

209. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle C of title I, insert the following:

SEC. 1. REPORT ON USE OF GOVERNMENT DOCKS FOR SHIP REPAIR AND  
MAINTENANCE.

On an annual basis, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that—

(1) identifies each instance in the year preceding the date of the report in which the Navy used a Government dock for a ship repair and maintenance availability when sufficient capacity was available in private docks during the period in which such repairs and maintenance were expected to be performed; and

(2) for each such instance, provides an explanation of the reasons the Navy used a Government dock rather than a private dock.

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

SEC. 7\_\_ STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN MEDICAL SUPPORT DURING OPERATIONS OF  
ARMED FORCES IN ARCTIC REGION.

(a) STRATEGY.—Not later than May 3, 2024, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces and the Joint Staff Surgeon, shall develop a strategy to sustain medical support during operations of the Armed Forces in the Arctic region, with a focus on addressing medical challenges related to extreme cold weather environments.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An identification of future extreme cold weather medical requirements and capabilities necessary to support operational health and readiness in Arctic conditions.

(2) An identification of any current or potential partnerships with institutions of higher education with academic medical centers, or other entities, to support current and future medical requirements of members of the Armed Forces in extreme cold weather environments.

(3) Requirements of the Department of Defense for laboratories and medical product development, including requirements for research and development to support the transition and fielding of medical products for extreme cold weather environments.

(4) An identification of extreme cold weather medical capability gaps and actions necessary to close or mitigate those gaps.

(5) Recommendations to amend relevant clinical practice guidelines to treat injuries sustained in extreme cold weather environments.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs completes the development of the strategy under subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on such strategy.

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

**SEC. 6\_. GUIDE FOR SURVIVORS TO CLAIM THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF A  
DECEASED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

Not later than September 30, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation of the Secretaries of the military departments, shall publish and post on the website of Military OneSource a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Forces may—

- (1) receive the personal effects of such member; and
- (2) file a claim with the Secretary of the military department concerned if the survivor believes such effects were disposed of incorrectly.

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At the end of subtitle D of title II of division A, add the following:

SEC. \_\_. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPECTRUM CERTIFICATION.

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

- (1) use of Link 16 is vitally important to national defense;
- (2) the 2002 Memorandum of Agreement signed between the Department of Defense and Department of Transportation regarding Link 16 use in the 960–1215 MHz frequency band, resulted in the Departments jointly developing a methodology to facilitate Electromagnetic Compatibility Features (EMCF) certification which ensures frequency deconfliction of Link 16 from air traffic systems;
- (3) in 2009 the Department of Defense was endorsed to certify all future Link 16 terminals, eliminating the need for NTIA EMCF demonstrations;
- (4) recent issues between Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration coordination over Electromagnetic Compatibility Features along with the expanded use of software defined radios and agile software practices within the Department of Defense have caused significant delays to needed national security capabilities, detrimental training impacts, Department of Defense safety risks that adversely impact national security, incur excess taxpayer expense, and make current certification processes incompatible with maintaining spectrum dominance over adversary nations;
- (5) the Department of Defense is responsible for the testing of numerous systems and has the requisite knowledge, experience, and expertise to conduct self-certification of Department radio systems and are currently performing the testing required to support radio system certification;
- (6) only those changes, hardware or software based, that impact EMCF of a Department of Defense radio should require recertification IAW Appendix A of The Department of Defense and Department of Transportation Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the 960–1215 MHz Frequency Band and that the weapon system program manager is best positioned to make the determination of any impacts hardware or software changes may have;
- (7) the Joint Tactical Information Distribution System/Multi-Function Information Distribution System (Link 16) Certification of Spectrum Support and NTIA Manual of Regulations for Federal Radiofrequency Spectrum Management grants approval for uncoordinated operations of Link 16 systems if meeting certain restrictions; authorizing the Department of Defense to internally manage Link 16 use on certified systems subject to documented restrictions;
- (8) Link 16 use not meeting requirements for uncoordinated operations can be approved if coordinated with the FAA;
- (9) in over 45 years of use, there are no recorded instances of Department of Defense use of Link 16 causing interference with air traffic systems; and
- (10) as agreed to by both the Department of Defense and Federal Aviation Administration, Link 16 policies must be updated to keep pace with agile development practices and ensure safe and effective spectrum dominance for national defense.

(b) **POLICIES REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement policies to adapt Link 16 system management and certification to align with agile development practices.

(c) **ELEMENTS.**—The policies required by subsection (b) shall include the following:

(1) A standardized process through a Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Manual, to allow Link 16 frequency use within approved special use airspaces for the purpose of testing radio systems and associated software that have not completed electromagnetic compatibility features certification.

(A) Such processes shall at minimum ensure routine and continued approval for test operations of developmental systems in the Nevada Test and Training Range, Restricted Area 2508, Warning Area 151/470, Warning Area 386, and the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

(B) Standardized mitigations that enable routine approval including effective radiated power settings and coordination for rapid test termination may be considered.

(2) Processes to streamline approval or denial of temporary frequency assignment for Link 16 operations to not more than 15 days for test, training, and large-scale exercises.

(A) Such processes shall cover operations in excess of uncoordinated operations time slot duty factor limits, inclusion of foreign participants, and participation of non-stage 4 approved terminals or platforms.

(B) Consideration shall be given to delegation of sole authority for temporary frequency assignment to the Department of Defense and the automation of such decision-making process.

(3) Delegation of authority to the system program manager to determine when new software within Department Link 16 terminals affect electromagnetic compatibility features and requires recertification.

(4) The self-certification of Department radio compliance with electromagnetic compatibility features.

(5) Processes to internally manage Link 16 uncoordinated operations that enable approval for test, training, and exercises that does not exceed 15 days for systems holding an active radio frequency authorization or temporary frequency assignment.

(d) **INFORMATION TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees—

(1) a briefing on the policies developed pursuant to subsection (b), along with a timeline for implementation; and

(2) a list of such additional resources or authorities as the Secretary determines may be required to implement such policies.

(e) **TESTING REQUIRED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Department of Defense shall conduct, sponsor, or review testing and analysis that determines if any effects on commercial air traffic systems are possible due to Link 16 terminals which have not completed electromagnetic compatibility features certification and quantifies any such effects. Such testing shall evaluate Link 16 transmission within plus or minus 7 megahertz of the 1030 and 1090 megahertz frequency bands to determine if effects on commercial air traffic systems are possible, under what conditions such effects could occur, and the impact of such effects.

(2) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall provide the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the testing conducted pursuant to paragraph (1), with an emphasis on procedures that can and will be implemented to negate harmful effects on commercial air traffic from the use of Link 16 terminals or platforms that have not completed

electromagnetic compatibility features certification, within special use  
airspace.

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

SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT FOR REALISTIC TRAINING EXERCISES UNDER  
CONTESTED AND AUSTERE CONDITIONS.

(a) REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall increase, through the development of new exercises or the expansion of existing exercises, the use of theater-wide and component-level training exercises that stress operations conducted under contested and austere conditions, including the conditions described in paragraph (4).

(2) TIER 1 EXERCISES.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that, at a minimum, each exercise of the Armed Forces classified as a “tier 1 exercise” is conducted, in part or in whole, under such contested and austere conditions.

(3) ASSESSMENT OF ACTIVITIES.—Each exercise developed or expanded under paragraph (1) shall include an assessment of the performance of that exercise from, at a minimum, the perspective of—

- (A) operational command; and
- (B) control and tactical execution.

(4) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The conditions described in this paragraph are conditions involving the following:

- (A) Limited command and control.
- (B) Contested logistics.
- (C) The use of non-electronic dependent communications.
- (D) The use of alternate positioning, navigation, and timing methods.

(E) The conduct of operations in a highly degraded electromagnetic environment with widely dispersed forces.

(b) EXERCISES AT JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX.—The Secretary of Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary to improve the infrastructure and associated resources required to carry out effective training exercises under contested and austere conditions, including the conditions described in paragraph (4), at the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

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At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10\_. ANNUAL REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES RELATING TO UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

(a) **REPORTS REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on incidents involving unmanned aerial systems and related training exercises.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—Each report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the period of one year preceding the date of the report—

(1) a summary any actions taken to respond to real-world incidents involving unmanned aerial systems;

(2) a description of any training exercises conducted to test, evaluate, and refine procedures to defend against unmanned aerial systems; and

(3) a comprehensive evaluation of the processes and procedures used for designing and conducting such exercises, including an explanation of whether such exercises incorporate—

(A) live flown evaluations in representative scenarios;

(B) minimal use of “white cards”, simulated effects, and advanced notice to executing personnel; and

(C) a rotating sample of locations to improve personnel training.



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

SEC. 12. ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL FOR AERIAL REFUELING.

(a) TRAINING ISRAELI PILOTS TO OPERATE KC-46 AIRCRAFT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall—

(A) make available sufficient resources and accommodations within the United States to train members of the Israeli Air Force on the operation of KC-46 aircraft; and

(B) conduct training for members of the Israeli Air Force, including—

(i) training for pilots and crew on the operation of the KC-46 aircraft in accordance with standards considered sufficient to conduct coalition operations of the United States Air Force and the Israeli Air Force; and

(ii) training for ground personnel on the maintenance and sustainment requirements of the KC-46 aircraft considered sufficient for such operations.

(2) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL EXCHANGE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall, with respect to members of the Israeli Air Force associated with the operation of KC-46 aircraft—

(A) before the completion of the training required by paragraph (1)(B), authorize the participation of such members of the Israeli Air Force in the United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program;

(B) make available billets in the United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program necessary for such members of the Israeli Air Force to participate in such program; and

(C) to the extent practicable, ensure that such members of the Israeli Air Force are able to participate in the United States Air Force Military Personnel Exchange Program immediately after such members complete such training.

(3) TERMINATION.—This subsection shall cease to have effect on the date that is ten years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that includes the following:

(1) An assessment of—

(A) the current operational requirements of the Government of Israel for aerial refueling; and

(B) any gaps in current or near-term capabilities.

(2) The estimated date of delivery to Israel of KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of Israel.

(3) A detailed description of—

(A) any actions the United States Government is taking to expedite the delivery to Israel of KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of Israel, while minimizing adverse impacts to United States defense readiness, including strategic forces readiness;

(B) any additional actions the United States Government could take to expedite such delivery; and

(C) additional authorities Congress could provide to help expedite such delivery.

(4) A description of the availability of any United States aerial refueling tanker aircraft that are retired or are expected to be retired during the two-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act that could be provided to Israel.

(c) FORWARD DEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES KC-46 AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL.—

(1) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that describes the capacity of and requirements for the United States Air Force to forward deploy KC-46 aircraft to Israel on a rotational basis until the date on which a KC-46 aircraft procured by the Government of Israel is commissioned into the Israeli Air Force and achieves full combat capability.

(2) ROTATIONAL FORCES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the Secretary of Defense shall, consistent with maintaining United States defense readiness, rotationally deploy one or more KC-46 aircraft to Israel until the earlier of—

(i) the date on which a KC-46 aircraft procured by the military forces of Israel is commissioned into such military forces and achieves full combat capability; or

(ii) five years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may only carry out a rotational deployment under subparagraph (A) if the Government of Israel consents to the deployment.

(C) PRESENCE.—Beginning on January 1 of the first calendar year that commences after the date that is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, rotational deployments of United States KC-46 aircraft shall be present in Israel for not less than 270 days during each 1-year period until the applicable date under subparagraph (A).

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

SEC. 5\_\_. **OUTREACH ABOUT MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES AND NOMINATION  
PROCESS.**

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

(1) establish a program under which Department of Defense personnel shall provide outreach in each congressional district to increase awareness of the benefits of the military service academies and academy nomination process; and

(2) make available sufficient resources to facilitate the program required by paragraph (1).

217. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle D of title VI, insert the following:

**SEC. 6\_\_ IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS  
RELATING TO MILITARY FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES.**

The Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) provide a centralized location for, and promote awareness of, information about foster and adoption-related policies and available Department of Defense support to better assist military foster and adoptive families, including by providing such information through Military OneSource, using a designated point person on an installation, or through an existing installation program office;

(2) ensure that the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director of Defense Human Resource Activity, revises AFI 36-3026, Volume 1, in cooperation with other components of the Department of Defense, as appropriate, to make it consistent with Department of Defense regulations on the required documents to enroll foster children in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System; and

(3) ensure that the Secretaries of the military departments identify opportunities to regularly promote to all employees responsible for enrollment in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System awareness of accurate information and guidance, with respect to enrolling both foster and pre-adoptive children, including by coordinating with relevant offices to promote awareness of the guidance through annual trainings or other training mechanisms.

218. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE POCAN  
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At the end of subtitle A of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10\_. REPORT ON PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING AN  
UNQUALIFIED AUDIT OPINION.

(a) 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 progress made by each component of the Department of Defense that has not yet received an unqualified audit opinion on the progress made and the significant outstanding challenges toward achieving an unqualified opinion.

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

(1) a ranking of each of the components that is under standalone audit or being audited as part of the Department of Defense consolidated audit that has yet to receive an unqualified audit opinion in order of how advanced each component is in achieving an unqualified audit opinion;

(2) a detailed summary of the outstanding financial, technological, and personnel requirements to enable each component to receive an unqualified audit opinion;

(3) a detailed summary of the financial investments made during the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year during which the report is submitted in efforts to modernize the business and financial accounting systems of the Department;

(4) a status update of the implementation of the Department of the recommendations of the Comptroller General included in the report titled “DoD needs to Improve System Oversight” (GAO-23-104539); and

(5) a summary of the strategy of the Department to address shortfalls and potential future training and skills gaps in the financial accounting and oversight workforce.

219. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 7\_\_. STUDY ON USE OF ROUTINE NEUROIMAGING MODALITIES IN  
DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND PREVENTION OF BRAIN INJURY DUE TO  
BLAST PRESSURE EXPOSURE DURING COMBAT AND TRAINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of the use of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among members of the Armed Forces due to one or more blast pressure exposures during combat and training.

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an interim report on the methods and action plan for the study under subsection (a).

(2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date on which the Secretary begins the study under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the results of such study.

220. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:  
SEC. 28\_. STUDY ON CONSTRUCTION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a recommendation for a strategy for military construction projects for a sufficient number of child development centers (as defined in section 2871 of title 10, United States Code) as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at such child development centers.

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

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

**SEC. 3\_\_ DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PRIORITY FOR DOMESTICALLY SOURCED  
BOVINE HEPARIN.**

In selecting heparin for acquisition by the Department of Defense (regardless of whether the end use of such acquisition involves military or civilian application), the Secretary of Defense shall provide priority for domestically sourced, fully traceable, bovine heparin approved by the Food and Drug Administration when available.



222. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle D of title II, add the following:

SEC. 2\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ARMY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE  
INTEGRATION CENTER.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Army Artificial Intelligence Integration Center has proven effective at accelerating the deployment of cutting edge capabilities by integrating research and education across multiple functions and personnel levels and facilitating close collaboration with leading universities and both traditional and non-traditional firms;

(2) Congress and the Department of Defense should continue to pursue the efforts described in paragraph (1) as part of the modernization strategy of the Army; and

(3) Congress encourages the Army to continue to scale up those efforts.

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At the end of subtitle B of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 519. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO MEASURES TO ADDRESS SUICIDE  
AMONG FORMER NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE COMPONENTS.**

It is a sense of Congress that—

(1) since 2020, the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Reports have not included information regarding former members of the Guard and Reserve Components who were not activated for military service; and

(2) Congress encourages the Department of Defense in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs to monitor and ensure appropriate measures are available to reduce suicides in this population.

224. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 7\_. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CLOSING AUSTIN'S  
PLAYROOMS AT CERTAIN MILITARY HOSPITALS.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to close the Austin's Playrooms at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune, or Naval Medical Center San Diego.

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

SEC. 8. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING EXPLOSION WELDING.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The joining of certain dissimilar metals, particularly steel with alloy metals such as stainless steel, brass, nickel, silver, titanium, and zirconium, requires explosion welding.

(2) Explosion welding employs hundreds of highly skilled workers within the United States.

(3) Explosion welded alloys can be found in every major United States naval platform, particularly in Columbia-class submarines, Ford-class aircraft carriers, and Arleigh Burke-class destroyers.

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

(1) explosion welding is a critical capability for ensuring the national security of the United States and its allies;

(2) a limited number of domestic companies produce explosion welded alloys that satisfy Department of Defense requirements;

(3) if domestic sources fail, demand would be fulfilled by China, creating an immediate supply chain vulnerability; and

(4) the Department of Defense should take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the United States has a reliable and domestic source for explosion welding to support United States military needs.

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

SEC. 2\_. REPORT ON RESEARCH RELATING TO LIGHTWEIGHT ADVANCED  
CARBON MATERIALS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should support development-stage research of lightweight advanced carbon materials such as coal-derived graphite and carbon foam for use in electromagnetic interference shielding, signature reduction, aerospace tooling, and other defense applications.

(b) REPORT.—No later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on any research efforts of the Department of Defense relating to the potential use of lightweight advanced carbon materials for defense applications. Such report shall include an explanation of any research demonstrating the potential use of coal-derived carbon foam as—

- (1) a passive heat exchanger for jet blast diverters on aircraft carriers, electromagnetic interference shielding and signature reduction;
- (2) aerospace tooling; and
- (3) high-temperature insulation.

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

SEC. 10\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RARE EARTH MAGNET SUPPLY CHAIN.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) rare earth magnets power critical technologies and national security systems, from missiles, sensors, and jets to advanced energy technologies and consumer electronics;

(2) a robust domestic supply of rare earth elements and critical materials would support a strong and durable national defense posture; and

(3) as the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment fulfills its responsibilities related to the development of secure, reliable, and domestically-sourced critical and strategic materials, Congress encourages the Secretary of Defense to continue supporting projects that onshore domestic extraction, processing, and manufacturing capabilities of the domestic supply chain of rare earth permanent magnets essential to defense and national security applications.

228. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle J of title V, add the following new section:

SEC. 5\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE BY INDIVIDUALS  
WITH AMPUTATIONS.

It is the sense of Congress that increasing geopolitical threats, combined with recruitment challenges experienced by the Armed Forces, are a threat to the national security interests of the United States, therefore, the Secretary of Defense should issue medical waivers to an individual seeking to serve in the Armed Forces who is precluded from serving solely because of a non-service-connected amputation.

229. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle D of title III, add the following new section:

SEC. 3. CERTIFICATION AND COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT RELATING TO  
PREPOSITIONED STOCKS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) CERTIFICATION.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than March 15, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the commanders of the combatant commands, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a certification in writing that the prepositioned stocks of the Department of Defense meet all operations plans, in both fill and readiness, that are in effect as of the date of the submission of the certification. Such certification shall include an identification by the Secretary of—

(A) the quantities of equipment included in such stock;

(B) whether such equipment is sufficiently modernized;

(C) the state of readiness of such equipment; and

(D) the air and missile defense capabilities protecting such equipment, if any.

(2) REQUIREMENTS IF STOCKS DO NOT MEET OPERATIONS PLANS.—If the Secretary is unable to certify that any of the prepositioned stocks of the Department meet the operations plans specified in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall include with the certification a list of the operations plans affected, a description of any measures that have been taken to mitigate any risk associated with prepositioned stock shortfalls, and an anticipated timeframe for the replenishment of the stocks.

(3) FORM.—The certification required under paragraph (1) may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted, shall include an unclassified summary.

(b) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than March 15, 2024, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the sufficiency of the prepositioned stocks of the Department of Defense to meet all operations plans, in both fill and readiness, that are in effect as of the date of the submission of the report. Such report shall include an assessment by the Comptroller General of each of the matters listed in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of subsection (a)(1).



230. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
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At the end of subtitle A of title VI, add the following new section:

SEC. 6. **ELIMINATION OF CAP ON ADDITIONAL RETIRED PAY FOR  
EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMY AND AIR  
FORCE WHO SERVED DURING THE VIETNAM ERA.**

Title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 1402(f)(2), by striking “The amount” and inserting “Except in the case of a member who served during the Vietnam Era (as that term is defined in section 12731 of this title), the amount”;

(2) in section 7361(a)(2), by inserting “(except in the case of a member who served during the Vietnam Era, as that term is defined in section 12731 of this title)” after “based”; and

(3) in section 9361(a)(2), by inserting “(except in the case of a member who served during the Vietnam Era, as that term is defined in section 12731 of this title)” after “based”.

231. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE  
OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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At the end of subtitle G of title X, insert the following:

SEC. 10\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING USE OF MQ-9 REAPER IN AREA OF  
OPERATIONS OF UNITED STATES INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND.

It is the sense of Congress that the MQ-9 Reaper should be used to the  
greatest extent possible in the area of operations of the United States Indo-  
Pacific Command.

232. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE  
OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:  
SEC. 8\_. OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL CHINESE COMPANY INVESTMENT  
PROHIBITION.

Beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of Strategic  
Capital in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and  
Engineering may not invest in or guarantee or otherwise facilitate any  
investment in any entity—

- (1) incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China; or
- (2) of which more than 50 percent is owned, directly or indirectly, by

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- (A) citizens of the People's Republic of China;
  - (B) entities incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic  
of China; or
  - (C) any combination of the individuals and entities described in  
subparagraphs (A) and (B).

233. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE  
OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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Page 625, line 11, insert “and that the Indo-Pacific is a joint theater of operations that requires joint coordination among all service branches in order to meet the challenges of the region” before the period at the end.

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

Page 699, line 1, strike “to provide for” and all that follows through the period on line 6 and insert the following:

for the following:

(1) To provide for the independent and objective conduct and supervision of audits and investigations, including within the territory of Ukraine, relating to the programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine.

(2) To provide for the independent and objective leadership and coordination of, and recommendations on, policies designed to prevent and detect waste, fraud, and abuse in such programs and operations described in paragraph (1).

(3) To provide for an independent and objective means of keeping the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of such programs and operations and the necessity for and progress on corrective action.

Page 699, line 14, insert “, with the advice and consent of the Senate” before the period.

Page 700, after line 14, insert the following new paragraph:

(7) INDEPENDENCE TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND AUDITS.—No officer of the Department of Defense, the Department of State, or the United States Agency for International Development shall prevent or prohibit the Special Inspector General from initiating, carrying out, or completing any audit or investigation related to amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine or from issuing any subpoena during the course of any such audit or investigation.

Page 701, beginning line 1, strike “The duties of the Special Inspector General are as follows” and insert “It shall be the duty of the Special Inspector General to conduct, supervise, and coordinate audits and investigations of the treatment, handling, and expenditure of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine, and of the programs, operations, and contracts carried out utilizing such funds. Such duty shall also include the following”.

Page 701, after line 7, insert the following (and redesignate all subsequent paragraphs accordingly):

(2) The investigation of overpayments such as duplicate payments or duplicate billing and any potential unethical or illegal actions of Federal employees, contractors, or affiliated entities and the referral of such reports, as necessary, to the Department of Justice to ensure further investigations, prosecutions, recovery of further funds, or other remedies.

(3) The oversight and accounting of the obligation and expenditure of such funds; the monitoring and review of contracts funded by such funds.

(4) The monitoring and review of the transfer of such funds and associated information between and among departments, agencies, and entities of the United States and private and nongovernmental entities.

(5) The maintenance of records on the use of such funds to facilitate future audits and investigations of the use of such funds.

Page 703, after line 12, insert the following (and redesignate all subsequent subsections accordingly):

(e) EMPLOYMENT OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Special Inspector General may obtain services as authorized by section 3109 of title 5, United States Code, at daily rates not to exceed the equivalent rate prescribed for grade GS–15 of the General Schedule by section 5332 of such title.

(f) CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.—To the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts, the Special Inspector General may enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the duties of the Special Inspector General.

Page 704, after line 5, insert the following:

(4) RESOURCES.—The Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, shall provide the Special Inspector General with

(A) appropriate and adequate office space at appropriate locations of the Department of State or the Department of Defense (as the case may be) in Ukraine, or at an appropriate United States military installation in the European theater, together with such equipment, office supplies, and communications facilities and services as may be necessary for the operation of such offices, and shall provide necessary maintenance services for such offices and the equipment and facilities located therein; and

(B) appropriate and adequate support for audits, investigations, and related activities by the Special Inspector General or assigned personnel within the territory of Ukraine.

(5) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Upon request of the Special Inspector General for information or assistance from any department, agency, or other entity of the Federal Government, the head of such entity shall, insofar as is practicable and not in contravention of any existing law, furnish such information or assistance to the Special Inspector General, or an authorized designee.

(B) REPORTING OF REFUSED ASSISTANCE.—Whenever information or assistance requested by the Special Inspector General is, in the judgment of the Special Inspector General, unreasonably refused or not provided, the Special Inspector General shall report the circumstances to the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as appropriate, and to the appropriate congressional committees without delay.

Page 704, line 15, strike “is submitted” and all that follows through line 19 before the period and insert the following:

is submitted, the activities during such period of the Special Inspector General and the activities under programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine. Each report shall include, for the period covered by such report, a detailed statement of all obligations, expenditures, and revenues associated with military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine, including the following:

(i) Obligations and expenditures of appropriated funds.

(ii) Operating expenses of agencies or entities receiving amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine.

(iii) In the case of any contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism described in paragraph (4)—

(I) the amount of the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism;

(II) a brief discussion of the scope of the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism;

(III) a discussion of how the department or agency of the United States Government involved in the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism identified, and solicited offers from, potential individuals or entities to perform the contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism, together with a list of the potential individuals or entities that were issued solicitations for the offers; and

(IV) the justification and approval documents on which was based the determination to use procedures other than procedures that provide for full and open competition.

(iv) An accounting comparison of—

(I) the military and nonmilitary support provided to Ukraine by the United States; and

(II) the military and nonmilitary support provided to Ukraine by other North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries, including allied contributions to Ukraine that are subsequently backfilled or subsidized using United States funds.

Page 706, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly):

(4) COVERED CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AGREEMENTS, AND FUNDING MECHANISMS DESCRIBED.—A covered contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism described in this paragraph is any major contract, grant, agreement, or other funding mechanism that is entered into by any department or agency of the United States Government that involves the use of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine with any public or private sector entity for any of the following purposes:

(A) To build or rebuild physical infrastructure of Ukraine.

(B) To establish or reestablish a political or societal institution of Ukraine.

(C) To provide products or services to the people of Ukraine.

(D) To provide lethal or nonlethal weaponry to Ukraine.

(E) To otherwise provide military or nonmilitary support to Ukraine.

Page 706, after line 17, insert the following (and redesignate all subsequent subsections accordingly):

(h) REPORT COORDINATION.—

(1) TRANSMISSION TO SECRETARIES OF STATE AND DEFENSE.—The Special Inspector General shall also transmit each report required by subsection (g) to the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense.

(2) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after receipt of a report pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall separately submit to the appropriate congressional committees any comments on the matters covered by the report. Such comments shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex if the Secretary of State or the Secretary of Defense, as the case may be, considers it necessary.

(B) ACCESS.—On request, any Member of Congress may view the comments submitted pursuant to subparagraph (A), including the classified annex.

(i) TRANSPARENCY.—

(1) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees of a report required by subsection (g), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of the report available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

(2) COMMENTS ON MATTERS COVERED BY REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after submission to the appropriate congressional committees pursuant to subsection (h)(2)(A) of comments on a report required by subsection (g), the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly make copies of the comments available to the public upon request, and at a reasonable cost.

(j) WAIVER.—

(1) AUTHORITY.—The President may waive the requirement under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (i) with respect to the public availability of any element in a report required by subsection (g), or any comment submitted pursuant to subsection (h)(2)(A), if the President determines that the waiver is justified for national security reasons.

(2) NOTICE OF WAIVER.—The President shall publish a notice of each waiver made under this subsection in the Federal Register no later than the date on which a report required by subsection (g), or any comment submitted pursuant to subsection (h)(2)(A), is submitted to the appropriate congressional committees. The report and comments shall specify whether waivers under this subsection were made and with respect to which elements in the report or which comments, as appropriate.

(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this subsection may be construed to authorize the President to waive any requirement under subsection (h)(2) with respect to the availability of comments submitted pursuant to such subsection.

Page 709, after line 17, insert the following:

(n) FINAL REPORT.—The Special Inspector General shall, prior to the termination of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance under subsection (m), prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a final forensic audit report on programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the military and nonmilitary support of Ukraine.

(o) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2024 to carry out this section.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for “Operation and maintenance, defense-wide—Line 490—Office of the Secretary of Defense”, is hereby reduced by \$20,000,000.



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

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

**SEC. \_\_. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING FUNDING TO IRANIAN ENTITIES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available, directly or indirectly, to—

- (1) the Government of Iran;
- (2) any person owned or controlled by the Government of Iran;
- (3) any person that is on the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury and the property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; or

(4) any person owned or controlled by a person described in paragraph (3).

(b) **EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES.**—The prohibition under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to activities subject to the reporting requirements under title V of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3091 et seq.) or any authorized intelligence activities of the United States.

236. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SCHRIER OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 18\_. REPORT ON SYSTEM DEPENDENCIES, UPTIME, AND KEY FACTORS OF  
ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM.**

(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 appropriate congressional committees a report on the electronic health record system and other system dependencies, uptime, and key factors that affect the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

(1) A list of the information technology systems, infrastructure, and entities of the Department of Defense pertaining to the electronic health record system of the Department with which the Department of Veterans Affairs has an operational or technical dependency.

(2) A list of instances of electronic health record system and associated system downtime, performance degradations, outages, or incidents of the Department of Defense during fiscal year 2023, including, for each such instance each of the following:

(A) The duration.

(B) The results of a root cause analysis.

(C) Any after action reporting.

(D) The accountable office within the Department.

(E) An indication of whether the Department of Veterans Affairs was also affected.

(3) Any steps taken by, or plan of, the Secretary of Defense to address, mitigate, or resolve the instances identified in paragraph (2), as well as the an identification of any uptime goals for any system affected by an instance identified in paragraph (2).

(4) Any steps taken by the Secretary of Defense to improve governance, coordination, and policy decisions conducted with or affecting the Secretary of Veterans Affairs related to electronic health record systems and associated systems of the Department of Defense with which the Department of Veterans Affairs has an operational or technical dependency.

(5) A plan or schedule, if any, to modernize or replace systems of the Department of Defense pertaining to identity management or patient registration, including the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, with which the Department of Veterans Affairs has an operational or technical dependency.

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

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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

Page 50, line 2, after “produced by” insert “any of the following:”.

Page 50, line 3, after “(also known as ‘CATL’)” insert “; BYD Company, Limited; Envision Energy, Limited; EVE Energy Company, Limited; Gotion High tech Company, Limited; Hithium Energy Storage Technology company, Limited;”.

Page 50, line 4, strike “Company” and insert “companies”.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle D of title XII, insert the following:

SEC. — REVIVAL OF AUTHORITY FOR PARTICIPATION OF NATO NAVAL  
PERSONNEL IN SUBMARINE SAFETY PROGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 8634 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (a) of such section 8634 is amended by striking “the Secretary of the Navy may conduct a program” and inserting “the Secretary of the Navy may conduct a program beginning on or after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024”.

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

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

SEC. 9\_. ADDITION OF COLLEGE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS TO  
NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY.

Section 2165(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (7); and
- (2) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph (6):  
“(6) The College of International Security Affairs.”.

240. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SEWELL OF ALABAMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title III, insert the following:

SEC. \_\_. AIR FORCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for the Operation and Maintenance, Air Force—Training and Recruiting—Line Number 330—Professional Development Education is hereby increased by \$2,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for the Operation and Maintenance, Navy—Administration—Line Number 450 is hereby reduced by \$2,000,000.

241. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SEWELL OF ALABAMA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

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

**SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SOFTWARE FACTORIES.**

(a) **INCREASE.**—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, Air Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for management support, acquisition workforce-cyber, network and business systems (PE 0605829F), line 115, is hereby increased by \$10,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used in support of Department of Defense software factories).

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, administration, line 450, is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000.

242. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SHERRILL OF NEW JERSEY OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR TRANSITIONING MEMBERS THROUGH  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

(a) SKILLBRIDGE.—The Secretary of Defense may conduct outreach to community colleges in order to enter into more agreements with such community colleges that may provide training or internships to members of the Armed Forces pursuant to the Skillbridge program established under section 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code.

(b) CENTERS FOR MILITARY AND VETERANS EDUCATION.—The Secretary of Defense may conduct outreach and provide assistance to community colleges to support the creation of centers at such community colleges through which members of the Armed Forces eligible for Skillbridge and veterans may receive job training.



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

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

**SEC. 3\_. PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING STATUS OF CERTAIN  
CLEANUP EFFORTS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall publish on the publicly available website established under section 331(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 10 U.S.C. 2701 note) timely and regularly updated information on the status of the cleanup of sites for which the Secretary has obligated amounts for environmental restoration activities.

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

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

SEC. 28\_. LAND CONVEYANCE, NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE, NEW JERSEY.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Navy may convey to Colts Neck Township, New Jersey (in this section referred to as the “Township” ), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 3.13 acres and currently used by the Township for school bus parking.

(b) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Navy shall require the Township to cover costs to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), including survey costs, costs for environmental documentation related to the conveyance, and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts are collected from the Township in advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the Township.

(2) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.—Amounts received as reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be credited to the fund or account that was used to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the land conveyance under subsection (a) or, if the period of availability of obligations for that appropriation has expired, to the appropriations of a fund that is currently available to the Secretary for the same purpose. Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and subject to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(c) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The exact acreage and legal description of the parcel of real property to be conveyed under subsection (a) shall be determined by surveys satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy.

(d) ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Secretary of the Navy may require such additional terms and conditions in connection with the conveyance under subsection (a) as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

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

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

**SEC. 10\_. GAO REVIEW AND REPORT ON BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS EXPERIMENTS  
ON AND IN RELATION TO TICKS, TICK-BORNE DISEASE.**

(a) **REVIEW.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of research conducted during the period beginning on January 1, 1945, and ending on December 31, 1970, by the Department of Defense, including by the Department of Defense in consultation with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, or any other Federal agency on—

(1) the use of ticks as hosts or delivery mechanisms for biological warfare agents, including experiments involving Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales; and

(2) any efforts to improve the effectiveness and viability of Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales as biological weapons through combination with other diseases or viruses.

(b) **LOCATION OF RESEARCH.**—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall review research conducted at facilities located inside United States and facilities located outside the United States, including laboratories and field work locations.

(c) **REVIEW OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.**—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall review any relevant classified information.

(d) **REPORT.**—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report, which shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex, that includes the following:

(1) the scope of any research described in subsection (a); and

(2) whether any ticks used in such research were released outside of any facility (including any ticks that were released unintentionally); and

(3) whether any records related to such research were destroyed, and whether such destruction was intentional or unintentional.

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

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

SEC. \_ REPORT ON ACTIVITY OF THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY, THE  
CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN CAMBODIA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the  
enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the congressional  
committees specified in subsection (c) a report assessing—

(1) the involvement of the Government of the People's Republic of  
China (PRC), the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) or the People's  
Liberation Army (PLA) (used herewith to include the People's Liberation  
Army Navy) in upgrading existing facilities or constructing new facilities  
at Ream Naval Base and Dara Sakor Airport in Cambodia;

(2) any actual or projected benefits, including any enhancement of  
the power projection capabilities of the PLA, that the Government of the  
PRC, the CCP or the PLA may accrue as a result of such upgrades or  
construction;

(3) the impact that the presence of the PLA in Cambodia may have  
on the interests, allies, and partners of the United States in the region;

(4) any efforts undertaken by the United States Government to  
convey to the Government of Cambodia the concerns relating to the  
presence of the PLA and the Government of the PRC in Cambodia and  
the impact that presence could have on security in the South China Sea  
and the Indo-Pacific region more broadly and on adherence to the  
Constitution of Cambodia;

(5) the impact the presence of the PLA in Cambodia, as well as closer  
government-to-government ties between Cambodia and the Government  
of the PRC, including through investments under the Belt and Road  
Initiative, has had on the deterioration of democracy and human rights  
inside Cambodia;

(6) any party-to-party training, coordination or other links between  
the CCP and the Cambodian People's Party; and

(7) any other ongoing activities by the PLA or any other security  
services of the Government of the PRC in Cambodia.

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

(c) CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SPECIFIED.—The congressional  
committees specified in this subsection are—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed  
Services, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed  
Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the  
House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 13\_. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO TAIWAN IN  
DEVELOPING AN ASYMMETRIC NAVAL SELF-DEFENSE CAPABILITY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report, along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate congressional committees that contains an assessment of—

(1) the feasibility of providing assistance to Taiwan in developing an asymmetric naval self-defense capability;

(2) whether Taiwan’s self-defense capability would be enhanced by small, high-speed, long-range (200 or more nautical miles), extreme-weather-capable, reduced-radar-signature boats with the capacity for launching missiles, addressing subsurface threats or delivering and recovering small troop units to coastal and littoral locations in the vicinity of the Taiwan Strait, and, if so, in what number and in what configurations;

(3) whether existing and planned Tuo Chiang class catamaran-hulled corvettes are naval assets capable of contributing to an effective asymmetric naval self-defense strategy; and

(4) the effectiveness of Taiwan’s existing larger-platform surface naval fleet, including Keelung-class destroyers, Cheung Kung-class frigates, Chi Yang-class frigates, and Kang Ding-class frigates for self-defense; and

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—For purposes of subsection (a), the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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

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

SEC. 10\_. REPORT ON BASIC UNDERWATER DEMOLITION/SEAL TRAINING  
PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House or Representatives a report on the Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training program (in this section referred to as “BUD/S”) during the period beginning on the date of the induction of BUDS Class 319 and ending on the date of completion of the most recently completed BUD/S class as of the date of the enactment of this Act. Such report shall include—

(1) the standards, metrics, training doctrine, purposes, and administration of BUD/S;

(2) the standards and practices governing medical care provide to candidates undergoing BUD/S training;

(3) the standards and qualifications informing the selection of instructors for BUD/S;

(4) the training pathway for candidates prior to induction for BUD/S;

(5) any changes governing training and screening for candidates prior to induction;

(6) any changes regarding the composition, qualifications, and conduct of the instructor cadre at BUD/S;

(7) the policies regarding civilian participation in BUD/S, such as retired Navy personnel;

(8) any changes to policies regarding retired civilian personnel participating in BUD/S instruction;

(9) all instances of candidates who died, or suffered serious injury necessitating separation from the Navy during BUD/S;

(10) policies set forth governing standard operating procedures in the case of the death of a candidate at BUD/S;

(11) accountability actions related to incidents that resulted in the death or serious injury of BUD/S candidates; and

(12) corrective actions implemented after the death or serious injury of BUD/S candidates.

(b) ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT.—The Secretary of the Navy shall submit, with the report required under subsection (a) accompanying documents outlining the standards of conduct, training doctrine, instructor qualification, and medical care, used by Naval Special Warfare Command to inform the training standards and provide operational direction to BUD/S.

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

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

**SEC. 7\_. WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO FACILITATE URGENT ACCESS  
TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED  
FORCES.**

The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall waive any requirement for a member of the Armed Forces to undergo an intake screening from a provider of the Department of Defense at a military medical treatment facility prior to receiving a mental health care service from a TRICARE-authorized civilian provider if the Director determines—

- (1) such service may not be provided at a military medical treatment facility during the 48-hour period following the time at which the member presents with the condition requiring such service; and
- (2) urgent circumstances necessitate the rapid provision of such service.

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

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

SEC. 3\_. REPORT ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DECOMMISSIONING OF  
TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY UNITS.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the costs associated with the prospective decommissioning, reduction, or termination of any Tactical Air Control Party unit of the Air Force planned during the three fiscal years following the date of the enactment.



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

Page 562, line 8, insert “or where there are significant space launch or mission control facilities” after “operates”.

252. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
SPANBERGER OF VIRGINIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5\_\_ INCLUSION OF CERTAIN PERSONS WHO SERVED WITH THE CANADIAN  
ARMED FORCES DURING PART OF WORLD WAR II IN DEFINITION OF  
MISSING PERSON.

Section 1513(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”;
  - (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period and inserting “; or”;
- and
- (3) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

“(C) a citizen of the United States who served with the Canadian Armed Forces between September 10, 1939, and December 7, 1941, and is in a missing status.”.

253. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARTZ  
OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 1226. REPORT ON CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a report reconciling all United States assistance to Ukraine, including all normal and supplemental Ukraine appropriations and drawdowns, from January 1, 2022, through the date of such submission. The report shall specifically detail the countries, entities, and individuals who received such assistance.

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

(1) All contracts awarded to third parties with enumerated amounts, including an identification of each such third party recipient and a specification of the amount awarded to each such third party.

(2) The total of appropriated or authorized amounts that have been obligated or expended, as well as the total amounts of authorized or appropriated funds that have not been so obligated or expended.

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

254. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARTZ  
OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 15\_\_ ASSESSMENT OF INNOVATIVE DATA ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS.

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 the results of an assessment of the implementation by the Department of Defense of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions that could improve risk management, agility, and capabilities for strategic defense purposes.

255. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SPARTZ  
OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 8\_. OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND  
AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN.**

Section 240b(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate” after “congressional defense committees”; and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by amending the paragraph heading to read as follows:  
“BRIEFINGS”; and

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

“(C) Not later than June 30, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall provide to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a briefing on the status of the corrective action plan. Such briefing shall include an assessment of the progress of the Secretary of Defense in achieving an unqualified audit opinion as described in subsection (a)(2)(iv)”.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XIII, insert the following:  
SEC. \_\_. REPORT ON CHINESE PRESENCE IN AFRICA.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the threat posed by the People's Republic of China with respect to—

- (1) China's commercial sea lines of communication, particularly those linking China to the African Atlantic ports;
- (2) increasing Chinese military presence on the African continent;
- (3) displacing United States influence in the Southern Atlantic; and
- (4) asserting China's status as gaining influence and threats posed to strategic maritime routes.

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

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

SEC. \_\_. STUDY ON DETERMINATION OF DEFENSE NEEDS OF TAIWAN.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall conduct a study on the defense needs of Taiwan and the potential loan and lease of defense articles to the Government of Taiwan. Such study shall address the following:

(1) An initial assessment of the defense articles that are appropriate for such loan or lease.

(2) An assessment of any supply chain or other logistical challenges associated with the loan or lease of defense articles identified pursuant to paragraph (1).

(3) A discussion of expected timeframes for the provision to the Government of Taiwan of defense articles identified pursuant to paragraph (1), including—

(A) expected timelines for the delivery of such defense articles;  
and

(B) expected timelines for the full integration of such defense articles by the military of Taiwan, such that the military of Taiwan is able to effectively use defense articles so delivered in the event of a conflict with the People's Republic of China.

(4) Such other matters as the Secretary may consider appropriate.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings of the study under subsection (a).

(2) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

(c) DEFENSE ARTICLE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “defense article” has the meaning given that term in section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794).

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

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

SEC. 5\_. CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES IN MILITARY  
SERVICE ACADEMY APPLICATION PROCESS.

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy require the submission and consideration of standardized test scores as part of the their application processes.



259. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEIL  
OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

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

**SEC. 1226. BRIEFINGS ON ARMS DELIVERIES TO UKRAINE.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 90 days thereafter for one year, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly brief the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on the status of weapons the United States has committed to sending to Ukraine and to other regional allies and partners who are providing weapons to Ukraine, including an estimated delivery timetable for such weapons, and a description of measures being taken to expedite the delivery of such weapons.

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

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

SEC. -. REPORT ON DETAILED OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES ASSISTANCE TO  
UKRAINE.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on detailed oversight of United States assistance to Ukraine.

261. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
STEWART OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

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

**SEC. 10\_. AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE FUNDING REQUESTS FOR THE CHEMICAL  
AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM IN BUDGET ACCOUNTS OF  
MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.**

Section 1701(d)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (50 U.S.C. 1522(d)(2)) is amended by striking “may not be included in the budget accounts” and inserting “may be included in the budget accounts”.

262. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STEWART OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 15\_. REPORT ON MODERNIZED MULTILEVEL SECURITY SYSTEM.**

(a) **REPORT.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence and in coordination with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the commanders of such other combatant commands as the Secretary may determine appropriate, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on migrating the classified networks of the Department of Defense and the intelligence community, respectively, into a modernized multilevel security system.

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

(1) An assessment of how to leverage commercially available or existing Government off-the shelf technology solutions to achieve the migration described in such subsection.

(2) An assessment of constraints posed by the policies of the Department of Defense and the intelligence community, respectively, preventing the rapid adoption of such technology solutions, including with respect to hardware and software solutions.

(3) Recommendations for updating such policies to grant members of the Armed Forces and intelligence analysts access to more secure tools for the rapid dissemination, integration, and storage of information containing both unclassified and classified components (also referred to as “mixed information”) from multiple networks and sources concurrently, regardless of originating network classification.

(4) An opinion from the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command (with the option of including an opinion from the commander of any other combatant command determined appropriate by the Secretary) with respect to the level of importance associated with achieving the migration described in subsection (a).

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

(d) **INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “intelligence community” has the meaning given that term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

263. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
STRONG OF ALABAMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

Strike section 2854 and insert the following:

SEC. 2854. PLAN FOR USE OF EXCESS BORDER WALL CONSTRUCTION  
MATERIALS.

(a) PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a plan to use, transfer, or donate to States on the southern border of the United States all existing excess border wall construction materials, including bollards.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) A list of contracts in the process of performance to store excess border wall construction materials, identified by location and cost to date.

(2) A detailed proposal for the disposition of such excess border wall construction materials, including a timeline for disposition and the authorities under which such disposition shall occur.

(3) An assessment of the condition of such materials being stored, including (if applicable) a description of materials that have depreciated in value, become damaged, or been lost.

(c) EXECUTION OF PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the date of submission of the plan required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall commence execution of such plan until the date on which the Department of Defense is no longer incurring any costs to maintain, store, or protect the materials specified under subsection (a).

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

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

**SEC. 10\_. REPORT ON MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF A CHINESE  
ATTACK OF TAIWAN.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on current and future military posture, logistics, maintenance, and sustainment requirements to bolster the capacity of the United States to resist force in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan. Such report shall include an assessment of the requirements for all scenarios, including protracted combat in a contested environment (such as anti-access, area denial), and an evaluation of how to best enable a dispersed, distributed force in the Indo-Pacific region.

(b) **FORM OF REPORT.**—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in classified form.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:  
SEC. 8. REPORT ON DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE COMPETITION.

Not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing—

- (1) an evaluation of the consolidation within the defense industrial base and how such consolidation affects the ability of the Department of Defense to procure goods at competitive and market equivalent prices;
- (2) an analysis of the state of competition within the defense industrial base, including an overview of the sizes, as measured by factors including number of employees, facilities, and contracts with the Department of Defense, and market shares of contractors that currently hold a contract with the Department of Defense; and
- (3) an assessment of the economic and national security effects of anticompetitive behavior in the defense industrial base.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title VIII, insert the following:  
SEC. 8\_\_ MODIFICATIONS TO DATA, POLICY, AND REPORTING ON THE USE OF  
OTHER TRANSACTIONS.

Section 8739 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act  
for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 2371 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(1), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by  
striking “December 31, 2019, and annually thereafter through December  
31, 2023,” and inserting “December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter  
through December 31, 2028.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON USE OF OTHER  
TRANSACTION AUTHORITY.—No later than 180 days after the date of the  
enactment of this subsection, the Comptroller General of the United States  
shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of  
Representatives and the Senate a report on the use of transactions  
authorized under sections 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code,  
including—

“(1) the extent to which such transactions are used in accordance  
with policy and guidance related to the use of such transactions;

“(2) the total number of transactions for each fiscal year made to  
nontraditional defense contractors (as defined in section 3014 of title 10,  
United States Code);

“(3) a summary of such transactions to which the Department of  
Defense is a participant for which performance has not been completed  
on the date of submission of such report, including—

“(A) a description of the entity or agency responsible for any  
consortium;

“(B) a list, including the name, of each member of such  
consortium, including the percentage of such members who are  
nontraditional defense contractors for each such consortium; and

“(C) for fiscal years 2022 and 2023—

“(i) the total amount awarded under such transactions to  
each such consortium; and

“(ii) the total amount awarded under such transactions to  
members who are nontraditional defense contractors for each  
such consortium; and

“(4) for fiscal years 2022 and 2023, a list of contractors who have  
been awarded more than \$20,000,000 under such transactions, including  
a description of each such award, the number of awards made, and the  
total dollar amount awarded.”.



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

At the end of subtitle F of title X, add the following new section:

SEC. 10\_. REPORT ON UNMANNED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AT  
MILITARY BASES AND INSTALLATIONS.

(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 appropriate congressional committees a report that includes—

(1) a detailed description of the threat of aerial drones and unmanned aircraft to United States national security; and

(2) an assessment of the unmanned traffic management systems of every military base and installation (within and outside the United States) to determine whether the base or installation is adequately equipped to detect, disable, and disarm hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems.

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

(1) The Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(2) The Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. \_ . REPORT ON UNITED STATES FORCE CAPABILITIES IN THE CENTCOM  
AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should maintain robust capabilities in the United States Central Command area of responsibility to respond to a range of issues of critical national security importance to the United States and United States allies and partners, to include any attempt by the Islamic Republic of Iran to pursue, develop, or otherwise acquire a nuclear weapon or such capabilities.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commander for United States Central Command shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that contains the elements described in paragraph (2).

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by this subsection shall contain the following elements:

(A) An assessment of United States military capabilities in the United States Central Command area of responsibility.

(B) An identification of any capabilities gaps related to the assessment in described in subparagraph (A) and recommendations for addressing such capabilities gaps.

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

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

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

SEC. 8. BRIEFING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CATEGORY MANAGEMENT  
MEMORANDUM.

(a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense shall jointly provide to the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on the implementation of the memorandum by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment entitled “Achieving Small Business Goals through Category Management Practices” and dated January 27, 2023.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each briefing required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) The effects of the implementation of the memorandum described in subsection (a) on contracting opportunities for small businesses.

(2) The tools and data analysis that are being used to support small business concerns in procurement decisions to increase small business opportunities.

(3) The strategic efforts that have been taken to achieve the small business participation goals of the Department of Defense through the use of existing and open market contracts to reach a mix of new entrants, seasoned 8(a) companies, and other small disadvantaged businesses.

(4) The opportunities that have been identified to transition from bundled or consolidated contracts without small business participation to contracts with small business participation or to use small business set-aside competition.

(5) The metrics the Department of Defense has established to measure the effects of the implementation of the memorandum described in subsection (a) on opportunities for small businesses to contract with the Department.

(6) The success stories of small business participation with the Department of Defense that the Department has identified and is sharing in industry engagements.

(7) The sufficiency of the educational resources identified in the memorandum described in subsection (a).

(8) Any recommendations on additional steps the Department of Defense can take to maximize small business participation with the Department through category management practices.

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

(1) the Committees on Armed Services and Small Business of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committees on Armed Services and on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

270. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. \_\_. REPORT ON OBSTACLES TO MISSION OF DEFENSE POW/MIA  
ACCOUNTING AGENCY.

The Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

- (1) a description of the most significant obstacles, if any, to the mission of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to recover and identify the remains of members of the Armed Forces missing in action; and
- (2) recommendations of such Director relating to legislative or administrative actions to resolve such obstacles.

271. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
TIFFANY OF WISCONSIN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

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

**SEC. 1310. LIMITATION ON CERTAIN MAPS.**

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be used to create, procure, or display any map that depicts Taiwan, Kinmen, Matsu, Penghu, Wuciou, Green Island, or Orchid Island as part of the territory of the People's Republic of China.

272. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
TIMMONS IV OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE,  
DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. \_\_. GEOSYNTHETICS PERFORMANCE TESTING.

(a) INCREASE.—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, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for applied research, ground technology (PE 0602144A), line 012, is hereby increased by \$3,300,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used to carry out the development, testing, and certification phase of the Geosynthetics Reinforced Performance pavement test.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense, line 490, is hereby reduced by \$3,300,000.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XVIII, insert the following:  
SEC. \_\_. REPORT ON REGIME STABILITY IN RUSSIA.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that an unstable Russia presents varied, serious, and complex security challenges and threats to the United States and its allies, partners, and interests.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days before the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense shall jointly submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate a report that includes—

(1) the manner and extent to which regime instability in Russia would affect United States national security, the security of NATO allies, and the geopolitical aftershocks throughout Eurasia;

(2) an assessment of the stability of the Putin regime; and

(3) clarity on the command and control structure of Russia's nuclear arsenal in different contexts.

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

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

Page 247, line 16, after "Secretary." insert "Promotional materials shall be posted in gyms, dining facilities, gas stations, exchanges, commissaries, package stores, barracks buildings, unit headquarters offices, and barbershops amongst other locations. Promotional materials shall also be posted to unit and installation webpages, social media, and included in newsletters."



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

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

SEC. — FEASIBILITY STUDY AND REPORT ON PORTABILITY OF CERTAIN  
PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS HELD BY SERVICEMEMBERS.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall conduct a study on the feasibility of ensuring that an eligible professional credential held by a servicemember is considered valid in the jurisdiction of an applicable licensing authority for use at an appropriate scope of practice in the appropriate field after the date on which such servicemember is discharged or released from active military, naval, air, or space service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense completes such study, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

(1) the findings of such study; and

(2) recommendations relating to ways in which the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs may collaborate with an applicable licensing authority to ensure a servicemember may use an eligible professional credential held by such servicemember in the jurisdiction of such licensing authority at an appropriate scope of practice in the appropriate field after the date described in subsection (a).

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “applicable licensing authority” means, with respect to a servicemember, the licensing authority of the State in which the servicemember resides.

(2) The term “eligible professional credential” means a professional credential, including a professional credential in the field of airplane mechanics, obtained using expenses paid pursuant to the program under section 2015 of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “expenses” has the meaning given such term in such section.

(4) The term “servicemember” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4025a).

(5) The term “State” means each of the several States and territories and the District of Columbia.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

SEC. 7\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MAINTAINING IN-PATIENT MILITARY  
MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) in-patient military Medical Treatment Facilities are critical components of the Military Health System and necessary to maintain a medically ready force that can be deployed at a moment's notice on operational missions;

(2) in-patient military Medical Treatment Facilities are required to develop the skilled medical force with the proper trained subspecialities needed to care for service members in wartime and during deployments;

(3) each of the military departments should support a sufficient number of in-patient Medical Treatment Facilities to ensure military readiness; and

(4) The Defense Health Agency and the military departments, particularly the Department of the Air Force, should aggressively pursue creative options, including increased partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, to maintain economical efficiency for the currently operating in-patient military Medical Treatment Facilities.

277. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
WAGNER OF MISSOURI OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

Page 624, after line 5, insert the following:

(6) An analysis of Department capabilities to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation in areas with high populations of members of the United States Armed Forces, including overseas locations.

(7) Recommendations for programs to educate members of the United States Armed Forces on how to identify and report instances of child sexual abuse and exploitation, both online and in-person, to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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Page 364, line 9, strike “focusing on models” and insert “including the Holistic Health and Fitness model, and focusing on other models”.

Page 365, line 16, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

Page 365, line 16, insert the following:

(3) Any workforce challenges in finding qualified trained professionals to implement elements of the strategy.

Page 366, line 10, insert “athletic trainer,” before “or”.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle F of title XXVIII, insert the following:  
SEC. 28\_\_ INCORPORATION OF CYBER SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT  
TOOLS AND METHODS IN THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE MASTER PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2911 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(16) The use of cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods for continuous analysis, monitoring, and mitigation of cyber risk.”; and

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

“(k) CYBER SUPPLY CHAIN RISK MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND METHODS.—(1) In incorporating cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods in the energy performance master plan under subsection (d), the Secretary concerned shall—

“(A) prioritize the adoption of such tools and methods that are commercially available;

“(B) use existing databases on cyber vulnerabilities when selecting such tools and methods for use in energy projects; and

“(C) ensure that such tools and methods provide continuous analysis, monitoring, and mitigation of cyber risk in energy projects.

“(2) In incorporating cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods under paragraph (1), the Secretary concerned shall incorporate all funding available to such Secretary for such measures, including funds appropriated under section 2914 of this title (commonly referred to as the ‘Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program’).”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report analyzing the implementation of (a). Such report shall include the following:

(1) Progress in implementing cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods.

(2) An analysis of the implementation of Executive Order 14017 titled “America’s Supply Chains” (86 Fed. Reg. 11849) and Executive Order 14028 titled “Improving the Nation’s Cybersecurity” (86 Fed. Reg. 26633) in projects that receive or will receive funds under section 2914 of title 10, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the “Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program”).

(3) A description of the execution of cybersecurity recommendations in the February 2022 report of the Department of Defense titled “Securing Defense-Critical Supply Chains”;

(4) Progress in using commercially available cyber supply chain risk management tools and methods to provide continuous analysis, monitoring, and mitigation of cyber risk in energy projects.

(5) An analysis of the effect of such tools and methods on energy resilience and energy security on military installations receiving funding under the Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program.

(6) Recommendations and best practices for implementing such tools and methods on military installations.

(7) Recommendations on implementation of such tools and methods in all energy and infrastructure programs on military installations that

use Facility Related Control Systems Cybersecurity, accounting for the effect of such tools on readiness, energy security, and energy resiliency.

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

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

SEC. 2\_. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PENDING REPORT AND  
CERTIFICATION ON THE WARFIGHTER MACHINE INTERFACE OF THE  
ARMY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Army, for the Warfighting Machine Interface program, not more than 25 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on which the report required by the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263) under the heading “Information on use of commercial software for the warfighter machine interface of the Army” is submitted to the congressional defense committees.

(b) CERTIFICATION AND COMPLIANCE PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the submittal of the report described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees

—  
(1) a certification indicating whether or not the procurement process for current and future increments of the Warfighter Machine Interface is in compliance with the requirements of section 3453 of title 10, United States Code; or

(2) in the event the Secretary of the Army certifies under paragraph (1) that procurement process for the Warfighter Machine Interface is not in compliance with the requirements of section 3453 of title 10, United States Code, a plan to bring such procurement process into compliance with such section.

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

SEC. 18\_. REPORTS ON HARPOON MISSILE DELIVERIES TO TAIWAN.

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

(1) On April 7, 2023, the Department of Defense announced that the Navy had awarded a procurement contract for 400 Harpoon anti-ship cruise missiles to Taiwan to accompany the new ground-based Harpoon Coastal Defense System (in this section referred to as the “HCDS”).

(2) The Department of State notified Congress of its decision to approve a possible foreign military sale to Taiwan on October 26, 2020, that includes such 400 missiles.

(3) Almost two and a half years elapsed between the notification and contract award for the HCDS for Taiwan.

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

(1) the United States remains committed to the security of Taiwan; and

(2) there is reason for concern about the ability of the United States to deliver adequate maritime defense capabilities to the Taiwanese military.

(c) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representative, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report on—

(A) measures that the Department of Defense is taking to address systematic contracting delays related to key weapons procurement programs to Taiwan; and

(B) lessons learned from the provision of HCDS to Ukraine that may be applicable to Taiwan and other allies and partners of the United States.

(2) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

(d) COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the submission of the report required under subsection (c), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes an assessment of the findings and conclusions of the report required under subsection (c).



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

**SEC. 10\_. BRIEFING ON JOINT EXERCISES WITH TAIWAN.**

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress to strongly support the conduct of wargames, tabletop exercises, and operational exercises with the armed forces of Taiwan, as such wargames and exercises are an effective way to build operational expertise and create a force capable of deterring an adversary.

(b) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the schedule of exercises between the United States Navy and Air Force and their Taiwanese counterparts.

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OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 1195, after line 24, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 3538. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY.**

(a) **BIANNUAL BRIEFING.**—

(1) **REQUIREMENT.**—Not less than twice annually, the Administrator of the Maritime Administration, in consultation with the National Security Council, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall provide briefings to appropriate defense committees in the House of Representatives and the Senate on the status of establishing the type of national maritime strategy required in section 50114 of title 46, United States Code. The Chief of Naval Operations and Commandant of the Marine Corps shall participate in each briefing required under this paragraph, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard is encouraged to participate in each such briefing.

(2) **USE.**—The Administrator should use the briefings required under paragraph (1) to augment and influence the national maritime strategy discussion with national security focused stakeholders across the administration, until an updated strategy is published and endorsed by the President of the United States.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—As the national maritime strategy relates to National Security, each briefing under subsection (a) should include the following:

(1) Recommendations for a whole-of-government approach to orchestrating national instruments of power to shape all elements of the maritime enterprise of the United States, domestic and international, on the high seas or domestic waterways.

(2) Assessment of great power competition in the maritime domain, to include opportunities for increased cooperation with Allied and Partner global maritime industry leaders to improve national shipbuilding and shipping, while promoting the international rules-based maritime order.

(3) Analysis of existing shipyards to build and capitalize on the virtuous cycle between commercial and military shipbuilding and repair, to include areas of improvement.

(4) Analysis of opportunities for private or public financing to increase the capacity, efficiency, and effectiveness of America's shipyards, to include infrastructure, labor force, technology, and global competitiveness.

(5) Analysis of potential improvements to national or cooperative arrangements for sea-lift capacity and shipping, including for contested logistics.

284. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
WENSTRUP OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

SEC. 7\_\_ POLICY OF DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY ON EXPANDED RECOGNITION  
OF BOARD CERTIFICATIONS FOR PHYSICIANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall revise the policy of the Defense Health Agency related to credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians under such policy to a wide range of additional board certifications in medical specialties and subspecialties.

(b) BASELINE STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION.—To receive recognition, a physician board certification must meet the standards for recognition set forth, which shall ensure that the specialty or subspecialty board certification reflects that any board certified physician has been certified by one of the following certifying bodies:

(1) Under Multi-Specialty Organizations a physician should be board certified by one of the following:

- (A) The American Board of Medical Specialties.
- (B) The American Osteopathic Association.
- (C) The American Board of Physician Specialties.

(2) Under Singular Specialty Organizations a physician should be board certified by one of the following:

- (A) Certifying Boards approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Educations
- (B) The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.
- (C) The American Board of Pain Medicine.

(3) Should the physician board certification not be listed contact the identified organization of which each certifying body must maintain the following:

- (A) A website that allows for the verification of the certification that meets the standards of the NCQA, URAC, et al.
- (B) Must be a 501 nonprofit organization with a headquarter office.
- (C) Have a full-time certification staff with a psychometrician maintaining all testing psychometric processes.
- (D) Must maintain certification through continuous maintenance or recertification processes, with a requirement of continuous knowledge development that maintains a demonstration component of testing [and/or]assessment. This will ensure physicians maintain their knowledge in the specialty or subspecialty in which they practice safeguarding patient safety and care.
- (E) Primary source verification of education and training of all applicants.

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

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

SEC. 28. AUTHORITY TO CONVEY THE ARMY AND NAVY GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may convey to the State of Arkansas by quitclaim deed, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the covered property if, not later than five years after the date of the enactment of this Act—

(1) the Governor of Arkansas submits to such Secretary a request for such conveyance; and

(2) such Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the General Services Administration, determines such conveyance is appropriate notwithstanding the requirements under section 3 of the Act of September 12, 1959 (Public Law 86–323).

(b) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, shall designate the State of Arkansas as the local redevelopment authority with respect to the covered property.

(c) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, may make a grant (including a supplemental grant) or enter into a cooperative agreement to assist the local redevelopment authority designated pursuant to subsection (b) in planning community adjustments and economic diversification, including site caretaker services, security services, and fire protection services, required under the conveyance under subsection (a).

(d) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing that includes—

(1) with respect to the conveyance under subsection (a), a summary of the coordination among affected stakeholders including—

(A) the Director of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation;

(B) the Administrator of the General Services Administration;

(C) the National Park Service;

(D) the Governor of Arkansas;

(E) the Mayor of Hot Springs, Arkansas; and

(F) the Secretary of the Navy;

(2) a summary of—

(A) any environmental investigations conducted at the covered property as of the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) the response actions required under any such environmental investigation;

(C) an estimate of the cost to each such response action; and

(D) an identification of potentially responsible parties, if any, for any hazardous substance identified under an environmental investigation described in subparagraph (A);

(3) an estimation of the total cost to—

(A) stabilize each structure on the covered property; and

(B) demolish each such structure; and

(4) an assessment of necessary steps for the covered property to be eligible for a grant under the Arkansas Brownfields Program and

recommendations with respect to such steps.

(e) COVERED PROPERTY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered property” means the approximately twenty-one acres, more or less, of land located at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, which comprise facilities previously occupied by the Army and Navy General Hospital conveyed by quitclaim deed to the State of Arkansas pursuant to the Act of September 12, 1959.

286. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILD  
OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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Page 357, line 16, redesignate subparagraph (U) as subparagraph (V).

Page 357, after line 15, insert the following:

(U) The awareness of 24/7 mental health resources, including  
the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

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OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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Page 244, line 8, strike "two years" and insert "five years".

288. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE  
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Page 727, line 24, insert “and with deeper coordination on nuclear deterrence as highlighted in the Washington Declaration adopted by the two leaders during President Yoon Suk Yeol's state visit on April 26, 2023,” after “defense capabilities,”.



289. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10\_. SECURITY CLEARANCE REINSTATEMENT FOR RECENTLY SEPARATED  
MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) **PRE-EMPLOYMENT REVIEWS.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) during the one-year period following the date of the separation of any covered individual from the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense (as the case may be)—

(A) waive the requirement for a reinstatement review prior to the commencement of post-service employment by such individual in a civilian position requiring an equivalent level of security clearance as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation; and

(B) deem the security clearance of such individual valid and eligible for immediate use for post-service employment in such civilian position; and

(2) during the 2-year period following the conclusion of the period specified in paragraph (1), with respect to a covered individual occupying or seeking to occupy a civilian position described in such paragraph, shall complete the reinstatement review for such individual by not later than 180 days after the date of the initiation of such review.

(b) **EXCEPTIONS.**—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a covered individual who—

(1) in the case of a former member of the Armed Forces, separated from the Armed Forces under other than honorable circumstances;

(2) is otherwise under review or suspension by the Director of the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency; or

(3) is unable to demonstrate that a security clearance at an equivalent level as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation of the individual from the Armed Forces or Department of Defense (as the case may be) is required for post-service employment in a civilian position.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means a former member of the Armed Forces or a former civilian employee of the Department of Defense.

(2) The term “reinstatement review” means a review for the reinstatement of a security clearance.

290. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE  
WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
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At the appropriate place in subtitle G of title VIII, insert the following:

SEC. 8\_\_ DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE MUNITION SURGE CAPACITY CRITICAL  
RESERVE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordination with the service acquisition executive of each military department, is hereby authorized to establish a critical reserve of long-lead items and components to provide the capability to quickly access the required components to accelerate the delivery of munitions for the capabilities identified pursuant to section 222c of title 10, United States Code.

(b) **LONG-LEAD DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “long-lead” means a material, component or subsystem that must be procured well in advance of the need for the munition necessary in order to meet a planned delivery schedule for a complete major end item.

(c) **QUANTITY.**—The quantity of long-lead items reserved pursuant to subsection (a) should be in amounts commensurate to fulfill the requirements identified as Out-Year Unconstrained Total Munitions Requirements and Out-Year inventory numbers under section 222c(a) of title 10, United States Code.

(d) **AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCE PROCUREMENT.**—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment may enter into one or more contracts, beginning in fiscal year 2024, for the advance procurement of long-lead items and components associated with munitions in economic order quantities when cost savings are achievable.