

121. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HAYES
OF CONNECTICUT OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of title XVIII, insert the following new section:

SEC. __. ANNUAL REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONLINE INFORMATION RELATING
TO SUICIDE PREVENTION.

Not later than September 30, 2023, and on an annual basis thereafter,
each Secretary of a military department shall—

(1) review any information relating to suicide prevention or
behavioral health, including any contact information for related
resources, that is published on an Internet website of the military
department at the installation level;

(2) make updates to such information as may be necessary; and

(3) submit to the congressional defense committees a certification
that such information is up-to-date.

122. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL
OF ARKANSAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle E of title III the following:

SEC. 3. **REPORT ON HARDENING UNITED STATES AND PARTNER MILITARY
BASES AGAINST IRANIAN ATTACK.**

(a) **REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit the report described in paragraph (2) to the congressional defense committees, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee on Intelligence in the Senate.

(2) **REPORT DESCRIBED.**—The report shall contain the following contents:

(A) An assessment of the threat posed by Iran against United States and partner military bases, to include missile, unmanned aircraft system, and loitering munition attacks.

(B) An assessment of hardening and air and missile defense upgrades for United States military installations in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(C) A strategy for expediting the hardening of military installations located in the United States similar installations in ally and partner countries, and upgrading air and missile defense capabilities in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(b) **FORM.**—This report shall be transmitted in an unclassified manner and may contain a classified annex.

123. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HER DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

SEC. 18. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN EXPORTS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended by inserting after section 163 (42 U.S.C. 6243) the following:

“SEC. 164. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN EXPORTS.

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall prohibit the export or sale of petroleum products drawn down from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, under any provision of law, to—

“(1) the People’s Republic of China;

“(2) the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea;

“(3) the Russian Federation;

“(4) the Islamic Republic of Iran;

“(5) any other country the government of which is subject to sanctions imposed by the United States; and

“(6) any entity owned, controlled, or influenced by—

“(A) a country referred to in any of paragraphs (1) through (5); or

“(B) the Chinese Communist Party.

“(b) **WAIVER.**—The Secretary may issue a waiver of the prohibition described in subsection (a) if the Secretary certifies that any export or sale authorized pursuant to the waiver is in the national security interests of the United States.

“(c) **RULE.**—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of the Banning Oil Exports to Foreign Adversaries Act, the Secretary shall issue a rule to carry out this section.”.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **DRAWDOWN AND SALE OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.**—

Section 161(a) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6241(a)) is amended by inserting “and section 164” before the period at the end.

(2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents for the Energy Policy and Conservation Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 163 the following:

“Sec. 164. Prohibition on certain exports.”.

124. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
HUFFMAN OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title V the following:

SEC. 5. CHAPLAIN ENDORSEMENTS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall make available on a publicly accessible database a report of (i) the most recent list of chaplain endorsements submitted to the Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) by religious organizations according to Department of Defense Instruction 1304.28, and (ii) the list of known endorsements used by AFCB to verify submissions.

125. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10. STUDY ON ALTERNATIVE VESSEL DESIGN FOR IMPROVED
OPERATIONS AND SHOCK IMPACT MITIGATION ON SPECIAL
OPERATIONS PERSONNEL HEALTH AND FATIGUE.**

(a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense, in cooperation with the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, shall conduct an operational performance study on alternative vessels with M-shape hull designs for reduction of wave slap, mitigation of shock impact on special operations forces, and improved operational and cost efficiencies.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study conducted under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Operational field testing of—

(A) physical health and fatigue metrics of personnel as baseline for transport on existing vessels and a comparative assessment of personnel health and fatigue upon being transported on alternative vessels with M-shape hull designs;

(B) increased sustained speeds; and

(C) improved turn radius and stability for payload targeting.

(2) A comparative cost assessment of the operation and maintenance of existing and M-shape hull vessels.

(c) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of the study required under subsection (a).

126. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE BY NATO MEMBER STATES.

It is the sense of Congress that each North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member state should commit to providing, at a minimum, 2 percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to defense to continue to ensure NATO's military readiness.

127. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
HUIZENGA OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _ REPORT ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE ARCTIC REGION.

Section 1238 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by striking “this Act” and inserting “the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”;

(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following:

“(4) A description of the two countries’ growing cooperation, since the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, is being implemented in the Arctic region.

“(5) A description of how the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, including the implementation of U.S. and allied sanctions and potential diversion of Russian resources to the war effort, has impacted the Russian Federation’s posture, activity and policy in the Arctic region.

“(6) A description of how the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, including the implementation of U.S. and allied sanctions on the Russian Federation, has impacted the People’s Republic of China’s posture, activity and policy in the Arctic region.

“(7) A description of how the United States and its allies in the Arctic region have adjusted their posture in response to any changes by the Russian Federation since the beginning of the Russian Federation’s full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022.”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(e) ARCTIC REGION DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘Arctic region’ has the meaning given the term ‘Arctic’ in the Arctic Research and Policy Act (ARPA) of 1984 (Public Law 98-373).”.

128. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNT
OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10 . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SUPPORT FOR ENERGY
FUNCTIONAL SPECIALIST CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER PROGRAM.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) These officers assist on the analysis, assessment and planning for the civilian production and distribution of energy resources before, during and after conflicts to meet global energy requirements.

(2) A memorandum of understanding has been established with academia to lead and support the training program, enabling these officers to provide the needed technical expertise to evaluate, establish, maintain, or rehabilitate energy production and distribution systems.

(3) Academic partnerships can double as a platform for strategic outreach to organizations in the wider military and energy sectors.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the establishment of Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officers in the Army is encouraging; and

(2) the Secretary of Defense should continue to support and fully fund the existing Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officer program and its academic partnership and assess opportunities to expand the program to other Armed Forces and across the combatant commands.

129. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ISSA
OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5_. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO E. ROYCE
WILLIAMS FOR ACTS OF VALOR DURING THE KOREAN WAR.

(a) WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award the Medal of Honor under section 8291 of such title to E. Royce Williams for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of E. Royce Williams, as a lieutenant in the Navy, on November 18, 1952, for which he was previously awarded the Navy Cross and the Taegeuk Order of Military Merit of South Korea.

130. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ISSA
OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:

SEC. __. REPORT ON IRAN-RUSSIA NUCLEAR-RELATED COOPERATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes each of the following:

(1) An assessment of the trade in covered goods, services, and technology between the Russian Federation and the Islamic Republic of Iran, including the involvement of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and any other military entity of Iran.

(2) A description of the extent to which Russia is providing diplomatic support to Iran at the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors and the resulting impact on efforts to refer Iran's noncompliance with its nuclear safeguards obligations to the United Nations Security Council.

(3) An assessment of the economic value and importance to the Russian nuclear industry of the trade described in paragraph (1).

(4) An assessment of the extent to which Russia is supporting Iran's research and development activities related to delivery systems or dual use technology relevant to weaponization.

(5) An assessment of whether covered goods, services, and technology described in paragraph (1) could be used in a nuclear, chemical, biological, radiological, ballistic missile, or conventional weapons program and the resulting impact on the security of the United States and its partners and allies.

(b) **FORM.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(2) The term “covered goods, services, and technology” means—

(A) all items, materials, equipment, goods and technology set out in the Nuclear Suppliers Group Guidelines governing nuclear transfers, INFCIRC/254 /Part 1;

(B) all items, materials, equipment, goods and technology set out in the Nuclear Suppliers Group guidelines governing the transfer of nuclear related dual use equipment, materials, software and related technology, INFCIRC/254 Part 2;

(C) the provision of any technical assistance or training, financial assistance, investment, brokering or other services related to the supply, sale, transfer, manufacture, or use of the items, materials, equipment, goods and technology described in subparagraphs (A) or (B); and

(D) commercial activities involving uranium mining, production or use of nuclear materials and technologies described in subparagraphs (A) or (B).

131. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY
OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Page 536, line 16, strike the closed quotation mark and period at the end.
Page 536, after line 16, insert the following:

“(e) SUPPORT FOR MULTI-STAKEHOLDER PARTNERSHIPS.—

“(1) The Director shall identify and support multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnerships that—

“(A) have the potential to generate technologies, processes, products, or other solutions that address national defense or security needs or otherwise benefit national defense or security; and

“(B) have as an objective the technology transfer or commercialization the work product generated by the partnership.

“(2) Support provided by the Director to a multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership under this subsection may include providing resources to the partnership, participating in the partnership, providing technical and technological advice and guidance to the partnership, suggesting and introducing other participants for inclusion in the partnership, and providing the partnership with insight into desired solutions for defense and security needs.

“(3) To be eligible to receive support under this subsection a multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership shall be composed of—

“(A) one or more universities, colleges, or other institutions of higher education with research and innovation capability;

“(B) one or more non-profit organizations that provide policy, research, outreach, operations, organizational, management, testing, evaluation, technology transfer, legal, financial, or advocacy expertise;

“(C) one or more for-profit commercial enterprises that may be publicly or privately owned, early stage or mature, and incorporated or operating by another ownership structure; and

“(D) one or more departments or agencies of the Federal Government with expertise, operations, or resources related to the subject matter of the multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership.

“(4) The areas of research and development covered by a multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnership under this subsection may include—

“(A) cybersecurity, quantum computing, or artificial intelligence;

“(B) geo-spatial imaging or geographic information systems;

“(C) aerodynamics, navigation, or wind resistance management;

“(D) satellite operations, functionality, or utilization;

“(E) climate science or natural resource management;

“(F) clean energy generation, storage, distribution, and efficiency;

“(G) space-based operations, monitoring, and management; or

“(H) such other areas as the Director determines appropriate.

“(5) On an annual basis, the Director shall submit to the Secretary of Defense a report on the activities, advances, outcomes, and work product of the multi-stakeholder research and innovation partnerships supported under this subsection.”.

132. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY
OF MARYLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6_. PORTABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSES OF SERVICEMEMBERS
AND THEIR SPOUSES: PROMOTION; REPORT.**

(a) **PROMOTION.**—Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Defense-State Liaison Office, shall consult with licensing authorities of States to increase awareness of section 705A of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4025a).

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, and publish, a report containing the results of a study regarding compliance by States with section 705A of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4025a). Such report shall include the determination of the Comptroller General regarding the following:

- (1) The extent to which States have complied with such section.
- (2) The efficacy of such compliance.
- (3) Whether a State has a designated official to oversee such compliance.

133. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
JACKSON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of title XVIII add the following:

SEC. 1859. REPORT ON NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS OF FOREIGN-OWNED
AGRICULTURAL LAND NEAR MILITARY INSTALLMENTS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, shall submit to Congress a report on foreign-owned agricultural land located within 50 miles of a United States military installation.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a list of each foreign person that owns agricultural land located within 50 miles of a United States military installation;

(2) in the case of an individual described in paragraph (1), the citizenship of such individual;

(3) in the case of a foreign person described in paragraph (1) that is not an individual or government—

(A) the principal place of business of such person; and

(B) the country in which each such foreign person is created or organized;

(4) the nature of each legal entity holding interest in such agricultural land and the type of interest;

(5) the legal description and acreage of such agricultural land; and

(6) an assessment of any threat that foreign ownership of such agricultural land may have on United States military readiness, food supply, and national security.

(c) AGRICULTURAL LAND DEFINED.—In this section, the term “agricultural land” includes—

(1) crop land, pasture land, wetlands, and marshlands;

(2) land enrolled in a Federal, State, or local agricultural conservation program; and

(3) land used for animal confinement, concentrated animal feeding operations, livestock production, timber production, or forestry.

134. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
JACKSON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10_. REPORT ON PACIFIC ISLANDS SECURITY STRATEGY.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

- (1) develop a comprehensive Pacific Islands security strategy; and
- (2) submit to the congressional defense committees a report on such strategy.

135. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
JACKSON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle J of title V, insert the following:
SEC. 5. REPORT ON COLLEGE-LEVEL CREDITS FOR MILITARY RECRUITS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on current enlistment standards, and whether it is necessary for all college-level credits earned by a military recruit to be placed on a transcript from an accredited, degree-granting institution.

136. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XXVIII, insert the following:

SEC. 28__. REPORT ON CAPACITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE
SURVIVORS OF NATURAL DISASTERS WITH EMERGENCY SHORT-TERM
HOUSING.

Not later than 220 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report analyzing the capacity of the Department of Defense to provide survivors of natural disasters with emergency short-term housing.

137. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10_. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS.

(a) **REQUIREMENTS FOR WITHHOLDING CERTAIN REPORTS.**—Section 122a(b)(2)(D) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking the period at the end and inserting “and the Secretary —”;

(2) by adding at the end the following new clauses:

“(i) gives public notice that the report will be withheld pursuant to such determination; and

“(ii) submits to the congressional defense committees the reason for the determination that the information should not be made available to the public.”.

(b) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees, and make publicly available on an appropriate website of the Department of Defense, a report on the implementation of section 122a of title 10, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a). Such report shall address—

(1) the procedures under which members of the public may request a covered report under subsection (a)(2) of such section 122a; and

(2) the procedures and criteria under which the Secretary determines that a report that would otherwise be a covered report should not be made publicly available pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(D) of such section, as amended by subsection (a).

138. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES
OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1. FUNDING FOR ADVANCED PROCUREMENT FOR F-15EX AIRCRAFT.

(a) **INCREASE.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for procurement, Air Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for F-15EX Advanced Procurement, line 006, is hereby increased by \$30,600,000.

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for advanced component development and prototypes, environmental security technical certification program (PE 0603851D8Z), line 076, is hereby reduced by \$30,600,000.

(c) **USE OF FUNDS.**—The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that any F-15EX aircraft procured using funds made available pursuant the increase under subsection (a) are allocated to the Air National Guard to recapitalize fighter aircraft with the priority given to A-10 squadrons without an identified replacement aircraft.

139. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES
OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title VIII the following:

**SEC. 8_. ASSESSMENT OF SUPPLY CHAIN CONSTRAINTS IMPACTING THE
DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND FOREIGN MILITARY SALES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall conduct the assessment described in subsection (b) and submit to the relevant congressional committees a report on such assessment.

(b) **ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED.**—The assessment described in this section shall include information on constraints and threats to the supply chain of Department of Defense contractors and subcontractors (at any tier) to produce any defense article for use by the Department of Defense or that is the subject of a foreign military sale.

(c) **FORM.**—The report required under this section shall be submitted in an unclassified form.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “defense article” has the meaning given in section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

(2) The term “relevant congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(D) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(E) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(F) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

140. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOYCE
OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title VIII, insert the following:
SEC. 8. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO RUBBER SUPPLY.

It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should take all appropriate action to lessen our military's dependence on adversarial nations for the procurement of strategic and critical materials, and that one such material in short supply according to the most recent report from Defense Logistics Agency Strategic Material is natural rubber, undermining our national security and jeopardizing the military's ability to rely on a stable source of natural rubber for tire manufacturing and production of other goods. Accordingly, the Secretary is directed to take all appropriate action, pursuant with the authority provided by the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98a et seq.), to engage in activities that may include stockpiling, but shall also include research and development aspects for increasing the domestic supply of natural rubber.

141. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
KAPTUR OF OHIO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Insert as section 581 (and redesignate the following sections accordingly):
SEC. 581. AUTHORIZATION FOR LAST MEMBER STANDING MEDAL.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 1135 and 1136 as sections 1136 and section 1137, respectively; and

(2) by inserting after section 1134 the following new section:

“§1135. Last Member Standing medal

“(a) MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may issue a service medal, to be known as the ‘Last Member Standing medal’, to persons eligible under subsection (c).

“(b) DESIGN.—The Last Member Standing medal shall be of an appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense, with ribbons, lapel pins, and other appurtenances.

“(c) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—Subject to subsection (d), a person eligible to be issued the Last Member Standing medal is any member who—

“(1) served on active duty;

“(2) was deployed during war or overseas contingency operation;

“(3) as a result of a combat instance during such war or overseas contingency, was the last surviving member of a unit;

“(4) demonstrated extraordinary heroism in defense of the United States during such combat instance; and

“(5) whose character is recommended for recognition by their commanding officer and at least two peers.

“(d) ONE MEDAL AUTHORIZED.—Not more than one Last Member Standing medal may be issued to any person.

“(e) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—If a person described in subsection (c) is deceased, the Secretary concerned may provide for issuance of the Last Member Standing medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

“(f) REGULATIONS.—The issuance of a Last Member Standing medal shall be subject to such regulations as the Secretaries concerned shall prescribe for purposes of this section. The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that any regulations prescribed under this subsection are uniform to the extent practicable.”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should take appropriate actions to expedite—

(1) the design of the Last Member Standing medal provided for by section 1136 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a); and

(2) the establishment and implementation of mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Last Member Standing Medal to persons eligible for the issuance of the medal under such section.

142. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title XXVIII the following new section:

SEC. __. **LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PREPARATION FOR RENEWAL OF
CERTAIN PROJECT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE.**

(a) **LIMITATION.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 may be used to prepare for the renewal of the HVAC chiller replacement standardization project of the Department of the Air Force until the date on which the Secretary of the Air Force submits to the congressional defense committees the certification described in subsection (b).

(b) **CERTIFICATION DESCRIBED.**—The certification described in the subsection is a certification that—

(1) such Secretary has developed a methodology to compare the cost of initial chiller and ancillary equipment procurement under the class justification and authorization for other than full and open competition to the cost of initial chiller and ancillary equipment procurement with competition;

(2) metrics have been established to measure performance under the project described in subsection (a), including training costs, savings from in-house repair, and value per dollar, initial chiller and ancillary equipment procurement costs, overall technician education and training costs, and lifecycle operating costs; and

(3) such Secretary has collected data to demonstrate that limiting competition under the project described in subsection (a) has resulted in total cost of ownership savings.

143. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
KRISHNAMOORTHY OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

SEC. 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON LIAISONS WITH TAIWAN.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) building trust and familiarity between the United States and Taiwan is an important component of helping Taiwan improve its self-defense capabilities;

(2) strengthening working-level communication and coordination among United States and Taiwanese elements would enhance the effectiveness of the United States' provision of defense articles to Taiwan, joint military exercises with Taiwan, and other efforts to improve Taiwan's self-defense capabilities; and

(3) the Secretary of Defense should utilize existing authorities to facilitate communication and coordination, including relating to—

(A) maximizing the deterrent effects of the United States' provision of defense articles to Taiwan and of Taiwan's domestic defense procurements and investments;

(B) conducting exercises that involve complex challenges in multiple warfare domains;

(C) concepts of operation and tactics, techniques, and procedures to improve Taiwan's self-defense capabilities; and

(D) helping Taiwan to meet its needs relating to energy security, cyber defense of its critical infrastructure, resilience of its communications systems, defense against malign influence and information operations, and stockpiling of critical munitions and other appropriate defense articles.

144. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LAMBORN OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title XVI, add the following new section:

SEC. 16__ STRATEGY ON PRODUCTION CAPACITY AND SCHEDULE FOR THE
PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE.

(a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that the long-range, ground-launched missile known as the Precision Strike Missile will—

- (1) give the Army the ability to target enemy ground forces and eventually naval forces at a greater range and volume than its predecessor, the Army Tactical Missile System;
- (2) enhance America's ability to deter or defeat aggression; and
- (3) lower the risk faced by the military forces of the United States.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy on the production capacity and schedule for the Precision Strike Missile.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under paragraph (1) shall address the following:

- (A) The production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile in fiscal year 2023.
- (B) The projected production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.
- (C) An assessment of measures being taken to increase the production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile.
- (D) A strategy for increasing the production capacity of the Precision Strike Missile.

145. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LANDSMAN OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10__ REPORT ON PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANIES THAT ARE A CONCERN
TO UNITED STATES NATIONAL SECURITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on all private military companies the Secretary determines are a concern to the national security of the United States. Such report shall include each of the following, for each private military company covered by the report:

(1) The number of personnel employed by the company.

(2) Any country or region where the company is known to be operating.

(3) An identification of any entity that has provided funding to the company and the amount of such funding.

(4) Any illicit conduct in which the company is known to have engaged.

(5) Any conflicts the company has had with the United States Armed Forces.

(6) Such other information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(b) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(c) PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “private military company” means a business that offers specialized services related to war, conflict, and security, including combat operations, strategic planning, intelligence collection, operation and logistical support, training, procurement, and maintenance.

146. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LANDSMAN OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, add the following new section:

**SEC. 6. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING CHILD CARE FOR MEMBERS OF THE
RESERVE COMPONENTS PERFORMING INACTIVE-DUTY TRAINING.**

(a) **STUDY AND REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report regarding the feasibility of providing child care—

(1) through the military child development center of a military installation; and

(2) to a member of the reserve components while such member performs inactive-duty training at such military installation.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “inactive-duty training” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

(2) The term “military child development center” has the meaning given such term in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.

147. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LARSEN OF WASHINGTON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XXVIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 28. LAND CONVEYANCE, PAINE FIELD AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION,
EVERETT, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Air Force (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) may convey to Snohomish County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (in this section referred to as the “County”) all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to three parcels of real property, including any improvements thereon and any related easements, consisting of approximately 14.23 acres, collectively, located on the Washington Air National Guard Base at Paine Field, Everett, Washington, for the purposes of—

(1) removing the property from the boundaries of the Air National Guard Base and accommodating the operational needs of the Snohomish County Airport - Paine Field; and

(2) the development of the parcels and buildings for economic purposes.

(b) CONDITIONS OF CONVEYANCE.—The conveyance under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) subject to valid existing rights;

(2) subject to the condition that the County accept the real property, and any improvements thereon, in its condition at the time of the conveyance (commonly known as a conveyance “as is”);

(3) subject to any other terms and conditions as agreed to by the Secretary and the County; and

(4) subject to any other terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(c) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consideration for the conveyance under subsection (a), the County shall pay to the United States in cash an amount that is not less than the fair market value of the right, title, and interest conveyed under subsection (a), as determined by the Secretary based on an appraisal of the property.

(2) TREATMENT OF CONSIDERATION RECEIVED.—Consideration received by the United States under paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the special account in the Treasury established under subsection (b) of section 572 of title 40, United States Code, and shall be available in accordance with paragraph (5)(B)(ii) of such subsection.

(d) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Air Force may require the County to cover all costs (except costs for environmental remediation of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), including costs related to real estate due diligence, and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts paid by the County to the Secretary in advance exceed the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the County.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Amounts received under paragraph (1) as reimbursement for costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a) shall be

credited to the fund or account that was used to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the conveyance or to an appropriate fund or account currently available to the Secretary for the purposes for which the costs were paid. Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(e) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary.

148. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF
FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

**SEC. 7. STUDY ON UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF REDUCTION RELATING
TO 6TH MEDICAL GROUP AT MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE IN TAMPA,
FLORIDA.**

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the unintended consequences of the determination by the Director of the Defense Health Agency to make reductions with respect to the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base located in Tampa, Florida, pursuant to section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 130 Stat. 2197) and the amendments made by such section.

149. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following new section:

SEC. 7. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONSULTATION REGARDING MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE.

(a) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall conduct a behavioral health epidemiological consultation on unique social and occupational stressors affecting members of the Air Force assigned to at Creech Air Force Base and dependents of such members.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report that includes—

- (1) an executive summary of findings from consultation; and
- (2) recommendations regarding how to address key findings to improve the quality of life and resiliency of such members and dependents.

150. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle F of title X the following new section:

SEC. — STUDY ON CERTAIN GRANTS AWARDED UNDER DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study on grants awarded under the defense community infrastructure pilot program established under section 2391(d) of title 10, United States Code for supporting investments in child care options in areas in close proximity to military installations.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes—

(1) an accounting of all grants awarded under such pilot program to support investments in child care options in areas in close proximity to military installations;

(2) a list of best practices learned from grants awarded before the date of the enactment of this Act under such pilot program for investments in child care facilities;

(3) a description of barriers, if any, that inhibit the Secretary from awarding, on a more frequent basis, grants described in paragraph (1); and

(4) recommendations of the Secretary with respect to ensuring grants awarded under such pilot program are used to address shortages in child care options for military families.

(c) **MILITARY INSTALLATION DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “military installation” has the meaning given such term in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code.

151. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle B of title VI the following new section:

SEC. 6_. FEASIBILITY STUDY REGARDING ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY FOR MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE ASSIGNED TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the feasibility of paying assignment incentive pay under section 307a of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Air Force assigned to Creech Air Force Base. The study shall include—

(1) an assessment of the financial stress experienced by such members, especially junior members with families, associated with—

(A) the daily commute to and from the base;

(B) the unique demands of the mission to remotely pilot aircraft;

and

(C) limited access to essential services, including child care, housing, and readily accessible health care; and

(2) the overall cost to the United States, and financial relief provided by, such assignment incentive pay authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force in 2008 for such members.

152. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title VI, add the following new section:

SEC. 6__ REPORT ON AT-HOME CHILD CARE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE; FEASIBILITY STUDY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 39 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on at-home child care programs offered by each military department. Such report shall include—

(1) an identification of the number of such at-home child care programs that have opened, closed, or relocated during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date that this three years after such date;

(2) a summary of difficulties, if any, experienced by military spouses employed at such at-home child care programs with respect to—

(A) obtaining necessary certifications or licences; and

(B) opening, closing, or relocating such an at-home child care program; and

(3) a summary of effects, if any, that the opening, closing, or relocation of such an at-home child care program has on the employment rate of military spouses residing in geographic proximity to such at-home child care program.

(b) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a feasibility study on—

(A) standardizing the requirements of each military department relating to licensing and certification for at-home child care providers;

(B) removing barriers, if any, to the expansion of at-home child care programs described in subsection (a); and

(C) supporting the employment of military spouses in such at-home child care programs.

(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the submission of the report under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes the findings of such feasibility study.

153. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LEE OF NEVADA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title XII the following:

SEC. 12__. REPORT ON COORDINATION IN THE STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of coordinating with private entities and State governments to provide resources and personnel to support technical exchanges under the Department of Defense State Partnership Program established under section 341 of title 10, United States Code. The report shall include—

- (1) an analysis of the gaps in implementation of the State Partnership Program that could be addressed in coordination with private entities or State governments;
- (2) the types of personnel and expertise that could be helpful to partner country participants in the State Partnership Program; and
- (3) barriers to leveraging such expertise from private entities and State governments, as applicable, and
- (4) recommendations for modifications to statute or regulation to address removing such barriers.

154. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LOUDERMILK OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10_. REPORT ON RECAPITALIZATION OF NAVY C-130 AIRCRAFT.

Not later than February 1, 2024, the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on—

- (1) the status of recapitalization of C-130 aircraft by 2030, as stated in the 2022 Navigation Plan of the Chief of Naval Operations; and
- (2) the effects of such recapitalization on contested logistics and intra-theater airlift capacity.

155. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUNA
OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5__ **PROVISION OF MEDICAL INFORMATION REGARDING A SEPARATING
MEMBER.**

Subsection (d) of section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, is amended

—
(1) by striking the heading and inserting “TRANSMISSION OF
MEDICAL INFORMATION TO MEMBER AND DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS”;

(2) by striking “being medically separated or being retired under
chapter 61 of this title” and inserting “separating or retiring from the
armed forces”;

(3) by inserting “such member and” before “the Secretary of Veterans
Affairs”; and

(4) by striking “within 60 days of” and inserting “not later than 12
days after”.

156. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
LUTTRELL OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. **REPORT ON THE AIR FORCE FIRST LOOK PROGRAM AND THE ARMY FIRST STOP PROGRAM.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report analyzing the initiatives of the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of the objectives of and results achieved by the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program.

(2) A description of criteria for participation in such Programs, including a description of contracts or other agreements relating to such participation.

(3) An analysis of the costs and benefits of participation in such Programs for all relevant parties.

(4) A description of the geographic and organizational scope of such Programs, including eligibility criteria, communication of opportunities to participate in such Programs, and implementation of such Programs.

(5) An analysis of available data for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 on the effectiveness of such Programs.

(6) An analysis of spending under such Programs for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, disaggregated by—

(A) element of the Department of Defense (as described in section 111(b) of title 10, United States Code);

(B) military installation;

(C) whether or not a business entity participating in the program is a small business concern; and

(D) with respect to small business concern participants, the North American Industrial Classification System code of such concern.

(7) A description of any initiatives at other elements of the Department similar to such Programs, including the number of military installations at which such initiatives are operating and a description of any training offered to participants in such initiatives on the use of a purchase card of the Department of Defense.

(8) With respect to commercial e-commerce portal providers participating in such Programs, a description of—

(A) how such providers, in coordination with commanders of military installations, provide outreach and education to small business concerns on participation in such Programs;

(B) the use of regulatory compliance protocols, including compliance with part 8 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (relating to “Required sources of supplies and services”);

(C) spending under such Programs for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, including—

(i) the number of unique small business concerns using the commercial e-commerce portal of the provider under such Programs;

(ii) the North American Industrial Classification System code of such concerns; and

(iii) the product or service purchased by each such concern and the cost of each such product or service; and

(D) the use of discounts or other incentives by such provider to encourage participation in such Programs.

(9) Participation rates in such Programs by small business concerns, disaggregated by military installation and North American Industrial Classification System code of such concerns.

(10) Recommendations for legislative or administrative action, including a description of the resources required, to improve and expand such Programs.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “Air Force First Look Program” means the program of the Department of the Air Force that allow. users of a purchase card of the Department of Defense to purchase products from a commercial e-commerce portal in an amount less than the micro-purchase threshold using such card.

(2) The term “Army First Stop Program” means the program of the Department of the Army that allow. users of a purchase card of the Department of Defense to purchase products from a commercial e-commerce portal in an amount less than the micro-purchase threshold using such card.

(3) The term “commercial e-commerce portal” has the meaning given in section 846 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (41 U.S.C. 1901 note).

(4) The term “small business concern” has the meaning given under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

157. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LYNCH
OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following:

SEC. 604. PROGRAM TO ASSIST SERVICE MEMBERS AT RISK OF SUICIDE.

(a) **PROGRAM REQUIRED.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop and implement a centralized program to monitor and provide assistance to members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged from health care, as outlined in Recommendation 6.29 of the final report issued by the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The centralized program referred to in subsection (a) shall specify:

(1) The individual and agency responsible for conducting service member follow up.

(2) The time when initial follow-up will occur.

(3) The times when subsequent follow-ups will occur.

(4) The manner in which patients will be contacted.

(5) The process for documentation of follow-up attempts.

(6) The procedures for ensuring patient safety where patient is unreachable.

(7) The processes for medical treatment facilities to link mortality data to health care delivery data in order to better identify settings and patients at higher risk of suicide, further inform local suicide prevention strategies for targeted high-risk groups, and ensure compliance with reporting and investigating suicides occurring within 72 hours of discharge from a hospital.

(c) **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AT RISK OF SUICIDE.**—For purposes of this section, the term “members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide” includes members of the Armed Forces who have attempted suicide and members of the Armed Forces who have been discharged as patients and who have been clinically assessed as benefitting from follow-up support related to suicide prevention.

158. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MAGAZINER OF RHODE ISLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 34, after line 7, insert the following new section:

SEC. 1_. REPORT ON NAVY SHIPBUILDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
SPECIAL INITIATIVE.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the status of the implementation of the Navy shipbuilding workforce development special incentive under section 8696 of title 10, United States Code.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum—

(1) a description of each activity carried out under subsection (c)(2)

(A) of such section to provide short- and long-term workforce housing, transportation, and other support services to facilitate attraction, relocation, and retention of workers; and

(2) an evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities.

Page 1033, after line 14, insert the following new section:

SEC. 18_. GAO STUDY OF AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING..

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to identify and assess the availability of affordable housing in areas having high housing costs and military or defense-related facilities or operations and the effects that limited availability of affordable housing in such areas has on defense production and readiness. The study shall identify examples of successful models and best practices for effectively increasing affordable housing stock in such areas.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

159. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MAGAZINER OF RHODE ISLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title X the following new section:

SEC. __. SMART SLEEPERS AND BASSINETS AT MILITARY EXCHANGES.

Subchapter I of chapter 147 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
by adding at the end the following new section:

“§2486. Smart sleepers and bassinets at military exchanges

“The Secretary of Defense shall sell, or make available for rent, sleepers and
bassinets with up-to-date sleep technology through military exchanges.”.

160. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MAGAZINER OF RHODE ISLAND OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. IMPROVEMENTS TO TRICARE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES.

(a) **VERIFICATION; UPDATES.**—A managed support contractor that supports TRICARE and maintains a directory of health care providers shall verify and update such directory not less than once every 90 days.

(b) **DATABASES.**—A managed support contractor described in subsection (a) shall update a database not later than two days after receipt of information that affects such database.

(c) **ANNUAL REVIEWS.**—The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall review directories described in subsection (a) not less than once each year.

161. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MALLIOTAKIS OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VI the following:

**SEC. 6__ SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO EQUAL BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR
HOUSING FOR STATEN ISLAND AND NEW YORK CITY.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should prescribe the same basic allowance for housing under section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, for the military housing area that includes Staten Island, New York, as the basic allowance for housing prescribed for the military housing area that includes New York City, New York.

162. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 695, line 14, strike “and” at the end.

Page 695, line 16, strike “forces.”;” and insert “forces; and”.

Page 695, after line 16, insert the following:

“(G) a description or estimation of the threat posed by
Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to European
citizens or to member countries of the European Union.”.

163. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MASSIE OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. __. REPORT ON WAR IN UKRAINE.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine that includes information on casualties, wounded, and materials or equipment losses for both sides of the conflict.

164. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MAST
OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

SEC. 8. REPORT ON THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE AND TECHNOLOGICAL
INDUSTRIAL BASE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

(1) an assessment of the extent to which the inefficiencies and inadequacies of the defense and technological industrial base impede the timely production and delivery of air and missile defense components to the allies and partners of the United States located in the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command;

(2) an assessment of the ongoing efforts of the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies to remedy inefficiencies and inadequacies described in paragraph (1); and

(3) a strategy for addressing the inefficiencies or inadequacies described in paragraph (1), including an evaluation of the benefits of procuring the components described in such paragraph from and industrial cooperation with allies and partners of the United States located outside the area of responsibility of the United States Central Command.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be in an unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

165. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCCAUL OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVANCED CAPABILITIES PILLAR OF THE
TRILATERAL SECURITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA, THE
UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States (in this section referred to as the “AUKUS partnership”) is intended to positively contribute to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region through enhanced deterrence;

(2) to this end, implementation of the AUKUS partnership will require a whole-of-government review of processes and procedures for Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States to benefit from such partnership and, in particular, to support joint development of advanced capabilities;

(3) the Department of State plays a pivotal role in the administration of arms exports and sales programs under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151 et seq.) and the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.);

(4) the Department of State should work in coordination with the Department of Defense and other relevant United States Government agencies to seek to expeditiously implement the AUKUS partnership; and

(5) the Department of State, in coordination with the Department of Defense, should clearly communicate any United States requirements to address matters related to the technology security and export control measures of Australia and the United Kingdom.

(b) **REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on efforts of the Department of State to implement the advanced capabilities pillar of the AUKUS partnership.

(2) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) For each of the calendar years 2021 and 2022—

(i) the average and median times for the United States Government to review applications for licenses to export defense articles or defense services to persons, corporations, and the governments (including agencies and subdivisions of such governments, including official missions of such governments) of Australia or the United Kingdom;

(ii) the average and median times for the United States Government to review applications from Australia and the United Kingdom for foreign military sales beginning from the date Australia or the United Kingdom submitted a letter of request that resulted in a letter of acceptance with; and

(iii) the number of applications from Australia and the United Kingdom for licenses to export defense articles and defense services that were denied or approved with provisos, listed by year.

(B) For each of the fiscal years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, the number of voluntary disclosures resulting in a violation of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) enumerated under section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780) or involving proscribed countries listed in section 126.1 of the ITAR, by persons, corporations, and the governments (including agencies and subdivisions of such governments, including official missions of such governments) of Australia or the United Kingdom, including information with respect to—

- (i) any instance of unauthorized access to technical data or defense articles;
- (ii) inadequate physical or cyber security;
- (iii) retransfers or re-exports without authorization; and
- (iv) employees of foreign companies that are United States persons that provide defense services without authorization.

(C) The value of any civil penalties assessed from 2017 to 2022 for disclosures or violations described in subparagraph (B) on United States applicants that involved foreign persons, foreign corporations, and foreign governments in the United Kingdom or Australia.

(D) A list of relevant United States laws, regulations, and treaties and other international agreements to which the United States is a party that govern authorizations to export defense articles or defense services that are required to implement the AUKUS partnership.

(E) An assessment of key recommendations the United States Government has provided to the governments of Australia and the United Kingdom to revise laws, regulations, and policies of such countries that are required to implement the AUKUS partnership.

(F) An assessment of recommended improvements to export control laws and regulations of Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States that such countries should make to implement the AUKUS partnership and to otherwise meet the requirements of section 38(j)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(j)(2)), and the challenges Australia and the United Kingdom have conveyed in meeting these requirements including with respect to sensitive defense technology security controls.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (1) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

166. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCCLAIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

On page 314, line 19, in the header, insert “and International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCS)” before the colon.

On page 314, line 23, in the header, insert “and IBCLC” before “Certifications.”.

On page 315, line 5, in the header, insert “and IBCLC” before “Certifications.”.

On page 315, line 8, insert “and IBCLC” after “doula”.

On page 315, line 15, in the header, insert “and lactation” after “doula”.

On page 316, line 3, in the header, insert “and lactation” after “doula”.

On page 316, line 7, insert “and lactation care” after “doula care”.

On page 316, line 15, in the header, insert “and IBCLCs” after “doulas”.

On page 316, line 17, insert “and IBCLCs” after “doulas”.

167. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCCLAIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

SEC. 1859. REPORT ON TAIWAN AND UKRAINE RELATING TO CERTAIN WEAPONS
SYSTEMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees the report described in subsection (b)

(b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report described in this subsection is a report that includes the following:

(1) An assessment of weapons systems that the Government of Ukraine needs to defend itself from external aggression from the Russian Federation and other threats.

(2) An assessment of weapons systems that the Government Taiwan needs to defend itself from external aggression from the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China, and other threats.

(3) An assessment of where the weapons systems and supply chains described in paragraphs (1) and (2) converge and diverge.

(4) A strategy to ensure that both the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Taiwan can access the weapons systems described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(c) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

168. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCCLAIN OF MICHIGAN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. __. REPORT ON MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL EXERCISES.

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It the sense of the congress that it is in the national security interest of the United States for the Department of Defense to promote and support multilateral exercises in the United States Central Command and United States Africa Command area of operations that include Israel and United States regional partners and allies.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing efforts to—

(1) expand the frequency of bilateral and multilateral exercises involving Israel and United States regional partners and allies in the Middle East; and

(2) otherwise promote and participate in such exercises.

(c) **FORM.**—The report required by subsection (b) shall be submitted in unclassified form and may contain a classified annex.

169. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

Page 698, line 21, strike “.”.

Page 698, after line 21, insert the following:

“(e) HIRING AUTHORITY FOR INSPECTORS GENERAL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USAID.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—To facilitate the assignment of persons to assist on matters relating to the Inspectors General of the Department of Defense, Department of State, and United States Agency for International Development’s oversight of Ukraine response activities as well as to functions vacated by personnel assisting on matters relating to oversight of Ukraine response activities, the Inspectors General of the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development may—

“(A) appoint on a temporary basis using the authorities in section 3161 (without regard to subsection (b)(2) of such section) such personnel as the Inspector General considers appropriate;

“(B) employ Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees’ Retirement System annuitants for the purposes of assisting the Inspector General under this section;

“(C) employ Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System or the Foreign Service Pension System annuitants under chapter 8 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) for the purposes of assisting the Inspector General under this section; and

“(D) appoint, without regard to the provisions of subchapter I of chapter 33, (other than sections 3303 and 3328 of such chapter), qualified candidates to the following series for the purposes of supporting the Inspector General’s oversight of Ukraine response activities under this section: 0080, 0201, 0301, 0343, 0340, 0511, 0560, 0905, 1530, 1801, 1805, 1811, 2210.

“(2) APPLICATION.—

“(A) COMPETITIVE STATUS.—A person employed under paragraph (1)(A) shall acquire competitive status for appointment to any position in the competitive service for which the employee possesses the required qualifications upon the completion of 13 months of continuous service as an employee under this section.

“(B) ANNUITANTS.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Reemployment of an annuitant under paragraph (1)(B) shall be subject to the provisions of section 9902(g) as if the Inspector General was the Department of Defense.

“(ii) FOREIGN SERVICE.—An annuitant reemployed under paragraph (1)(C)—

“(I) shall continue to receive an annuity;

“(II) shall not be considered a participant for purposes of chapter 8 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4041 et seq.) or an employee for purposes of subchapter III of chapter 83 or chapter 84; and

“(III) may elect in writing, not later than 90 days after the date of reemployment, to be subject to section 824 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4064).

“(C) DIRECT HIRE.—Appointments under paragraph (1)(D) shall be capped at 45 positions per Office of Inspector General per year.

“(3) SUNSET.—The Inspectors General of the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development’s authority to appoint personnel under this section shall cease at the end of the first fiscal year in which the total amount appropriated to the Department of State and United States Agency for International Development for Ukraine response activities is less than \$1,000,000,000.”.

170. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCGARVEY OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title VIII, insert the following:
SEC. 8_. MODIFICATION TO PILOT PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE DEPARTMENT
OF DEFENSE SBIR AND STTR AWARDS.

Section 9(hh)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 638(hh)(2)) is amended by inserting “and each Secretary of a military department” before “shall establish”.

171. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE,
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle A of title VII the following new section:

SEC. __. EXPANSION OF WOUNDED WARRIOR SERVICE DOG PROGRAM.

Section 745 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 1071 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program, the Secretary of Defense shall award grants on a competitive basis directly to eligible entities in accordance with this subsection.

“(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this subsection, an entity shall be a nonprofit organization, the primary function of which is raising, training, and furnishing assistance dogs.

“(3) APPLICATIONS.—An eligible entity desiring a grant under this subsection shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information and assurances as such Secretary determines appropriate.

“(4) CONSIDERATION FOR GRANT AMOUNT.—In determining the amount of a grant awarded under this subsection, such Secretary shall consider—

“(A) the merits of the application submitted pursuant to paragraph (3);

“(B) whether, and to what extent, there is demand by covered members or covered veterans for assistance dogs provided by the eligible entity desiring such grant; and

“(C) the capacity and capability of such eligible entity to raise and train assistance dogs to meet such demand.

“(5) USE OF FUNDS.—An eligible entity awarded a grant under this subsection shall use such grant to plan, design, establish, or operate a program to furnish assistance dogs to covered members and covered veterans, or any combination thereof.

“(6) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNT.—The amount of a grant awarded under this subsection may not exceed \$2,000,000.”.

172. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MEEKS
OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 354, strike lines 8 through 11 and insert the following:

(C) The access to adequate telehealth resources, including—

(i) for members described in subparagraph (B) and immediate family members (including military spouses), including access to equipment, bandwidths, and platforms used to deliver care; and

(ii) through the use of partnerships, consultation, and collaboration with private sector organizations and institutions, including with respect to using telehealth to provide mental health care.

173. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MENENDEZ OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-10
OFFERED BY MR. MENENDEZ OF NEW JERSEY

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVIII the following:

1 SEC. 1535. IMPROVING OUTREACH RELATED TO CYBERSE-
2 CURITY JOB PREPARATION.

3 The Secretary of Defense shall make every reasonable
4 effort to improve outreach to inform departing
5 servicemembers, whether active duty or reserve, of the
6 availability of credentialing opportunities related to cyber
7 security, including improving the searchability functions
8 of online resources for career training related to cyberse-
9 curity, as well as ensuring that Skillbridge includes a no-
10 tice for all military members interested in cybersecurity
11 job opportunities.



174. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENG
OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Page 728, line 3, insert “and a free, peaceful, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region” before the period at the end.

175. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENG
OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. 1235. REPORT ON THE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the security relationship between the United States and the Hellenic Republic.

(b) **REPORT CONTENTS.**—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A description of the basing rights granted to the United States under the updated U.S.-Greece Mutual Defense Cooperation Agreement (MDCA) signed October 14, 2021.

(2) A description of United States activities and investment on the bases covered in the MDCA since such date.

(3) An analysis of the potential for additional bases or expanded United States military presence in the Hellenic Republic, particularly on Greek islands.

(4) An assessment of the status of the security cooperation mandated by subtitle B of title XIII of division A of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81; 135 Stat. 1999; relating to the United States-Greece Defense and Interparliamentary Partnership Act of 2021).

(c) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the congressional defense committees; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

176. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MENG
OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle G of title V the following:

SEC. 5__ACCESS TO ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES SYSTEM
ON A PERSONAL INTERNET-ENABLED DEVICE.

(a) ACCESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall ensure, subject to paragraph (2), that a member of the reserve components of the Army may access the Army Training Requirements and Resources System using a personal internet-enabled device.

(2) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary of the Army may restrict access to the Army Training Requirements and Resources System on personal internet-enabled devices if the Secretary determines such restriction is necessary to ensure the security and integrity of information systems and data of the United States.

(b) ARMY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES SYSTEM
DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Army Training Requirements and Resources System” means the online, real-time information management system of the Army used to catalogue and manage training courses, or any successor to such system.

177. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MILLER OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10__ SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING REMOVAL OF PRIESTS FROM
WALTER REED MEDICAL HOSPITAL.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the provision of pastoral care by priests and religious leaders is vital for the spiritual and emotional well-being of military personnel and their families;

(2) Department of Defense medical facilities, including Walter Reed Medical Hospital, play a critical role in providing healthcare services to the military community;

(3) recent reports indicate that priests providing pastoral care at Walter Reed Medical Hospital were unexpectedly removed, disrupting the availability of spiritual support for patients and their families;

(4) the sudden removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital raises concerns about the effect on the religious and spiritual needs of patients during their healing process;

(5) priests offer invaluable guidance, comfort, and solace, and their presence is essential for individuals facing physical and emotional challenges; and

(6) the Department of Defense should investigate the circumstances surrounding the removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital and to take appropriate measures to ensure that patients have access to pastoral care services without interruption.

178. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MILLER-MEEKS OF IOWA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title III, add the following new section:

SEC. 367. REPORT ON ELECTRONIC WASTE CONTAINING CRITICAL MINERALS.

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the electronic waste of the Department of Defense that contains rare earth elements and other critical minerals. Such report shall include information on—

(1) types of electronic waste, such as shredded hard drives and other data storage devices, from which rare earth elements and other critical minerals could be extracted, and the types of technologies that could be used for extraction, including proven, commercial acid-free dissolution recycling technology and green chemistry technology; and

(2) whether and how rare earth elements and other critical minerals extracted from electronic waste, could be returned to the domestic supply chain or United States stockpile of such elements and minerals.

(b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section:

(1) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.**—The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate;

(B) the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

(D) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

(2) **CRITICAL MINERAL.**—The term “critical mineral” has the meaning given such term in section 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(a)).

(3) **RARE EARTH ELEMENTS.**—The term “rare earth elements” means neodymium, praseodymium, dysprosium, and terbium.

179. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLS
OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVIII, add the following new section:

SEC. ____. REPORT ON EXPEDITING FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SALES TO ISRAEL.

(a) **SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of the Congress that maintaining Israel’s defense capabilities is a priority for national security interests of the United States, including the upgrading and sale of F-15s and F-35s to Israel.

(b) **REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit the report described in paragraph (2) to the congressional defense committees, the Foreign Affairs Committee in the House of Representatives, and the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate.

(2) **REPORT DESCRIBED.**—The report shall contain the following contents:

(A) The current state of, and delivery schedule for, the sale or transfer of F-15s and F-35s to Israel.

(B) A review of measures that could increase the overall production rate of these aircraft as appropriate or expedite the delivery schedule.

(c) **FORM.**—This report shall be transmitted in an unclassified manner and may contain a classified annex.

180. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1. REPORT ON BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER PROGRAM.

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the budget of the President for fiscal year 2025 is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on Block II of the Black Hawk helicopter program of the Army.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Identification of the level of funding requested for the Black Hawk Block II program for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2029 set forth separately by fiscal year and appropriations account.

(2) Requirements for the program that are sufficient to ensure the Black Hawk helicopters of the Army are systematically modernized to address obsolescence and provide capabilities that ensure relevance in the joint all domain operational environment.

(3) A program acquisition strategy.

181. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

Page 304, line 2, strike “and” at the end.

Page 304, line 4, add “and” at the end.

Page 304, after line 4, insert the following:

(C) ensuring the safety and well-being of children with
intellectual and developmental disabilities;

182. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following new section:
SEC. 2. UPDATES TO NATIONAL BIODEFENSE STRATEGY.

(a) UPDATES REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall revise and update the most recent version of the national biodefense strategy and associated implementation plan required under section 1086 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 6 U.S.C. 104). In revising and updating the strategy and implementation plan, the Secretaries shall address

—
(1) current and potential biological threats against the United States, both naturally occurring and man-made, either accidental or deliberate;

(2) the potential for catastrophic biological threats; and

(3) such other matters as the Secretaries determine appropriate.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional defense committees the updated strategy and implementation plan required under subsection (a).

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” has the meaning given that term in section 1086(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 6 U.S.C. 104).

183. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7_. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER
PROGRAM.**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study, and submit to the Secretary of Defense and Congress a report, on how the Exceptional Family Member Program currently supports members of the Armed Forces and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including any limitations in the resources available under such Program that affect the delivery of necessary services and information for such members and their children, how to improve Program outcomes, and how mental health and other support services could be further integrated in the delivery of care under the Program.

184. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. 7. PERIODIC REPORTS ON TRICARE COVERAGE OF NARCAN.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress periodic reports on how the Department of Defense is ensuring adequate full TRICARE coverage of Narcan (Naloxone) for Members of the Armed Forces and their families.

185. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOLINARO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. 7. REPORT ON TRICARE AND CHAMPVA IN-HOME AND NURSING CARE.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on any discrepancies between in-home and nursing care provided under TRICARE and CHAMPVA.

186. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOSKOWITZ OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:
SEC. 7__. STUDY ON EFFECT OF CANCER DRUG SHORTAGES.

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the effect of the cancer drug shortage on veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

187. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOULTON OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1. REPORT ON DIVESTMENT OF MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEMS.

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Concurrent with the submission to Congress of the budget of the President for fiscal year 2025 pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that—

(1) identifies each major weapon system the Secretary proposes to divest in the period of five fiscal years following the date of the report; and

(2) for each proposed divestment, includes an explanation of—

(A) the timeline for the divestment;

(B) any cost savings associated with the divestment;

(C) the rationale for the divestment; and

(D) the expected status of the weapon system after divestment.

(b) **MAJOR WEAPON SYSTEM DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “major weapon system” has the meaning given that term in section 3455(f) of title 10, United States Code.

188. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOYLAN OF GUAM OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. __. REPORT ON PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM CAPACITY.

Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the reliability and capacity of the Port Authority of Guam to support Department of Defense operations in Guam and shall include in such report an assessment of—

- (1) the capacity of the Port Authority of Guam to address shipping demands of the Department of Defense;
- (2) the feasibility and costs associated with dredging at the wharf of the Port Authority of Guam and the impact of such dredging to the Department of Defense with respect to—
 - (A) the size of the vessels that such dredging would allow for shipping into Guam; and
 - (B) whether such dredging would result in savings to the Department;
- (3) the feasibility of such dredging, including a description of—
 - (A) what such dredging would entail;
 - (B) the process to relocate and preserve coral;
 - (C) the types of environmental studies needed; and
 - (D) timelines associated with such dredging; and
- (4) whether such dredging would address the readiness and mission considerations of the Department of Defense.

189. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
MOYLAN OF GUAM OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. __. REPORT ON UTILITY REQUIREMENTS IN GUAM.

Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the utility requirements in Guam that are necessary to support Department of Defense missions and shall include in such report an assessment of—

(1) the reliability of power utility poles in Guam with respect to military readiness and mission considerations and the extent to which such utility poles can sustain inclement weather conditions and acts of mother nature;

(2) the feasibility and costs associated with the construction of underground power supplies with respect to the reliability and capacity of the demand of the Department of Defense;

(3) the reliability of the water and wastewater infrastructure in Guam with respect to military readiness and mission considerations; and

(4) the feasibility and costs associated with investing to improve such infrastructure with respect to the reliability and capacity of the demand of the Department of Defense.

190. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CURRICULUM.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a standardized training curriculum for military vehicle operations, encompassing both classroom and practical training components.

(2) **DEVELOPMENT.—**The training curriculum under paragraph (1) shall be developed in collaboration with subject matter experts, experienced members of the Armed Forces, and relevant stakeholders, and shall cover essential topics such as vehicle dynamics, safety procedures, hazard recognition and avoidance, defensive driving techniques, and vehicle recovery methods.

(3) **UPDATES.—**The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the training curriculum under paragraph (1) is regularly updated to incorporate emerging best practices and technological advancements in military vehicle operations.

(b) **CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.—**The Secretary of Defense shall establish a certification program to validate the proficiency of members of the Armed Forces in military vehicle operations.

(2) **DESIGN OF PROGRAM.—**The certification program shall be designed to ensure that all members of the Armed Forces, regardless of deployment status, receive adequate training in military vehicle operations before being assigned to operational duty.

(3) **ASSESSMENTS.—**The certification program shall include written exams, practical assessments, and evaluations of demonstrated competence.

(4) **NOTICE OF COMPLETION.—**Notice shall be issued to members of the Armed Forces who successfully complete the training program and meet the established proficiency criteria.

(c) **DEADLINES.—**

(1) **DEADLINE FOR COMMENCEMENT.—**Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence the development and implementation of the training curriculum under subsection (a) and the certification program under subsection (b).

(2) **DEADLINE FOR FULL INTEGRATION.—**Not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the training curriculum under subsection (a) and the certification program under subsection (b) shall be fully integrated into military training programs.

(d) **TRAINING DELIVERY METHODS.—**In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) develop a comprehensive and interactive training methodology that combines traditional classroom instruction with hands-on, practical training exercises:

(2) encourage the use of modern training technologies, simulators, and realistic training environments to enhance effectiveness of the training program; and

(3) ensure that training materials are up-to-date, accessible, and tailored to the specific vehicle types and operational environments members of the Armed Forces are likely to encounter.

(e) INFORMATION COLLECTION AND EVALUATIONS.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) update reporting mechanisms used to collect and analyze data related to military vehicle incidents, including vehicle rollovers, and the causes of such incidents;

(2) conduct regular evaluations of the effectiveness of the training under this section in reducing incidents and improving the proficiency of military vehicle operators; and

(3) promptly implement any recommendations for program improvements based on the results of such data and evaluations.

191. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. **MILITARY TRAINING AND COMPETENCY DATABASE.**

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—**

(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense shall establish—

(A) a centralized database, to be known as the “Military Training and Competency Database” (referred to in this section as the “Database”), to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces; and

(B) a process to make the information in the database available to States and potential employers to assist in determining if the training provided to a member or former member of the Armed Forces satisfies civilian licensing and certification requirements.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—The Database shall include following information for each member of the Armed Forces:

(A) Name, rank, and military service identification number.

(B) Branch of service and specialty.

(C) Details of completed training courses, certifications, and qualifications.

(D) Any other information the Secretary determines appropriate.

(3) **AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.**—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a process to make the information contained in the Database available to States and other employers upon request to assist such States and employers in verifying whether the training and qualifications of a member or former member of the Armed Forces satisfies relevant civilian licensing or certification requirements.

(4) **SECURITY AND ACCESSIBILITY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Database is secure, easily accessible, and regularly updated to reflect the training and qualifications acquired by members of the Armed Forces.

(b) **COMPETENCY REPORTS.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Based on the information in the Database the Secretary of Defense shall provide to each member of the Armed Forces a document that outlines the training and qualifications acquired by a member while serving in the Armed Forces. Such document shall be known as a “competency report”.

(2) **FORMAT AND CONTENTS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall develop a standardized format for competency reports, which shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

(A) Relevant personal details about the member.

(B) Description of training courses, certifications, and qualifications obtained.

(C) Date and duration of each completed training.

(D) Authorized signatures and other necessary authentication.

(3) **AVAILABILITY.**—Competency reports shall be provided to members of the Armed Forces upon their separation or retirement from the Armed Forces.

(c) **IMPLEMENTATION.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish the

necessary regulations, procedures, and timelines for the implementation of this section.

(2) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of Defense shall allocate sufficient resources to ensure the effective establishment, maintenance, and accessibility of the Database and the development and distribution of competency reports to members of the Armed Forces.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the implementation and effectiveness of the Database and any recommendations of the Secretary for improving the Database. The report shall include feedback and recommendations from States and other employers regarding the usability and accuracy of the Database and the competency reports described in subsection (b).

192. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following new section:

SEC. 3_. RESPONSIVENESS TESTING OF DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
PHARMACEUTICAL CONTRACTS.

The Director of the Defense Logistics Agency shall modify Defense Logistics Agency Instructions 5025.03 and 3110.01—

(1) to require Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support to coordinate annually with customers in the military departments to conduct responsiveness testing of the Defense Logistics Agency's contingency contracts for pharmaceuticals; and

(2) to include the results of that testing, as reported by customers in the military departments, in the annual reports of the Warstopper Program.

193. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle J of title V the following new section:

SEC. __. STUDY AND REPORT ON REFORMS TO CERTAIN GRACE PERIODS UNDER
TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE.

(a) STUDY.—The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall conduct a comprehensive study on military grace period reforms, specifically focusing on the impact of unit tasking during TAP on the ability of servicemembers to transition to civilian life. The study shall include the following elements:

(1) A review of the current practices within the military branches regarding unit tasking during TAP and its effect on service members' transition process.

(2) An analysis of the challenges faced by service members when balancing their primary duties with the demands of TAP including the impact on their mental health, family life, and overall preparedness for civilian life.

(3) An assessment of current military grace periods that allow for unplanned periods of leave, temporary duty, deployments, or other unplanned periods of non-availability, and an evaluation of the effectiveness of the such current military grace periods.

(4) Recommendations for the creation of a code or policy that allows servicemembers who are currently enrolled in TAP to report in only to their respective command, ensuring that such servicemembers can fully focus on the transition process.

(5) A description of any necessary resources, support systems, or additional training required to implement the proposed reforms effectively.

(6) Any other relevant information or recommendations deemed necessary by the Undersecretary of Defense to improve TAP and facilitate a successful transition for servicemembers.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the study, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representative and the Senate a report that includes—

(1) the findings, conclusions, and recommendations resulting from the study under subsection (a); and

(2) a comprehensive plan of action, including proposed timelines, milestones, and resource requirements, for the implementation of the recommended military grace period reforms under such subsection.

(c) COORDINATION.—The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness may request and utilize the support of other relevant government agencies, as appropriate, in conducting such study.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “military grace period reforms” refers to a set of changes or amendments made to existing laws or policies that establish a designated period of time, commonly known as a grace period, during certain administrative processes or restrictions that may apply to service members in transition.

(2) The term “TAP” means the Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense under sections 1142 and 1144, of title 10, United States Code.

194. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

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

SEC. __. HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ON HOUSING
WAITLISTS.

(a) **WAITLIST ACCOMMODATIONS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall provide to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who, when undergoing a permanent change of station, are placed on a waitlist for on-base housing for a period of more than 10 days following the date of arrival at the new location, temporary accommodations for the entire duration of such period appropriate for the total size and composition of the family of the member and at a rate not to exceed the basic allowance for housing calculated for such member under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

(1) installation-specific data on the number of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents on military housing waitlists;

(2) an identification of the time spent by each such member and their dependents awaiting appropriate housing accommodations;

(3) an analysis of the factors that are creating the need for such waitlists; and

(4) an assessment of the causes of waitlist durations that exceed 10 days.

195. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NEGUSE OF COLORADO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following:

SEC. 7. REPORT ON ACCESS OF TRICARE BENEFICIARIES TO NETWORK
RETAIL PHARMACIES.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies under the TPharm5 contract and changes in beneficiary access versus the TPharm4 contract.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of pharmacy access in rural areas under such contracts, including:

(A) The number of TRICARE beneficiaries and number of TRICARE network retail pharmacies located in rural areas.

(B) The average drive time to the nearest TRICARE network retail pharmacy for a beneficiary residing in rural areas.

(C) The number of beneficiaries who live farther than a 15-minute drive to a TRICARE retail network pharmacy.

(D) An assessment of medication compliance rates for beneficiaries residing in rural areas for the three years prior to October 24, 2022 compared to the period-to-date following October 24, 2022.

(2) An analysis of TRICARE retail pharmacy network capabilities under such contracts, including the number of network pharmacies offering—

(A) long-term care services;

(B) prescription drug compounding services; and

(C) home infusion therapy services.

(3) An analysis of affected beneficiaries and their use of the TRICARE Pharmacy program under TPharm4 and TPharm5, including:

(A) Data on affected beneficiaries' use of MTF pharmacies, TRICARE mail order program, Accredo, departed retail pharmacies, network retail pharmacies.

(B) An assessment of medication compliance rates for affected beneficiaries for the three years prior to October 24, 2022 compared to the period-to-date following October 24, 2022.

(C) Data on affected beneficiaries' use of pharmacies that offer long-term care services, compound pharmacies, home infusion therapy.

(D) The number of affected beneficiaries and number of total TRICARE beneficiaries by age group: Under age 18, 18-24, 25-44, 45-64, 65-79, 80 and older.

(4) An analysis on the effect on long-term care residents under TPharm4 and TPharm5, including:

(A) The number of beneficiaries who filled at least one prescription at a pharmacy that provides long-term care services.

(B) The number of beneficiaries who filled prescriptions at a single long-term care pharmacy only with no prescriptions filled via mail order, MTF pharmacy, or another retail pharmacy.

(5) An analysis of non-network pharmacy use by TRICARE beneficiaries under TPharm4 and TPharm5, disaggregated by rural

beneficiaries, non-rural beneficiaries, affected beneficiaries, rural affected beneficiaries, and non-rural affected beneficiaries:

(A) The number of beneficiaries who used a non-network pharmacy.

(B) The number of non-network claims submitted.

(C) For all non-network claims submitted—

(i) the average TRICARE allowed amount per prescription;

(ii) the average TRICARE amount paid per prescription;

and

(iii) the average beneficiary out-of-pocket cost per prescription.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “affected beneficiary” means a beneficiary who filled at least one prescription in the year preceding October 24, 2022 at a departed pharmacy.

(2) The term “beneficiary” has the meaning given that term in section 1074g(i) of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “departed retail pharmacy” means a retail pharmacy that participated in the TRICARE network in September, 2022 but left the network with the transition to the TPharm5 contract.

(4) The term “network pharmacy” means a retail pharmacy described in section 1074g(a)(2)(E)(ii) of title 10, United States Code.

(5) The term “rural”—

(A) with regards to a location, has the meaning given such term in section 343(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1991(a)); and

(B) with regards to a beneficiary, has the meaning used by the Secretary of Defense in the administration of section 1074g of title 10, United States Code.

(6) The term “TPharm4” means the period covered by the 4th Generation pharmacy contract under TRICARE prior to October 24, 2022 when the retail network reduction went into effect.

(7) The term “TPharm5” means the period covered by 5th Generation pharmacy contract under TRICARE to date.

196. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO JAMES CAPERS,
JR. FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE MARINE CORPS
DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in sections 8298(a) and 8300 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 8291 of such title, to James Capers, Jr. for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of James Capers, Jr., as a member of the Marine Corps, during the period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

197. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 10_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF NAVAL VESSEL AFTER
MAJOR JAMES CAPERS, JR..**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name a vessel of the United States Navy the “U.S.S. Major James Capers Jr.” in honor of Major James Capers, Jr., for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of James Capers, Jr., as a member of the Marine Corps, during the period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

198. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
NORMAN OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

Insert in the appropriate place in title XVIII of division A the following:

SEC. 18. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS PERFORMING
RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF
DEFENSE.

(a) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.—Section 4001 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Whenever issuing a statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing a project or program that is funded in whole or in part with Federal funding, a person performing a research or development project under paragraph (1) or (5) of subsection (b) shall clearly state the following:

“(1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding.

“(2) The dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program.

“(3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.”.

(b) COOPERATIVE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS UNDER STEVENSON-WYDLER TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION ACT OF 1980.—Section 4026 of such title is amended—

(1) by striking “The Secretary of Defense” and inserting the following:

“(a) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense”;

(2) in subsection (a), as designated by paragraph (1), in the second sentence, by striking “Technology may” and inserting the following:

“(b) TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.—Technology may”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS.—Whenever issuing a statement, press release, request for proposals, bid solicitation, or other document describing a project or program that is funded in whole or in part with Federal funding, a person performing a research or development project pursuant to a cooperative research and development agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall clearly state the following:

“(1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding.

“(2) The dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program.

“(3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.”.

(c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should direct the operating divisions of the Department of Defense to design and implement processes to manage and administer grantees’ compliance with the requirements added by this section, including determining to what extent to provide guidance to grantees on calculations.

199. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
OBERNOLTE OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

Insert at the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XXVIII the following:
SEC. 28_. NONAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN NAVY INSTRUCTION TO JOHNSON
VALLEY, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA .

Section 2945(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
2014 (Public Law 113–66) is amended by inserting “and notwithstanding the
instruction number 11011.47D of the Secretary of the Navy issued on June
26, 2019 (or a subsequent similar instruction),” after “subtitle,”.

200. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
OCASIO-CORTEZ OF NEW YORK OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title III, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. COMPROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON ACCELERATION AND
IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP OF VIEQUES AND
CULEBRA, PUERTO RICO.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of a study conducted by the Comptroller General on the status of the Federal cleanup and decontamination process in the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico.

(b) CONTENTS.—The study shall include a comprehensive analysis of the following:

(1) The pace of ongoing cleanup and environmental restoration efforts in the former military training sites in Vieques and Culebra.

(2) Any potential alternatives to accelerate the completion of such efforts, including their associated costs.

(3) Any effects such alternatives might have on the public health and safety of island residents and steps that can be taken to mitigate risks.

(4) The views of residents of Vieques and Culebra regarding actions that should be taken to achieve the cleanup process more expeditiously and successfully.

(5) Any adverse health outcomes resulting from toxic matter at the sites or cleanup procedure in and avenues to compensate local communities for economic losses and medical costs incurred.

(6) The economic impact that the cleanup process has had on local residents due to restricted use of land for tourism and other activities and avenues to compensate local communities for economic losses.

201. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE OGLES
OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XIII, add the following:

SEC. 2. INVITATION TO TAIWAN TO THE RIM OF THE PACIFIC EXERCISE.

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall extend an invitation to the naval forces of Taiwan to fully participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercise conducted in 2024.

202. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle I of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 5__ AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR TO THOMAS
H. GRIFFIN FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING
THE VIETNAM WAR.

(a) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—Congress recognizes the following
acts of valor by Thomas Helmut Griffin:

(1) Thomas Helmut Griffin distinguished himself by valorous actions
against overwhelming odds while serving as a captain in the Army,
Senior Advisor, 4/5 Infantry Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division, Army of
the Republic of Vietnam.

(2) From March 1, 1969 through March 3, 1969, during the Vietnam
War, such battalion was ordered to forestall an imminent attack on
Quang Ngai City threatened by units of the North Vietnamese Army
(hereinafter, “NVA”). The 4/5 Battalion engaged unabatedly with an
entrenched NVA regiment over the course of three days. Captain Griffin
(hereinafter, “CPT Griffin”) risked his life and disregarded his personal
safety, all above and beyond his duty, on some 20 occasions, to lead his
battalion in the fight as well as direct gunships, air, and artillery strikes
on the enemy positions.

(3) During the initial phase of battle, CPT Griffin made numerous
trips across 50 meters of open ground, while under heavy automatic
weapon, rocket, and small arms fire, to advise on the conduct of the
battle and better direct strikes against enemy forces. Fearing slaughter
of his soldiers, CPT Griffin, with one of his counterparts from the Army
of the Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter, “ARVN”), charged directly into
heavy enemy fire and assaulted a machine gun bunker. CPT Griffin
continued these runs, despite the enemy shooting the heels off CPT
Griffin’s boots.

(4) After taking out the NVA bunker, CPT Griffin brandished the
captured machine gun and rocket launcher to exhort his battalion out of
the kill zone and continue the assault into the enemy entrenchments
while remaining exposed to heavy fire. CPT Griffin’s raw and intense
close combat leadership galvanized his battalion to move out of the kill
zone and continue their mission.

(5) CPT Griffin’s ARVN counterpart was struck by close fire, and
CPT Griffin unhesitatingly carried the wounded commander to safety
while shielding him with his own body against rocket and artillery fire.
CPT Griffin proceeded to carry four more wounded soldiers to safety
while protecting them with his own body, returning each time against
devastating enemy fire. While leading the final attack, CPT Griffin was
hit three times in the chest by enemy small arms fire, yet continued to
lead at the forefront of his battalion until the mission was completed.
Under CPT Griffin’s command and leadership, the 4/5 Battalion
continued to reduce the enemy regiment’s fighting capacity.

(6) CPT Griffin’s personal leadership in intense close combat
resulted in a major win for his battalion against overwhelming odds,
killing 93 enemy soldiers and saving the lives of over 300 allied soldiers
by galvanizing and leading them out of the kill zone.

(7) CPT Griffin’s selfless devotion to duty, his extraordinary heroism,
conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, and numerous risks of his life
above and beyond the call of duty, are all in keeping with the highest

traditions of the Army, and reflect great credit on himself, the Armed Forces, and the United States.

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following with regards to the original decision to award a Silver Star to Thomas Helmut Griffin:

(1) When awarding him the Silver Star, CPT Griffin's chain of command was unaware of the full extent of his valorous actions and the numerous risks he took for his soldiers, all above and beyond the call of duty.

(2) Congress notes that although CPT Griffin was struck three times by enemy fire, and at one point was completely surrounded by the enemy, he continued to fight and lead his battalion against devastating and overwhelming enemy fire.

(3) Congress notes that CPT Griffin's Commanding Officer, Colonel Dean E. Hutter (ret.), sent a letter to the Department of the Army dated November 6, 2013, in which he accounts for the revelation of additional, substantive and material evidence not known at the time of the decision to award the Silver Star, and in which he describes as compelling "the justice of upgrading CPT Griffin's sustained and varied acts of combat valor to their rightful level of recognition, the Medal of Honor".

(4) Congress further notes that Colonel Hutter issued a letter to former United States Representative Sam Farr on September 15, 2011, noting his support for an upgrade from a Silver Star to a Medal of Honor, having recognized CPT Griffin's acts of valor as, "numerous, selfless demonstrations of personal risk in pressing a close-combat attack against a well-entrenched element of a battalion-size enemy formation".

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO THOMAS HELMUT GRIFFIN FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 7271 of such title, to Thomas Helmut Griffin for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(2) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of Thomas H. Griffin during the period of March 1 through March 3, 1969, while serving as a captain in the Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Silver Star.

203. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1859. PROMOTING THE MILTAX PROGRAM AND TAX PREPARATION SERVICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each member of an Armed Force under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department receives, not later than March 1 of each calendar year, an annual written notice by mail, an electronic mail, or in person notice, electronic notification of the availability of the MilTax program and other tax preparation assistance programs furnished by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than the date which is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a written report to Congress regarding the rates of participation by members described in subsection (a) in the programs described in such subsection.

204. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XV, add the following new section:

SEC. 15_. UPDATED STRATEGY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RELATING TO
INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander of the United States Strategic Command and the Commander of the United States Cyber Command, shall develop a strategy that updates the strategy contained in the document of the Department of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 (in this section referred to as the “updated strategy”).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The updated strategy shall—

(1) build upon the document of the Department of Defense titled “Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment” and dated July 25, 2018 and the goals outlined in the 2022 National Defense Strategy;

(2) provide for each of the activities under subsection (c);

(3) serve as the lead document for the Joint Force with respect to organizing and using information as a component of military strategy;

(4) establish consistency in the understanding of, and the conduct of operations in, the information environment across the Armed Forces;

(5) reflect changes in the information environment, and operations conducted in such environment, since 2018; and

(6) categorize information operations based on current uses in military campaigns, to enable better staffing, training, and funding for specific types of operations in the information environment.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The updated strategy shall include the following:

(1) The designation of information as a military domain, for the purpose of facilitating—

(A) improved treatment of the information domain within the National Defense Strategy;

(B) more effective tasking of roles and responsibilities within each Armed Force for the Secretaries concerned to meet objectives in the information environment;

(C) improved organization, with respect to the use of information as a tool for military purposes, of—

(i) forces across each Armed Force; and

(ii) the various combatant commands.

(2) The designation of specific categories for the various components of information operations as follows:

(A) A category to be known as “operations in the information environment”, inclusive of the components of information operations that—

(i) support the achievement of objectives at the tactical and operational levels; and

(ii) through such achievements, establish information operations as a national component of power, by contributing to the hard or soft power of the United States (such as the military capabilities or economic strength of the United States, respectively).

(B) A category to be known as “special information operations”, inclusive of the components of information operations that enable

the Joint Force and interagency forces to address nontraditional problem sets, particularly with respect to—

- (i) operations that occur in the gray zone; or
- (ii) competition below the threshold of armed conflict.

(C) A category to be known as “long-term public diplomacy”, inclusive of the components of information operations that—

- (i) require synchronized themes, messaging, symbols, and narratives, with long term organization incentive structures to achieve a coherent effect;
- (ii) involve an organizational structure that incentivizes collaboration between the Department of Defense and other relevant Federal departments and agencies; and
- (iii) prioritizes long-term public diplomacy.

(3) The establishment of working definitions for each of the categories listed in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of paragraph (2), taking into consideration the corresponding descriptions provided in such subparagraphs.

(4) An assessment of potential means to synchronize efforts between combatant commands that, as of the date of the enactment of this Act, offer information operations training to meet requirements established by the categorization of information operations proposed in paragraph (2), including—

- (A) the Marine Corps Information Operations Command;
- (B) the 16th Air Force;
- (C) the Army 1st Information Operations Command; and
- (D) the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

(d) **INTERIM REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate an interim report on the implementation of this section, including—

(1) an interim plan for the updated strategy, to include a proposed implementation plan and a framework for the future submission of quarterly progress reviews under subsection (e)(4).

(2) any funding requirements to implement the updated strategy; and

(3) any other resources necessary to implement the updated strategy, as identified by the Secretary of Defense.

(e) **DEADLINE; FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and, with respect to the matter specified in paragraph (4), on a quarterly basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report containing—

(1) a copy of the completed updated strategy;

(2) an implementation plan for the updated strategy;

(3) an outline of an investment framework that identifies planning priorities and funding requirements to implement the updated strategy according to such plan; and

(4) a progress review with respect to the status of the implementation of the updated strategy.

205. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PANETTA OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR
10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title XII, add the following new section:

SEC. 12__ INCLUSION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES IN PLANNING AND
STRATEGY RELATING TO THE ARCTIC REGION.

(a) STRATEGY.—

(1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of the United States Northern Command, shall develop and submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a Special Operations Forces Arctic Security Strategy, applicable across each component of the special operations forces and within each Armed Force (in this section referred to as the “strategy”).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy shall—

(A) build upon the findings of the report under section 1090(a)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) and the 2022 National Defense Strategy;

(B) facilitate a consistent understanding of Arctic security priorities across the Department of Defense and a common understanding of the use and purpose of special operations forces for Arctic activities across the Armed Forces, combatant commands, and other relevant elements of the Department of Defense; and

(C) promote greater use and prioritization of special operations forces capabilities, particularly with respect to the special operations force of the Army, in Arctic security planning and coordination with Indigenous populations and High North allies and partners.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall include the following:

(1) A plan for the leveraging of North American Indigenous Arctic populations, and the establishment of working definitions and parameters for cooperation with such populations in the following areas:

(A) Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance gathering.

(B) Improved Arctic training and operation tactics, techniques, and procedures.

(C) Empowering local populations to create solutions to regional issues.

(D) Building resilience against invasion and occupation and enhancing deterrence capabilities.

(E) Improving the capacity of allies and partners to build capabilities in the region that produce advantages against adversaries.

(F) Building United States credibility for combat operations in the region.

(G) Demonstrating United States commitment to improving living standards in the region.

(H) Any other area the of the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command determines appropriate.

(2) A requirement that special operations forces achieve readiness with respect to not more than two Arctic environments.

(3) With respect to terminology and working definitions of the Department—

(A) a requirement that—

(i) the use of the terms “Arctic-capable” and “Arctic-ready” may no longer be used in any document or other material produced by the Department of Defense that outlines Arctic strategies;

(ii) the replacement terms “Arctic-trained” and “Arctic-proficient” shall be used in lieu of “Arctic-capable” and “Arctic-ready”, respectively; and

(iii) the Department shall provide clear definitions and readiness requirements for each replacement term under clause (ii).

(B) a review of terminology, and the use of such terminology, relating to military doctrinal readiness (such as the terms “trained” and “proficient”) in the Arctic context, to ensure that the Armed Forces meet operational expectations and may fully partake in joint-training exercises with allies and partners of the United States.

(4) A description of the conditions necessary to establish a standardized pathway for self-validation for each Armed Force that requires units to be Arctic capable, with such standardized pathway being tailored to each Armed Force but consistent with respect to shared terminology, an agreed upon list of Arctic environments, and agreed upon standards to become Arctic capable in each such environment.

(5) A requirement that the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of the United States Northern Command, include in any future years plan for the Arctic Security Initiative required under section 1090(b)(2)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117–81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) the following:

(A) Updates on ongoing priorities for Arctic objectives of the special operations forces.

(B) Assessments of the integration of Arctic operations of the special operations forces, including the use of Indigenous approaches to domain awareness.

(C) A description of the activities and resources needed for the special operations forces to obtain readiness in the Arctic region, including manning, training, equipping, and funding requirements.

(D) Any other matter the Commander of the United States Northern Command and the Secretary of Defense jointly determine appropriate.

(6) A requirement that, on an annual basis, the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a progress report (in unclassified form, but with the option of including a classified annex) on the implementation and use of the strategy, including—

(A) an assessment of the ability of the strategy to address new and ongoing concerns;

(B) areas relating to the strategy in need of improvement, including any new funding necessary;

(C) use of the strategy across each Armed Force; and

(D) an updated threat assessment with respect to the Arctic region.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “special operations forces” means forces described under section 167(j) of title 10, United States Code.

206. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PAPPAS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10_. ASSESSMENT OF SUICIDE RISK AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) **PROCEDURE.**—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and in collaboration with the Defense Suicide Prevention Office, shall establish a procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations.

(b) **REPORT.**— Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the strategy and procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations.

207. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PASCRELL JR. OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. 7_. STUDY AND REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF LIFTING OUTPATIENT
REHABILITATION THERAPY MAXIMUMS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF
THE ARMED FORCES WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of lifting outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for members of the Armed Forces who—

(1) are serving on active duty and who

(2) have suffered a brain injury while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces; and

(3) are TRICARE beneficiaries.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection (a) shall include the examination of a range of therapy services, including restorative therapies and therapies intended to improve cognitive and functional capabilities.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than twelve months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that includes the findings and conclusions of the study required by subsection (a)

208. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE
PASCRELL JR. OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE
FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

**SEC. 7_. STUDY ON APPROVAL OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACCREDITATION
BODIES FOR TRANSITIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL BRAIN INJURY
TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs for members of the Armed Forces who sustained a brain injury while serving on active duty in the Armed Forces.