

## En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 2500

### Full Committee En Bloc #1

Log #	Sponsor	Description
<b>091</b>	Garamendi	Amends DRL to require the Chief of the National Guard to participate in a briefing to the committee on the use of aerial and satellite systems in support of natural disasters, search and rescue, and support to law enforcement.
<b>125</b>	Conaway	Distinguishes a separate reporting requirement for audit remediation services required under 10 USC 240b.
<b>127</b>	Conaway	Requires the SecDef to ensure implementation or modification to DOD financial systems are reviewed by an independent public accountant to validate the system meets audit standards.
<b>146</b>	Davis	Expands military construction contractor use of qualified apprentices.
<b>164r1</b>	Garamendi	Requires a briefing on DOD's support to United States' efforts to combat illicit trafficking that includes wildlife and wildlife products.
<b>227</b>	Abraham	Sense of Congress that coalition and coalition-enabled partner forces, including Ministry of Peshmerga Forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, have made significant contributions in the fight against terror and ISIS and that DOD should continue to work with these forces in the region.
<b>231</b>	Davis	Adds a subsection which directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the committee on the lessons learned and best practices identified through the use of the "middle tier" of acquisition programs described under section 804 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92; 10 U.S.C. 2302 note).
<b>237r1</b>	Stefanik	Requests DoD to assess the feasibility of DoD websites, processes, and forms complying with the 21st Century IDEA Act (PL115-336)
<b>252r1</b>	Rogers	Includes the House Committee on Homeland Security in briefings regarding assistance offered by the Department of Defense on the use of aerial and satellite systems in support of natural disasters, search and rescue, and support to law enforcement
<b>275</b>	Sherrill	Briefing on lessons-learned from Pacific Fleet audit initiative to save \$4.4 million and how to incentivize similar cost-savings efforts moving forward.

**Amendment to H.R. 2500  
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020**

**Offered by: Mr. Garamendi**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 2500 titled "Briefing on Support to Civil Authorities in Support of Natural Disasters and Law Enforcement with Aerial Platforms and Satellites", insert after "Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with", the following new text: "the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and".

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS**

At the appropriate place in subtitle A of title X, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 10** . **FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT REME-**  
2 **DIATION PLAN.**

3 (a) **ELEMENTS OF ANNUAL REPORT.**—Subsection  
4 (b)(1)(B) of section 240b of title 10, United States Code,  
5 is amended—

6 (1) in clause (vii), by striking “or if less than  
7 50 percent of the audit remediation services”; and

8 (2) in clause (viii), by striking “or if less than  
9 25 percent of the audit remediation services”.

10 (b) **SEMIANNUAL BRIEFINGS.**—Subsection (b)(2) of  
11 such section is amended by striking “or audit remedi-  
12 ation”.

13 (c) **AUDIT REMEDIATION SERVICES.**—Subsection (b)  
14 of such section is further amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by adding at the end  
16 the following new clauses:

17 “(ix) If less than 50 percent of the  
18 audit remediation services under contract,  
19 as described in the briefing required under

1 paragraph (2)(B), are being performed by  
2 individual professionals meeting the quali-  
3 fications described in subsection (c); a de-  
4 tailed description of the risks associated  
5 with the risks of the acquisition strategy of  
6 the Department with respect to conducting  
7 audit remediation activities and an expla-  
8 nation of how the strategy complies with  
9 the policies expressed by Congress.

10 “(x) If less than 25 percent of the  
11 audit remediation services under contract,  
12 as described in the briefing required under  
13 paragraph (2)(B), are being performed by  
14 individual professionals meeting the quali-  
15 fications described in subsection (c), a  
16 written certification that the staffing ratio  
17 complies with commercial best practices  
18 and presents no increased risk of delay in  
19 the Department’s ability to achieve a clean  
20 audit opinion.”; and

21 (2) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) by striking “Not later” and inserting  
23 “(A) Not later”; and

24 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
25 subparagraph:

1           “(B) Not later than January 31 and June 30  
2           each year, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comp-  
3           troller) and the comptrollers of the military depart-  
4           ments shall provide a briefing to the congressional  
5           defense committees on the status of the corrective  
6           action plan. Such briefing shall include both the ab-  
7           solute number and percentage of personnel per-  
8           forming the amount of audit remediation services  
9           being performed by professionals meeting the quali-  
10          fications described in subsection (c).”

11          (d) SELECTION OF AUDIT REMEDIATION SERV-  
12          ICES.—Such section is further amended by adding at the  
13          end the following new subsection:

14          “(c) SELECTION OF AUDIT REMEDIATION SERV-  
15          ICES.—The selection of audit remediation service pro-  
16          viders shall be based, among other appropriate criteria,  
17          on qualifications, relevant experience, and capacity to de-  
18          velop and implement corrective action plans to address in-  
19          ternal control and compliance deficiencies identified dur-  
20          ing a financial statement or program audit.”



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500**  
**OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS**

Add at the appropriate place in title X the following  
new section:

1 **SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AUDIT OF**  
2 **FINANCIAL SYSTEMS OF THE DEPARTMENT**  
3 **OF DEFENSE.**

4 The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each  
5 major implementation of, or modification to, a financial  
6 system of the Department of Defense is reviewed by an  
7 independent public accountant to validate that such finan-  
8 cial system will meet any applicable Federal requirements.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. DAVIS OF CALIFORNIA**

Strike section 823 (Log 70025) and insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 823. CERTIFICATION BY PROSPECTIVE MILITARY CON-**  
2 **STRUCTION CONTRACTORS OF GOOD FAITH**  
3 **EFFORT TO UTILIZE QUALIFIED APPREN-**  
4 **TICES.**

5 (a) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Subchapter III of chapter 169  
6 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
7 the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 2870. Utilization of qualified apprentices by mili-**  
9 **tary construction contractors**

10 “(a) **CERTIFICATION REQUIRED.**—(1) The Secretary  
11 of Defense shall require each prospective contractor on a  
12 military construction project to certify to the Secretary  
13 that, if awarded a contract for the project, the prospective  
14 contractor will make a good faith effort to meet or exceed  
15 the apprenticeship employment goal on such project.

16 “(2) If a prospective contractor fails to certify as re-  
17 quired by paragraph (1), the Secretary may not determine  
18 such prospective contractor to be a responsible contractor.

19 “(b) **APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOYMENT GOAL.**—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term  
2           ‘apprenticeship employment goal’ means the utiliza-  
3           tion of qualified apprentices as not less than 20 per-  
4           cent of the total workforce employed in an  
5           apprenticeable occupation (as determined by the  
6           Secretary of Labor).

7           “(2) QUALIFIED APPRENTICE.—In paragraph  
8           (1), the term ‘qualified apprentice’ means an em-  
9           ployee participating in an apprenticeship program  
10          that is registered with—

11                 “(A) the Office of Apprenticeship of the  
12                 Employment Training Administration of the  
13                 Department of Labor pursuant to the Act of  
14                 August 16, 1937 (popularly known as the ‘Na-  
15                 tional Apprenticeship Act’; 29 U.S.C. 50 et  
16                 seq.); or

17                 “(B) a State apprenticeship agency recog-  
18                 nized by such Office of Apprenticeship pursuant  
19                 to such Act.

20           “(c) CONSIDERATION OF APPRENTICESHIP EMPLOY-  
21           MENT GOAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall revise the  
22           Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regula-  
23           tion to require that the system used by the Federal Gov-  
24           ernment to monitor or record contractor past performance  
25           includes an analysis of whether the contractor has made



1 a good faith effort to meet or exceed the apprenticeship  
2 employment goal, including consideration of actual utiliza-  
3 tion by the contractor of qualified apprentices, as part of  
4 the past performance rating of such contractor.

5 “(d) INCENTIVES.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
6 develop incentives for prospective contractors on military  
7 construction projects to meet or exceed the apprenticeship  
8 employment goal.”.

9 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
10 at the beginning of subchapter III of chapter 169 of title  
11 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
12 the following new item:

“2870. Utilization of qualified apprentices by military construction contrac-  
tors.”.

13 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this  
14 section shall apply with respect to contracts awarded on  
15 or after the date that is 180 days after the date of the  
16 enactment of this Act.



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**Amendment to H.R. 2500  
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**Offered by: Mr. Garamendi**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Trafficking of Wildlife and Wildlife Products**

The committee is concerned about the financing of terrorism and empowerment of transnational organized crime organizations through illicit trafficking. One potential source of financing includes trafficking in wildlife and wildlife products. The illegal trade of endangered and threatened wildlife and their parts generates billions of dollars annually. The committee notes that profits from the illegal wildlife trade have been reported to finance groups such as the Lord's Resistance Army, Janjaweed militias, and Boko Haram. The committee, therefore, directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of State, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than March 1, 2020, on the Department's support to United States' efforts to combat illicit trafficking that includes wildlife and wildlife products.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500**  
**OFFERED BY MR. ABRAHAM OF LOUISIANA**

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

1 **SEC. 12 . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SUPPORT FOR MIN-**  
2 **ISTRY OF PESHMERGA FORCES OF THE**  
3 **KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the United States led coalition and coalition  
6 enabled partner forces, including Ministry of  
7 Peshmerga forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq  
8 and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), have made signifi-  
9 cant gains in liberating all territory in Iraq from Is-  
10 lamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) control and dis-  
11 rupting ISIS safe havens and networks;

12 (2) nevertheless, ISIS is regenerating key func-  
13 tions and capabilities in Iraq, and ISIS elements will  
14 continue to exist in Iraq for the foreseeable future;

15 (3) ISIS will attempt to rebuild combat power  
16 through clandestine networks providing sanctuary,  
17 and ISIS will continue to attempt to conduct insur-  
18 gent-type activities while simultaneously recruiting  
19 and training fighters, establishing facilitation net-

1 works, and attempting to remain relevant in the in-  
2 formation domain;

3 (4) the Ministry of Peshmerga forces of the  
4 Kurdistan Region of Iraq made significant contribu-  
5 tions and sacrifices in the United States-led cam-  
6 paign to degrade, dismantle, and destroy ISIS; and

7 (5) the Department of Defense and the Depart-  
8 ment of State should continue to work with and sup-  
9 port the non-partisan forces of the Ministry of  
10 Peshmerga of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq in order  
11 to continue to develop their capabilities, promote se-  
12 curity sector reforms, and enhance sustainability and  
13 interoperability with the other elements of the Iraqi  
14 security forces in order to provide for Iraq's lasting  
15 security against terrorist threats.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2500**  
**OFFERED BY MRS. DAVIS OF CALIFORNIA**

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

1 **SEC. 8** \_\_\_\_. **BRIEFING RELATING TO THE “MIDDLE TIER” OF**  
2 **ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than December 1, 2019,  
4 the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the  
5 congressional defense committees (as defined in section  
6 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code) on lessons  
7 learned and best practices identified through the use of  
8 the “middle tier” of acquisition programs described under  
9 section 804 of the National Defense Authorization Act for  
10 Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 2302  
11 note). The briefing shall be accompanied by a written  
12 analysis—

13 (1) identifying which lessons learned can be ap-  
14 plied to—

15 (A) “middle tier” acquisition programs;

16 and

17 (B) any major defense acquisition program

18 (as defined under section 2430 of title 10,

19 United States Code);

1           (2) describing the extent to which covered risk  
2           should be a factor in determining which acquisition  
3           authority to use, including—

4                   (A) an acquisition pathway as described  
5                   under subsection (b) of section 804 of the Na-  
6                   tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
7                   Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C.  
8                   2302 note);

9                   (B) the authority described under section  
10                  2371b of title 10, United States Code;

11                  (C) acquisition authority relating to urgent  
12                  operational needs;

13                  (D) a traditional acquisition process; or

14                  (E) any other acquisition authority, as de-  
15                  termined by the Secretary;

16           (3) describing whether any requirements appli-  
17           cable to major defense acquisition programs should  
18           be applicable to “middle tier” acquisition programs  
19           under such section; and

20           (4) recommending amendments or revisions (as  
21           applicable) to law or regulation, and including avail-  
22           able data to support such recommendations.

23           (b) COVERED RISK DEFINED.—In this section, the  
24           term “covered risk” shall have the meaning given by the

- 1 Secretary of Defense, and shall include a consideration of
- 2 cost, schedule, performance, risk to operational success.



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**Offered by:**

**Ms. Stefanik of New York**

**Modernizing Department of Defense Forms**

The committee notes the changing ways in which organizations, members of the Armed Forces and their families, and federal agencies communicate using digital technology. The committee is concerned that current websites and key Department of Defense forms are not accessible on all digital and mobile devices. The committee commends the Department on its efforts to modernize forms and workflow processes to an extent of compliance with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century IDEA Act (PL 115-336).

The committee supports the Defense Logistics Agency's effort to modernize its internal and external digital services consistent with the Department policies. The committee believes the modernization effort with regard to forms and workflow will enable the Defense Logistics Agency to improve service delivery military personnel and internal workflows. Therefore, the committee directs the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer, in consultation with military departments and agencies, to provide a briefing to the House Armed Services Committee not later than September 30, 2020, on the feasibility and requirements for modernizing Department forms and workflows. The briefing shall include two parts, at minimum:

- (1) analysis of feasibility, associated costs, and timeline required to modernize critical personnel forms, such as the Department of Defense Form 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; and
- (2) analysis of feasibility, associated costs, and timeline required to modernize service processes and forms used by the Defense Logistics Agency.



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**Offered by: Mike Rogers**

In the portion of the report to accompany H.R. 2500 titled "Briefing on Support to Civil Authorities in Support of Natural Disasters and Law Enforcement with Aerial Platforms and Satellites", insert after "briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services", the following new text: "and, as appropriate, the Committee on Homeland Security".

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**Offered by: Ms. Sherrill of New Jersey**

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2500, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**Navy Cost Savings Initiative**

The committee is aware of the significant time and effort invested in audit readiness and remediation on the part of individual units and commands, and notes in particular the efforts of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet to enhance internal controls over the obligation management process. These efforts have to date resulted in sufficient freed purchasing power to enable the reinvestment of \$4.4 million into ship repair costs for the USS Paul Hamilton (DDG 60). The committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to brief the committee by December 1, 2019 on lessons learned from this initiative that can be applied across the broader Navy enterprise, as well as what the Navy plans to do to incentivize similar efficiencies, while enabling mission success, in the future.