#### En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 4435 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

Full Committee					
En Bloc # 2					
Log #	Sponsor	Description			
005r1	Kline	Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a non-binding plan to Congress to consolidate existing geographic combatant command 4- star HQ elements to no more than four by FY 2020.			
137r1	Forbes	Directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the committee on the merits of the establishing a DOD unmanned systems office.			
176r1	Smith	Authorizes the Global Security Contingency Fund (GSCF) program to conduct minor military construction and fixes a scoring issue in the Chairman's mark.			
177	Palazzo	Updates the definition of National Guard Counternarcotics Training Center operations to better align with the DOD Counternarcotics and Global Threats strategy and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).			
220	Carson	Directs the Secretary of Defense to brief the congressional defense committees on the impact of Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales on DOD plans for industrial base sustainment.			
221r1	Carson	Directs the Secretary of Defense to include an analysis of the impact of the Budget Control Act on high risk sectors of the industrial base in the annual report mandated by 10 USC 2505.			
229	Thornberry	Creates a DOD Audit Advisory Panel that monitors the progress of DOD and provides interim findings and recommendations to Congress to aid in its oversight of audit readiness.			
242	Duckworth	Requires the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to conduct a study concerning the integration of gender into the planning and execution of foreign operations of the Armed Forces.			
258	Thornberry	Mandates a periodic review of Department of Defense personnel requirements for management headquarters.			
260	Rigell	Amends DRL on page 329 of the Full Committee Mark (Acquisitions Involving Reserve Auctions) to include language regarding Lowest Price Technically Acceptable contracting methodology.			
262r1	Thornberry	Directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to submit a report on the process and procedures for conveying finished intelligence information to the appropriate committees via the Capital Network.			

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#### Amendment to H.R. 4435 Offered by Mr. Kline of Minnesota

At the appropriate place in title IX, add the following new section:

# 1 SEC. 9\_\_\_\_. REQUIREMENT FOR PLAN TO REDUCE GEO 2 GRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDS TO FOUR 3 BY FISCAL YEAR 2020.

4 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense
5 shall develop a plan for reducing the number of geographic
6 combatant commands to no more than four by the end
7 of fiscal year 2020.

8 (b) MATTERS COVERED.—The plan required by sub-9 section (a) shall include the following:

(1) A detailed discussion of the required reduc-10 11 tions and consolidations in assigned personnel, re-12 sources, and infrastructure of the various geographic 13 combatant commands, set forth separately by fiscal 14 year, to achieve the goal of no more than four such 15 commands by the end of fiscal year 2020. (2) A detailed discussion of the changes to the 16 17 Unified Command Plan if such reductions and con-

18 solidations are implemented.

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(3) A detailed discussion and recommendations
 on the feasibility, risks, and capabilities lost by im plementing such reductions and consolidations.

4 (c) FUNCTIONAL COMMANDS NOT INCLUDED.—
5 Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the
6 Department of Defense to include changes to the func7 tional combatant commands or reductions in the func8 tional combatant commands in the plan required by sub9 section (a).

10 (d) USE OF PREVIOUS STUDIES AND OUTSIDE EX11 PERTS.—In developing the plan required by subsection
12 (a), the Secretary may—

13 (1) use and incorporate previous plans or stud-14 ies of the Department of Defense; and

(2) consult with and incorporate views of de-fense experts from outside the Department.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
to Congress a report containing the plan required by subsection (a), including the feasibility and risks of such plan,
and any recommendations to implement the plan as the

22 Secretary considers appropriate.

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(f) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be
 construed as requiring the Secretary to develop a binding
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#### Amendment Offered by Rep. Forbes

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#### H.R. 4435—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015

In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

#### **Department of Defense Unmanned Systems Office**

The committee believes that an independent organization within the Department of Defense to develop and coordinate the unmanned air, land, and sea capabilities of the United States may provide greater unity of effort, better meet military requirements, minimize duplication, and maximize the allocation of limited resources for unmanned systems within the Department.

Such an independent organization would aim to improve policy and oversight of unmanned systems across the Department; coordinate acquisition and research, development, technology, and engineering efforts for unmanned systems; make investment and budget recommendations for unmanned systems; and make recommendations on integrating unmanned systems with existing operational concepts and determining new concepts.

The director of such office would serve as the principal advisor to both the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense on matters relating to unmanned systems and as the Department's principal liaison to other Federal agencies, the defense industry, and centers of research on such matters.

The committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense to brief the House Armed Services Committee not later than August 1, 2014, on the advisability of establishing such an independent organization.

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#### Amendment to H.R. 4435 Offered by Mr. Smith of Washington

In section 1201, redesignate subsections (a) and (b) as subsections (b) and (c), respectively.

In section 1201, insert before subsection (b), as redesignated, the following:

(a) REVISIONS TO GLOBAL SECURITY CONTINGENCY
 FUND.—Subsection (c)(1) of section 1207 of the National
 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public
 Law 112-81; 125 Stat. 1625; 22 U.S.C. 2151 note) is
 amended by striking "the provision of equipment, supplies,
 and training." and inserting the following: "the provision
 of the following:

- 8 "(A) Equipment.
- 9 "(B) Supplies.

"(C) With respect to amounts in the Fund
appropriated or transferred into the Fund after
the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015,
small-scale construction not exceeding \$750,000
on a per-project basis.

16 "(D) Training.".

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In section 1201, strike subsection (b), as redesignated, and insert the following: 1 (b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Subsection (i) of such 2 section is amended— (1) by striking "Amounts" and inserting the 3 4 following: 5 "(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-6 graph (2), amounts"; 7 (2) by striking "September 30, 2015" and in-8 serting "September 30, 2016"; and 9 (3) by adding at the end the following: "(2) EXCEPTION.—Amounts appropriated or 10 11 transferred to the Fund before the date of the enact-12 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act for 13 Fiscal Year 2015 shall remain available for obliga-14 tion and expenditure after September 30, 2015, only 15 for activities under programs commenced under sub-16 section (b) before September 30, 2015.".

In section 1201, in subsection (c), as redesignated, in paragraph (1), strike "and" at the end.

In section 1201, in subsection (c), as redesignated, in paragraph (2), strike the period at the end and insert "; and".

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In section 1201, in subsection (c), as redesignated, add at the end the following:

(3) by adding at the end before the period the
 following: "and subject to the requirements con tained in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (i)".

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#### AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435

#### OFFERED BY MR. PALAZZO OF MISSISSIPPI

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

# SEC. 10\_\_\_\_. NATIONAL GUARD DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES. Section 112 of title 32, United States Code, is amended— (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) The operation of regionally located National Guard Counter-drug Training Centers within
the United States for the purposes of providing
counter-drug related training to Federal, State, and
local law enforcement personnel, as well as for foreign law enforcement personnel participating in the
National Guard State Partnership Program."; and

(2) in subsection (h)(1), by inserting "and activities that counter threats posed by local, State,
and transnational criminal organizations drug smuggling and associated illicit activities within and on

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- 1 their borders, as" after "drug demand reduction ac-
- 2 tivities".

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#### Amendment Offered by Mr. Carson

#### H.R. 4435—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015

In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

#### Briefing on impact of Foreign Military Sales and Direct Commercial Sales on industrial base sustainment

The committee is aware that Department of Defense officials have suggested Foreign Military Sales (FMS) and Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) as a means for the private defense industrial base to sustain operations in light of Budget Control Act (BCA) mandated reductions in procurement spending. The committee is concerned that long lead time and current world events make FMS and DCS unreliable or financial infeasible for many vendors, restricting a significant a path towards sustainability and adding an unacceptable level of risk to critical sectors of the industrial base. The committee is further concerned that a perception of available FMS and DCS opportunities may impact service planning to sustain high risk sectors of the industrial base.

Therefore, the committee directs, within 180 days, the Secretary of Defense to brief the congressional defense committees on the levels of FMS and DCS factored into sustainment plans for the private defense industrial base for major acquisition programs. The briefing should include an analysis of whether these levels of FMS and DCS are anticipated to be met over the remaining years of BCA budget caps; any sectors or major acquisition programs with limited access to FMS and DCS; and reason for limited access.

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#### Amendment Offered by Mr. Carson

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

Report on the impact of the Budget Control Act on high risk sectors of the defense industrial base

The committee is aware that reductions under the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (division A of Public Law 113-67) will reduce procurement spending over the next several years, leaving some sectors of the national technical and industrial base with a limited number of viable suppliers. The committee is concerned that the scheduled end of some major acquisition programs, combined with enacted defense funding reductions could result in continued financial losses to several high-risk sectors, which could force consolidations, decisions to forego defense contracts, and facility closures.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to specifically examine the impacts of such budget reductions as part of the Department's sector-by-sector, tier-by-tier (S2T2) review of the defense industrial base and to ensure that the periodic assessments of the national technical and industrial base, required by section 2505 of title 10, United States Code, include consideration of these reductions. Furthermore, the committee directs the Secretary to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, providing an analysis of sectors and tiers of the private industrial base found to be at highest risk and how the risk assessment has changed since enactment of the Budget Control Act of 2011 and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013; an assessment of which additional sectors and tiers that might be considered high-risk as a result of those Acts; and steps necessary to protect those high risk sectors and tiers.

#### AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4435

#### OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

At the end of division A, add the following new title:

# TITLE XVII—DEFENSE AUDIT AD VISORY PANEL ON DEPART MENT OF DEFENSE AUDITABILITY

#### 5 SEC. 1701. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Congress remains steadfast in supporting
8 the continuing efforts of the Department of Defense
9 to produce auditable financial statements. Such ef10 forts are essential to ensure taxpayers dollars are ac11 counted for at the largest department of the Federal
12 Government

(2) As the 2017 and 2019 statutory audit deadlines approach, Congress believes an advisory panel
is necessary to better track the Department's
progress.

17 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Advisory Panel18 are—

19 (1) to work on behalf of Congress to actively20 monitor the audit readiness work of the Department

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of Defense and, after September 30, 2017, the De-

2	partment's 2018 audit; and
3	(2) to regularly providing interim findings and
4	recommendations to the Committees on Armed Serv-
5	ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives,
6	with the purpose of making the Department
7	auditable and aiding in oversight of the Department
8	by such Committees.
9	SEC. 1702. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY PANEL ON DE-
10	PARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUDIT READINESS.
11	(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established the Advi-
12	sory Panel on Department of Defense Audit Readiness (in
13	this title referred to as the "Advisory Panel").
14	(b) Membership.—
15	(1) Composition.—The Advisory Panel shall
16	be composed of 10 members, of whom—
17	(A) two shall be appointed jointly by the
18	Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services
19	of the Senate and the Chairman of the Com-
20	mittee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
21	resentatives, in consultation with the Ranking
22	Member of each such Committee, from among
23	members of different political parties from each
24	such Committee, to serve as Co-Chairmen of
25	the Advisory Panel;

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1	(B) two shall be appointed by the Chair-
2	man of the Committee on Armed Services of
3	the Senate;
4	(C) two shall be appointed by the Ranking
5	Member of the Committee on Armed Services of
6	the Senate;
7	(D) two shall be appointed by the Chair-
8	man of the Committee on Armed Services of
9	the House of Representatives; and
10	(E) two shall be appointed by the Ranking
11	Member of the Committee on Armed Services of
12	the House of Representatives.
13	(2) APPOINTMENT DATE.—The appointments of
14	the members of the Advisory Panel shall be made
15	not later than 30 days after the date of the enact-
16	ment of this Act.
17	(3) QUALIFICATIONS.—Appointments to the
18	Advisory Panel shall be made from among individ-
19	uals who are certified public accountants and have
20	work experience within the Department of Defense
21	or private financial management sectors. An indi-
22	vidual who is an officer or employee of the Federal
23	Government may not be appointed to the Advisory
24	Panel.

(c) PERIOD OF APPOINTMENT; VACANCIES.—Mem bers shall be appointed for the life of the Advisory Panel.
 Any vacancy in the Advisory Panel shall not affect its pow ers, but shall be filled in the same manner as the original
 appointment.

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6 (d) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 60 days after
7 the date on which all members of the Advisory Panel have
8 been appointed, the Advisory Panel shall hold its first
9 meeting.

10 (e) MEETINGS.—The Advisory Panel shall meet regu-11 larly at the call of the Co-Chairmen.

12 (f) QUORUM.—Five members of the Advisory Panel13 shall constitute a quorum, but four members may hold14 hearings.

#### 15 SEC. 1703. DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY PANEL.

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The duties of the Advisory Panel17 are as follows:

(1) To provide the Secretary of Defense,
through the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), independent advice on the Department's financial management, including the financial reporting process, systems of internal controls, audit process, and processes for monitoring compliance with
applicable laws and regulations.

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(2) To identify, review, and evaluate the work
 of the Department of Defense (including the work of
 each military department and Defense Agency) on
 auditability.

5 (3) To identify problem areas and recommend
6 solutions in order to aid the Department in meeting
7 the following statutory deadlines:

8 (A) By not later than September 30, 2017, 9 validating the financial statements of the De-10 partment of Defense as ready for audit, as re-11 quired by section 1003(a)(2)(A)(ii) of the Na-12 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 13 Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 10 U.S.C. 14 2222 note).

(B) By not later than March 31, 2019, auditing the financial statements of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2018, as required by section 1003(a)(2)(a)(iii) of such Act
(Public Law 111-84; 10 U.S.C. 2222 note)

(4) To provide briefings regularly to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the
House of Representatives on the Advisory Panel's
findings, analysis, and recommendations.

(b) REPORTS.—Not later than March 31 and Sep-tember 30 of each year during the life of the Advisory

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Panel, beginning with March 31, 2015, the Advisory Panel
 shall submit to the congressional defense committees find ings and conclusions of the Advisory Panel as a result of
 its work under subsection (a) during the period covered
 by the report, together with such recommendations as it
 considers appropriate.

7 (c) AUTHORITY OF UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
8 (COMPTROLLER).—In accordance with Department policy
9 and procedures, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comp10 troller) is authorized to act upon the advice emanating
11 from the Advisory Panel.

#### 12 SEC. 1704. POWERS OF THE ADVISORY PANEL.

(a) HEARINGS.—The Advisory Panel may hold such
hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take such
testimony, and receive such evidence as the Advisory Panel
considers advisable to carry out this title.

(b) INFORMATION FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—The Advisory Panel may secure directly from the
Department of Defense such information as the Advisory
Panel considers necessary to carry out this title. Upon request of the Co-Chairmen of the Advisory Panel, the Secretary of Defense shall furnish such information to the
Advisory Panel.

24 (c) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Advisory Panel may use25 the United States mails in the same manner and under

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2 the Federal Government.

#### 3 SEC. 1705. ADVISORY PANEL PERSONNEL MATTERS.

4 (a) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Members of the 5 Advisory Panel shall serve without compensation for such service. 6

7 (b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Each member of the Advi-8 sory Panel shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with applicable 9 provisions under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, 10 United States Code. 11

12 (c) STAFF.—

13 (1) DIRECTOR.—The Advisory Panel may have 14 a Director, who shall be appointed by the Co-Chair-15 men.

16 (2) STAFF.—The Co-Chairmen may appoint 17 such additional staff as may be necessary to enable 18 the Advisory Panel to perform its duties, except that 19 the number of staff may not exceed the equivalent 20 of five full-time employees.

21 (3) COMPENSATION.—The Co-Chairmen of the 22 Advisory Panel may fix the compensation of the Director and other personnel without regard to chapter 23 24 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, 25 United States Code, relating to classification of posi-

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1 tions and General Schedule pay rates, except that 2 the rate of pay for the Director and other personnel 3 may not exceed the rate payable for level IV of the 4 Executive Schedule under section 5315 of such title. 5 (d) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—Any Federal Government employee may be detailed to the Ad-6 visory Panel without reimbursement, and such detail shall 7 8 be without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege. 9

(e) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERVICES.—The Co-Chairmen of the Advisory
Panel may procure temporary and intermittent services
under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at
rates for individuals which do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level
V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such
title.

18 SEC. 1706. TERMINATION OF THE ADVISORY PANEL.

19 The Advisory Panel shall terminate April 30, 2019.

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#### Amendment to H.R. 4435 Offered by Ms. Duckworth of Illinois

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

## 1 SEC. 5\_\_\_\_. STUDY ON GENDER INTEGRATION IN DEFENSE 2 OPERATION PLANNING AND EXECUTION.

3 (a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after 4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall conduct a study concerning 5 the integration of gender into the planning and execution 6 7 of foreign operations of the Armed Forces at all levels. 8 (b) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—In conducting the study 9 under subsection (a), the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs 10 of Staff shall—

(1) identify those elements of defense doctrine,
if any, that should be revised to address attention to
women and gender;

(2) evaluate the need for a gender advisor
training program, including the length of training,
proposed curriculum, and location of training;

17 (3) determine how to best equip military leader18 ship to integrate attention to women and gender
19 across all lines of effort;

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1 (4) determine the extent to which personnel 2 qualified to advise on women and gender are avail-3 able within the Department of Defense, including 4 development of a billet description for gender advi-5 sors; and

6 (5) evaluate where to assign gender advisors 7 within operational commands from the strategic to 8 tactical levels, with particular attention paid to as-9 signing advisors to combatant commanders and serv-10 ice chiefs.

11 (c) SUBMISSION OF RESULTS.—Not later than 270 12 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chair-13 man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall submit to the con-14 gressional defense committees a report containing the re-15 sults of the study conducted under subsection (a). The re-16 port shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may in-17 clude a classified annex.

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#### Amendment to H.R. 4435 Offered by Mr. Thornberry of Texas

At the appropriate place in title IX, insert the following new section:

### 1 SEC. 9\_\_\_\_. PERIODIC REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT OF DE 2 FENSE MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS.

3 (a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Defense shall develop a plan for implementing a periodic.
6 review and analysis of the Department of Defense per7 sonnel requirements for management headquarters.

8 (b) ELEMENTS OF PLAN.—The plan required by sub9 section (a) shall include the following for each covered or10 ganization:

(1) A list of the key Department of Defense
strategic guidance, policy, and mission requirements,
including the quadrennial defense review, the Unified Command Plan, and the strategic choices and
management review.

16 (2) A description of how current management
17 headquarters are structured to execute the Depart18 ment of Defense strategic guidance, policy, and mis19 sion requirements listed under paragraph (1).

1 (3) A description of the critical capabilities and 2 skillsets required by management headquarters to 3 execute Department of Defense strategic guidance in 4 order to fulfill mission objectives. 5 (4) An identification and analysis of the factors 6 that directly or indirectly influence or contribute to 7 the expense of Department of Defense management 8 headquarters 9 (5) A description of the proposed timeline and 10 required resources necessary to implement a perma-11 nent periodic review and analysis of Department of 12 Defense personnel requirements for management 13 headquarters. (c) COVERED ORGANIZATION.—In this section, the 14 term "covered organization" includes each of the fol-15 16 lowing: 17 (1) The Office of the Secretary of Defense. 18 (2) The Joint Staff. 19 (3) The Defense Agencies. 20 (4) The Department of Defense field activities. 21 (5) The headquarters of the combatant com-22 mands. 23 (6) Headquarters, Department of the Army, in-24 cluding the Office of the Secretary of the Army, the

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1	Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, and the
2	Army Staff.
3	(7) The major command headquarters of the
4	Army.
5	(8) The Office of the Secretary of the Navy, the
6	Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, and Head-
7	quarters, United States Marine Corps.
8	(9) The major command headquarters of the
9	Navy and the Marine Corps.
10	(10) Headquarters, Department of the Air
11	Force, including the Office of the Secretary of the
12	Air Force, the Office of the Air Force Chief of Staff,
13	and the Air Staff.
14	(11) The major command headquarters of the
15	Air Force.
16	(12) The National Guard Bureau.
17	(d) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
18	of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
19	to the congressional defense committees the plan required
20	by subsection (a).
21	(e) Amendments.—Section 904(d)(2) of the Na-
22	tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014
23	(Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 816; 10 U.S.C. 111 note)
24	is amended—

(1) by striking "2016" and inserting "2017"; 25

1	(2) in subparagraph (B), by inserting ", con-
2	solidations," after "through changes";
3	(3) in subparagraph (C)—
4	(A) by inserting ", consolidations," after
5	"through changes"; and
6	(B) by inserting ", or other associated cost
7	drivers, including a discussion of how the
8	changes, consolidations, or reductions were
9	prioritized," after "programs and offices";
10	(4) in subparagraph (E), by inserting ", includ-
11	ing the risks of, and capabilities gained or lost by
12	implementing, such modifications" before the period;
13	and
14	(5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15	paragraphs:
16	"(F) A description of how the plan sup-
17	ports or affects current Department of Defense
18	strategic guidance, policy, and mission require-
19	ments, including the quadrennial defense re-
20	view, the Unified Command Plan, and the stra-
21	tegic choices and management review.
22	"(G) A description of the associated costs
23	specifically addressed by the savings.".

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#### Rigell – Directive Report Language Amendment

On page 329 of the Full Committee Mark (Acquisitions Involving Reverse Auctions) strike the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph and insert the following:

The committee is also concerned that reverse auction procedures and lowest price technically acceptable procurement methodologies which are aimed solely at making a purchase at the lowest price, may not be the best way to procure personal protective equipment and organizational clothing and individual equipment, such as body armor components, combat helmets, protective eyewear, fire resistant and cold weather clothing and footwear. Using price as the deciding factor in the procurement of such items may lead to products of an inferior quality for the warfighter, and have long-term deleterious effects on the industrial base and the willingness of private sector firms to develop products and services for the Department. The committee believes that there are contracting circumstances where best value should be considered a higher criteria than lowest price. Therefore, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to review the training and education provided to Department of Defense personnel regarding the use of reverse auction procurement methodologies, and to revise such training and education, as may be necessary, to ensure that Department personnel understand the benefits, risks, and appropriate applications of reverse auction procedures and lowest price and technically acceptable. The Under Secretary should report to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 2, 2015, on the findings of this review.

#### Amendment Offered by Mr. Mac Thornberry of Texas

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In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

#### **Provision of Finished Intelligence Products on the CAPITOL NETWORK**

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to submit a report to the congressional defense and intelligence committees not later than October 1, 2014, on the process and procedures for conveying finished intelligence products to the appropriate committees via the CAPITAL NETWORK (CAPNET). The report should specifically describe:

1.) any Department or DOD agency-specific policies and procedures for identifying and approving finished intelligence products to be posted to CAPNET (specifically including the processes by which the products are reviewed or evaluated before posting), or for removing, supplementing or modifying such intelligence products,

2.) any policies and procedures that may exist to adjudicate potential disagreements about the posting or failure to post finished intelligence to CAPNET,

3.) any changes to or deviations from existing practices, policies, or procedures for identifying and approving information to be posted to CAPNET since January 1, 2012.

Further, as this report is being prepared but before it is conveyed to the committees, the committee directs the director to provide an interim briefing to the congressional defense and intelligence committees on these issues.