

wind can come back. Who knows what it will hit next.

When we talk about what we need to do in the Fix Our Forests Act, we need to pass this legislation. I can't believe the arguments on that side of the aisle against it. It doesn't make any sense because we need to manage these lands.

The Federal Government is in charge through the Forest Service of 193 million acres. Their ambitious goal is to treat 2 million per year. That is 1 percent per year. If we do the math, that takes 100 years to get over all that. Although this is the city situation, it doesn't look that much different when I was in my home district next to a town named Canyon Dam which had that same orange glow 5 minutes before the town of Canyon Dam disappeared. There is no reason for this.

The Fix Our Forests Act would be a very important step in managing forests in a way that is successful. In only 2 days, President Trump has been leading the charge on the executive orders. He is not playing around with the climate change game. He is not playing all that. Instead, he wants to move toward water supply for California, move toward forest management. We will be working with him on that more. He gets it.

This is him in Paradise, California, saying: Why aren't they managing these lands? Governor Newsom stands there empty-handed 6 years later after that fire with empty promises and with very little land having been managed the way it should.

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I am really glad we have President Trump, who understands this and is going to do everything he can to help. We will help supply him the legislation, such as the Fix Our Forests Act with the things it does.

Particularly, it expands the clearance zone for hazardous trees around power lines, a bill I have been carrying personally as one of the fires in my district, known as the Carr fire, was caused by that, as were two others, the power lines and things.

It directs the Forest Service to expand the use of livestock grazing. There is a concept. We know it works, and it works all through the West. They try to shut that down and say you don't get the permit for that, that it might affect the species. It actually has been found to help species when the cattle keep the noxious weeds and such down.

They have made it more and more difficult to keep those grazing permits and grazing abilities there, including a very heinous one going on in a northern California park right now where they are kicking the growers and the cattle people off the land after many years.

We are also talking about looking at having a Western headquarters for the Forest Service instead of in Washington, D.C. They need to be based where the forests mostly are, where the

problem usually is. The idea is to migrate the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, USDA. Why don't we put them where the issue is, especially the Forest Service? That is an idea that is in this bill, as well.

It will take advantage of local expertise, people who actually know and live with the conditions. They know the wind patterns and what things look like, instead of a fire team maybe coming from somewhere else and maybe not making the right call on how they should treat the area.

The Fix Our Forests Act is a giant step in the right direction. I support it wholeheartedly and ask my colleagues to jump in on it to have it be a bipartisan effort. There is nothing wrong with this bill. Let's do it.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I will quickly touch on it, as well. I anticipate there will be some clear bipartisan support on this. If we are looking at it through a lens of common sense, we should get an abundance of it.

I reflect back to Monday when President Trump, during his inaugural address, said we will be the party of common sense. It is something that I want to sincerely communicate as I wrap up here.

There are a lot of games that get played in Washington. There are a minority and a majority and a lot of back and forth that goes on. I have experienced both. I have experienced it all, from the White House switching, the Senate switching back and forth, and the House going back and forth.

There are a lot of games. There are a lot of times that the majority will put in a bill that has some poison pills in it for the minority, and it becomes an entire messaging bill, a party-line exercise.

I was subject to it for my first term. Not every bill from the majority was like that. I joined on, in a very bipartisan way, sometimes not even from the majority of my side.

You have to look at the policy. I have seen a sincere effort from us not to go down the poison pill route, just to get them to say they are going to vote against it and then we go out there in the public world and use it for campaign purposes.

This Fix Our Forests Act is such a sincere, commonsense approach from Chairman WESTERMAN, who is a forester by trade. He has delved into this issue. He knows more about it than virtually anybody here in Congress. He can dive in and talk about how we can protect, preserve, and enhance our forest health, while also protecting our communities, by putting the type of forest breaks in there, controlled burns, things like that that have proven to be very successful.

My State goes through this all the time. We have seen devastation happen, and we have learned from it. That is all we are asking to do in this moment, is to take a look.

Honestly, I hope it ends up being a net positive. With all the destruction

and the sadness that has gone on and the devastation in California right now, I hope it has captured the attention in all 50 of our States to recognize there are better ways to do this and that it is not a partisan exercise.

That is what we are trying to accomplish this week with Chairman WESTERMAN's Fix Our Forests Act, a commonsense bill that works to prevent destructive wildfires, improve emergency response by providing new tools and advanced technology, and cut burdensome regulations and hinder active forest management.

I have served under Chairman WESTERMAN on the Natural Resources Committee. He leads with a really sensible approach to solving problems. It is something we absolutely need more of back here.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues tonight for being here to help share the message of what we are trying to accomplish this week.

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

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS IN TEXAS' SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ELLZEY) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a deep sense of pride and gratitude for the people of this great Nation and the incredible achievements of my constituents in the Sixth Congressional District of Texas.

Our country is rich with individuals who embody the values of service, dedication, and unity. Today, I have the honor of celebrating some of those remarkable people.

The United States is home to the most generous people on Earth. We are home to the most productive people on the planet who worship freely and then volunteer their remaining time to help others in need.

Our Nation is a beacon of compassion and hope for the rest of the world. We are blessed with heroes who save lives daily, not only our police officers and firefighters but also our teachers, medical professionals, construction workers, and so many others.

Acts of heroism happen in our country every day by folks who want to see others succeed, our country grow, and our communities thrive.

These quiet acts of courage and service often go unnoticed, but they are the

foundation of what makes us who we are. They are what make our Nation strong, resilient, and caring.

Though the media may have you believe otherwise, Washington, D.C., is not an exception to this commonality in our country. Here, too, acts of courage and patriotism happen every day. These remarkable people span across political lines, demonstrating that bipartisanship is not only alive but thriving.

I am fortunate to work alongside dedicated public servants on both sides of the aisle, all united by a shared goal of improving the lives of the citizens we represent and advancing the well-being of our great Nation.

Growing up, you never know how things are going to impact you and how some act of courage, big or small, will shake you. This speech that I give every once in a while is a direct result of such an act.

When I was a kid growing up in Perryton, in the Texas Panhandle, 7 miles from the Oklahoma border, that other country, on Sunday, we would all go to church. Without fail, our pastor would start off every Sunday service with what he called joys and concerns. During this, he would highlight some of the remarkable things that members of the church are doing and some of their accomplishments. He would also take this time to bring up the prayer requests that members of our congregation needed.

Since I have been in Congress, I have given my own version of joys and concerns. Looking back now, I am sure he never knew that, because of his simple choice to recognize people in our congregation, I would bring that tradition to the Halls of the Nation's Capitol.

I want to begin my joys by congratulating some outstanding individuals for their achievements.

Mollie McCalister of the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office received the Hero Award for her lifesaving efforts as a 911 operator. Her quick thinking and composure in a high-pressure situation allowed her to gather critical information and guide emergency responders effectively, ultimately saving a woman's life.

I recognize Julio Ambris of Midlothian High School for his heroic, lifesaving CPR actions. Julio demonstrated remarkable courage and presence of mind, applying his training to save a life during a critical emergency.

I recognize Officer Clint Valley—who I know very well since my daughter goes to this school—of Midlothian Heritage High School for performing lifesaving measures on a choking victim. Officer Valley's swift response and professionalism averted a tragedy and highlighted the value of quick action and outstanding training.

I recognize Captains Jared Ussery and Lance Wilkinson and Firefighters Jorge Guerrero and Justin Slovak of Red Oak Fire-Rescue for their Unit Citation and Medal of Valor awards dur-

ing the Smokehouse Creek wildfire, not in our district. Their heroic actions under extreme conditions protected lives and property, showcasing their dedication and bravery.

I recognize Lindsey Batchelor, principal of Neches High School, and Cory Hines, the superintendent of Neches ISD, for achieving National Blue Ribbon School status for Neches High School. Their leadership and dedication to fostering an exceptional learning environment have elevated the district to national recognition.

I recognize Anely Sandoval and Emiliano Tavera of Jacksonville High School for their service project of repainting iconic tomato statues in Jacksonville. Their initiative and hard work have preserved a beloved community symbol and inspired civil pride.

I recognize Officer Donald Nguyen, Officer Jennifer Thurman, and Officer Bourget for receiving Mothers Against Drunk Driving awards for their dedication to keeping our roads safe. Their efforts have made a measurable impact in reducing impaired driving and protecting lives.

I recognize Nikki Chaffin for exceptional work as a recipient of the Heroes for Children award. Nikki's dedication to supporting students and teachers in Elkhart ISD has enriched the community and fostered a nurturing educational environment.

I recognize Vicki and Stephen Braly for their 100 years of service through Bralys ACE Hardware in Palestine. Their family business is a cornerstone of the community, providing essential services and a legacy of excellence.

I recognize Robbie Griffin and Cason's Flowers for 100 years of dedicated service in Corsicana. Their longstanding commitment to quality and community engagement has made them a cherished institution.

I recognize Suzanne King and the Alvarado Lions Club for their 85 years of service to the community. Their efforts in addressing local needs and empowering residents exemplify the spirit of service.

I recognize Steve Black of Fairfield High School for his induction into the Agricultural Teachers Association of Texas 2024 Hall of Fame. Steve's passion for agricultural education has inspired countless students and shaped the future of Texas agriculture.

I recognize Battalion Chief Gary Myers and Scott Smith on their retirements from Waxahachie Fire-Rescue and Midlothian Fire Department, respectively, after decades of service to those communities. Their leadership and dedication have left an enduring impact on their departments and communities with years of lifesaving.

I recognize Tommie Eberhart of the Ellis County Sheriff's Office and Morris Steward of the Navarro County Sheriff's Office for their retirements after long and impactful law enforcement careers. Their unwavering commitment to public safety has made their communities safer and stronger.

I recognize Jennifer Johnson and her organization, Brave Like Ellie, for their incredible work supporting families battling pediatric cancer. Jennifer's compassion and dedication provide hope and support during life's most challenging moments.

I recognize Flo Torres of Mansfield ISD for her leadership in the Toys for Tots campaign, recognized as Region 5 Campaign of the Year. Her efforts have brought joy and relief to countless children and families during the holiday season.

I recognize James Smith and David Albright for their contributions to mentorship through the Mentors Care program. Their guidance and encouragement have transformed lives and opened doors to brighter futures.

I recognize Dr. Darrell Brown, superintendent of Hillsboro ISD, and Patrick Harvell, principal of Hillsboro Junior High School, for their leadership in earning Hillsboro Junior High School recognition as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School. Their vision and commitment to academic excellence have created opportunities for students to thrive.

Richard Clark, a Vietnam veteran—I welcome him home—celebrates his 85th birthday this January. His service and sacrifice have exemplified the courage and honor of our veterans.

Ray Knowles, a Navy veteran of Korea and Vietnam, turns 91 this month. His legacy of service continues to inspire those around him.

James Purdy, a Vietnam Air Force veteran, is marking his 82nd birthday this January. His contributions to our Nation's defense will never be forgotten.

John Murphy, an Air Force veteran of Vietnam and the Cold War, is celebrating his 85th birthday this month. His dedication to our country is a testament to his enduring spirit and love of country.

Jerry Davis, an Air Force Vietnam veteran, turns 86 years old this month. His service and resilience continue to inspire.

Joe Waller, an Army veteran of the Cold War, celebrates his 95th birthday this month. Happy birthday to Joe. His remarkable life of service reminds us of the strength and commitment of our veterans.

I also wish to congratulate the following students on their academy nominations for the class of 2029. It is extremely important to me. This is a job that I don't ask anybody's permission. We get to select the best and brightest our Nation and communities have to offer. As a graduate of the Naval Academy, this is a role I take very, very seriously. Merit is what counts.

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Nominated to the United States Naval Academy are:

Paul Geary of Bishop Dunne High School;

Tristan Russell of Mansfield Legacy High School;

Maximus Stalker of Abbott High School;

Sebastian Parker-Villegas of Mansfield High School; and

Bradford Webster of Randolph-Macon Academy of Ennis.

Nominated to the Air Force Academy are:

Tanner Connel of Fort Worth Christian School;

Cooper Davis of Midlothian Heritage High School;

Isaac Freeman of Midlothian Heritage High School;

Kaitlyn Maxson of Mansfield Lake Ridge High School;

Nathan Sisson of Acellus Academy of Jacksonville; and

Elijah Thayer of Maypearl High School.

Nominated to the United States Military Academy at West Point are:

Ryder Havard of Arlington Martin High School;

Madelyn Hickey of Burleson Centennial High School;

Noah Sparks of Alvarado High School; and

Dylan Sturgell of Ennis High School. Go Navy, beat Army.

I have the hardest working staff on the Hill, and over the last several years they have been instrumental in helping me represent the Sixth Congressional District of Texas. Today, many of my staff reached new milestones in their professional careers, and I want to share it with all the folks back home.

Madison Newsom of Mansfield has been promoted to director of operations.

Grace Dunlap has been promoted to general counsel.

Owen Dankworth has been promoted to legislative director.

Don Barber has been promoted to executive director of the For Country Caucus.

While this is both sad and exciting for me, Georgette, she goes by George, Mbengue will be leaving this office this fall and will attend law school at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. I congratulate George. She has done a wonderful job for us. We will miss her, but we will see her again.

As every Member knows, this job is impossible without great staff. So I sincerely thank them for all of the work and dedication they have shown me, our district, and this country.

Just like back in church in Perryton, after the joys would come concerns, and there was never a shortage because, as we all know, as He says in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them."

So I would like to ask all those in this Chamber and who watch this online to keep these and all Americans in your prayers:

Amy from Arlington is asking for strength and healing as her father undergoes treatment for cancer.

David from Mansfield is filled with hope as his wife recovers from a recent surgery. May her journey to wellness continue smoothly.

Jessica from Corsicana requests comfort and resilience for her son, who faces a challenging road to recovery after an accident.

Robert from Waxahachie seeks peace and patience as his mother bravely battles Alzheimer's disease.

Emily from Red Oak asks for encouragement and support for her daughter, who is navigating significant mental health challenges.

Michael from Midlothian remains hopeful as his newborn son fights for strength in the NICU.

Lisa from Hillsboro is thankful for every step forward as her husband recovers from a heart attack. May his progress continue steadily.

John from Alvarado hopes for healing and guidance for his sister, recently diagnosed with a chronic illness.

Sophia from Palestine prays for her family as they grieve the loss of a cherished loved one, seeking comfort and unity during this difficult time.

Andrew from Grandview asks for successful outcomes and a smooth recovery as his brother prepares for a critical surgery.

I would also like to take a moment to honor Bobby Eugene Osborne, whose obituary reminds us of his contributions and the legacy he leaves behind.

Bobby Eugene Osborne passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by close friends, whom he called family, on the evening of Friday, November 15, 2024, in Waxahachie, Texas.

Bob was born on February 25, 1924, in Elmo, Texas, to Michie and Bessie Mae Osborne. The family moved to Dallas and later to Waco in 1934 where his father took a job building the VA hospital. Bobby attended Waco High School until being drafted shortly after his birthday in 1943. He joined the war effort before completing his senior year. He proudly chose the Navy, taking the oath of office on March 12, 1943.

Bob served his country aboard the USS *Chester*, CA-27, a heavy cruiser of the Fifth Battle Cruiser Division, as a hot shell man for one of the 5-inch guns. He fought in the battles of Tarawa, Saipan, and Iwo Jima, among others. Bob spent a total of 28 months in active sea duty. After the war, Bob signed on for extra duty to sail the USS *Chester* from California to her reserve position in Philadelphia, navigating the Panama Canal in the process.

Three months after returning home from the military, Bob gave Ida Loudale Vinson a ride on his motorcycle outside of a local bowling alley. He was a man of my own heart. The two were married a few months later on December 20, 1947. They shared 62 years of marriage before Dale's passing in 2009. Their beautiful union created two magnificent children: David Lance Osborne and Darlene Dale Osborne.

He had a long career with Otis Elevator working as a mechanic in Waco, San Antonio, and Lubbock before retiring in 1983. While in San Antonio, he helped build the Hemisphere Tower

where he was the main elevator mechanic. He lived in Alaska for a couple of years where he worked on the pipeline. He and Dale moved to Waxahachie in 1984 where he opened Bob's Machine Shop & Welding.

Bob had no shortage of adventures in his 100 years of life. He pulled his travel trailer across the frozen highways of Alaska in temperatures of negative 78 degrees. He raced and did acrobatic tricks on his motorcycle in his younger days, drove dirt bikes in the mountains of Colorado, and continued to ride up through his late nineties. He even served as a search and rescue diver in waters around San Antonio.

As adventurous a spirit as he may have been, he was a loyal and genuine man. That was evidenced through his 62-year marriage with Dale and his commitment to his shipmates through USS *Chester* reunions. Mr. Speaker, you could always find him at local cafes or biker hangouts around town where everyone knew his name.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lou Dale; son, Lance; daughter, Darlene; brothers, Bill, Don, and Tex; and sisters, Betty Sue and Rose.

He is survived by his partner in crime and loyal friend, Dan Cepak; granddaughter and caregiver, Jenny Fuller; and faithful friends, Jason Roy and Chase Colwell. He is survived also by his grandson, Kelly Schubach; great-granddaughter, Amanda Schubach; great-grandsons, Cody Schubach and Corey Schubach, all of San Antonio; and his two great-great-grandsons, Finn Schubach and Nick Schubach.

He is also survived by many, too numerous to list, close friends and family.

May Bobby's memory be a blessing.

I would also like to extend our prayers and support to the families impacted by the devastating fires in California. These fires have upended lives, destroyed homes, and tested the resilience of countless communities.

Let us lift up those who are mourning, those who are rebuilding, and the brave first responders working tirelessly to protect lives and property. May they find strength, comfort, and hope in the face of adversity.

Lastly, with great sadness, I want to take a minute to honor the life of Patty Jung Williams. Patty was a remarkable woman not just for her many accomplishments but for the heart and soul she put into everything she did. From running a successful business to giving back to her community, Patty's hard work and kindness made a real difference to those back home and those in this Chamber.

As we pray for Congressman ROGER WILLIAMS her husband; their children, Jaelyn and Sabrina; and the whole family, I ask the good Lord to wrap them in His loving arms and give them peace in this difficult time. Patty's legacy of love, faith, and service will live on in all of us.

Each of these individuals and organizations exemplifies the best of our

community, service, leadership, and dedication. Their achievements are milestones that deserve to be celebrated.

As I bring this to a close, I would like for us to remember that our country's greatness lies in the strength of its people. Together, through unity, perseverance, and faith, we can continue to overcome challenges and build a brighter future.

As we embark on a new Congress and new Presidency, may we all strive to honor and support one another in the spirit of community, service, and unity that our Founders fought so hard to preserve. May we remember to keep our faith in God and our hope in man. It is going to come out okay.

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

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
FOR THE 119TH CONGRESS

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES,
Washington, DC, January 22, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of House rule XI, the Committee on Armed Services adopted its rules for the 119th Congress on January 15, 2025, and I submit them now for publication in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

MIKE ROGERS,
Chairman.

RULE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives are the rules of the Committee on Armed Services (hereinafter referred to in these rules as the "Committee") and its subcommittees so far as applicable.

(b) Pursuant to clause 2(a)(2) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee's rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 60 days after the chair of the committee is elected in each odd-numbered year.

RULE 2. FULL COMMITTEE MEETING DATE

(a) The Committee shall meet every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., when the House of Representatives is in session, and at such other times as may be fixed by the Chair of the Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Chair"), or by written request of members of the Committee pursuant to clause 2(c) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(b) A Wednesday meeting of the Committee may be dispensed with by the Chair, but such action may be reversed by a written request of a majority of the members of the Committee.

RULE 3. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Each subcommittee is authorized to meet, hold hearings, receive evidence, and report to the Committee on all matters referred to it. Insofar as possible, meetings of the Committee and its subcommittees shall not conflict. A subcommittee Chair shall set meeting dates after consultation with the Chair, other subcommittee chairs, and the ranking minority member of the subcommittee with a view toward avoiding, whenever possible, simultaneous scheduling of Committee and subcommittee meetings or hearings.

RULE 4. JURISDICTION AND MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

(a) Jurisdiction

(1) The Committee retains jurisdiction of all subjects listed in clause 1(c) and clause 3(b) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives and retains exclusive jurisdiction for: defense policy generally, ongoing military operations, the organization and reform of the Department of Defense and the Department of Energy, counter-drug programs, humanitarian assistance activities of the Department of Defense, acquisition and industrial base policy, technology transfer and export controls, joint interoperability, detainee affairs and policy, and force protection policy. While subcommittees are provided jurisdictional responsibilities in subparagraph (a)(2) and are required to conduct oversight in their respective jurisdictions, pursuant to clause 2(b)(2) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee retains the right to exercise oversight and legislative jurisdiction over all subjects within its purview under rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

(2) The Committee shall be organized to consist of seven standing subcommittees with the following jurisdictions:

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces: Army programs and accounts related to aircraft, ground equipment, missiles, ammunition, and other procurement; Marine Corps programs and accounts related to ground and amphibious equipment, fighter aircraft, helicopters, air-launched weapons, and ammunition; Air Force programs and accounts related to fighter, training, reconnaissance and surveillance, and electronic warfare aircraft, helicopters, air-launched weapons, ground equipment, and ammunition; Navy programs and accounts related to fighter, training, and electronic warfare aircraft, helicopters, and air-launched weapons; tactical air and missile defense programs and accounts; chemical agent and munition destruction programs and accounts; and National Guard and Reserve equipment programs and accounts.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel: Department of Defense policy and programs and accounts related to military personnel and their families, Reserve Component integration and employment, military health care, military education, dependent schools, POW/MIA issues, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, commissaries, cemeteries under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, military retirement issues, and the and the policies, hiring, and management authorities of the civilian and contract workforce of the Department of Defense.

Subcommittee on Readiness: Department of Defense policy and programs and accounts related to military readiness, training, logistics and maintenance, military construction, organic industrial base, environment, military installations and real property management, family housing, base realignments and closures, and energy.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces: Navy and Marine Corps acquisition programs and accounts related to shipbuilding and conversion, reconnaissance and surveillance, tanker, and airlift aircraft, ship and submarine-launched weapons, ammunition, and other procurements; Air Force programs and accounts related to bomber, tanker, and airlift aircraft; Army programs and accounts related to waterborne vessels; and Maritime policy and programs and accounts under the jurisdiction of the Committee as delineated in paragraphs 5 and 9 of clause 1(c) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces: Department of Defense and Department of En-

ergy policy related to strategic deterrence, strategic stability, nuclear weapons, strategic and nuclear arms control, non-proliferation, nuclear safety, missile defense, and space; Department of Defense programs and accounts related to nuclear weapons, strategic missiles, nuclear command and control systems, Department of Defense intelligence space, space systems and services of the military departments, and intermediate and long-range missile defense systems; and Department of Energy national security programs and accounts.

Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations: Department of Defense policy and programs and accounts related to military intelligence, national intelligence, countering weapons of mass destruction, counter-proliferation, counter-terrorism, other sensitive military operations, special operations forces, information operations policy and military information support operations, and security cooperation.

Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation: Department of Defense policy related to the acquisition of computer software, the electromagnetic spectrum, and electromagnetic warfare; and Department of Defense policy and programs and accounts related to artificial intelligence, cyber security, cyber operations, cyber forces, information technology, and science and technology (including defense-wide programs and accounts related to research, development, testing, and evaluation, except for those defense-wide programs and accounts related to research, development, testing, and evaluation of missile defense systems).

(3) Definitions—For the purposes of subparagraph (a)(2):

(A) The phrase "programs and accounts" means acquisition and modernization programs, sustainment planning during program development, and related funding lines for procurement, advanced development, advanced component development and prototypes, systems development, sustainment planning, and demonstration.

(B) The term "policy" means statutes, regulations, directives, and other institutional guidance.

(C) The phrase "science and technology" means science and technology programs and related funding lines for basic research, applied research, and non-acquisition program advanced development.

(b) Membership of the Subcommittees

(1) Subcommittee memberships shall be filled in accordance with the rules of the majority party's conference and the minority party's caucus, respectively.

(2) The Chair of the Committee and the Ranking Minority Member thereof (hereinafter referred to as the "Ranking Minority Member") may sit as ex officio members of all subcommittees. Ex officio members shall not vote in subcommittee hearings or meetings or be taken into consideration for the purpose of determining the ratio of the subcommittees or establishing a quorum at subcommittee hearings or meetings.

(3) A member of the Committee who is not a member of a particular subcommittee may sit with the subcommittee and participate during any of its hearings but shall not have authority to vote, cannot be counted for the purpose of achieving a quorum, and cannot raise a point of order at the hearing.

RULE 5. COMMITTEE PANELS AND TASK FORCES

(a) Committee Panels

(1) The Chair may designate a panel of the Committee consisting of members of the Committee to inquire into and take testimony on a matter or matters that fall within the jurisdiction of more than one subcommittee and to report to the Committee.