

AMENDMENT

**OFFERED BY MR. COURTNEY OF CONNECTICUT TO
THE AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. LAMBORN
OF COLORADO**

(National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024)

Page 2, line 22, strike “(e)” and insert “(g)”.

Page 2, after line 21, insert the following:

1 (e) WAIVER AUTHORITIES.—

2 (1) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The Secretary
3 of Defense may waive the requirements of subsection
4 (a) with respect to the integration of sea-launched
5 cruise missiles into the Virginia class submarine fleet
6 if—

7 (A) the Chief of Naval operations deter-
8 mines that adding the SLCM-N mission to such
9 fleet—

10 (i) is expected to have negative effects
11 on the ability of Virginia class submarines
12 to conduct conventional missions; and

13 (ii) those negative effects cannot be
14 mitigated; and

1 (B) the Secretary submits notice of such
2 determination to the congressional defense com-
3 mittees.

4 (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator for
5 Nuclear Security may waive the requirements of
6 subsection (b) if the Administrator—

7 (A) determines that the National Nuclear
8 Security Administration cannot execute the
9 W80–4 ALT program without negatively affect-
10 ing the schedule and cost of one or more exist-
11 ing nuclear warhead programs of record; and

12 (B) submits notice of such determination
13 to the congressional defense committees.

14 (f) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2024, the Sec-
15 retary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional de-
16 fense committees a report that that includes an estimate
17 of the full costs of implementing subsection (a) within the
18 Navy, including any costs for weapon development and up-
19 grades needed at Navy shipbuilding and port facilities to
20 process nuclear weapons and materials.

