title 10, United States Code.

(6) The term “small business” has the meaning given the term “small business concern” in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

AMENDMENT NO. 182 OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

SEC. 8. REPORT ON STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that the annex provided by the Department of Defense under section 851 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 134 Stat. 3773) did not contain every element required under such section.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than June 1, 2023, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report describing strategic and critical materials requirements of the Department of Defense, including the gaps and vulnerabilities in supply chains of such materials.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall

include in the report required by subsection (b) the following:

(1) The overall annual tonnage of each strategic or critical material used by the Department of Defense during the 10-year period ending on December 31, 2021.

(2) An evaluation of the benefits of a robust domestic supply chain for strategic and critical materials.

(3) An evaluation of the effects of the use of waivers by the Strategic Materials Protection Board established under section 187 of title 10, United States Code, on the domestic supply of strategic and critical materials.

(4) An identification of the improvements to the National Defense Stockpile that are required to further ensure that the Department of Defense has access to strategic and critical materials, aligning the goals of the stockpile with those of the Department and prioritize existing and future needs for emerging technologies.

(5) An evaluation of the domestic processing and manufacturing capacity required to supply strategic and critical materials to the Department of Defense, including identifying, in consultation with the Director of the United States Geological Survey, domestic locations of proven sources of such strategic and critical materials with existing commercial manufacturing capabilities.

(6) An identification of all minerals that are strategic and critical materials, and supply chains for such minerals, that originate in or pass through the Russian Federation.

(7) An evaluation of the process required to immediately halt the procurement of minerals described in paragraph (6) or products by the Government without adversely affecting national security.

(8) Any limits on the availability of information preventing or limiting the Under Secretary from fully addressing an element described in paragraphs (1) through (7) in the report.

(9) Any legislative recommendations, statutory authority, or appropriations necessary to improve the ability of the Department to monitor and address its strategic and critical materials requirements.

(d) FORM.—The report required in subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

(e) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “strategic and critical materials” has the meaning given such term in section 12 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. §98h-3).

AMENDMENT NO. 183 OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of title LVIII of division E, add the following:

SEC. . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CYBER AND DIGITAL SERVICE ACADEMY.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, shall establish a program to provide financial support for pursuit of programs of education at institutions of higher education that have been designated as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Education as defined in section 2200e of title 10, United States Code, in covered disciplines.

(2) DESIGNATION.—The program established under paragraph (1) shall be known as the “Department of Defense Cyber and Digital Service Academy” (in this section the “Program”).

(3) COVERED DISCIPLINES.—For purposes of the Program, a covered discipline is a discipline that the Secretary of Defense determines is critically needed and is cyber- or digital technology-related, including the following:

(A) Cyber-related arts and sciences.

(B) Cyber-related engineering.

(C) Cyber-related law and policy.

(D) Applied analysts-related sciences, data management, and digital engineering, including artificial intelligence and machine learning.

(E) Such other disciplines relating to cyber, cybersecurity, digital technology, or supporting functions as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

(b) PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND COMPONENTS.—The Program shall—

(1) provide scholarships through institutions of higher education described in subsection (a)(1) to students who are enrolled in programs of education at such institutions leading to degrees or specialized program certifications in covered disciplines;

(2) prioritize the placement of scholarship recipients fulfilling the post-award employment obligation under this section; and

(3) coordinate with the Cyber Scholarship Program as authorized in chapter 112 of title 10, United States Code.

(c) SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS.—

(1) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—Each scholarship under the Program shall be in such amount as the Secretary determines is necessary to pay all educational expenses incurred by that person, including tuition, fees, cost of books, laboratory expenses, and expenses of room and board, for the pursuit of the program of education for which the assistance is provided under the Program. The Secretary shall ensure that expenses paid are limited to those educational expenses normally incurred by students at the institution of higher education involved.

(2) SUPPORT FOR INTERNSHIP ACTIVITIES.—The financial assistance for a person under this section may also be provided to support internship activities of the person in the Department of Defense in periods between the academic years leading to the degree for which assistance is provided the person under the Program.

(3) PERIOD OF SUPPORT.—Each scholarship under the Program shall be for not more than 5 years.

(4) ADDITIONAL STIPEND.—Students demonstrating financial need, as determined by the Secretary, may be provided with an additional stipend under the Program.

(d) POST-AWARD EMPLOYMENT OBLIGATIONS.—Each scholarship recipient, as a condition of receiving a scholarship under the Program, shall enter into an agreement under which the recipient agrees to work for a period equal to the length of the scholarship, following receipt of the student's degree or specialized program certification, in the cyber- and digital technology-related missions of the Department, in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the Secretary in regulations the Secretary shall promulgate to carry out this subsection.

(e) HIRING AUTHORITY.—In carrying out this section, specifically with respect to enforcing the obligations and conditions of employment under subsection (d), the Secretary may use an authority otherwise available to the Secretary for the recruitment, employment, and retention of civilian personnel within the Department, including authority under section 1588f of title 10, United States Code.

(f) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a scholarship under this section, an individual shall—

(1) be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States;

(2) demonstrate a commitment to a career in improving the security of information technology;

(3) have demonstrated a high level of competency in relevant knowledge, skills, and

abilities, as defined by the national cybersecurity awareness and education program under section 303 of the Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2014 (15 U.S.C. 7443);

(4) be a full-time student, or have been accepted as a full-time student, in a program leading to a degree or specialized program certification in a covered discipline at an institution of higher education;

(5) enter into an agreement accepting and acknowledging the post award employment obligations, pursuant to section (d);

(6) accept and acknowledge the conditions of support under section (g); and

(7) accept all terms and conditions of a scholarship under this section and meet such other requirements for a scholarship as determined by the Secretary.

(g) CONDITIONS OF SUPPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of receiving a scholarship under this section, a recipient shall agree to provide the Office of Personnel Management (in coordination with the Department of Defense) and the institutions of higher education described in subsection (a)(1) with annual verifiable documentation of post-award employment and up-to-date contact information.

(2) TERMS.—A scholarship recipient under the Program shall be liable to the United States as provided in subsection (i) if the individual—

(A) fails to maintain an acceptable level of academic standing at the applicable institution of higher education, as determined by the Secretary;

(B) is dismissed from the applicable institution of higher education for disciplinary reasons;

(C) withdraws from the eligible degree program before completing the Program;

(D) declares that the individual does not intend to fulfill the post-award employment obligation under this section;

(E) fails to maintain or fulfill any of the post-graduation or post-award obligations or requirements of the individual; or

(F) fails to fulfill the requirements of paragraph (1).

(h) MONITORING COMPLIANCE.—As a condition of participating in the Program, an institution of higher education described in subsection (a)(1) shall—

(1) enter into an agreement with the Secretary to monitor the compliance of scholarship recipients with respect to their post-award employment obligations; and

(2) provide to the Secretary and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, on an annual basis, the post-award employment documentation required under subsection (g)(1) for scholarship recipients through the completion of their post-award employment obligations.

(i) AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT.—

(1) LESS THAN 1 YEAR OF SERVICE.—If a circumstance described in subsection (g)(2) occurs before the completion of 1 year of a post-award employment obligation under the Program, the total amount of scholarship awards received by the individual under the Program shall be considered a debt to the Government and repaid in its entirety.

(2) 1 OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE.—If a circumstance described in subparagraph (D) or (E) of subsection (g)(2) occurs after the completion of 1 or more years of a post-award employment obligation under the Program, the total amount of scholarship awards received by the individual under the Program, reduced by the ratio of the number of years of service completed divided by the number of years of service required, shall be considered a debt to the Government and repaid in accordance with subsection (j).

(j) REPAYMENTS.—A debt described in subsection (i) shall be subject to repayment, together with interest thereon accruing from

the date of the scholarship award, in accordance with terms and conditions specified by the Secretary in regulations promulgated to carry out this subsection.

(k) COLLECTION OF REPAYMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event that a scholarship recipient is required to repay the scholarship award under the Program, the institution of higher education providing the scholarship shall—

(A) determine the repayment amounts and notify the recipient, the Secretary, and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management of the amounts owed; and

(B) collect the repayment amounts within a period of time as determined by the Secretary.

(2) RETURNED TO TREASURY.—Except as provided in paragraph (3), any repayment under this subsection shall be returned to the Treasury of the United States.

(3) RETAIN PERCENTAGE.—An institution of higher education may retain a percentage of any repayment the institution collects under this subsection to defray administrative costs associated with the collection. The Secretary shall establish a single, fixed percentage that will apply to all eligible entities.

(l) PUBLIC INFORMATION.—

(1) EVALUATION.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, shall periodically evaluate and make public, in a manner that protects the personally identifiable information of scholarship recipients, information on the success of recruiting individuals for scholarships under the Program and on hiring and retaining those individuals in the Department of Defense workforce, including information on—

(A) placement rates;

(B) where students are placed, including job titles and descriptions;

(C) salary ranges for students not released from obligations under this section;

(D) how long after graduation students are placed;

(E) how long students stay in the positions they enter upon graduation;

(F) how many students are released from obligations; and

(G) what, if any, remedial training is required.

(2) REPORTS.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Office of Personnel Management, shall submit, not less frequently than once every two years, to Congress a report, including—

(A) the results of the evaluation under paragraph (1);

(B) the disparity in any reporting between scholarship recipients and their respective institutions of higher education; and

(C) any recent statistics regarding the size, composition, and educational requirements of the relevant Department of Defense workforce.

(3) RESOURCES.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, shall provide consolidated and user-friendly online resources for prospective scholarship recipients, including, to the extent practicable—

(A) searchable, up-to-date, and accurate information about participating institutions of higher education and job opportunities related to the field of cybersecurity; and

(B) a modernized description of cybersecurity careers.

(m) ALLOCATION OF FUNDING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less than 50 percent of the amount available for financial assistance under this section for a fiscal year shall be available only for providing financial assistance for the pursuit of programs of education referred to in subsection (b)(1) at institutions of higher education that have estab-

lished, improved, or are administering programs of education in cyber disciplines under the grant program established in section 2200b of title 10, United States Code, as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

(2) ASSOCIATES DEGREES.—Not less than five percent of the amount available for financial assistance under this section for a fiscal year shall be available for providing financial assistance for the pursuit of an associate degree at an institution described in paragraph (1).

(n) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—In order to help identify workforce needs and trends relevant to the Program, the Secretary may establish a board of directors for the Program that consists of representatives of Federal departments and agencies.

(o) COMMENCEMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall commence the Program as early as practicable, with the first scholarships awarded under the Program for the academic year beginning not later than the Fall semester of 2024.

AMENDMENT NO. 184 OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of subtitle C of title XV add the following:

SEC. 1535. ESTABLISHMENT OF HACKING FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE INNOVATION PROGRAM.

(a) SUPPORT AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a Hacking for National Security and Public Service Innovation Program (in this section referred to as the “H4NSPSI program”) within the National Security Innovation Network (in this section referred to as the “NSIN”).

(2) COORDINATING AUTHORITY.—The NSIN shall serve as the coordinating authority for the H4NSPSI program and activities under such program.

(3) ELEMENTS.—H4NSPSI program activities shall include the following:

(A) Source problems at scale for the agencies associated with the programs specified in subsection (e).

(B) Recruit universities located in the United States or in partner or allied nations to work on the problems described in subparagraph (A).

(C) Train universities described in subparagraph (B) on the methodology of Hacking for Defense.

(D) Support the universities described in subparagraph (B) with content, curriculum, and other support to develop solutions to the problems described in subparagraph (A).

(E) Support the United States Government adoption of solutions developed through the programs specified in subsection (e).

(F) Support the development and acquisition of talent within the agencies associated with the programs specified in subsection (e).

(4) OBJECTIVES.—The H4NSPSI program may include the following objectives:

(A) Increase funding for successful innovation efforts that bridge the gap between innovative organizations and the United States military.

(B) Increase funding for established drivers of national security innovation within the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies, including the programs specified in subsection (e).

(C) Improve the ability of the Department of Defense to maintain technological advantage over competitors by leveraging private sector innovation at scale.

(D) Through the use of existing authorities—

(i) strengthen United States national security innovation efforts and activities; and

(ii) create additional opportunities for collaboration and shared experience between

the Department of Defense, other Federal agencies, the private sector, and academia through the expansion of existing programs, partnerships, and activities, including those specified in subsection (e).

(E) Grow and sustain the innovation edge of the United States by building and strengthening the national security innovation base through collaboration between the private sector, academia, the Department of Defense, the Armed Forces, and other Federal agencies.

(F) Invest in the future of national security innovation by inspiring a new generation to public service, supporting the diversity of the United States national security innovation workforce, and modernizing government decision-making processes.

(G) Expand the United States science and technology workforce by investing in STEM education and exposing the national security workforce to cutting-edge, innovative problem validation and solution development practices.

(H) Develop best practices for the conduct of such activities and programs.

(I) Identify experimental learning opportunities for activity and program participants to interact with operational forces and better understand national security challenges.

(J) Participate in exchanges and partnerships with Department of Defense science and technology activities, as well as the science and technology activities of other Federal agencies.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense may consult with the heads of such Federal agencies, universities, and public and private entities engaged in the development of advanced technologies, as well as in the validation of problems and adoption of solutions in response to national security challenges, as the Secretary of Defense determines to be appropriate.

(c) AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of Defense may develop and maintain metrics to assess national security and public service innovation programs and activities to ensure standards for programs supported under subsection (a) are consistent and being met.

(d) PARTICIPATION BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall encourage Federal employees and members of the Armed Forces through the service secretaries and service chiefs and their counterparts in agencies associated with the programs specified in subsection (e) to participate in the H4NSPSI program in order to gain exposure to modern innovation and entrepreneurial methodologies.

(e) COORDINATION.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall consider coordinating and partnering with activities and organizations involved in the following:

- (1) Hacking for Defense.
- (2) Hacking for Homeland Security.
- (3) Hacking for Diplomacy.
- (4) Hacking for Space.
- (5) Hacking for Manufacturing.

AMENDMENT NO. 185 OFFERED BY MR. HUDSON OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 2 . FUNDING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MEASURES TO PREVENT INFECTIONS CAUSED BY SEVERE FRACTURES.

(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 advanced technology devel-

opment, medical advanced technology (PE 0603002A), line 027, is hereby increased by \$5,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used to support the development of procedures and tools to prevent infections in members of the Armed Forces who experience severe bone fractures).

(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 440, is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 186 OFFERED BY MR. HUDSON OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 2 . FUNDING FOR RESEARCH INTO THE EFFECTS OF HEAD-SUPPORTED MASS ON CERVICAL SPINE HEALTH.

(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 advanced technology development, medical advanced technology (PE 0603002A), line 027, is hereby increased by \$5,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used to support the advancement of research into the effects of head-supported mass on cervical spine health).

(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 440, is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 187 OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

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 Silver Star.

AMENDMENT NO. 188 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 28 . REPORT ON RECOGNITION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SERVICEMEMBERS IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NAMING PRACTICES.

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 following information:

(1) A description of current Department of Defense naming conventions for military installations, infrastructure, vessels, and weapon systems.

(2) A list of all military installations (including reserve component facilities), infra-

structure (including reserve component infrastructure), vessels, and weapon systems that are currently named after African Americans who served in the Armed Forces.

(3) An explanation of the steps being taken to recognize the service of African Americans who have served in the Armed Forces with honor, heroism, and distinction by increasing the number of military installations, infrastructure, vessels, and weapon systems named after deserving African American members of the Armed Forces.

AMENDMENT NO. 189 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

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.

AMENDMENT NO. 190 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle A of title XVI, add the following new section:

SEC. 16 . REPORT ON SPACE DEBRIS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 240 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 risks posed by man-made space debris in low-earth orbit, including—

(1) recommendations with respect to the remediation of such risks; and

(2) outlines of plans to reduce the incident of such space debris.

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

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

AMENDMENT NO. 191 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 7 . FUNDING FOR POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

(a) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 1405 for the Defense Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding table in such division, is hereby increased by \$2,500,000 for post-traumatic stress disorder.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 1405 for the Defense Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding tables in division D, for Private Sector Care is hereby reduced by \$2,500,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 192 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 13 . BRIEFING ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAM TO PROTECT UNITED STATES STUDENTS AGAINST FOREIGN AGENTS.

Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on the program described in section 1277 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91), including an assessment on whether the program is beneficial to students interning, working part time, or in a program that will result in employment post-graduation with Department of Defense components and contractors.

AMENDMENT NO. 193 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

Add at the end of title XIII the following:
SEC. 13 . **REPORT ON EFFORTS TO COMBAT BOKO HARAM IN NIGERIA AND THE LAKE CHAD BASIN.**

(a) STATEMENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

(1) strongly condemns the ongoing violence and the systematic gross human rights violations against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin carried out by Boko Haram;

(2) expresses its support for the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin who wish to live in a peaceful, economically prosperous, and democratic region; and

(3) calls on the President to support Nigerian, Lake Chad Basin, and international community efforts to ensure accountability for crimes against humanity committed by Boko Haram against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin, particularly the young girls kidnapped from Chibok and other internally displaced persons affected by the actions of Boko Haram.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate a report on efforts to combat Boko Haram in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

(A) A description of initiatives undertaken by the Department of State and the Department of Defense to assist the Government of Nigeria and countries in the Lake Chad Basin to combat Boko Haram.

(B) A description of United States activities to enhance the capacity of Nigeria and countries in the Lake Chad Basin to investigate and prosecute human rights violations perpetrated against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin by Boko Haram, al-Qaeda affiliates, and other terrorist organizations, in order to promote respect for rule of law in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.

AMENDMENT NO. 194 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle D of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 7 . **INCREASED COLLABORATION WITH NIH TO COMBAT TRIPLE NEGATIVE BREAST CANCER.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Health of the Department of Defense shall work in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health to—

(1) identify specific genetic and molecular targets and biomarkers for triple negative breast cancer; and

(2) provide information useful in biomarker selection, drug discovery, and clinical trials design that will enable both—

(A) triple negative breast cancer patients to be identified earlier in the progression of their disease; and

(B) the development of multiple targeted therapies for the disease.

(b) FUNDING.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 1405 for the Defense

Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding tables in division D, is hereby increased by \$10,000,000 to carry out subsection (a).

(c) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by section 1405 for the Defense Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding tables in division D, for Private Sector Care is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 195 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 5 . **REVIEW AND REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT CLAIMS.**

(a) REVIEW.—The Secretary of Defense shall review the practices of the Department of Defense pertaining to the administration of sexual harassment claims. As part of the review, the Secretary shall—

(1) assess the efforts of the Department to prevent sexual harassment and protect members of the Armed Forces who submit sexual harassment claims; and

(2) compile data and research on the prevalence of sexual harassment in the military, including—

(A) the number of sexual harassment incidents reported;

(B) the number and percentage of such reports that resulted in the initiation of legal proceedings against the alleged perpetrator; and

(C) the number and percentage of such cases leading to convictions or other adverse action against the alleged perpetrator.

(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 results of the review conducted under subsection (a).

AMENDMENT NO. 196 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 10 . **REPORT ON PROTECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM RUSSIAN-SPONSORED ARMED ATTACKS.**

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 actions taken to protect members of the Armed Forces of the United States from armed attacks conducted by militants and terrorists in pursuit of bounties and inducements the agencies, organizations, or entities aligned with the Russian Federation.

AMENDMENT NO. 197 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 10 . **REPORT ON DESALINIZATION TECHNOLOGY.**

Not later than 180 days 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 application of desalination technology for defense and national security purposes to provide drought relief to areas affected by sharp declines in water resources.

AMENDMENT NO. 198 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

Page 227, after line 22, insert the following:
SEC. 389. REVIVAL OF REPORT ON NON-FEDERALIZED NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, TRAINING, AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

Section 10504(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “years 2018 through 2020” and inserting “years 2023 through 2025”

AMENDMENT NO. 199 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following:

SEC. 5 . **SPEECH DISORDERS OF CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN.**

(a) TESTING.—The Superintendent of a military service academy shall provide testing for speech disorders to incoming cadets or midshipmen under the jurisdiction of that Superintendent.

(b) NO EFFECT ON ADMISSION.—The testing under subsection (a) may not have any effect on admission to a military service academy.

(c) RESULTS.—The Superintendent shall provide each cadet or midshipman under the jurisdiction of that Superintendent the result of the testing under subsection (a) and a list of warfare unrestricted line officer positions and occupation specialists that require successful performance on the speech test.

(d) THERAPY.—The Superintendent shall furnish speech therapy to a cadet or midshipman under the jurisdiction of that Superintendent at the election of the cadet or midshipman.

(e) RETAKING.—A cadet or midshipman whose testing indicate a speech disorder or impediment may elect to retake the testing once each academic year while enrolled at the military service academy.

AMENDMENT NO. 200 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 31 . **REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR NEW OR MODIFIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS.**

(a) ACTIVITIES COVERED.—Subsection (a)(2) of section 4209 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2529) is amended by striking “research and development which could lead to the production” both places it appears and inserting “research and development for the production”.

(b) MODIFICATION TO FUNDING REQUEST FORMAT.—Subsection (b)(1) of such section is amended by striking “, or any concept work prior to phase 1 or 6.1 (as the case may be),”.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (c) of such section is amended to read as follows:

“(c) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to funds for purposes of conducting, or providing for the conduct of, any of the following:

“(1) Research and development, or manufacturing and engineering, determined by the Secretary to be necessary to address proliferation concerns.

“(2) Research and development for exploratory concept work relating to nuclear weapons.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 201 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle A of title XII, add the following new section:

SEC. 12 . **ASSESSMENT, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report on the processes that the Department of Defense uses to assess, monitor, and evaluate programs and activities under section 127e of title 10, United States Code, and section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91; 131 Stat. 1639). The report shall include—

(1) an evaluation of the efficiency and effectiveness of such programs and activities in achieving desired outcomes;

(2) identification of lessons learned and best practices in carrying out such programs and activities; and

(3) an explanation of the extent to which such lessons are used to improve future programs and activities carried out under such authorities of the Department of Defense.

AMENDMENT NO. 202 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON
LEE OF TEXAS

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XIII, insert the following:

SEC. ____ CHIEF OF MISSION CONCURRENCE.

The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report outlining the process by which chief of mission concurrence is obtained for Department of Defense clandestine activities under section 127(f) of title 10, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 203 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL
OF WASHINGTON

At the end of subtitle F of title VIII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 8 ____ MANUFACTURING OF INSULIN.

(a) **MANUFACTURING OF INSULIN.**—For the purposes of manufacturing insulin for use under the military health system, including under the TRICARE program, the Secretary of Defense may—

(1) select one or more Government-owned, contractor-operated facilities to manufacture insulin;

(2) use existing pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities of the Department of Defense to produce insulin; or

(3) establish new pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities to produce insulin.

(b) **SALE.**—Any insulin manufactured under the authority of this section may be provided at a price not to exceed the cost to manufacture and distribute the insulin.

AMENDMENT NO. 204 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL
OF WASHINGTON

Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII the following new section:

SEC. 1236. REPORT ON RISK OF NUCLEAR WAR IN UKRAINE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense Department shall provide Congress with a risk assessment on the likelihood of the use of a nuclear weapon as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and whether and by how much this risk increases the longer that the war continues.

(b) **FORM.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

AMENDMENT NO. 205 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL
OF WASHINGTON

Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII the following new section:

SEC. 1236. REPORT ON DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF WEAPONS IN UKRAINE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to Congress describing—

(1) the distribution and use of United States weaponry provided to the Ukrainian military including compliance with United States law, including those prohibiting such weaponry from being provided to extremist groups; and

(2) any efforts underway to prevent the illicit distribution or use of such weapons and the effectiveness of any such efforts.

(b) **FORM.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex.

AMENDMENT NO. 206 OFFERED BY MR. JOHNSON
OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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

SEC. 5 ____ ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES THAT BENEFIT DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WITH ENROLLMENT CHANGES DUE TO BASE CLOSURES, FORCE STRUCTURE CHANGES, OR FORCE RELOCATIONS.

(a) **ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED.**—To assist communities in making adjustments resulting from changes in the size or location of the Armed Forces, the Secretary of Defense shall provide financial assistance to an eligible local educational agency described in subsection (b) if, during the period between the end of the school year preceding the fiscal year for which the assistance is authorized and the beginning of the school year immediately preceding that school year, the local educational agency—

(1) had (as determined by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretary of Education) an overall increase or reduction of—

(A) not less than five percent in the average daily attendance of military dependent students in the schools of the local educational agency; or

(B) not less than 500 military dependent students in average daily attendance in the schools of the local educational agency; or

(2) is projected to have an overall increase, between fiscal years 2023 and 2028, of not less than 500 military dependent students in average daily attendance in the schools of the local educational agency as the result of a signed record of decision.

(b) **ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES.**—A local educational agency is eligible for assistance under subsection (a) for a fiscal year if—

(1) 20 percent or more of students enrolled in schools of the local educational agency are military dependent students; and

(2) in the case of assistance described in subsection (a)(1), the overall increase or reduction in military dependent students in schools of the local educational agency is the result of one or more of the following:

(A) The global rebasing plan of the Department of Defense.

(B) The official creation or activation of one or more new military units.

(C) The realignment of forces as a result of the base closure process.

(D) A change in the number of housing units on a military installation.

(E) A signed record of decision.

(c) **CALCULATION OF AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.**—

(1) **PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION.**—The amount of the assistance provided under subsection (a) to a local educational agency that is eligible for such assistance for a fiscal year shall be equal to the product obtained by multiplying—

(A) the per-student rate determined under paragraph (2) for that fiscal year; by

(B) the net of the overall increases and reductions in the number of military dependent students in schools of the local educational agency, as determined under subsection (a).

(2) **PER-STUDENT RATE.**—For purposes of paragraph (1)(A), the per-student rate for a fiscal year shall be equal to the dollar amount obtained by dividing—

(A) the total amount of funds made available for that fiscal year to provide assistance under subsection (a); by

(B) the sum of the overall increases and reductions in the number of military dependent students in schools of all eligible local educational agencies for that fiscal year under that subsection.

(3) **MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.**—A local educational agency may not receive more than \$15,000,000 in assistance under subsection (a) for any fiscal year.

(d) **DURATION.**—Assistance may not be provided under subsection (a) after September 30, 2028.

(e) **NOTIFICATION.**—Not later than June 30, 2023, and June 30 of each fiscal year thereafter for which funds are made available to carry out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall notify each local educational agency that is eligible for assistance under subsection (a) for that fiscal year of—

(1) the eligibility of the local educational agency for the assistance; and

(2) the amount of the assistance for which the local educational agency is eligible.

(f) **DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall disburse assistance made available under subsection (a) for a fiscal year not later than 30 days after the date on which notification to the eligible local educational agencies is provided pursuant to subsection (e) for that fiscal year.

(g) **BRIEFING REQUIRED.**—Not later than March 1, 2023, the Secretary of Defense shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the estimated cost of providing assistance to local educational agencies under subsection (a) through September 30, 2028.

(h) **ELIGIBLE USES.**—Amounts disbursed to a local education agency under subsection (f) may be used by such local educational agency for—

(1) general fund purposes;

(2) special education;

(3) school maintenance and operation;

(4) school expansion; or

(5) new school construction.

(i) **FUNDING.**—

(1) **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, Defense-wide, Department of Defense Education Activity, Line 390, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby increased by \$15,000,000 for purposes of 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, Defense-wide, for Washington Headquarters Services, Line 500, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$15,000,000.

(j) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **BASE CLOSURE PROCESS.**—The term “base closure process” means any base closure and realignment process conducted after the date of the enactment of this Act under section 2687 of title 10, United States Code, or any other similar law enacted after that date.

(2) **LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.**—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. 7113(9)).

(3) **MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENTS.**—The term “military dependent students” means—

(A) elementary and secondary school students who are dependents of members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) elementary and secondary school students who are dependents of civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

(4) **STATE.**—The term “State” means each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

AMENDMENT NO. 207 OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF
NEW YORK

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

SEC. 3 ____ PROGRAMS OF MILITARY DEPARTMENTS ON REDUCTION OF FUEL RELIANCE AND PROMOTION OF ENERGY-AWARE BEHAVIORS.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Subchapter III of chapter 173 of title 10, United States Code, is

amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 2928. Programs on reduction of fuel reliance and promotion of energy-aware behaviors

“(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Each Secretary of a military department shall establish a program for the promotion of energy-aware behaviors within that military department and the reduction of unnecessary fuel consumption in support of the goals under subsection (b).

“(b) **GOALS.**—The goals of the programs established under subsection (a) shall be as follows:

“(1) To reduce the reliance of the Department of Defense on fossil fuels.

“(2) To decrease energy-related strategic vulnerabilities and enhance military readiness.

“(3) To integrate sustainability features for new and existing military installations and other facilities of the Department.

“(c) **MINIMUM REQUIRED ELEMENTS.**—Under the program of a military department under subsection (a), the Secretary of such military department shall carry out, with respect to the military department, and at a minimum, the following:

“(1) The development and implementation of a strategy for the collection and analysis of data on fuel consumption, to identify operational inefficiencies and enable data-driven decision-making with respect to the reduction of fuel consumption and fuel logistics.

“(2) The fostering of an energy-aware culture across the military department to reduce fuel consumption, including through—

“(A) the provision of educational and training materials, including such materials that provide information on the importance of operational energy security and energy-aware behavior for military readiness and combat capability; and

“(B) the pursuit of relevant research opportunities with civilian institutions of higher education and postsecondary educational institutions within the Department of Defense.

“(3) The integration of operational energy factors into the wargaming of the military department and other related training activities that involve the modeling of scenarios, in accordance with subsection (d), to provide to participants in such activities realistic data on the risks and challenges relating to operational energy and fuel logistics.

“(4) The implementation of data-driven operations planning and logistics, to optimize cargo transport, streamline operations, and reduce fuel demand and reliance within the military department.

“(d) **WARGAMING ELEMENTS.**—In integrating operational energy factors into the wargaming and related training activities of a military department under subsection (c)(4), the Secretary of the military department shall seek to ensure that the planning, design, and execution of such activities include—

“(1) coordination with the elements of the military department responsible for fuel and logistics matters, to ensure the modeling of energy demand and network risk during such activities are accurate, taking into account shortfalls and the direct and indirect effects of the efforts of foreign adversaries to target fuel supply chains; and

“(2) a focus on improving integrated lifecycle management processes and fuel supply logistics.”

(b) **DEADLINE FOR ESTABLISHMENT.**—The programs required under section 2928 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall be established by not later

than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, each Secretary of a military department shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the establishment of the program of the military department required under such section 2928.

AMENDMENT NO. 208 OFFERED BY MR. JOYCE OF OHIO

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

SEC. 8. NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION OF NATURAL RUBBER FROM DOMESTIC HERBACIOUS PLANT SOURCES.

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for future investment by the Department of Defense in the development, testing, and evaluation of domestic natural rubber from herbaceous plants for military applications, including a timeline for acquiring critical defense components and products using natural rubber from domestic sources.

(b) **CONTENTS.**—The plan submitted under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An unclassified assessment of the direct and indirect influence of China on the commercial availability of natural rubber, including the effects on national security and the long-term implications for the defense supply chain, specifically for military aircraft and vehicle tires.

(2) An overview of the current investment of the Department of Defense in domestic natural rubber production and the plans of the Department for scaling and expanding such production to offset one percent of the annual importation of natural rubber into the United States.

(3) A plan to provide additional funding for the initiatives identified in paragraph (2) to achieve fielding of products and components with natural rubber from domestic sources not later than the end of fiscal year 2027.

(4) A strategy of United States-based rubber industry partners and component manufacturers for collaboration, codevelopment, and joint interest.

(5) A detailed description of the policies, procedures, budgets, and accelerated acquisition and contracting mechanisms of the Department of Defense for near-term insertion of domestic natural rubber content to test and evaluate performance of natural rubber from domestic sources for tactical aircraft performance.

AMENDMENT NO. 209 OFFERED BY MS. KELLY OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 5. PILOT TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR MILITARY SPOUSES.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot transition assistance program for covered individuals (in this section referred to as the “pilot program”).

(b) **SERVICES.**—The Secretary of Defense shall provide to a covered individual, who elects to participate in the pilot program, services similar to those available under TAP to members of the Armed Forces, including the following:

(1) Assessments of prior education, work history, and employment aspirations of covered individuals, to tailor appropriate employment services.

(2) Preparation for employment through services like mock interviews and salary negotiations, training on professional networking platforms, and company research.

(3) Job placement services.

(4) Services offering guidance on available health care resources, mental health resources, and financial assistance resources.

(5) Training in mental health first aid to learn how to assist someone experiencing a mental health or substance use-related crisis.

(c) **LOCATIONS.**—The Secretary shall carry out the pilot program at 12 military installations located in the United States.

(d) **DURATION.**—The pilot program shall terminate five years after enactment.

(e) **REPORT.**—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the and House of Representatives a report that includes—

(1) a description of the pilot program, including a description of specific activities carried out under this section; and

(2) the metrics and evaluations used to assess the effectiveness of the pilot program.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means a spouse of a member of the Armed Forces eligible for TAP.

(2) The term “military installation” has the meaning given such term in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “TAP” means the Transition Assistance Program under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 210 OFFERED BY MR. KHANNA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle H of title III, insert the following new section:

SEC. 3. USE OF AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR REMOVAL OF MUNITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF CONCERN IN GUAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense may use amounts available to the Department of Defense for operation and maintenance to remove munitions and explosives of concern from military installations in Guam.

(b) **MONITORING OF REMOVAL.**—The Secretary shall monitor and assess the removal by the Department of munitions and explosives of concern from military installations in Guam and shall constantly update processes for such removal to mitigate any issues relating to such removal.

(c) **REPORT ON AMOUNTS NECESSARY.**—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 indicating the amounts necessary to conduct removal of munitions and explosives of concern from military installations in Guam.

(d) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “munitions and explosives of concern” has the meaning given that term in section 179.3 of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, or successor regulations.

AMENDMENT NO. 211 OFFERED BY MR. KHANNA OF CALIFORNIA

Page 971, strike lines 1 through 8, and insert the following new subparagraphs (and redesignate the subsequent subparagraph accordingly):

(F) An identification of any challenges in establishing an integrated air and missile defense architecture with specified foreign partners, including assessments of the capacity of specified foreign partners to—

(i) rapidly share and respond to intelligence on ballistic and cruise missiles, manned and unmanned aerial systems, and rocket attacks from Iran, and their ability

to develop such capacity independent of direct United States support and oversight;

(ii) independently operate key technical components of such an architecture, including satellite sensors, ground- or sea-based radars, and interceptors; and

(iii) operate command and control centers directing the operation of such an architecture.

(G) An assessment of the overall cost to the United States for providing support for the establishment and sustainment of such an architecture over 5 and 10-year periods.

(H) A description of relevant coordination with the Secretary of State and the ways in which such an architecture advances United States regional diplomatic goals and objectives.

AMENDMENT NO. 212 OFFERED BY MR. KILDEE OF MICHIGAN

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

SEC. 10 . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO ENLISTED PERSONNEL SUBSISTENCE.

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should establish clear and consistent definitions of key terms for use in reporting budgetary and financial information related to enlisted personnel subsistence. This information should be provided to Congress as part of the Department of Defense budget justification materials relating to military personnel.

AMENDMENT NO. 213 OFFERED BY MR. KILDEE OF MICHIGAN

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

SEC. 10 . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS REVIEW PROCESS.

It is the sense of Congress that the Deputy Chief Financial Officer should incorporate appropriate steps to improve its corrective action plans review process, including notices of findings and recommendations are appropriately linked to the correct corrective action plans to address such notices. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer should also update Department of Defense guidance to instruct the Department and components of the Department to document root cause analysis when needed to address deficiencies auditors identified. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer must provide a briefing to the relevant congressional committees on the efforts of the Department of Defense to link notices of findings and recommendations with the correct corrective action plans.

AMENDMENT NO. 214 OFFERED BY MR. KILDEE OF MICHIGAN

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

SEC. 10 . SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO THE FRAUD REDUCTION TASK FORCE.

It is the sense of Congress that the Deputy Chief Financial Officer should ensure that the Secretary of Defense designates all representatives to the Fraud Reduction Task Force as quickly as possible.

AMENDMENT NO. 215 OFFERED BY MR. KILMER OF WASHINGTON

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

SEC. 10 . PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

The Secretary of Navy shall coordinate with the Secretary of Transportation and public shipyards to increase participation in the Federal Transportation Incentive Program by—

(1) identifying current challenges in the Program structure; and

(2) implementing modifications that would reduce impediments to use and provide in-

centives for increased use by Federal employees.

AMENDMENT NO. 216 OFFERED BY MR. KINZINGER OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 1 . REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN FLEET OF MANNED INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT.

(a) MANNED INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with Director of the Air National Guard, shall maintain a fleet of fixed wing, manned ISR/IAA aircraft to conduct operations pursuant to the provisions of law specified in paragraph (2).

(2) PROVISIONS SPECIFIED.—The provisions of law specified in this paragraph are the following:

(A) Sections 124 and 284 of title 10, United States Code.

(B) Section 112 of title 32, United States Code.

(C) Section 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136; 10 U.S.C. 271 note).

(b) LIMITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2023 for the Air Force may be obligated or expended to retire, divest, realign, or placed in storage or on backup aircraft inventory status, or to prepare to retire, divest, realign, or place in storage or on backup aircraft inventory status, any RC-26B aircraft.

(2) EXCEPTION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The limitation in paragraph (1) shall not apply to individual RC-26 aircraft that the Secretary of the Air Force determines, on a case-by-case basis, to be no longer mission capable because of a Class A mishap.

(B) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.—If the Secretary of the Air Force determines under subparagraph (A) that an aircraft is no longer mission capable, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a certification that the status of such aircraft is due to a Class A mishap and not due to lack of maintenance or repairs or other reasons.

(c) FUNDING FOR RC-26B MANNED INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE PLATFORM.—

(1) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance as specified in the corresponding funding in section 4301, for operation and maintenance, Air National Guard, the Secretary of the Air Force shall transfer up to \$18,500,000 for the purposes of the RC-26B manned intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance platform.

(2) Of the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 421 for military personnel, as specified in the corresponding finding table in section 4401, the Secretary of the Air Force shall transfer up to \$13,000,000 from military personnel, Air National Guard for personnel who operate and maintain the RC-26B manned intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance platform.

(d) MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense may enter into one or more memoranda of agreement or cost sharing agreements with other Federal entities for the purposes of assisting with the missions and activities of such entities.

(e) INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation shall conduct an

independent assessment to determine how the Air Force can—

(1) provide manned ISR/IAA capabilities for the purposes of conducting operations pursuant to the provisions of law specified in subsection (a)(2); and

(2) maintain and modernize the manned ISR/IAA aircraft fleet over the period of ten years following the date of the enactment of this Act.

(f) COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY.—

(1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct an independent study of the platforms used to conduct title 32 operations by manned ISR/IAA aircraft in light of the proposal of the Air Force to retire and divest the RC-26B aircraft fleet.

(2) BRIEFING.—Not later than September 31, 2023, the Comptroller General shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the preliminary findings of the study under paragraph (1). The briefing shall include an assessment of—

(A) the alternatives considered by the Air Force that led to the recommendation to retire the RC-26B aircraft, including the relative costs, benefits, and assumptions associated with the alternatives to such retirement;

(B) any capability gaps in manned ISR/IAA that would be created by such retirement;

(C) the extent to which the Department of Defense has plans to address any capability gaps identified under subparagraph (B); and

(D) any capability gaps in manned ISR/IAA that could be created by the added cost to the Air Force of retaining the RC-26B fleet.

(3) REPORT.—As soon as practicable after the date of the briefing under paragraph (2), the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the final results of the study conducted under paragraph (1).

(g) ISR/IAA DEFINED.—In this section, the term “ISR/IAA” means—

(1) intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance; and

(2) incident awareness and assessment.

AMENDMENT NO. 217 OFFERED BY MRS. KIRKPATRICK OF ARIZONA

At the end of subtitle H of title III, insert the following new section:

SEC. 3 . FUNDING FOR UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for Aircraft Procurement, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for Utility Helicopter Mods, Line 026, is hereby increased by \$10,000,000 for 60kVA Generators.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operations and Maintenance, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for Other Service Support, Line 490, is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 218 OFFERED BY MRS. KIRKPATRICK OF ARIZONA

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

SEC. 2 . REPORT ON POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED UTILIZATION OF THE ELECTRONIC PROVING GROUNDS TESTING RANGE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The Electronic Proving Grounds located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona is unique within the Department of Defense because of its naturally quiet electromagnetic environment, its specialized facilities, its close relationship with the Army training community,

and its access to the expansive real-estate of southern Arizona.

(2) The Electronic Proving Grounds has access to 70,000 acres at Ft. Huachuca, 23,000 acres on Wilcox Dry Lake, more than 100,000 acres at Gila Bend, and with prior coordination, approximately 62 million acres of Federal and State-owned land.

(3) Live electronic warfare training is not possible at the majority of military installations in the continental United States including the National Training Center.

(4) The Electronic Proving Grounds has the capacity to handle additional testing as well as the capability for realistic electronic warfare training

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 1, 2023, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the Electronic Proving Grounds testing range located at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

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

(1) the amount and types of testing activities conducted at the Electronic Proving Grounds testing range;

(2) any shortfalls in the facilities and equipment of the range;

(3) the capacity of the range to be used for additional testing activities;

(4) the possibility of using the range for the testing activities of other Armed Forces, Federal agencies, and domestic companies;

(5) the capacity of the range to be used for realistic electronic warfare training;

(6) electronic warfare training restrictions at domestic military installations generally; and

(7) the feasibility and advisability of providing a dedicated training area for electronic warfare units.

(d) COORDINATION.—In preparing the report under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Army shall coordinate with the following:

(1) The Director of Operational Test and Evaluation of the Department of Defense.

(2) The governments of Cochise County and Sierra Vista, Arizona.

AMENDMENT NO. 219 OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

SEC. 5. REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE DEFINITION OF CONSENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE OFFENSES OF RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

(a) EVALUATION AND REVIEW.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice shall commission a comprehensive evaluation and review of the definition of consent, as set forth in section 920(g)(7) of title 10, United States Code (article 120(g)(7) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).

(b) ELEMENTS.—The review and evaluation conducted under subsection (a) shall assess how the definition of consent set forth in section 920(g)(7) of title 10, United States Code (article 120(g)(7) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) can be—

(1) expanded to require knowledgeable and informed agreement, freely entered into, without any malicious factors or influences such as force, coercion, fear, fraud or false identity, or exploitation of a person's incapacity;

(2) enhanced through consultation with other recognized standards for the definition of such term; and

(3) clarified to state clearly that—

(A) the circumstances surrounding an incident of sexual contact are irrelevant when malicious factors induced compliance;

(B) consent for a sexual act does not constitute consent for all sexual acts; and

(C) consent is revocable by either party during sexual conduct.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the commencement of the evaluation and review under subsection (a), the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the evaluation and review.

AMENDMENT NO. 220 OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

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

SEC. 16. FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCED NAVAL NUCLEAR FUEL SYSTEM BASED ON LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by this title for the National Nuclear Security Administration, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4701, for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&D is hereby increased by \$20,000,000 for the purpose of LEU Research and Development for Naval Pressurized Water Reactors.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated by this title for the National Nuclear Security Administration, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4701, for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation is hereby reduced—

(1) by \$10,000,000 for the amount for nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence; and

(2) by \$10,000,000 for the amount for nuclear detonation detection.

AMENDMENT NO. 221 OFFERED BY MR. LARSEN OF WASHINGTON

Add at the end of subtitle E of title VIII the following new section:

SEC. 8. REPORT AND MODIFICATION TO THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE.

(a) MODIFICATION TO THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE.—Section 4801(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “New Zealand,” after “Australia.”

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1, 2023, the Secretary of Defense (or a designee) shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate on integration of the national technology and industrial base (as defined in section 4801 of title 10, United States Code). The report shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

(1) Progress towards implementation of the plan to increase integration of the national technology and industrial base developed pursuant to section 881(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 10 U.S.C. 2501 note).

(2) Examples of successful cross border integration under the national technology and industrial base that has enhanced national security and reduced barriers to collaboration.

(3) Recommendations for improving the integration of the national technology and industrial base.

AMENDMENT NO. 222 OFFERED BY MR. LARSEN OF WASHINGTON

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

SEC. . ADDITION TO NEXT ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING CHINA.

The Secretary of Defense shall include, in the next report submitted on or before March 1, 2023, to fulfill the requirements under section 1202 of the National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (10 U.S.C. 113 note), a robust analysis of developments in both the Space Systems Department and the Network Systems Department of the Strategic Support Force of China.

AMENDMENT NO. 223 OFFERED BY MR. LARSEN OF WASHINGTON

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

SEC. 9. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM SUPERIORITY STRATEGY.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Department of Defense released the Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority Strategy (October 2020) and an Implementation Plan for such strategy (August 2021);

(2) the purpose of the Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority Strategy is to align electromagnetic spectrum activities across the Department of Defense to solve persistent gaps in the ability of the United States to project, achieve, and sustain electromagnetic spectrum superiority against adversaries and peer competitors, most notably Russia and People's Republic of China;

(3) a goal of the Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority Strategy is to “Establish Effective EMS Governance” to unify Department of Defense-wide electromagnetic spectrum enterprise activities, develop a continuous process improvement culture, and promote policies that support Department of Defense electromagnetic spectrum capabilities and operations;

(4) electromagnetic spectrum superiority underpins each of the four priorities of the 2022 National Defense Strategy of the Department of Defense;

(5) the projecting, achievement, and sustainment of electromagnetic spectrum superiority is inherently a joint operational mission that is fundamental to the success of military missions carried out by the United States and its allies across all warfighting domains;

(6) electromagnetic spectrum operations leadership in the Pentagon must be consolidated and unambiguous to address persistent gaps in coordination of joint electronic warfare among the services and fragmentation in guidance from leadership in the Department of Defense; and

(7) the Secretary of Defense—

(A) should provide to Congress an unclassified version of the Implementation Plan for the Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority Strategy in all future updates to the plan; and

(B) as part of implementing the Electromagnetic Spectrum Superiority Strategy, should—

(i) strengthen governance reforms to ensure necessary senior operational leadership; and

(ii) provide a coherent response to persistent gaps in joint electromagnetic spectrum operations across the areas of Doctrine, Organization, Training, Materiel, Leadership, Personnel, Facilities and Policy (DOTMLPF-P);

AMENDMENT NO. 224 OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN

Page 149, line 9, insert “, including wireless charging technologies” before the period at the end.

Page 150, after line 11, insert the following:

(10) The term “wireless charging” means the charging of a battery by inductive charging or by any means in which a battery is charged without a wire, or plug-in wire, connecting the power source and battery.

AMENDMENT NO. 225 OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN

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

SEC. 5. BEST PRACTICES FOR THE RETENTION OF CERTAIN FEMALE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

The Secretaries of the military departments shall share and implement best practices (including use of civilian industry best practices) regarding the use of retention and exit survey data to identify barriers and lessons learned to improve the retention of female members of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of such Secretaries.

AMENDMENT NO. 226 OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN

At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following:

SEC. 5. REVIEW OF RECRUITING EFFORTS FOR WOMEN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall evaluate the effectiveness and scale of existing outreach programs, with the objective of creating new programs or adjusting the existing programs to increase the recruitment of women, including young women, for service in the Armed Forces.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 365 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Department shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes—

(1) evaluations of existing marketing and recruitment efforts to increase recruitment of women in the Armed Forces; and

(2) recommendations on new initiatives, programs, or practices to increase the recruitment of women in the Armed Forces.

AMENDMENT NO. 227 OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN

At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following:

SEC. 5. REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT MEMBERS.

The Secretary of Defense shall report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a summary of past, current, and future efforts to support pregnant members of the Armed Forces, including—

(1) the number of pregnant members who served at least one day of active duty in a calendar year;

(2) recommendations to improve efforts to support pregnant members.

AMENDMENT NO. 228 OFFERED BY MRS. LEE OF NEVADA

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

SEC. 782. REPORT ON COORDINATION, DATA SHARING, AND EVALUATION EFFORTS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION.

Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to each congressional committee with jurisdiction over the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Department of Health and Human Services, a report on the coordination, data sharing, and evaluation efforts on suicide prevention across these departments. The report shall include:

(1) An overview of the functioning and core findings of the Interagency Task Force on Military and Veterans Mental Health since its creation in 2012.

(2) An accounting of the funding each Department has obligated towards suicide prevention related research.

(3) An outline of methods of comparing programs and sharing best practices for suicide prevention by each Department.

(4) An outline of the work to actively develop and improve joint suicide prevention

practices based on information compiled and shared by each Department.

(5) An outline of the plan each Department has to achieve greater government efficiency and cross-agency coordination, data sharing, and evaluation in Federal suicide prevention efforts, in line with Priority Goal 5 of the plan entitled, “Reducing Military and Veteran Suicide”, published by the White House in November 2021.

(6) Any other information the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Health and Human Services, or the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines to be appropriate.

AMENDMENT NO. 229 OFFERED BY MRS. LEE OF NEVADA

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

SEC. 2862. DIRECTING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO DELIVER A BRIEFING ON HOUSING WITH RESPECT TO JUNIOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall deliver a briefing on the housing realities, difficulties, and needs facing junior members of the Armed Forces to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives. The briefing shall include:

(1) An overview of the available on-base housing stock, military services’ and individual bases’ housing requirements and practices, as well as other possible options for housing junior members of the Armed Forces.

(2) An outline of Department plans for identifying installations with a shortage of on-base or off-base housing for junior enlisted members of the Armed Forces and plans to address any shortages in order to enable bases to house their junior members of the Armed Forces more productively, cost-effectively, and safely, with an eye to quality of life and force readiness.

(3) Any other information the Secretary determines to be relevant.

AMENDMENT NO. 230 OFFERED BY MS. LEGER FERNÁNDEZ OF NEW MEXICO

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

SEC. . EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR TRANSFER OF PARCELS OF LAND IN NEW MEXICO.

Section 3120 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (42 U.S.C. 2391 note) is amended by striking “2022” each place that it appears and inserting “2032”.

AMENDMENT NO. 231 OFFERED BY MR. LEVIN OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 5. AMENDMENTS TO PATHWAYS FOR COUNSELING IN THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking “Disability” and inserting “Potential or confirmed disability”;

(2) in subparagraph (F), by striking “Character” and inserting “Potential or confirmed character”;

(3) by redesignating subparagraph (M) as subparagraph (R); and

(4) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the following:

“(M) Child care requirements of the member (including whether a dependent of the member is enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program).

“(N) The employment status of other adults in the household of the member.

“(O) The location of the duty station of the member (including whether the member was separated from family while on duty).

“(P) The effects of operating tempo and personnel tempo on the member and the household of the member.

“(Q) Whether the member is an Indian or urban Indian, as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437; 25 U.S.C. 1603).”.

AMENDMENT NO. 232 OFFERED BY MR. LIEU OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end of subtitle H of title III the following:

SEC. 389. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE USE OF WORKING DOGS TO DETECT EARLY STAGES OF DISEASES.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the ongoing research effort conducted by the Department of the Army, in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania, titled Training Aid Delivery Device 2.0 Training Support for COVID-19 Detection, is exploring the effectiveness of using scent detection working dogs to detect the early stages of diseases, including the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);

(2) this research effort will soon complete Phase 2 and has shown promising results, including an accuracy rate of 89 percent in COVID-19 detection from t-shirt samples; and

(3) it is important that the Department of Defense funds Phase 3 of this research effort to determine whether the use of working dogs is a feasible method of responding to emerging disease threats in a low-cost, low-burden, timely, and widely applicable manner.

AMENDMENT NO. 233 OFFERED BY MRS. LURIA OF VIRGINIA

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

SEC. 1. REPORT ON ADVANCE PROCUREMENT FOR CVN-82 AND CVN-83.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2023, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the plan of the Navy for advance procurement for the aircraft carriers designated CVN-82 and CVN-83.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include an assessment of—

(1) the value, cost, and feasibility of a two-year advance procurement for a single aircraft carrier acquisition strategy;

(2) the value, cost, and feasibility of a three-year advance procurement for a single aircraft carrier acquisition strategy;

(3) the value, cost, and feasibility of a two-year advance procurement for a two aircraft carrier acquisition strategy;

(4) the value, cost, and feasibility of a three-year advance procurement for a two aircraft carrier acquisition strategy; and

(5) the effect of a multiple carrier acquisition plan on force development and fleet capability.

AMENDMENT NO. 234 OFFERED BY MRS. LURIA OF VIRGINIA

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON EFFECTS OF MULTIPLE AWARD CONTRACT-MULTI ORDER CONTRACTING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1, 2023, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a comprehensive report on the effects of Multiple Award Contract-multi Order contracting (in this section referred to as “MAC-MO”) on battle force ship availability and maintenance costs.

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

(1) An analysis plan for the MAC-MO strategy.

(2) Lessons learned from the MAC-MO strategy implementation.

(3) A description of the effects of competition opportunities following the shift to MAC-MO.

(4) An identification of best practices from the previous Multi-ship Multi-Option strategy that have been identified and applied to the MAC-MO strategy.

(5) An assessment of current perform-to-plan metrics and how such metrics have influenced ongoing contracting processes.

(6) An assessment of MAC-MO strategy on ship maintenance availabilities.

(7) An assessment of ship maintenance workload predictability under the MAC-MO strategy.

(8) An identification of any planned changes to account for schedule delays.

(9) An assessment of possible maintenance delays due to contract award processing that cross fiscal years.

AMENDMENT NO. 235 OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 398, insert after line 17 (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 599. CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO SOLICIT GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY TO ACCOUNT FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES LISTED AS MISSING.

Section 1501a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)(1), by inserting “solicit,” after “the Secretary may”; and

(2) in subsection (f)(2)—

(A) by inserting “solicitation or” after “provide that”; and

(B) by striking “acceptance or use” and inserting “solicitation, acceptance, or use”.

AMENDMENT NO. 236 OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Add at the end of subtitle B of title VIII the following new section:

SEC. 8. REESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON WARTIME CONTRACTING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby reestablished in the legislative branch under section 841 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 230) the Commission on Wartime Contracting.

(b) AMENDMENT TO DUTIES.—Section 841(c)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 231) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) GENERAL DUTIES.—The Commission shall study the following matters:

“(A) Federal agency contracting funded by overseas contingency operations funds.

“(B) Federal agency contracting for the logistical support of coalition forces operating under the authority of the 2001 or 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force.

“(C) Federal agency contracting for the performance of security functions in countries where coalition forces operate under the authority of the 2001 or 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force.”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 841 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 230) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform” each place it appears and inserting “the Committee on Oversight and Reform”;

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “of this Act” and inserting “of the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; and

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking “was first established” each place it appears and in-

serting “was reestablished by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”; and

(2) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “On March 1, 2009” and inserting “Not later than one year after the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023”.

AMENDMENT NO. 237 OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

SEC. 5. INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE TO PROTECT MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY FAMILIES FROM FINANCIAL FRAUD.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall establish an Interagency Task Force on Financial Fraud targeting members of the Armed Forces and veterans (referred to in this section as the “Task Force”).

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force established under this section shall include representatives from the following:

(1) The Department of Defense.

(2) The Department of Veterans Affairs.

(3) The Federal Trade Commission.

(4) The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

(5) The Department of Justice.

(6) The Federal Communications Commission.

(7) The Postal Inspection Service.

(8) Three representatives, appointed by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, of non-governmental organizations (at least one of whom is a representative of a veterans’ service organization) with expertise in identifying, preventing, and combatting financial fraud targeting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families.

(c) CONSULTATION.—The Task Force shall regularly consult with the following:

(1) Members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and members of military families that have been victims of financial fraud.

(2) Relevant Federal agencies and departments that are not represented on the Task Force.

(3) Other relevant public and private sector stakeholders, including State and local law enforcement agencies, financial services providers, technology companies, and social media platforms.

(d) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall not meet less frequently than three times per calendar year.

(e) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Task Force is to identify and examine current and developing methods of financial fraud targeting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families and issue recommendations to enhance efforts undertaken by Federal agencies to identify, prevent, and combat such financial fraud.

(f) DUTIES.—The duties of the Task Force shall include the following:

(1) Collecting and reviewing robust data pertaining to medical billing, credit reporting, debt collection, and other serious financial challenges facing members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families.

(2) Identifying and reviewing current methods of financial exploitation targeting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families, including—

(A) imposter or phishing scams;

(B) investment-related fraud;

(C) pension poaching;

(D) veterans benefit fraud;

(E) fraudulent offers pertaining to employment or business opportunities;

(F) predatory lending;

(G) veteran charity schemes;

(H) foreign money offers and fake check scams;

(I) mortgage foreclosure relief and debt management fraud;

(J) military allotment system abuse; and

(K) military records fraud.

(3) Identifying and evaluating the new financial risks that emerging financial technologies, including buy-now-pay-later credit and digital payment ecosystems, may present to members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families.

(4) Evaluating the efficacy of current Federal programs, educational campaigns, policies, and statutes, including the Military Lending Act and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, in preventing and combatting financial fraud targeting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families.

(5) Developing recommendations to enhance efforts of Federal agencies to detect, prevent, and combat financial fraud targeting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families.

(g) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and annually thereafter, the Task Force shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on its findings to date and recommendations to enhance the efforts of Federal agencies to identify, prevent, and combat financial fraud targeting members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and military families.

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

(1) The Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House of Representatives.

(2) The Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(4) The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

(5) The Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

(6) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.

AMENDMENT NO. 238 OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 7. PILOT PROGRAM TO IMPROVE MILITARY READINESS THROUGH NUTRITION AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES.

(a) PILOT PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall carry out a pilot program to improve military readiness through nutrition and wellness initiatives.

(b) UNIT SELECTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall select for participation in the pilot program under subsection (a) a unit at a basic training facility or an early instructional facility of a military department.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The pilot program under subsection (a) shall include the following activities:

(1) The development, and administration to the unit selected pursuant to subsection (b), of an educational curriculum relating to nutrition, physical fitness, the proper use of supplements, and any other human performance elements determined relevant by the Secretary of the military department with jurisdiction over the unit.

(2) The provision to the unit of health-related testing.

(3) The provision to the unit of dietary supplements.

(d) IMPLEMENTING PARTNER.—

(1) SELECTION.—The Secretary of Defense shall select as an implementing partner a

single contractor to both carry out all of the activities under subsection (c) and manufacture at a manufacturing facility owned by the contractor the dietary supplements to be provided pursuant to subsection (c)(3). In making such selection, the Secretary shall ensure that the contractor enforces an appropriate level of third-party review with respect to the quality and safety of products manufactured, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) CONSIDERATIONS.— In selecting the contractor under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consider the following:

(A) Whether the contractor has the ability to carry out each activity under subsection (c), in addition to the ability to manufacture the dietary supplements to be provided pursuant to subsection (c)(3).

(B) Whether the manufacturing facility of the contractor is a fully independent, third-party certified, manufacturing facility that holds the highest “Good Manufacturing Practice” certification or rating possible, as issued by a regulatory agency of the Federal government.

(C) Whether the manufacturing facility of the contractor, and all finished products manufactured therein, have been verified by a third-party as free from banned substances and contaminants.

(D) Whether the contractor is in compliance with the adverse event reporting policy and third-party adverse event monitoring policy of the Food and Drug Administration.

(E) Whether the contractor implements a stability testing program that supports product expiration dating.

(F) Whether the contractor has a credible and robust environment, social, and governance policy that articulates responsibilities and annual goals.

(G) Whether the contractor has demonstrated at least five years of operation as a business in good standing in the industry.

(H) Whether the contractor has a demonstrated history of maintaining relationships with nationally-recognized medical and health organizations.

(e) COORDINATION.— In carrying out the pilot program under subsection (a), the contractor selected under subsection (d) shall coordinate with the following:

(1) Command, training, and medical officers and noncommissioned officers.

(2) Outside experts (including experts with relevant experience from research and testing organizations, credible medical committees, or hospitals) that may lend personalized support, capture data, and facilitate third-party adverse event reporting.

(f) DURATION.— The pilot program under subsection (a) shall be for a period of six months.

(g) REPORT.— Upon the termination of the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the pilot program, including any findings or data from the pilot program, and a recommendation by the Secretary of Defense for improvements to the readiness of the Armed Forces based on such findings and data.

AMENDMENT NO. 239 OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 52, line 20, insert “electric short take-off and landing,” before “or a combination”.

AMENDMENT NO. 240 OFFERED BY MR. MALINOWSKI OF NEW JERSEY

At the end of title LVIII, add the following:

SEC. 58 . DEMOCRACY DISRUPTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every year thereafter for 5 fiscal years,

the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report describing actions by relevant foreign governments that act to undermine democracy in the United States Central Command or United States Africa Command area of responsibility, including through the disruption of nascent democratic movements, transnational repression, or bolstering authoritarian governments in countries other than their own.

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

(1) An assessment of whether and the extent to which relevant governments provide financial or other economic support, or technical assistance, to authoritarian leaders with the purpose of supporting—

(A) the short, medium, and long-term viability of authoritarians as head of states; or

(B) heads of states who have—

(i) conducted a coup d’etat or other seizure of power in which the military played a decisive role;

(ii) undermined the independence of the judiciary;

(iii) facilitated the unconstitutional removal of a portion or entirety of a democratically elected government or legislature; or

(iv) removed term limits or consolidated executive authority through the unilateral cancellation or revision of a country’s constitution.

(2) A determination of whether relevant governments either directly or through third parties, throughout the United States Central Command or United States Africa Command area of responsibility—

(A) undermine electoral systems or act to discredit or overturn the results of democratic elections in other countries;

(B) assist authoritarian governments in intimidating or harassing members of civil society or in limiting the ability of members of civil society to operate without fear of criminal charges or detention; or

(C) violate international principles of nonrefoulement and the rights of asylum seekers.

(3) A list of armed groups, including militias, private military corporations, mercenaries, or paramilitaries, that receive monetary, military, or other material support from relevant foreign governments.

(4) An assessment of whether actors in the list in paragraph (3) have committed gross violations of international recognized human rights.

(5) A detailed analysis of relevant foreign governments’ diplomatic support, whether bilaterally or in international organizations, for military or civilian leaders who meet criteria in paragraph (1)(B).

(6) An assessment of whether relevant foreign governments engage in a consistent pattern of acts of transnational repression and intimidation or harassment directed against individuals in the United States, including—

(A) funding, either directly or through third parties, the use of inauthentic social media accounts which target specific individuals in an attempt to silence, intimidate, or harass nonviolent critics or dissenters;

(B) targeted imprisonment of family members on politically motivated charges; or

(C) any other form of intimidation or harassment.

(c) FORM.— The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but the portions of the report described in section (b) may contain a classified annex, so long as such annex is provided separately from the unclassified report.

(d) DEFINITIONS.— In this section—

(1) the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the term “relevant foreign government” means the government of a country in the United States Central Command or United States Africa Command area of responsibility that—

(A) received United States security assistance, including under authorities of title 10, United States Code, during the previous 10 fiscal years; or

(B) hosts United States military personnel other than those permanently assigned to a United States Embassy in their respective countries.

AMENDMENT NO. 241 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 99, after line 23, insert the following:

(c) CONSULTATION.— In designing the program under this section, the Secretary of Defense may consult with the President’s Board of Advisors on historically Black colleges and universities.

Page 99, line 24, strike “(c)” and insert “(d)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 242 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 104, line 19, insert “, including by taking into consideration the potential military application of battery technologies developed by entities awarded grants by the Department under section 40207 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Public law 117-58; 42 U.S.C. 18741)” before the period at the end.

AMENDMENT NO. 243 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 448, line 2, strike “or”.

Page 448, line 4, strike “China.” and insert “China; or”.

Page 448, after line 4 insert the following:

(4) containing materials from the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China.

AMENDMENT NO. 244 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 223, after line 20, insert the following:

(9) Army Heavy Tactical Wheeled Vehicles.

AMENDMENT NO. 245 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA S0634

Page 361, after line 24, insert the following:

“(10) The right to be informed of the results of drinking water testing at school facilities.”.

Page 362, after line 17, insert the following:

“(E) the results of drinking water testing at school facilities;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 246 OFFERED BY MRS. MCBATH OF GEORGIA

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

SEC. 10 . REPORT ON INITIATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO SOURCE LOCALLY AND REGIONALLY PRODUCED FOODS FOR INSTALLATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report detailing—

(1) current procurement practices of the Department of Defense regarding food for consumption or distribution on installations of the Department;

(2) efforts by the Department of Defense to establish and strengthen “farm to base” initiatives to source locally and regionally produced foods, including seafood, for consumption or distribution at installations of the Department;

(3) efforts by the Department to collaborate with relevant Federal agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce, to procure locally and regionally produced foods;

(4) opportunities where procurement of locally and regionally produced foods would be beneficial to members of the Armed Forces, their families, military readiness by improving health outcomes, and farmers near installations of the Department;

(5) barriers currently preventing the Department from increasing procurement of locally and regionally produced foods or preventing producers from partnering with nearby installations of the Department; and

(6) recommendations for how the Department can improve procurement practices to increase offerings of locally and regionally produced foods.

(b) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Natural Resources, and the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives.

AMENDMENT NO. 247 OFFERED BY MR. MCCAUL OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 8. INCREASED COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND STRATEGY FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL TECHNOLOGY CONTRACTORS.

(a) **AUTHORITIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to increase competitive opportunities for appropriate U.S. companies to be awarded prime contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or other transactions for commercial products or dual-use capabilities of which any component primarily relates to critical technology.

(2) **STRATEGY.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to increase competitive opportunities available for appropriate U.S. companies and protect the integrity of the defense industrial base. The strategy shall include the following:

(A) A description of methods to enhance the availability of funds authorized by sections 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code, for appropriate U.S. companies to develop end items of critical technologies, to rapidly prototype such end items, to conduct continuous experimentation to improve such end items, and to deliver capabilities to the Department of Defense.

(B) Processes to monitor and mitigate risks to the defense industrial base.

(C) Processes to improve coordination by the military departments and other elements of the Department of Defense to carry out subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(b) **REPORT.**—Along with the report required under section 4814 of title 10, United States Code, that is due after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with appropriate U.S. companies, shall submit a report on the implementation of the strategy required in subsection (a)(2) and progress made to monitor

and mitigate risks to the defense industrial base.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate U.S. company” means—

(A) a nontraditional defense contractor, as defined in section 3014 of title 10, United States Code; or

(B) a prime contractor that has entered into a cooperative agreement with a nontraditional defense contractor with the express intent to pursue funding authorized by sections 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code, in the development, testing, or prototyping of critical technologies.

(2) The term “commercial product” has the meaning given in section 3011 of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “dual-use” has the meaning given in section 4801 of title 10, United States Code.

(4) The term “critical technology” means a technology identified as critical by the Secretary of Defense, which shall include—

(A) biotechnology;

(B) quantum science;

(C) advanced materials;

(D) artificial intelligence and machine learning;

(E) microelectronics;

(F) space technology;

(G) advanced computing and software;

(H) hypersonics;

(I) integrated sensing and cyber;

(J) autonomous systems;

(K) unmanned systems;

(L) advanced sensing systems; and

(M) advanced communications systems.

AMENDMENT NO. 248 OFFERED BY MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

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

SEC. 6. HUNGER AMONG MILITARY FAMILIES: DATA COLLECTION; TRAINING; REPORT.

(a) **DATA COLLECTION.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, acting through the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Military Community and Family Policy, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services of the Department of Agriculture, shall—

(1) develop a survey, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, to determine how many members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty, and dependents of such members, are food insecure;

(2) issue the survey to such members and dependents;

(3) collect data from the survey on the use, by such members and dependents, of Federal nutrition assistance programs, including the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children under section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786), the school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.), and the school breakfast program under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773); and

(4) collect data related to the number of such members and dependents who—

(A) are eligible for the basic needs allowance under section 402b of title 37, United States Code; and

(B) receive such basic needs allowance;

(5) develop and carry out a plan to train and designate an individual who will assist members at military installations on how and where to refer such members and their dependents for participation in Federal nutrition assistance programs described in paragraph (3); and

(6) coordinate Department of Defense efforts to address food insecurity and nutrition.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committees on Agriculture and Education and Labor of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate a report including the following:

(1) The number of members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty and their dependents who are food insecure.

(2) The number of such members and their dependents who use the Federal nutrition assistance programs described in subsection (a)(3).

(3) The number of such members and their dependents described in subsection (a)(3).

(4) The status of implementation of the plan under subsection (a)(5).

AMENDMENT NO. 249 OFFERED BY MRS. RODGERS OF WASHINGTON

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

Subtitle F—Disability and Retired Pay

SEC. 651. 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”.

AMENDMENT NO. 250 OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

Page 813, line 22, after “The Secretary of Defense” insert “, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 251 OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. 12. REPORT ON CHIEF OF MISSION CONCURRENCE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 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 evaluating the processes by which chiefs of mission provide concurrence to the exercise of the authority pursuant to section 127e of title 10, United States Code, and section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(1) the most significant impediments to each relevant chief of mission’s ability to inform and consult in a timely manner with relevant individuals at relevant missions or bureaus of the Department of State;

(2) the lessons learned from such consultations;

(3) procedures and agreements between departments that enable Secretary of State to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that such relevant individuals have the security clearances necessary and access to relevant compartmented and special programs to so consult in a timely manner with respect to such concurrence; and

(4) the lessons learned from such procedures and agreements and required improvements so identified.

(c) FORM.—The report required by section (a) may be provided in classified form.

(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.

AMENDMENT NO. 252 OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. 500. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL COUNTERTERRORISM ACADEMY IN COTE D’IVOIRE.

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the United States to partner with West African governments where possible to mitigate and counter growing regional insecurity resulting from the spread of armed conflict and terrorism, including by providing assistance to train, equip, and mentor West African security services to counter threats to regional and national security through a whole-of-government approach.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall conduct a feasibility study regarding the provision of U.S. assistance for infrastructure, training, equipment, and other forms of support to institutionalize the International Counterterrorism Academy (Académie Internationale de Lutte Contre le Terrorisme or AILCT) in Jacqueville, Cote D’Ivoire that—

(1) Provides a legal analysis of existing authorities to provide U.S. foreign assistance dedicated to the development and establishment of AILCT programs, initiatives, and infrastructure for the purposes of training, equipping, and mentoring eligible West African security services bilaterally or in coordination with partners and allies;

(2) Identifies opportunities for the United States to leverage and support the AILCT facility to pursue national security interests in West Africa, the Sahel, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the strategic Atlantic Ocean coastal and maritime environments, including through training and research activities, infrastructure development, combatting transnational terrorist and organized crime threats, and countering foreign malign influence throughout the region;

(3) Assesses any planned and pledged contributions from other countries to ensure appropriate sustainment of the facilities and burden sharing.

(c) FORMS.—The feasibility study required under subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

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

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(2) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

AMENDMENT NO. 253 OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF WEST VIRGINIA

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

SEC. 5. RECOGNITION OF THE ARMY INTER-AGENCY TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTER AS A JOINT ACTIVITY OF THE NATIONAL GUARD; REPORT.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) AITEC has been designated by the National Guard Bureau as a joint activity of the Army and Air National Guard responsible for the following activities:

(A) Mission assurance and other critical infrastructure protection activities in support of the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security entities.

(B) All-hazards disaster response training and exercises for the National Guard in partnership with Federal, State, local, territorial, and Tribal response enterprise organizations.

(2) AITEC is composed of members of the Army and Air National Guard who possess relevant private-sector critical skills and experience in the fields of emergency response, engineering, cybersecurity, electric power, logistics, telecommunications, utilities, medical, rescue, or such other fields as determined by evolving mission requirements.

(3) The National Guard Bureau has designated AITEC as having the following duties:

(A) Providing the Department of Defense with—

(i) unique civilian expertise and experience of critical infrastructure protection, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear response, emergency management, control systems cybersecurity, and incident management;

(ii) training and exercise support of Joint Interagency Training Capability, including Joint Force Headquarters-State and Joint Task Force-State Headquarters elements, National Guard Reaction Forces, Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams, and Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, or High-Yield Explosive Emergency Response Force Packages, and Homeland Response Forces; and

(iii) personnel to conduct Mission Assurance, Cybersecurity, Port Security & Resiliency, and other critical infrastructure assessments and training along with Counter-IED and bombing prevention training to intergovernmental partners and first responders.

(B) On an ongoing basis, partnering with the military departments, the combatant commands, other Department of Defense agencies, the Department of Homeland Security, and State, local, territorial, and Tribal governments to conduct—

(i) all-threats, all-hazards Mission Assurance assessments in the areas of Mission Assurance Related Programs and Activities, including cyber supply chain risk management, position, navigation, and timing, and unmanned systems on Defense Critical Infrastructure;

(ii) all-hazards and disaster response training and exercise support;

(iii) infrastructure protection assessment activities, cybersecurity, and counter-IED and bombing prevention training for the Department of Homeland Security; and

(iv) Port Security & Resiliency assessments for the Coast Guard.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Global Security and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes—

(1) an organizational plan and an estimate of the annual costs necessary for AITEC to complete its duties as described in subsection (a)(3); and

(2) the manpower requirements needed to adequately staff such duties.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “AITEC” means the Army Interagency Training and Education Center.

(2) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(3) The term “critical infrastructure” has the meaning given the term in section 702 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4552).

AMENDMENT NO. 254 OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER OF WEST VIRGINIA

Page 1348, insert after line 23 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 5806. MEMORIAL FOR THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE ATTACK ON HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ON AUGUST 26, 2021.

Section 1087 of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (40 U.S.C. 8903 note) is amended by striking “The Secretary of Defense may” and inserting “The Secretary of Defense shall, not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023,”.

AMENDMENT NO. 255 OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

Page 509, after line 22, insert the following:

SEC. 746. GAO STUDY ON DOD AND VA MAMMOGRAM AND BREAST CANCER SCREENING POLICIES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review, beginning not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to examine and determine whether current Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs policies allow individuals with dense breast, regardless of age, with no-cost or low-cost access through their health programs to all the screening and diagnostic tools needed to confirm breast cancer, including when standard mammograms are inconclusive or ineffective in doing so.

(b) CONTENTS.—The study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) shall—

(1) examine the utilization of existing screening and diagnosis tools by participants in health programs administered by the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs, disaggregated by demographic characteristics;

(2) identify and examine barriers to greater access to such tools in each such agency, including whether cost prevents individuals from receiving additional breast cancer diagnostic or screening exams that may confirm the presence of breast cancer;

(3) make recommendations on how each such agency can improve policies to best address the unique challenges identifying breast cancer in those with dense breasts;

(4) analyze how well such agencies’ policies regarding breast cancer screening and diagnoses for those with dense breast align with coverage under other Federal health care programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, coverage on the Affordable Care Act health care marketplace, and the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force;

(5) identify the most recent time that relevant policies were updated by each such

agency and how often they are currently reviewed or updated;

(6) analyze how well existing policies reflect or include the best available science on helping women with dense breast receive accurate diagnosis regarding the presence or absence of cancer; and

(7) identify any efforts by each such agency to educate health care providers who provide cancer screening, treatment, or diagnosis services and patients receiving such services on the limitations of mammograms in confirming breast cancer for those with dense breasts.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study pursuant to subsection (a), the Comptroller General may consult with breast cancer patients or their advocates receiving care through the health care systems of the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs, health care providers supporting breast cancer care or organizations representing such providers, other Federal agencies, and other stakeholders, as appropriate.

(d) STUDY.—Not later than September 30, 2024, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Congress a report on the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) containing a description of the study and any findings and conclusions of the study.

AMENDMENT NO. 256 OFFERED BY MS. MOORE OF WISCONSIN

At the end of subtitle D of title VII, add the following:

SEC. ____ . GUIDANCE FOR ADDRESSING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AND INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE THROUGH TRICARE PROGRAM.

The Secretary of Defense shall disseminate guidance on—

(1) the provision through the TRICARE Program of universal education on healthy relationships and intimate partner violence; and

(2) implementation of protocols through the TRICARE Program for—

(A) routine assessment of intimate partner violence and sexual assault; and

(B) promotion and strategies for trauma-informed care plans.

AMENDMENT NO. 257 OFFERED BY MR. MORELLE OF NEW YORK

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XXXI the following:

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.

AMENDMENT NO. 258 OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of subtitle H of title III, insert the following new section:

SEC. 3 ____ . REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR UNIFORM ITEMS.

(a) TRACKING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary to track the expected useful life of uniform items for officers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces, for the purposes of—

(1) estimating the rate at which such uniform items are replaced; and

(2) determining the resulting out-of-pocket costs for such members over time.

(b) UNIFORM REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a uniform replacement allowance under which each officer of the Armed Forces, upon promotion to the grade of O-4, and once every three years thereafter for such time as the officer is in a grade of O-4 or above, shall be eligible to receive the allowance described in paragraph (2) for the purpose of replacing required uniform items that have exceeded the useful life of such items.

(2) ALLOWANCE.—The allowance described in this paragraph is a cash allowance that the Secretary shall calculate by multiplying the annual replacement cost of each required uniform item of an officer (taking into account the expected useful life of the item pursuant to subsection (a) and the price of the item set by the Defense Logistics Agency as of the date of the calculation) by three.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 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 expected useful life of required uniform items, projected changes to such required uniform items, and related costs anticipated by the Secretary (disaggregated by Armed Force). Such report shall include pricing information for each such item, including items that are not considered uniquely military.

AMENDMENT NO. 259 OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 820, after line 3, insert the following:

(e) REPORT ON LESSONS LEARNED FROM WAR.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of each military department, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of lessons learned by the respective military departments from the conflict following the Russian invasion of Ukraine that includes the following:

(1) Lessons learned from intelligence-sharing activities conducted between the United States, NATO, the European Union, and Ukraine throughout the conflict.

(2) Observed tactics and techniques of information-related capabilities and the integration of information-related capabilities in supporting Ukraine objectives.

(3) Analysis of the capabilities, tactics, and techniques implemented throughout the conflict following the Russian invasion of Ukraine, from each military department, with a focus on the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

(4) Analysis of all collected information to identify recurring strengths and weaknesses in United States and NATO tactics, training, and equipment.

(5) Recommendations to address any corrective actions.

(f) FORM; PUBLICATION.—The report required by subsection (e) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may include a classified annex. The unclassified portion of such report shall be published on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense.

(g) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States could greatly benefit from on-the-ground combat observations of the conflict following the Russian invasion of Ukraine to learn lessons about modern warfare between near-peer adversaries, and successful and unsuccessful aspects of both sides’ tactics, operations, and strategy;

(2) expert projections of how this conflict was likely to unfold were inaccurate, suggesting the United States has many lessons to learn from this conflict;

(3) the Department of Defense should, when feasible, organize Combat Observation Teams, who should be given battlefield access as non-combatants, with specialized skill sets to collect information, including by conducting first-person interviews, or other conflict-specific assessments and observations;

(4) such collection and observations should occur after the conflict has largely subsided, and the physical, political, and escalatory risk of sending an American combat observer team is sufficiently low;

(5) such teams should consist of talented senior officers and non-commissioned officers with appropriate experience and specialties for their task;

(6) Combat Observation Teams should be encouraged to interview Ukrainian military members, and civilians, conduct site surveys, and work with the United States embassy and other allied countries as appropriate; and

(7) the time is ripe for an infusion of lessons from Ukraine, and observations could ensure the United States is prepared for the future of modern warfare and conflict.

AMENDMENT NO. 260 OFFERED BY MR. MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of subtitle C of title XV add the following:

SEC. 15 ____ . TAILORED CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS ORGANIZATIONS.

Section 1723 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283; 10 U.S.C. 394 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

“(e) UPDATE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than July 1, 2023, the secretaries of the military services and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Irregular Warfare shall brief the congressional defense committees on activities taken during the period following the date of the briefing under subsection (d), including an examination of establishing Tailored Cyberspace Operations Organizations and utilization of the authority provided pursuant to subsection (c)

“(f) AIR FORCE ACTIONS.—Not later than July 1, 2023, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a review of the activities of the Navy Cyber Warfare Development Group, including with respect to the authorities of the Group. The review shall include the following:

“(1) An assessment of whether such authorities shall be conferred to the 90th Cyberspace Operations Squadron of the United States Air Force.

“(2) A consideration of whether the 90th Cyberspace Operations Squadron should be designated a controlled tour, as defined by the Secretary.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 261 OFFERED BY MRS. MURPHY OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle C of title XV add the following:

SEC. 15 ____ . CYBER OPERATIONS-PECULIAR AWARDS.

Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1124 the following new section:

“**§ 1124a. Cyber operations-peculiar awards**

“(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments may authorize the payment of a cash award to, and incur necessary expense for the honorary recognition of, a member of the covered armed forces whose novel actions, invention, or technical achievement enables or ensures operational outcomes in or through cyberspace against threats to national security.

“(b) ACTIONS DURING SERVICE.—An award under this section may be paid notwithstanding the member’s death, separation, or retirement from the covered armed forces. However, the novel action, invention, or technical achievement forming the basis for the award must have been made while the member was on active duty or in an active reserve status and not otherwise eligible for an award under chapter 45 of title 5.

“(c) PAYMENT.—Awards to, and expenses for the honorary recognition of, members of the covered armed forces under this section may be paid from—

“(1) the funds or appropriations available to the activity primarily benefiting from the novel action, invention, or technical achievement; or

“(2) the several funds or appropriations of the various activities benefiting from the novel action, invention, or technical achievement.

“(d) AMOUNTS.—The total amount of the award, or awards, made under this section for a novel action, invention, or technical achievement may not exceed \$2,500, regardless of the number of persons who may be entitled to share therein.

“(e) REGULATIONS.—Awards under this section shall be made under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense or by the Secretaries of the military departments.

“(f) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘covered armed forces’ means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force.”

AMENDMENT NO. 262 OFFERED BY MRS. MURPHY OF FLORIDA

At the end of subtitle C of title XV add the following:

SEC. 15. MANNING REVIEW OF SPACE FORCE CYBER SQUADRONS.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 195 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Chief of Space Operations, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a review of the manning required to fully staff the current and planned cyber squadrons of the Space Force.

(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—

(1) ELEMENTS.—The review under subsection (a) shall include considerations of the following:

(A) The specific sourcing of existing billets of the Space Force optimally postured for transfer to cyber squadrons.

(B) The administrative processes required to shift billets and existing funding to cyber squadrons.

(C) The responsibilities and functions performed by military personnel and civilian personnel.

(D) The cumulative benefit for the Space Force of transferring billets to cyber squadrons.

(2) ROADMAP.—The review under subsection (a) shall include a transition roadmap that outlines a comprehensive transition for the transfer of billets described in paragraph (1) by not later than September 30, 2024.

AMENDMENT NO. 263 OFFERED BY MRS. NAPOLITANO OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 5. ENHANCEMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—During fiscal year 2023, the Secretary of Defense may provide assistance in addition to assistance under subsection (d) of section 509 of title 32, United States Code, to a National Guard Youth Challenge Program of a State for the following purposes:

- (1) New program start-up costs.
- (2) Special projects.

(3) Workforce development programs.

(4) Emergency costs.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) MATCHING.—Before the Secretary may use the authority under this section, the State shall comply with the matching requirement under such subsection.

(2) TOTAL ASSISTANCE.—Total assistance under this section may not exceed \$5,000,000.

(c) REPORTING.—Any assistance provided under this section shall be included in the annual report under subsection (k) of such section.

AMENDMENT NO. 264 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

Page 1236, after line 17, insert the following:

SEC. GRANTS FOR PROVISION OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS AND FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AFTER SEPARATION, RETIREMENT, OR DISCHARGE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Commencing not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, carry out a program to award grants to eligible organizations for the provision of assistance to covered individuals on the transition of a member or former member of the Armed Forces from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life.

(b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this section, a covered individual is—

(1) a member of the Armed Forces who is eligible for pre-separation counseling under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code;

(2) a former member of the Armed Forces who is transitioning from service in the Armed Forces to civilian life; or

(3) a spouse of a member described in paragraph (1) or a former member described in paragraph (2).

(c) DURATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out the program during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the commencement of the program.

(d) GRANTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall carry out the program through the award of grants to eligible organizations for the provision of assistance described in subsection (a).

(2) MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRED.—A grant under this section shall be in an amount that does not exceed 50 percent of the amount required by the organization to provide the services described in subsection (g).

(e) ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATIONS.—For purposes of this section, an eligible organization is any nonprofit organization, including workforce boards or Veterans Service Organizations, that the Secretary of Labor determines, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is suitable for receipt of a grant under the program pursuant to receipt by the Secretary of Labor of an application submitted under subsection (f)(1).

(f) SELECTION OF GRANT RECIPIENTS.—

(1) APPLICATIONS.—An organization seeking a grant under the program shall submit to the Secretary of Labor an application therefor at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, may require.

(2) PRIORITY FOR HUBS OF SERVICES.—In awarding grants under the program, the Secretary of Labor shall give priority to an organization that provides multiple forms of services described in subsection (g).

(g) USE OF FUNDS.—The recipient of a grant under the program shall use the grant to coordinate for covered individuals the following:

(1) Career and training services, including the provision of such services available through the workforce development system.

(2) Mental health services.

(3) Legal assistance.

(4) Supportive services.

(5) Assistance with accessing benefits provided under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(6) Non-clinical case management.

(7) Entrepreneurship training.

(8) Such other services that may be related to the assistance and services set forth in this subsection as the Secretary of Labor determines may lead directly to successful transition to civilian life.

(h) INCLUSION IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COUNSELING.—The Secretary concerned shall include in the information provided to a member of the Armed Forces during the Transition Assistance Program information regarding any recipient of a grant under this section that is located in the community in which that member will reside after separation, retirement, or discharge from the Armed Forces.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 to carry out this section.

(j) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) Except as otherwise provided, any term used in this Act that is defined in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102) shall have the meaning given to such term in such section.

(2) The term “nonprofit organization” is an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

(3) The term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10, United States Code.

(4) The term “Transition Assistance Program” means the Transition Assistance Program under sections 1142 and 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 265 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

Page 381, after line 17, insert the following:

(6) The benefits of portable licenses and interstate licensure compacts for military spouses.

AMENDMENT NO. 266 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

Page 535, after line 24, insert the following new paragraph (and redesignate the following paragraphs accordingly):

(2) The term “behavioral health provider” includes the following:

(A) A licensed professional counselor.

(B) A licensed mental health counselor.

(C) A licensed clinical professional counselor.

(D) A licensed professional clinical counselor of mental health.

(E) A licensed clinical mental health counselor.

(F) A licensed mental health practitioner.

AMENDMENT NO. 267 OFFERED BY MR. NEGUSE OF COLORADO

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

SEC. 3. ANALYSIS AND PLAN FOR ADDRESSING HEAT ISLAND EFFECT ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) INSTALLATION ANALYSIS.—At the direction of the Secretary of Defense, the commander of each large military installation (as determined by the Secretary) shall conduct an analysis of—

(1) how the effect known as the “heat island effect” exacerbates summer heat conditions and necessitates the increased use of air conditioning on the installation; and

(2) inventory on the percentage of tree cover and plant shade trees on the property of the installation.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2023, the commander of each large military

installation shall submit to the Secretary of the analysis conducted by the commander under subsection (a).

(c) PLAN.—The Secretary shall—

(1) review the reports submitted under subsection (b);

(2) identify any installation that is a significant heat island with large expanses of concrete or asphalt; and

(3) direct the commander of any installation so identified to increase the tree coverage on the property of the installation by 10 to 30 percent by not later than September 30, 2025.

(d) HEAT ISLAND DEFINED.—The term “heat island” means an area with a high concentration of structures (such as building, roads, and other infrastructure) that absorb and re-emit the sun’s heat more than natural landscapes such as forests or bodies of water.

AMENDMENT NO. 268 OFFERED BY MR. NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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.

AMENDMENT NO. 269 OFFERED BY MR. NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 5. SURVEYS REGARDING MILITARY SPOUSES.

(a) SURVEYS.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, shall determine the feasibility of—

(1) measuring labor market outcomes and characteristics of military spouses with existing data from surveys conducted by the Department of Defense and Bureau of Labor Statistics; and

(2) modifying such surveys to capture more information about military spouses.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing—

(1) determinations under subsection (a);

(2) ways to implement modifications described in subsection (a) that comport with the Employment Situation Report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(3) and estimated costs to implement such modifications.

AMENDMENT NO. 270 OFFERED BY MR. NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 1348, insert after line 23 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 5806. REPORTS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force,

and the Commandant of the Marine Corp shall each submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and of the House of Representatives a report on substance abuse disorder treatment concerns related to service members and their dependents.

(b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Commandant of the Marine Corp shall submit to Congress a report regarding the use of substance abuse disorder treatment programs located at or around each installation. The report shall detail the number of service members and dependents that are referred to treatment programs, either residential or outpatient, and either internal or contracted, the absence of treatment capabilities within an installation or grouping of military installations, and the costs associated with sending service members or their dependents away from the immediate area for substance use disorder treatment. The report shall also set forth how the individual branches of the Armed Forces are incorporating substance abuse disorder treatment into mental health services both internal and contracted.

AMENDMENT NO. 271 OFFERED BY MR. NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 5. REVIEW OF POLICIES REGARDING SINGLE PARENTS SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Not later than September 30, 2023, the Secretary of Defense shall review regulations and rules of the Department of Defense regarding single parents serving as members of the Armed Forces.

AMENDMENT NO. 272 OFFERED BY MR. OBERNOLTE OF CALIFORNIA

Insert the following in the appropriate place in division E:

SEC. . GAO REPORT ON CIVILIAN SUPPORT POSITIONS AT REMOTE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall assess and submit a report to the Secretary of Defense on the following:

(1) The average number of vacancies for civilian support services positions at remote or isolated military installations in comparison to vacancies for such positions at other military installations. In carrying out this paragraph, the Comptroller General shall account for the differences in military population size.

(2) The average number of days required to fill such a vacancy at a remote and isolated military installation in comparison to filling a vacancy of a position with the same duties (to the greatest extent practicable) at such other installations.

(3) Any recommendations on additional hiring incentives for civilian support services positions described in subsection (b)(1)(A) at a remote or isolated installations, and any recommendations on ways to ensure that such positions described in subsection (b)(1)(B) are able to effectively staff positions in order to meet the mission of their applicable military installation.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “civilian support services positions” means—

(A) any position within the civil service (as that term is defined in section 2101 of title 5, United States Code), including any non-appropriated fund (NAF) position; and

(B) any Federal contractor (or subcontractor at any tier); and

(2) the term “military installation” has the meaning given that term in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 273 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. 3. COMPTRROLLER 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 274 OFFERED BY MS. OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR AERIAL FUMIGATION IN COLOMBIA.

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2022 may be used to directly conduct, support, assist, or contribute to the performance of the aerial fumigation of crops in Colombia.

AMENDMENT NO. 275 OFFERED BY MR. O'HALLERAN OF ARIZONA

At the end of subtitle G of title III, insert the following new section:

SEC. 3. REPORT ON EFFECTS OF WILDFIRE AND DROUGHT CONDITIONS ON MILITARY READINESS AT UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY FLAGSTAFF STATION.

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 effects of wildfire and persistent drought conditions at the United States Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station. Such report shall include the following:

(1) A detailed description of the threat that such conditions pose to the United States Naval Observatory Flagstaff Station, including with respect to the mission of the facility, continued operations, military readiness, military and civilian workforce, housing, and access to water at the facility.

(2) Recommendations for actions to be taken by the Secretary of Defense, and by Congress, to ensure the continued and safe operations of the facility.

AMENDMENT NO. 276 OFFERED BY MR. O'HALLERAN OF ARIZONA

At the end of subtitle E 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 collaboration 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 277 OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle C of title XV add the following:

SEC. 15 . REVIEW OF DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES.

Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Principal Cyber Advisor of the Department of Defense and the Principal Cyber Advisors of the military departments, shall review and update the memorandum of the Secretary of Defense dated December 12, 2019, concerning the definition of the term "Department of Defense Cyberspace Operations Forces (DoD COF)". The review shall include—

(1) a comprehensive assessment of units and components of the Department of Defense conducting defensive cyberspace operations which are not currently included in such definition; and

(2) a revised definition for such term that includes such units and components within the Cyberspace Operations Forces.

AMENDMENT NO. 278 OFFERED BY MR. PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 16 . PLAN ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYMENT OF DEDICATED X-BAND SMALL SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) PLANS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict and the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, shall jointly submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for a pilot program for the deployment of dedicated X-band small satellite communications technologies that may support current and future requirements of special operations forces.

(2) PLAN ELEMENTS.—The plan submitted under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A description of authorities that would be used to execute the proposed pilot program.

(B) A timeline for the implementation and duration of the proposed pilot program.

(C) An identification of the dedicated X-band small satellite communication technologies required to implement the proposed pilot program.

(D) The costs, per fiscal year, for the development, deployment, and operations of the proposed pilot program.

(E) A comprehensive description and assessment of the proposed pilot program.

(F) Such recommendations for legislative or administrative action the Assistant Secretaries jointly determine appropriate, including the feasibility of—

(i) extending the term of the proposed pilot program; or

(ii) expanding the proposed pilot program to other activities of the Department of Defense beyond special operations forces.

(b) SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES DEFINED.—The term "special operations forces" means forces described under section 167(j) of title 10, United States Code.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS) each will control 15 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington.

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that amendment No. 113, printed in part A of House Report 117-405, be modified in the form I have placed at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the modification.

The Clerk read as follows:

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

SEC. 5 . ACTIVITIES TO ASSIST THE TRANSITION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS INTO CAREERS IN EDUCATION.

(a) VETERANS-TO-CLASSROOMS PROGRAM.—

(1) MODIFICATION AND REDESIGNATION OF PROGRAM.—Section 1154 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking: "**employment as teachers: Troops-to-Teachers Program**" and inserting "**employment in schools: Veterans-to-Classrooms Program**";

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (8) as paragraphs (4) through (10), respectively;

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraphs:

"(2) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of Defense.

"(3) COVERED POSITION.—

"(A) The term 'covered position' means a full-time position in an eligible school as—

"(i) a teacher, including an elementary school teacher, a secondary school teacher, and a career and technical education teacher;

"(ii) a school leader;

"(iii) a school administrator;

"(iv) a nurse;

"(v) a principal;

"(vi) a counselor;

"(vii) a teaching aide;

"(viii) specialized instructional support personnel;

"(ix) a school resource officer; or

"(x) a contractor who performs the functions of a position described in any of clauses (i) through (viii).";

(iii) by amending paragraph (4), as so redesignated, to read as follows:

"(4) ELIGIBLE SCHOOL.—The term 'eligible school' means—

"(A) a public elementary school, including a public elementary charter school;

"(B) a public secondary school, including a public secondary charter school; or

"(C) a Bureau-funded school as defined in section 1141(3) of the Education Amendments of 1978 (25 U.S.C. 2021(3)).";

(iv) in paragraph (8), as so redesignated, by striking "Troops-to-Teachers" and inserting "Veterans-to-Classrooms";

(v) by striking paragraph (9), as so redesignated, and inserting the following new paragraph (9):

"(9) SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.—The term 'school resource officer' has the meaning given that term in section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10339(4))."; and

(vi) in paragraph (10), as so redesignated, by striking "and 'State'" and inserting "specialized instructional support personnel", and 'State'";

(C) in subsection (b)—

(i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "Secretary of Defense may carry out a Troops-to-Teachers Program" and inserting "The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, may carry out a Veterans-to-Classrooms Program";

(ii) in paragraph (1), by striking "become a teacher" and inserting "obtain a covered position"; and

(iii) by amending subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) to read as follows:

"(A) by local educational agencies or charter schools in States with a shortage of individuals to fill covered positions, as determined by the Secretary of Education.";

(D) in subsection (d)(4)(A)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking "or career or technical subjects" and inserting "career and technical education, or subjects relating to a covered position"; and

(ii) in clause (ii), by inserting "in a covered position or" after "seek employment";

(E) in subsection (e)—

(i) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(I) in clause (i), by striking "become a teacher" and inserting "obtain a covered position"; and

(II) in clause (ii), by striking "as an elementary school teacher" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "in a covered position for not less than three school years in an eligible school to begin the school year after the member obtains the professional credentials required for the position involved"; and

(ii) in paragraph (2)(E), by striking "as a teacher in an eligible elementary school or secondary school or as a career or technical teacher" and inserting "in a covered position"; and

(iii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) in subparagraph (A)—

(aa) in the first sentence, by striking "educational level, certification, or licensing" and inserting "educational level, certification, licensing, or other professional credentials"; and

(bb) in the second sentence, by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$9,000 (except as adjusted by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (D))";

(II) in subparagraph (B)—

(aa) in clause (i), by striking "as an elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, or career or technical teacher" and inserting "in a covered position"; and

(bb) in clause (ii), by striking "may not exceed \$5,000, unless the eligible school is a high-need school, in which case the amount of the bonus may not exceed \$10,000" and inserting "may not exceed \$9,000 (except as adjusted by the Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (D)), unless the eligible school is a high-need school, in which case the amount of the bonus may not exceed \$18,000 (except as so adjusted)";

(III) in subparagraph (C)—

(aa) in clause (i), by striking "5,000" and inserting "20,000";

(bb) in clause (ii), by striking "3,000" and inserting "5,000"; and

(cc) in clause (iv), by striking "\$10,000" and inserting "\$18,000 (except as adjusted by the

Secretary in accordance with subparagraph (D))"; and

(IV) by adding at the end the following:

"(D)(i) The Secretary may adjust the dollar amounts set forth in subparagraphs (A), (B)(ii), and (C)(iv) to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index over the applicable period.

"(ii) In this subparagraph, the term 'applicable period' means—

"(I) with respect to an initial adjustment under clause (i), the period that has elapsed since the date of the enactment of the TEAMS Act; or

"(II) with respect to any adjustment after the initial adjustment, the period that has elapsed since the date of the most recent adjustment under clause (i).";

(F) in subsection (f)(1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking "become a teacher" and inserting "obtain a covered position"; and

(II) by striking "as an elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, or career or technical teacher" and insert "in a covered position"; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking ", employment as an elementary school teacher, secondary school teacher, or career or technical teacher" and inserting "employment in a covered position";

(G) in subsection (h)(2)(A), by striking "as elementary school teachers, secondary school teachers, and career or technical teachers" and inserting "in covered positions";

(H) by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(j) PARTNERSHIPS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may enter into one or more partnerships with States, local educational agencies, or covered entities—

"(A) to help sustain and expand the reach of the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program to promote careers in education among current and future veterans under this section;

"(B) to provide information on the Program in accordance with subsection (k)(2) in widely available, user-friendly formats;

"(C) to help recruit more veterans, including veterans who are retired law enforcement officers, and service members who are within 6 months of transitioning out of the military into new careers in education;

"(D) to promote careers in education among current and future veterans by providing veterans with information on other employment transition programs, including—

"(i) the Veterans' Employment & Training Service and the National Veterans' Training Institute of the Department of Labor;

"(ii) the transition assistance programs established under section 1144 of this title;

"(iii) the SkillBridge and Career Skills Programs of the Department of Defense;

"(iv) the AmeriCorps program carried out under subtitle C of title I of the National and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.); and

"(v) other transitional or educational programs; and

"(E) to promote careers in education by helping veterans learn about educational benefits available to them, including Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, certification programs, and applicable on-the-job training and apprenticeship programs, to help veterans get into an educational career field.

"(2) COVERED ENTITY DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term 'covered entity' means—

"(A) an entity qualifying as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

"(B) a veterans service organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38.

"(k) PROGRAM INFORMATION.—

"(1) INFORMATION FROM SECRETARY.—The Secretary shall make available, on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense, the information described in paragraph (3).

"(2) INFORMATION FROM COVERED ENTITIES.—Each State, local educational agency, and covered entity that enters into a partnership with the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall make available, on a publicly accessible website, the information described in paragraph (3).

"(3) INFORMATION DESCRIBED.—The information described in this subparagraph is information on the Veterans-to-Classrooms program authorized under this section, including a description of the application process for the program and the potential benefits of participating in the program.

"(4) BIENNIAL REVIEW.—Not less frequently than once every two years, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program. At minimum, the report shall include a comparison of the number of participants in the Program during the period covered by the report relative to the number of stipends authorized under the Program during such period.

"(m) PROCESS TO STREAMLINE APPLICATIONS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of the TEAMS Act, the Secretary shall implement a process to simplify the submission of applications under subsection (d)(2)."

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 58 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 1154 and inserting the following new item:

"1154. Assistance to eligible members and former members to obtain employment in schools: Veterans-to-Classrooms Program."

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

(4) REFERENCES.—Beginning on the effective date specified in paragraph (3), any reference in Federal law (other than this Act), regulations, guidance, instructions, or other documents of the Federal Government to the Troops-to-Teachers Program shall be deemed to be a reference to the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program.

(b) VETERANS EMPLOYABLE AS SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS.—Section 1709(4) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10389(4)) is amended by inserting after "a career law enforcement officer, with sworn authority," the following: "or a veteran (as such term is defined in section 101(2) of title 38, United States Code) who is hired by a State or local public agency as a law enforcement officer for purposes of serving as a school resource officer, who is".

(c) TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION CAREERS FOR VETERANS.—

(1) TASK FORCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall convene a task force to identify strategies that may be used to assist veterans in obtaining employment in the field of education.

(2) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The task force convened under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) consult regularly with veterans service organizations in performing the duties of the task force; and

(B) coordinate administrative and regulatory activities and develop proposals to—

(i) identify State licensing and certification requirements that are excessive and unnecessarily burdensome for veterans seeking to transition into careers in education;

(ii) identify potential compensation structures for educational employment that include salary credit for prior military and law enforcement experience;

(iii) recommend incentives to encourage educational employers to hire veterans;

(iv) assess the feasibility of establishing dedicated military veteran liaison positions in school districts;

(v) examine how funds made available for the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program under section 1154 of title 10, United States Code, may be used to conduct outreach, provide certification support, and help States establish outreach centers for veterans; and

(vi) explore how partnerships entered by the Secretary under subsection (j) of such section may be used to promote careers in education among veterans through collaboration with relevant employment transition programs, including the Transition Assistance Program, the SkillBridge and Career Skills Programs of the Department of Defense, and the AmeriCorps program.

(3) MEMBERSHIP.—The task force shall consist of—

(A) the Secretary of Defense, or the designee of the Secretary, who shall be the head of the task force;

(B) the Secretary of Education, or the designee of the Secretary;

(C) the Attorney General, or the designee of the Attorney General;

(D) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the designee of the Secretary;

(E) the Secretary of Labor, or the designee of the Secretary;

(F) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, or the designee of the Director;

(G) four representatives from a veterans service organization, selected by the President;

(H) a representative of the Administrative Conference of the United States; and

(I) representatives of State and local governments selected by the President, which may include representatives of State boards of education and relevant State licensing agencies.

(4) REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date on which the task force is convened under paragraph (1), the task force shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(i) a description of actions that may be carried out by State and local governments to reduce barriers that interfere with the ability of veterans to transition into careers in education; and

(ii) recommendations for specific legislative and regulatory actions that may be carried out to reduce such barriers.

(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall be made available on a publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense.

(5) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term "veterans service organization" means any organization recognized by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

(d) FUNDING.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, there are authorized to be appropriated \$240,000,000 to carry out the Veterans-to-Classrooms Program under section 1154 of title 10, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a)).

(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, Defense-wide, Administration and Service-wide Activities, Line 500A, as specified in the

corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$240,000,000.

Mr. SMITH of Washington (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the modification be dispensed with.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Washington?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The amendments en bloc No. 2 is modified.

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA), a member of the committee, to speak on the amendments en bloc.

Mr. KHANNA. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman SMITH for his extraordinary leadership and having a strong amendment to affirm the U.S.-India defense partnership. I thank Ranking Member ROGERS for making this amendment truly bipartisan.

There is no relationship of greater significance to the United States' strategic interests than the U.S.-India partnership. It is necessary to affirm democracies; it is necessary to stop China's border aggression; it is necessary for us to lead in critical technologies.

This gives a sense that while we are building this relationship, we should not be sanctioning India under CAATSA, and it also will help facilitate India getting more of their defense from the United States and not Russia.

I thank again Chairman SMITH for his leadership and making sure that this is bipartisan. I thank Kate Gould for her work on our staff and the HASC staff on this and all the other amendments.

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Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of these amendments en bloc.

Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Puerto Rico (Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN), my friend and colleague.

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN. Madam Speaker, I thank Ranking Member ROGERS for the work he and Chairman SMITH did to put this bill together.

I rise in support of the en bloc package No. 2 for the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023.

This bill includes three of my amendments that will directly benefit our country's national security as well as the people of Puerto Rico.

My first amendment, 413, directs the Secretary of the Army to ensure that a modular small arms range is made available for the Army Reserve in Puerto Rico.

Currently, Puerto Rico only has a single firearms range for Department of Defense personnel. It is located in Camp Santiago, which is the south part of the island, which is managed by the

Puerto Rico National Guard, and it is hours away from some of our Army bases on the island. This amendment was included in the House-passed version of the NDAA last year.

Amendment 416 requires the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to investigate the health effects on the island of Vieques that may have been caused by toxic waste left by the Navy after 70 years of live-fire training. This amendment was also included in the House-passed version of the NDAA last year.

My third and final amendment, 417, would require the director of the Defense Health Agency to conduct a health-related behaviors survey among the members of all Armed Forces.

This survey, which has been conducted for the past 30 years, was last conducted in 2018. However, an updated survey is necessary to provide the Department of Defense with up-to-date information to better understand the health, health-related behaviors, and well-being of all servicemembers.

Information on topics such as access to mental healthcare, understanding the post-deployment needs, and promoting physical health are needed to identify resources and continue to improve the support provided to our servicemembers.

Lastly, I will end by expressing my support for the following amendments that I cosponsored: 958, 968, and 1001, from my friend and fellow Women's Caucus member, Representative LAWRENCE from Michigan, that are included in the en bloc package.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members to vote in favor of this en bloc package No. 2.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. HAYES) for purposes to speak on the amendments en bloc.

Mrs. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the amendments en bloc 2, which includes my amendment to support the mental health and nutritional needs of servicemembers.

Servicemembers across the country and in my State who seek mental healthcare often encounter outdated resources or a lack of information on military websites. Without immediate and accurate access to mental health providers, servicemembers and their families are left to navigate a crisis on their own. Servicemembers already have insurance hurdles that can make it difficult to find acceptable and covered providers.

My amendment would help bridge this gap by requiring the military to review all installation-level web information about suicide prevention and behavioral health and ensure contact information is up to date. My amendment also requires the military to certify their review to Congress on a yearly basis.

Additionally, I urge my colleagues to support Chairman MCGOVERN's amend-

ment, which would require the DOD and the USDA to collect data on food insecurity among servicemembers. Representative MCGOVERN's amendment would require the Department of Defense to train and designate a point person on all military bases to refer servicemembers seeking nutritional assistance.

Last November, as chair of the House Agriculture Nutrition Subcommittee, I hosted a hearing to address hunger among servicemembers, and our witnesses pointed out the lack of consistent data to address this issue. I support this amendment and will continue to work with Chairman MCGOVERN to ensure that no family, especially military families, go hungry.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the amendments en bloc 2 and the final National Defense Authorization Act.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise to support amendments en bloc 2 and thank the chairman and ranking member for the combination of amendments that we have worked on over the years that I believe are crucial and important to the Nation's safety but also to the men and women of the United States military.

The amendment I want to highlight, among others, is the amendment that calls for the Secretary of Defense to evaluate and report to Congress the extent of threat to national security posed by domestic terrorist groups and organizations motivated by a belief system of white supremacy, such as the Proud Boys and Boogaloo.

We know that those organizations certainly found themselves roving around during January 6 and were actually called and motivated to come to Washington by the former President of the United States.

We also know that Director Wray has indicated that domestic terrorism is one of greatest threats to the United States. As reported in the media and government intelligence reports, coupled with recent arrests and successful violent attacks carried out by the Boogaloo Bois and militia extremists, these representations are very troubling.

My concern is that as the Nation moves toward a historic national election, the activity of violent influences, like the Boogaloo Bois and Proud Boys, will increase and lead to attacks becoming more frequent. I ask my colleagues to continue to support the amendments en bloc 2 for that amendment.

I also want to highlight my amendment that asks for \$10 million to increase funding for increased collaboration between the DOD Office of Health and the National Institutes of Health

for research to combat triple-negative breast cancer.

As a breast cancer survivor myself, I can tell you the enormous impact that triple-negative breast cancer has. It is a particular form of breast cancer that metastasizes very quickly. It accounts for between 13 to 25 percent of all breast cancer in the United States, the onset is at a younger age, and it is more aggressive and more likely to metastasize. This work will help young women in the United States military and young men, who also are sometimes diagnosed with breast cancer.

Let me also ask for support for post-traumatic stress disorder. I have worked on this for many, many years, even developed a center in my district off campus from the veterans' hospital.

PTSD was first brought to public attention in relation to war veterans, but it can result from a variety of traumatic incidents. The increase, I believe, reaffirms the importance of helping those with PTSD and restoring their lives.

I want to make sure as well that my amendment dealing with requiring the chief of the National Guard, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit to Congress and other entities a report identifying personnel training and equipment required by the non-federalized National Guard to prevent, mitigate, respond, and recover from natural and manmade disasters.

Houston is hurricane prone. I cannot tell you the kind of work and leadership that the Texas National Guard has done on behalf of my constituents and the entire State when we have been in trouble. The huge trucks that have come in with MREs and the help during the flooding has been enormous.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support all of my amendments and to highlight those that I have just highlighted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Texas.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I will just emphasize that the National Guard has been enormously effective in helping us during disaster.

But let me finish quickly with the amendment dealing with young people in the academy, in particular a young cadet that had a stuttering issue. My amendment says that cadets should be diagnosed with whatever disability they may have, be assessed, do their 4 years, and when it comes time for a command, don't push them out like this young cadet was, but to ensure that they have the ability, with their talents, to be able to accept a command. They want to serve their Nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask support for the amendments en bloc 2 and all of my amendments.

Thank you, Madam Speaker, for this opportunity to express my support for H.R. 7900, the "National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2023."

Congress has the solemn duty to ensure that those who wear the uniform of the United States—and those civilians who provide logistical and operational support—have the equipment, training, and resources needed to carry out and complete their mission.

And we must never forget that a grateful nation has a sacred obligation, in the words of President Lincoln, "to care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan."

Many of my amendments were made in order by the Rules Committee. I would like to summarize them, two of which were included in En Bloc 1:

First, amendment 59 recognizes that Black men and women have played an integral role in our nation's defense from the bravery of Crispus Attucks, an escaped slave, during the Boston Massacre, to the present day. The amendment would address the historical and current barriers to Black Americans' participation and equal treatment in the Armed Services.

I would like to elaborate on the importance of Amendment 59, about the lessons that can be learned about the social, cultural, legal, and logistical impacts, as well as the advances made, by the integration of African Americans into the warfighting capacity of our nation.

The racial inequality and mistreatment of Black men and women that has historically permeated our military continues to this day, with more than 750 complaints of racial or ethnic discrimination from service members in fiscal year 2020 alone.

But discrimination doesn't exist just within the military rank-and-file, as in that same fiscal year, civilians working in the financial, technical and support sectors of the Army, Air Force and Navy also filed 900 complaints of racial discrimination and over 350 complaints of discrimination by skin color, data from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission shows.

According to a report by the Defense Department's Diversity and Inclusion Board, while the enlisted ranks of the active and reserve military were "slightly more racially and ethnically diverse than its U.S. civilian counterparts," the opposite was true for the officer corps.

We owe it to those brave men and women who have proven time and time again to be an integral part of our military to examine the Armed Services' history of discrimination and to determine the necessary steps to repair the harm caused by these inequities.

Second, my amendment 28 directs the Secretary of Defense to evaluate, and report to Congress, about the extent of the threat to national security posed by domestic terrorist groups and organizations motivated by a belief system of white supremacy, such as the Proud Boys and Boogaloo.

In the past and with greater intensity, I have raised concerns over the role that Boogaloo and Proud Boys have played in bringing an element of violence into the otherwise peaceful protests following the death of George Floyd.

The violence seen during the recent national movement to end the deaths of unarmed black men while in police custody is not the start of these violent activities associated with Boogaloo movement or Proud Boys activity.

The threat posed by accelerationists and militia extremists—a range of violent anti-govern-

ment actors, movements, and organizations, some of which branch out of decades-old ideologies and others which are relatively new has led to violent engagement of law enforcement.

These varied threats range from decentralized and leaderless accelerationist networks using social media platforms, such as the Boogaloo movement, to more structured, far-right militia extremist groups.

The ideologies undergirding these movements or groups have some similarities to other anti-government and white supremacist beliefs but are often not tied to a single, monolithic ideology.

In addition, in many cases, their adherents' decentralized and coded use of digital tools poses unique challenges for law enforcement and government officials to identify and track their activity.

These developments in domestic terrorism, as reported in the media and government intelligence reports—coupled with recent arrests and successful violent attacks carried out by "Boogaloo boys" and militia extremists—are troubling.

My concern is that as the nation moves toward a historic national election, the activity of violence influencers like Boogaloo Boys or Proud Boys will increase and lead to attacks becoming more frequent.

In 2018, we saw too many instances of violent extremist searching for opportunities to sow violence and disrupt democratic processes.

Boogaloo and Proud Boys are targeting constitutionally protected activity for cooption or to provide cover for attacks.

This amendment will result in a report that will provide valuable insight into activities associated with Boogaloo and Proud Boys.

Under the guidance that produced this report, there should not be any activity directed at groups that are not known for violent activity or have a history of engaging in violence directed at the United States government.

My next amendments were adopted in En Bloc 2:

Amendment 194—Provides authorization for a \$10 million increase in funding for increased collaboration between the DoD Office of Health and the National Institutes of Health to research and combat Triple Negative Breast Cancer.

As a Member of Congress, a mother, a sister and a spouse, and a breast cancer survivor, I feel a special responsibility to do all I can to ensure every American can win in the fight against all types of breast cancer but especially triple negative breast cancer (TNBC).

About 10–20 percent of breast cancers test negative for both hormone receptors and HER2 in the lab, which means they are triple-negative.

What is Triple Negative Breast Cancer? The term triple negative breast cancer refers to the fact that this form of breast cancer will test negative, which means that each of the test will return negative results for the presence of breast cancer for three types of breast cancer tests:

- Estrogen receptor;
- Progesterone receptor; and
- human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 or the HER2 test will be negative.

To understand triple-negative breast cancer, it's important to understand receptors, which are proteins found inside and on the surface

of cells. These receptor proteins are the “eyes” and “ears” of the cells, receiving messages from substances in the bloodstream and then telling the cells what to do.

Hormone receptors inside and on the surface of healthy breast cells receive messages from the hormones estrogen and progesterone. The hormones attach to the receptors and provide instructions that help the cells continue to grow and function well.

Most, but not all, breast cancer cells also have these hormone receptors.

Roughly 2 out of 3 women have breast cancer that tests positive for hormone receptors.

In 2013, the American Cancer Society Surveillance and Health Services Institute estimated that 27,060 black women would be diagnosed with the illness.

The rate of breast cancer is 10 percent lower in African American women than white women—it is the type of breast cancer (Triple Negative) that African American women contract that is alarming.

Because African American women are diagnosed in greater numbers with Triple Negative Breast Cancer we have a five year survival rate of 78 percent after diagnosis as compared to 90 percent for white women.

The incidence rate of breast cancer among women under 45 is higher for African American women compared to white women.

Triple Negative Breast Cancer:

Accounts for between 13 percent and 25 percent of all breast cancer in the US;

Onset is at a younger age;

Is more aggressive; and

Is more likely to metastasize.

Currently, 70 percent of women with metastatic triple negative breast cancer do not live more than five years after being diagnosed.

African American women are 3 times more likely to develop triple-negative breast cancer than White women. African-American women have prevalence TNBC of 26 percent vs. 16 percent in non-African-Americans women.

The key to beating this cancer is not just early detection—but detection period.

A 2007 study of more than 50,000 women with all stages of breast cancer found that 77 percent of women with triple-negative breast cancer survived at least 5 years, versus 93 percent of women with other types of breast cancer.

Another study of more than 1,600 women published in 2007 found that women with triple-negative breast cancer had a higher risk of death within 5 years of diagnosis, but not after that time period.

The recurrence and survival figures in these and other studies are averages for all women with triple-negative breast cancer.

The DoD needs to be prioritizing this very real and lethal condition to ensure women are being protected.

Amendment 195 directs the Secretary of Defense to audit current practices regarding administration of sexual harassment claims and submit a report no later 180 days after passage detailing efforts to prevent sexual harassment and protect service-members, and compiling data and research on sexual harassment prevalence in the military, cases reported, legal proceedings, and convictions.

Sexual assault is endemic in our military, especially for female armed service members.

Streamlining and auditing the process of reporting sexual assault protects victims and is a necessary step in weeding out abusers.

Amendment 191 provides authorization for \$2.5 million increase in funding to combat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

According to the NIH, an estimated 3.6 percent of U.S. adults had PTSD in the past year.

PTSD was first brought to public attention in relation to war veterans, but it can result from a variety of traumatic incidents, such as torture, being kidnapped or held captive, bombings, or natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes.

People with PTSD may startle easily, become emotionally numb (especially in relation to people with whom they used to be close), lose interest in things they used to enjoy, have trouble feeling affectionate, be irritable, become more aggressive, or even become violent.

They avoid situations that remind them of the original incident, and anniversaries of the incident are often very difficult.

Most people with PTSD repeatedly relive the trauma in their thoughts during the day and in nightmares when they sleep. These are called flashbacks. A person having a flashback may lose touch with reality and believe that the traumatic incident is happening all over again.

My amendment recognizes that these soldiers are first and foremost, human. They carry their experiences with them.

Ask a veteran of Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan about the frequency of nightmares they experience, and one will realize that serving in the Armed Forces leaves a lasting impression, whether good or bad.

My amendment will help ensure that “no soldier is left behind” by addressing the urgent need for more outreach toward hard to reach veterans suffering from PTSD, especially those who are homeless or reside in underserved urban and rural areas of our country.

Amendment 199 directs the Secretary of Defense to promulgate regulations to ensure that candidates granted admission to attend a military academy undergo screening for speech disorders and be provided the results of the screening test and a list of warfare unrestricted line (URL) Officer positions and occupation specialists that require successful performance on the speech test.

Academy students should have the option of undergoing speech therapy to reduce speech disorders or impediments.

Amendment 188 directs the Secretary to submit to Congress within 180 days a report on the recognition of African Americans who have served in the Armed Forces and opportunities for their inclusion in DOD naming practices and conventions for military installations, infrastructure, vessels, and weapon systems.

In every war waged from the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Fallujah, African Americans have honorably answered the call to duty, and served with valor and distinction in America’s armed forces.

At decisive moments in our nation’s history, the United States military and its citizen warriors, were there and made the difference.

Our thanks to the military for being always ready to answer the call of duty—whether that call comes in the dead of night or the light of day—we know that we can count on you.

The fact that military bases have been named after Confederate military leaders or soldiers is hard to imagine given that they were fighting to end the United States. The

Confederacy was not something that should be held up for honor by the United States or our nation’s military.

There is no shortage of honorable replacement candidates to receive the honor of having a military base, installation or facility named in their honor.

Amendment 198 requires the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to submit to Congress and other entities in 2023, 2024, and 2025 a report identifying the personnel, training, and equipment required by the non-federalized National Guard to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters.

Hurricane Harvey’s impact in Texas is still being felt more than 30 months later. The storm’s footprint covered over 9,000 square miles, including the city of Houston. Hurricane Harvey dropped over 52 inches of rain in the Houston area and over 60 inches were recorded elsewhere in the state.

At its peak on September 1, 2017, one-third of Houston, our nation’s fourth largest city, was underwater leaving 34,575 evacuees in shelters across Texas. Before the flood waters had receded in Houston two other monster Hurricanes were bearing down on citizens living in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

The scope and magnitude of these dueling disasters tested the National Guard and Reservists in ways that were new.

This amendment requires a readiness report by the National Guard and Reservists to make sure they have what they need to assist communities in need of disaster assistance during future Hurricane Seasons.

Many Texans are still recovering from Hurricane Harvey, and the same is true of residents of many other areas hit hard by disasters.

My amendment will help the National Guard help communities prepare for disasters, respond to them, and rebuild from them.

It will improve the ability to support the important mission of the National Guard and Reservists to engage in disaster response.

Amendment 197 requires the Secretary of the Navy, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, to submit to Congress a report on desalination technology’s application for defense and national security purposes to provide drought relief to areas impacted by sharp declines in water resources.

In 2010, the United States consumed about 355,000 million gallons of water per day.

Worldwide, some 700 million people do not have access to enough clean water.

In 10 years the number is expected to more than double to 1.8 billion.

Two-thirds of the Earth’s surface is water, but in fact less than 1 percent it is available for human use.

The rest of the water on our planet is either salt water found in oceans, fresh water frozen in the polar ice caps, or too inaccessible for practical usage.

While population and demand on freshwater resources are increasing, supply will always remain constant.

And although the water cycle continuously returns water to Earth, it is not always returned to the same place, or in the same quantity and quality.

I offered this amendment because we must plan for the future water needs of our nation and our defense facilities and operations worldwide.

There are serious water shortages in some regions of the country and the prospects that sustained water shortages due to regional growth and climate factors may make it necessary to develop alternative sources for water intended for human and agricultural uses.

If we can harness the technology to convert ocean water into fresh water the future of cities and rural communities that depend on water can be much brighter.

Amendment 190 requires a report to be submitted to Congress within 240 days following enactment on the risks posed by debris in low earth orbit and to make recommendations on remediation of risks and outline plans to reduce the incident of space debris.

Man-made objects in Earth's orbit that may no longer serve a useful function can include nonfunctional spacecraft, abandoned launch

vehicle stages, mission-related debris and fragmentation debris.

Space debris travels at speeds up to 17,500 miles per hour is fast enough for a small piece of man-made debris to damage to a satellite or a spacecraft.

There are 500,000 pieces of debris the size of a marble or larger.

There are many millions of pieces of debris that are so small they can't be tracked.

The Jackson Lee Amendment seeks a report from the Secretary of Defense on the risks posed by man-made space debris, solutions for reducing risks and strategies for reducing the incidence of more man-made space debris being introduced into space.

Amendment 193 condemns the actions of Boko Haram and directs that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Attorney General, submit a report on efforts to combat Boko Haram.

Amendment 189 requires a report to be submitted within 220 days following enactment on Capacity to Provide Disaster Survivors with Emergency Short Term Housing.

Amendment 196 directs the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress in not less than 180 days the actions taken to protect U.S. armed service personnel from armed attacks conducted by militants and terrorists in pursuit of bounties and inducements the agencies, organizations, or entities aligned with the Russian Federation.

Finally, amendment 192 requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress programs and procedures employed to ensure students studying abroad through Department of Defense National Security Education Programs are trained to recognize, resist, and report against recruitment efforts by agents of foreign governments.

NOTICE

Incomplete record of House proceedings. Except for concluding business which follows, today's House proceedings will be continued in the next issue of the Record.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4632. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's correcting amendment — Applicability of Annual Independent Audits and Reporting Requirements for Fiscal Years Ending in 2021 (RIN: 3064-AF77) received March 31, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4633. A letter from the Senior Legal Advisor for Regulatory Affairs, Office of Recover Programs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — State Small Business Credit Initiative; Demographics-Related Reporting Requirements (RIN: 1505-AC79) received March 31, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-4634. A letter from the Chairman and Members, Capitol Police Board, transmitting the Board's Phased Building Reopening and Limited Tour Plan approved on March 16, 2022; to the Committee on House Administration.

EC-4635. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31416; Amdt. No.: 3998] received April 14, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4636. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31415; Amdt. No.: 3997] received April 14, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4637. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31419; Amdt. No.: 4000] received April 14, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4638. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31418; Amdt. No.: 3999] received April 14, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4639. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Emmetsburg, IA [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0043; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ACE-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 19, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4640. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Restricted Area R-7001C and Establishment of Restricted Areas, R-7001D, R-7002A, R7002B, and R-7002C; Guernsey, WY [Docket No.: FAA-2020-1053; Airspace Docket No.: 20-ANM-32] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 19, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4641. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D Airspace and Class E Airspace; Gulf Shores, AL [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0048; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ASO-01] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 19, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4642. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Joplin, MO [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0131; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ACE-4] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 19, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4643. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment and Removal of VOR Federal Airways V-18, V-115, V-222, V-241, V-245, V-311, V-321, V-325, V-333, V-415, V-417, and V-463 in the Southeastern United States [Docket No.: FAA-2021-1031; Airspace Docket No.: 21-ASO-14] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 19, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4644. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; La Porte, IN [Docket No.: FAA-2021-1141; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AGL-34] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 19, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4645. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a transmittal of a certification to Congress, Department Report Number: 004693, Title: Conservation of Sea Turtles, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1537; jointly to the Committees on Natural Resources and Appropriations.

EC-4646. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Homeland Security, transmitting six legislative proposals that support the President's Fiscal Year 2023 budget for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; jointly to the Committees on Homeland Security, Transportation and Infrastructure, the Judiciary, and Ways and Means.