

En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 4909

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Subcommittee on En Bloc #1

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**Amendment to H.R. 4909
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Offered by Mr. Hunter of California

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 4909, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Navy Communications

The committee believes that Navy activities associated with underway replenishments, aircraft launch and recovery, fuel and ordnance handling and small boat operations represent some of the most hazardous operations conducted at sea and are increasingly difficult during conflict. The committee also believes that these activities are further complicated during Emissions Control (EMCON) operations when the Navy is responding to emerging threats. To address communications requirements when performing these activities, the committee notes that the Navy has initiated a phone distance line replacement program that allows the Navy to securely communicate using infrared light, enabling simultaneous data, video and voice communications in environments where communication would be impossible or undesirable. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to prepare a brief to the House Committee on Armed Services by August 1, 2016 that details implementation of a Phone Distance Line Replacement that could be used in EMCON environments.

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**Amendment to H.R. 4909
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Offered by: Mr. Courtney of Connecticut

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 4909 titled "Virginia class submarine industrial base capacity", insert at the end of the second paragraph after "submarine", the following new text: "to include during the procurement years of Ohio Replacement submarines which begins in 2021".

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OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT

In section 3506, strike subsection (c) (and redesignate the subsequent subsections accordingly).



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Offered by Mr. Nugent

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 4909, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Undersea Mobility for Special Operation Forces

The committee notes that the Department of the Navy has proposed the retirement of the guided missile submarines starting in the 2020s. The committee further notes that U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) significantly leverage the capabilities resident in these assets, and that a loss of this mobility capacity will significantly impact future clandestine undersea mobility operations. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, to prepare a report to the congressional defense committees by March 1, 2017. The report shall address the Navy's plan to continue to support clandestine SOF undersea mobility requirements. The Secretary's plan shall specify Department of the Navy's efforts to address the following elements: (1) sustaining the capability to deploy twin dry deck shelters; (2) deployment of a dry combat submersible from a low-or-no visibility transport; (3) enhanced lockout capabilities to support an expanded array of dive missions; and (4) maximizing berthing space for special operators to train underway.

The Secretary is encouraged to present multiple means of enhancing the Navy's support of SOF undersea mobility requirements, including potential designs for a SOF-optimized submarine based on the SSBN(X) class submarine to be built after the Sea-based Strategic Deterrence program has met all commitments to the nuclear triad. This report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

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Offered by Mr. Norcross of New Jersey

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 4909, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Recycling US Vessels in the US

The committee supports the dismantlement of U.S. government vessels in U.S. facilities as well as obsolete government vessels that are contracted for recycling through the Maritime Administration. The proceeds gained by the Maritime Administration sales are non-appropriated funds and the committee believes that these funds will continue to grow and that they should be distributed to the maritime schools and heritage organizations more frequently.

Therefore, the committee directs the Maritime Administrator, in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy, to prepare a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate by October 1, 2016 that lists all government-owned vessels that are currently available for dismantlement; a list of vessels that are expected to be declared obsolete and dismantled in the next five years; and the government's plan for dismantling these vessels in the United States. This report shall also include the Maritime Administration's plan for the timely distribution of the proceeds it currently has in its ship disposal accounts, as well as a projection of future distributions.

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Offered by Mr. Courtney of Connecticut

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 4909, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Department of Defense Briefing on United States Ratification of the United Nations
Convention on the Law of the Sea**

The committee has heard testimony from a multitude of U.S. military leaders who are supportive of the U.S. becoming a formal signatory of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The committee is aware that these military leaders testified that ratifying UNCLOS is in our national interest, specifically regarding developing territorial challenges in the South China Sea and the Arctic.

The committee therefore directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than September 30, 2016 regarding United States ratification of UNCLOS. The briefing should contain, at a minimum, the strategic implications and surmised impacts – both benefits and disadvantages – to national security, current foreign military relations, and on-going military operations should the United States ratify UNCLOS or maintain the status quo. The brief should also identify those areas in which the lack of ratification has impacted the interests of the United States and our allies.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909
OFFERED BY MR. BYRNE OF ALABAMA

At the end of title XXXV add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . FLOATING DRY DOCKS.**

2 Section 55122 of title 46, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
5 section (c); and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
7 lowing

8 “(b) DRYDOCKS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN
9 NAVAL VESSELS.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the application of sub-
11 section (a)(1)(C) to a floating drydock used for the
12 construction of naval vessels in a United States ship-
13 yard, ‘December 19, 2017’ shall be substituted for
14 the date referred to in that subsection if the Sec-
15 retary of the Navy determines that—

16 “(A) such a drydock is necessary for the
17 timely completion of such construction; and

18 “(B)(i) such drydock is owned and oper-
19 ated by—

1 “(I) a shipyard located in the United
2 States that is an eligible owner specified
3 under section 12103(b); or

4 “(II) an affiliate of such a shipyard;
5 or

6 “(ii) such drydock is—

7 “(I) notwithstanding subsection
8 (a)(1)(B), owned by the State in which the
9 shipyard is located or a political subdivi-
10 sion of that State; and

11 “(II) operated by a shipyard located
12 in the United States that is an eligible
13 owner specified under section 12103(b).

14 “(2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—No later than 30
15 days after making a determination under paragraph
16 (1), the Secretary of the Navy shall notify the Com-
17 mittee on Armed Services and the Committee on
18 Transportation and Infrastructure of House of Rep-
19 resentatives and the Committee on Armed Services
20 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
21 Transportation of the Senate of such a determina-
22 tions.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4909
OFFERED BY MR. HUNTER OF CALIFORNIA

Strike section 3509.

