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4646	3	Houlahan, Chrissy	CHM	To retain Federal employees who are spouses of a member of the Armed Forces when relocating due to an involuntary transfer	EB 5
4654	1	Escobar, Veronica	CHM	Amends Sec. 1851 of H.R. 8070, to include (1) alternative proteins to enhance the departments' ability to better meet service member dietary restrictions and preferences; (2) assessment of barriers to implementation of the program, particularly for remote or rural installations.	EB 5
4453	2	Banks, Jim	CHM	Requires the Secretary of the Army to provide a report including a plan to field wearable devices for impact protection.	EB 5
3757	6	Waltz, Michael	CHM	Would codify and update National Security Directive 28, articulating a policy and vision for Strategic Sealift readiness and the requirement for an independent and competitive maritime sector- highlighting shipbuilding, shipping, and global maritime infrastructure.	EB 5

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Golden

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on the Feasibility and Advisability of a Pilot Program on Sleep Technology for Military Families with Newborn and Infant Children

Families with a newborn or infant child are often at heightened risk for chronic sleep deprivation, and this is especially true for military families whose servicemember may keep odd hours or be deployed. The committee acknowledges that this can be a readiness issue, as lack of sleep can affect health in myriads of ways. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 1, 2025, on the feasibility and advisability of a pilot program to study smart sleep technology, which detects sleep disturbances automatically and responds with motions and sounds proven to soothe infants back to sleep. The briefing shall include the potential number of pilot program participants, the cost to the Department of purchasing the sleep technology, and how, if possible, the Department could determine improvements in readiness for either the servicemember or the spouse.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Luttrell of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Accountability and Welfare of Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians

The committee remains concerned that on January 21, 2020, Private Caleb Smither passed away as the result of an injury suffered in the line of duty while serving as a Paratrooper in 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Private Smithers was found dead in his barracks room after several days of receiving no medical attention or unit supervision. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than January 31, 2025, on how the Army has improved its accountability and welfare of personnel. The briefing should include:

- (1) how the Army implemented its guidance issued on February 5, 2024 titled Accountability and Welfare of Soldiers and DA Civilians that restated and emphasized the Army's policies on setting leadership's responsibility to check on the health and welfare of their personnel, particularly following an injury or significant medical incident; and
- (2) whether the Army has implemented penalties and what are the methods for accountability to ensure that the appropriate medical protocols are followed.

Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Strong

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on the Impact of Seizure of Ports on National Defense

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of other Federal agencies, as the Secretary determines to be necessary, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2024, on the national defense implications of actions by foreign governments to:

- (1) nationalize, forcibly limit, or expropriate land owned, held, or controlled directly by a United States person that is, or is necessary to access, a port, harbor, marine terminal, or relevant port infrastructure;
- (2) repudiate or nullify any contract, permit, concession, easement, or similar authorization with a United States person related to a port, harbor, marine terminal, relevant port infrastructure, or land necessary to access such site; or
- (3) seize ownership or control of land owned, held, or controlled directly by a United States person that is necessary to access a port, harbor, marine terminal, or relevant port infrastructure.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . EXPANSION OF PILOT PROGRAM FOR ACCESS**
2 **TO SHARED CLASSIFIED COMMERCIAL IN-**
3 **FRASTRUCTURE.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM EXPANSION.—Not later than
5 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall, under an existing pilot program
7 of the Department of Defense described in subsection
8 (b)(1), established not fewer than six new locations at
9 which small business concerns, contractors of the Depart-
10 ment of Defense, and institutions of higher education may
11 access shared commercial classified infrastructure to—

12 (1) expand the access of small business con-
13 cerns, contractors of the Department of Defense,
14 and institutions of higher education to secret/collat-
15 eral accredited facilities and sensitive compart-
16 mented information facilities for the purpose of pro-
17 viding such concerns, contractors, and institutions,
18 as contractors of the Department, with a facility to

1 securely perform work under contracts involving ac-
2 cess to classified information;

3 (2) increase opportunities for small businesses
4 concerns, contractors of the Department of Defense,
5 and institutions of higher education that have been
6 issued a facility clearance to apply for funding from
7 the Government;

8 (3) align the locations of access to shared com-
9 mercial classified infrastructure under such pilot
10 program under which the Secretary carries out this
11 subsection with the existing facilities of the innova-
12 tion organizations of the Department of Defense and
13 central locations of the national security innovation
14 base; and

15 (4) identify and address legislative and policy
16 barriers preventing broader use of shared classified
17 commercial infrastructure by small business con-
18 cerns, contractors of the Department of Defense,
19 and institutions of higher education, including access
20 to required information technology systems, accredi-
21 tation secret/collateral accredited facilities and sen-
22 sitive compartmented information facilities, and
23 timelines for such accreditation and use by such con-
24 cerns, contractors, and institutions..

25 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) EXISTING PILOT PROGRAM.—The pilot pro-
2 gram described in this paragraph is a pilot program
3 of the Department of Defense under which there
4 have been establishment of locations at which small
5 business concerns, contractors of the Department of
6 Defense, and institutions of higher education may
7 access shared commercial classified infrastructure.

8 (2) ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS.—In carrying out
9 subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall—

10 (A) issue policies governing and guidance
11 on the process and timelines for establishing lo-
12 cations shared commercial classified infrastruc-
13 ture under the pilot program described in para-
14 graph (1), including how such locations may ob-
15 tain facility clearances and access to relevant
16 classified networks of the Department of De-
17 fense; and

18 (B) update and streamline the processes of
19 the Department of Defense for approving agree-
20 ments for the shared or joint use of commercial
21 classified infrastructure to facilitate the access
22 of small business concerns, contractors of the
23 Department of Defense, and institutions of
24 higher education to classified environments.

1 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after
2 the date on which the Secretary of Defense establishes the
3 locations required under subsection (a), and annually
4 thereafter until 2028, the Secretary shall submit to the
5 congressional defense committees a report on the estab-
6 lishment of such locations under this section, including—

7 (1) a list of all active and open requests for the
8 accreditation of facilities to process classified infor-
9 mation made pursuant to the pilot program under
10 which the Secretary established such locations made
11 by an entity described in subsection (a)(1), including
12 the date on which such entity properly submitted
13 such request to the Department and to the relevant
14 facility accreditation agency;

15 (2) metrics on the use of the locations estab-
16 lished under such pilot program at which small busi-
17 ness concerns, contractors of the Department of De-
18 fense, and institutions of higher education may ac-
19 cess shared commercial classified infrastructure es-
20 tablished, including the number of small businesses
21 concerns, institutions of higher education, contrac-
22 tors of the Department of Defense, and other enti-
23 ties that have accessed shared commercial classified
24 infrastructure at such locations;

1 (3) any actions taken by the Secretary of De-
2 fense to update and streamline the processes of the
3 Department of Defense described in subsection
4 (b)(2)(B); and

5 (4) any plans for the establishment of addi-
6 tional such locations under such pilot program pilot
7 program locations that will align with existing inno-
8 vation organizations of the Department of Defense,
9 geographic areas with limited facilities at which clas-
10 sified information may be accessed, and central loca-
11 tions of the national security innovation base.

12 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

13 (1) the term “small business concern” has the
14 meaning given such term under section 3 of the
15 Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632);

16 (2) the term “institution of higher education’ ”
17 has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)
18 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
19 1001(a)); and

20 (3) the term “shared commercial classified in-
21 frastructure” means fully managed, shared, infra-
22 structure for accessing classified information and as-
23 sociated services that are operated by entity other
24 than the Department of Defense for the benefit of
25 employees of the Government and employees of con-

1 tractors of the Department authorized to access
2 such information and who are located in geographic
3 areas with limited facilities at which such individuals
4 may access such information.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA

Strike section 813 [log 80736] and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 8___. REPORT RELATING TO CERTAIN DOMESTIC**
2 **NONAVAILABILITY DETERMINATIONS.**

3 (a) REPORT ON PROCUREMENT OF FIRE-RESISTANT
4 FIBER BLEND FABRIC.—Not later than 60 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and two years after
6 such date, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
7 congressional defense committees a report that includes
8 the following;

9 (1) Information on the availability of a domestic
10 source for fire-resistant fiber blend fabric for the
11 production of uniforms.

12 (2) A description of any contract the Secretary
13 or a Secretary of a military department has entered
14 into for the procurement of fire-resistant fiber blend
15 fabric from a domestic source in the three-year period
16 preceding the date of such report.

17 (b) DOMESTIC NONAVAILABILITY DETERMINATION
18 REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the
19 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-

1 mit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
2 of Representatives and the Senate a report that includes
3 a description of the following:

4 (1) The process of making a domestic nonavail-
5 ability determination pursuant to section 4862(c) of
6 title 10, United States Code, including the average
7 length of time to make such determination.

8 (2) The process of reviewing such determina-
9 tions, including factors that trigger the initiation of
10 a review, and the timelines associated with each such
11 review.

12 (3) The process by which Secretary determines
13 whether to terminate or modify such determination.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. BANKS OF INDIANA

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

1 **SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT**
2 **ENTERTAINMENT ENTITIES WHICH PRODUCE**
3 **OR CO-PRODUCE FOR CHINESE PROPAGANDA.**
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5 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to
6 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
7 for fiscal year 2025 may be made available to knowingly
8 provide active and direct support to any entertainment
9 company or project if the Secretary of Defense has demon-
10 strable evidence that—

11 (1) the entertainment company has entered into
12 or maintains an agreement for the purposes of pro-
13 duction or co-production of a project with a covered
14 entity that has used, produced, or co-produced enter-
15 tainment content for propaganda purposes; or

16 (2) the entertainment project is produced or co-
17 produced with a covered entity that has used, pro-
18 duced, or co-produced entertainment content for
19 propaganda purposes.

1 (b) COVERED ENTITY.—In this section, the term
2 “covered entity” means any media entity owned by or con-
3 trolled by the Chinese Communist Party, the People’s Re-
4 public of China, or the People’s Liberation Army.

5 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive
6 the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary sub-
7 mits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
8 and House of Representatives a written certification that
9 such a waiver is in the national interest of the United
10 States.

11 (d) POLICY REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
12 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 Defense shall issue a policy that describes how the Depart-
14 ment of Defense shall update its processes to review re-
15 quests to provide active or direct support to any entertain-
16 ment company or project to comply with the requirements
17 of this section.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070

OFFERED BY MR. FALLON

(funding table amendment)

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy increase the amount for Defense Research Services, Line 002, PE 0601153N by \$2,500,000 for Hypersonic T&E workforce development

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Strategic Environmental Research Program, Line 058, by \$2,500,000.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA OF HAWAII

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM ON FORWARD ADVANCED**
2 **MANUFACTURING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than one year
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 of Defense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of De-
6 fense for Industrial Base Policy, shall carry out a pilot
7 program under which the Secretary establishes a public-
8 private partnership to develop a forward advanced manu-
9 facturing capability in the area of responsibility of the
10 United States Indo-Pacific Command to meet advanced
11 manufacturing requirements for the submarine and ship-
12 building industrial base and emerging needs of such Com-
13 mand and its component commands.

14 (b) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—The pilot program re-
15 quired under subsection (a) shall include—

16 (1) development of an advanced manufacturing
17 facility outside of a military installation in the area
18 of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific
19 Command capable of manufacturing large metal

1 structures, including those required for unmanned
2 vehicles, surface and underwater vehicles, and ship
3 maintenance and upgrades, through advanced manu-
4 facturing, maintaining local machining capabilities,
5 and maintaining a production capability across crit-
6 ical minerals necessary to emerging repair and pro-
7 duction requirements in conflict; and

8 (2) coordination of requirements from the
9 United States Indo-Pacific Command, the Sub-
10 marine Industrial Base Task Force, the Innovation
11 Capability and Modernization office, and the Indus-
12 trial Base Analysis and Sustainment program.

13 (c) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the
14 pilot program required under subsection (a) shall termi-
15 nate five years after the date on which the Secretary com-
16 mences the pilot program.

17 (d) REPORT REQUIRED.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date on which the Secretary commences the pilot
20 program under subsection (a), and on an annual
21 basis thereafter until the termination date under
22 subsection (c), the Assistant Secretary of Defense
23 for Industrial Base Policy shall submit to the Com-
24 mittees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-

1 representatives and the Senate a report on the pilot
2 program.

3 (2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required under
4 this subsection shall include:

5 (A) a progress update on the implementa-
6 tion of the pilot program under subsection (a),
7 including progress with respect to each of the
8 elements described in subsection (b);

9 (B) an overview of any partnerships en-
10 tered into with industry and other relevant enti-
11 ties in support of the pilot program;

12 (C) a review of the ability of the pilot pro-
13 gram to meet requirements identified by the en-
14 tities specified in subsection (b)(2); and

15 (D) input from the entities specified in
16 subsection (b)(2), industry, and other relevant
17 entities on the desirability and effects of the
18 pilot program.

19 (e) ADVANCED MANUFACTURING DEFINED.—In this
20 section, the term “advanced manufacturing” includes
21 manufacturing processes utilizing additive manufacturing,
22 wire-arc additive manufacturing, and powder bed fusion
23 manufacturing.



Amendment to H.R. 8070

Offered by: Mr. Turner

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8070, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Briefing on Modernized Multilevel Security System

The committee asserts that modern warfighting is predicated on modernized networks, moving information at all classifications, with robust security controls and practices. However, the committee is concerned by reports of the pace at which the Department of Defense and partners are modernizing toward a data-centric multi-level security and zero-trust architecture.

Therefore, not later than April 1, 2025, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, to submit to the House Committee on Armed Services a briefing on the capabilities of Department of Defense classified networks to ingest and co-locate data from multiple classification sources and multiple networks.

This briefing shall include the following:

- (1) An assessment of any constraints posed by the policies of the Department of Defense, which may hinder the rapid adoption of data-centric (vs network-centric) multilevel security technology solutions; and
- (2) an assessment of how to rapidly leverage commercially available or existing government off-the shelf technology solutions to achieve the migration.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070

OFFERED BY MR. FALLON

(funding table amendment)

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, increase the amount for Operational Energy Capability Improvement—Non S&T, Line 108, by \$2,500,000.

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Strategic Environmental Research Program, Line 058, by \$2,500,000.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 5__ . AUTHORIZATION FOR AWARD OF MEDAL OF**
2 **HONOR TO E. ROYCE WILLIAMS FOR ACTS OF**
3 **VALOR DURING THE KOREAN WAR.**

4 (a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwith-
5 standing the time limitations specified in section 8298 of
6 title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation
7 with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons
8 who served in the Armed Forces, the President may award
9 the Medal of Honor under section 8291 of such title to
10 E. Royce Williams for the acts of valor described in sub-
11 section (b).

12 (b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor
13 described in this subsection are the actions of E. Royce
14 Williams,—

15 (1) as a lieutenant in the Navy, on November
16 18, 1952, for which he was previously awarded the
17 Navy Cross and the Taegeuk Order of Military
18 Merit of South Korea; and

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1 (2) as an Ace fighter pilot who shot down mul-
2 tiple MiG aircraft.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. ____.** **IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ACCESS TO MILI-**
2 **TARY INSTALLATIONS IN UNITED STATES.**

3 (a) **ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES FOR EXPEDITED AC-**
4 **CESS.**—Chapter 159 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“§ 2698. Access to military installations: standards for**
7 **entry to military installations in United**
8 **States**

9 “(a) **ACCESS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN**
10 **UNITED STATES.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall de-
11 velop and maintain access standards applicable to all mili-
12 tary installations in the United States. Such access stand-
13 ards shall require screening standards appropriate to the
14 type of installation involved, the security level of the in-
15 stallation, the category of individuals authorized to visit
16 the installation, and the level of access to be granted, in-
17 cluding—

18 “(A) protocols and criteria to determine the fit-
19 ness of the individual to enter a military installation;

1 “(B) standards and methods for verifying the
2 identity of the individual; and

3 “(C) other factors the Secretary determines ap-
4 propriate.

5 “(2) In developing the access standards under para-
6 graph (1), the Secretary shall—

7 “(A) include procedures to facilitate recurring
8 unescorted access to military installations in the
9 United States, in appropriate cases, for covered indi-
10 viduals the Secretary determines eligible for such re-
11 curring unescorted access; and

12 “(B) issue guidance relating to the granting of
13 unescorted access to military installations in the
14 United States for covered individuals.

15 “(3) The procedures developed pursuant to para-
16 graph (2)(A) shall include, to the extent practical, a list
17 of credentials that can be used for such recurring
18 unescorted access to such a military installation that are,
19 to the extent practical, credentials non-Department of De-
20 fense personnel already possess.

21 “(4) The guidance issued pursuant to paragraph
22 (2)(B) shall—

23 “(A) identify the categories of covered individ-
24 uals eligible for such unescorted access;

1 “(B) include a list of credentials that can be
2 used for such unescorted access to such a military
3 installation that are, to the extent practical, the cre-
4 dentials described in paragraph (3);

5 “(C) be consistent across such military installa-
6 tions;

7 “(D) be in accordance with any privileges or
8 benefits accorded under, procedures developed pur-
9 suant to, or requirements of, each covered provision
10 and paragraph (1); and

11 “(E) be provided to the commanders of each
12 such military installation.

13 “(5) Upon publication in the Federal Register of ac-
14 cess standards described in paragraph (1), the Secretary
15 shall publish such access standards on a publicly accessible
16 website of the Department of Defense.

17 “(6) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary
18 shall seek to use existing identification screening tech-
19 nology to validate federally-recognized access credentials
20 and develop additional technology only to the extent nec-
21 essary to assist commanders of military installations in the
22 United States in implementing the access standards under
23 paragraph (1) at points of entry for such military installa-
24 tions.

1 “(b) PRE-ARRIVAL PROTOCOL FOR ACCESS TO MILI-
2 TARY INSTALLATIONS IN UNITED STATES.—The Sec-
3 retary shall ensure that the access standards under sub-
4 section (a) include a specific protocol for the voluntary
5 pre-arrival registration and screening of individuals antici-
6 pating a need for access to a military installation in the
7 United States to establish the fitness of such individual
8 and the purpose of such access. Under such protocol—

9 “(1) such a registration and screening shall
10 occur not less than 24 hours and not more than 14
11 days prior to the time of such access; and

12 “(2) if an individual is determined fit to enter
13 the installation pursuant to the pre-arrival registra-
14 tion and screening, access may only be granted upon
15 arrival at the military installation for the stated pur-
16 pose following a verification of the identity of the in-
17 dividual.

18 “(c) REVIEWS AND SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not
19 less frequently than once every five years, the Secretary
20 shall—

21 “(1) review the access standards and guidance
22 under this section, and make such updates as may
23 be determined appropriate by the Secretary; and

24 “(2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
25 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate

1 the most recently reviewed and, as applicable, up-
2 dated version of such access standards and guid-
3 ance.

4 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 “(1) The term ‘covered individual’ means the
6 following:

7 “(A) A member of the armed forces or ci-
8 vilian employee of the Department of Defense,
9 or an employee or family member of such mem-
10 ber or employee, who resides, attends school, re-
11 ceives health care services, or shops at a com-
12 missary or exchange store on a military instal-
13 lation in the United States.

14 “(B) A retired member of the armed
15 forces, including the reserve components, or a
16 family member of such retired member, who re-
17 sides, attend schools, receives health care serv-
18 ices, or shops at a commissary or exchange
19 store on such an installation.

20 “(C) An individual performing work at
21 such an installation under a contract or sub-
22 contract (at any tier), including a military con-
23 struction project, military family housing
24 project, or a facilities sustainment, restoration,
25 and modernization project.

1 “(D) A motor carrier or household goods
2 motor carrier (as such terms are defined in sec-
3 tion 13102 of title 49) providing transportation
4 services for the United States Transportation
5 Command.

6 “(2) The term ‘covered provision’ means the
7 following:

8 “(A) Chapter 54 of this title.

9 “(B) Section 202 of the REAL ID Act of
10 2005 (Public Law 109–13; 49 U.S.C. 30301
11 note).

12 “(C) Section 2812 of the National Defense
13 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public
14 Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2150; 10 U.S.C. 113
15 note).

16 “(D) Sections 346 and 1050 of the Na-
17 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 10 U.S.C.
19 113 note).

20 “(E) Section 626 of the John S. McCain
21 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
22 Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat.
23 1802; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

24 “(F) Section 1090 of the William M.
25 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-

1 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law
2 116–283; 134 Stat. 3879; 10 U.S.C. 113 note).

3 “(G) Section 2833 of the James M. Inhofe
4 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 136 Stat.
6 3003).

7 “(3) The term ‘federally-recognized access cre-
8 dential’ means a credential authorized by Federal
9 law or otherwise issued by the head of a department
10 or agency of the Federal Government that requires
11 the vetting of an individual for access to a facility,
12 area, or program.

13 “(4) The term ‘military installation’ has the
14 meaning given such term in section 2801 of this
15 title.

16 “(5) The term ‘State’ means any of the several
17 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
18 of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin
19 Islands of the United States, or the Commonwealth
20 of the Northern Mariana Islands.

21 “(6) The term ‘United States’ includes each
22 State, as such term is defined in this subsection.”.

23 (b) DEADLINE FOR FIRST REVIEW AND SUBMISSION
24 TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days after the date

1 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
2 shall—

3 (1) conduct the first review of the access stand-
4 ards and guidance required under section 2698 of
5 title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection
6 (a)); and

7 (2) submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-
8 ices of the House of Representatives and the Senate
9 the reviewed and, as applicable, updated version of
10 such access standards and guidance.

11 (c) MODIFICATION TO CERTAIN NOTIFICATION RE-
12 QUIREMENT.—Section 1090(b)(2)(B) of the William M.
13 (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for
14 Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3879;
15 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by striking “is” and in-
16 serting “and, as appropriate, the Secretary of Homeland
17 Security and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Inves-
18 tigation, are”.

19 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) REPEAL OF DUPLICATE PROVISION.—Sec-
21 tion 1069 of the National Defense Authorization Act
22 for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110–181; 122
23 Stat. 326) is repealed.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO PRIOR NA-
25 TIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT.—Section

1 1050 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
2 Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. 113 note; 130 Stat.
3 2396) is amended—

4 (A) in the heading, by striking “**DEPART-**
5 **MENT OF DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS**” and
6 inserting “**MILITARY INSTALLATIONS**”;

7 (B) in subsection (a), by striking “Depart-
8 ment of Defense installations” and inserting
9 “military installations in the United States”;

10 (C) in subsection (b), by striking “Depart-
11 ment of Defense facilities” and inserting “mili-
12 tary installations in the United States”; and

13 (D) by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘mili-
16 tary installation’ and ‘United States’ have the meanings
17 given such terms in section 2698(e) of title 10, United
18 States Code.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. LALOTA OF NEW YORK

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

1 **SEC. 5___ . PROGRAM OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT AND**
2 **EDUCATION AT THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER**
3 **11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Not later than September 30,
5 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into
6 an agreement with the entity that operates the National
7 September 11 Memorial and Museum (in this section re-
8 ferred to as “the Museum”) under which the Secretary
9 and such entity shall carry out a program at the Museum
10 to promote military recruitment and education.

11 (b) **PROGRAM.**—A program under subsection (a) shall
12 include the following:

13 (1) Provision of informational materials to pro-
14 mote enlistment in the covered Armed Forces, by the
15 Secretary to such entity, for distribution at the Mu-
16 seum.

17 (2) Education and exhibits, developed jointly by
18 the Secretary and such entity, and provided to the
19 public by employees of the Museum, to—

1 (A) enhance understanding of the military
2 response to the attacks on September 11, 2001;
3 and

4 (B) encourage enlistment and re-enlist-
5 ment in the covered Armed Forces.

6 (c) COVERED ARMED FORCE DEFINED.—In this sec-
7 tion, the term “covered Armed Force” means the Army,
8 Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. VASQUEZ OF NEW MEXICO

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . SUPPORT FOR COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AF-**
2 **PECTING FLOW OF DRUGS INTO UNITED**
3 **STATES.**

4 Not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall prescribe Depart-
6 ment-wide guidance that establishes support for
7 counterdrug activities and programs affecting the flow of
8 drugs into the United States as the principal foreign
9 counterdrug program priority of the Department.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

At the appropriate place in title XVII insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . COMBATTING ILLICIT TOBACCO PRODUCTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 120
3 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, no ex-
4 change or commissary operated by or for a military resale
5 entity shall offer for sale any ENDS product or oral nico-
6 tine product unless the manufacturer of such product exe-
7 cutes and delivers to the appropriate officer for each mili-
8 tary resale entity a certification form for each ENDS
9 product or oral nicotine product offered for retail sale at
10 an exchange or commissary that attests under penalty of
11 perjury the following:

12 (1) The manufacturer has received a marketing
13 granted order for such product under section 910 of
14 the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
15 U.S.C. 387j).

16 (2) The manufacturer submitted a timely filed
17 premarket tobacco product application for such
18 product, and the application either remains under
19 review by the Secretary or has received a denial

1 order that has been and remains stayed by the Sec-
2 retary or court order, rescinded by the Secretary, or
3 vacated by a court.

4 (b) FAILURE TO SUBMIT CERTIFICATION.—A manu-
5 facturer shall submit the certification forms required in
6 subsection (a) on an annual basis. Failure to submit such
7 forms to a military resale entity as required under the pre-
8 ceding sentence shall result in the removal of the relevant
9 ENDS product or oral nicotine product from sale at such
10 military resale entity.

11 (c) CERTIFICATION CONTENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—A certification form required
13 under subsection (a) shall separately list each brand
14 name, product name, category (such as e-liquid,
15 power unit, device, e-liquid cartridge, e-liquid pod, or
16 disposable), and flavor for each product that is sold
17 offered for sale by the manufacturer submitting such
18 form.

19 (2) OTHER ITEMS.—A manufacturer shall,
20 when submitting a certification under subsection (a),
21 include in that submission—

22 (A) a copy of the publicly available mar-
23 keting granted order under section 910 of the
24 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21

1 U.S.C. 387j), as redacted by the Secretary and
2 made available on the agency website;

3 (B) a copy of the acceptance letter issued
4 under such section for a timely filed premarket
5 tobacco product application; or

6 (C) a document issued by Secretary or by
7 a court confirming that the premarket tobacco
8 product application has received a denial order
9 that has been and remains stayed by the Sec-
10 retary or court order, rescinded by the Sec-
11 retary, or vacated by a court.

12 (d) DEVELOPMENT OF FORMS AND PUBLICATION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
14 the date of the enactment of this Act, each military
15 resale entity shall—

16 (A) develop and make public the certifi-
17 cation form such resale entity will require a
18 manufacturer to submit to meet the requirement
19 under subsection (a); and

20 (B) provide instructions on how such cer-
21 tification form shall be submitted to the rel-
22 evant military resale entity.

23 (2) SUBMISSION IN CASE OF FAILURE TO PUB-
24 LISH FORM.—If a military resale entity fails to pre-
25 pare and make public such certification form, a

1 manufacturer may submit information necessary to
2 prove compliance with the requirements of this sec-
3 tion.

4 (e) CHANGES TO CERTIFICATION FORM.—A manu-
5 facturer that submits a certification form under subsection
6 (a) shall notify each relevant military resale entity to
7 which such certification was submitted not later than 30
8 days after making any material change to the certification
9 form, including—

10 (1) the issuance or denial of a marketing au-
11 thorization or other order by the Secretary pursuant
12 to section 910 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
13 metic Act (21 U.S.C. 387j); or

14 (2) any other order or action by the Secretary
15 or any court that affects the ability of the ENDS
16 product or oral nicotine product to be introduced or
17 delivered into interstate commerce for commercial
18 distribution in the United States.

19 (f) DIRECTORY.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—No later than 180 days after
21 the enactment of this Act, each military resale entity
22 shall maintain and make publicly available on its of-
23 ficial website a directory that lists all ENDS product
24 and oral nicotine product manufacturers and all
25 product brand names, categories (such as e-liquid, e-

1 liquid cartridge, e-liquid pod, or disposable), product
2 names, and flavors for which certification forms
3 have been submitted and approved by the relevant
4 military resale entity.

5 (2) UPDATES.—Each military resale entity
6 shall—

7 (A) update the directory under paragraph
8 (1) at least monthly to ensure accuracy; and

9 (B) establish a process to provide each ex-
10 change or commissary notice of the initial publi-
11 cation of the directory and changes made to the
12 directory in the prior month.

13 (3) EXCLUSIONS AND REMOVALS.—An ENDS
14 product or oral nicotine product shall not be in-
15 cluded or retained in a directory of a military resale
16 entity if the relevant military resale entity deter-
17 mines that any of the following apply:

18 (A) The manufacturer failed to provide a
19 complete and accurate certification as required
20 by this section.

21 (B) The manufacturer submitted a certifi-
22 cation that does not comply with the require-
23 ments of this section.

24 (C) The information provided by the man-
25 ufacturer in its certification contains false in-

1 formation, material misrepresentations, or
2 omissions.

3 (4) NOTICE REQUIRED.—In the case of a re-
4 moval of a product from a directory under para-
5 graph (3), the relevant military resale entity shall
6 provide to the manufacturer involved notice and at
7 least 30 days to cure deficiencies before removing
8 the manufacturer or its products from the directory.

9 (5) EFFECT OF REMOVAL.—The ENDS prod-
10 uct or oral nicotine product of a manufacturer iden-
11 tified in a notice of removal under paragraph (3)
12 are, beginning on the date that is 30 days after such
13 removal, subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruc-
14 tion, and may not be purchased or sold for retail
15 sale at any exchange or commissary operated by or
16 for a military resale entity.

17 (g) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

18 (1) ENDS PRODUCT.—The term “ENDS prod-
19 uct”—

20 (A) means any non-combustible product
21 that employs a heating element, power source,
22 electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical,
23 or mechanical means, regardless of shape or
24 size, to produce vapor from nicotine in a solu-
25 tion;

1 (B) includes a consumable nicotine liquid
2 solution suitable for use in such product, wheth-
3 er sold with the product or separately; and

4 (C) does not include any product regulated
5 as a drug or device under chapter V of the Fed-
6 eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
7 351 et seq.).

8 (2) MILITARY RESALE ENTITIES.—The term
9 “military resale entities” means—

10 (A) the Defense Commissary Agency;

11 (B) the Army and Air Force Exchange
12 Service;

13 (C) the Navy Exchange Service Command;
14 and

15 (D) the Marine Corps Exchange.

16 (3) ORAL NICOTINE PRODUCT.—The term “oral
17 nicotine product” means—

18 (A) means any non-combustible product
19 that contains nicotine that is intended to be
20 placed in the oral cavity;

21 (B) does not include—

22 (i) any ENDS product;

23 (ii) smokeless tobacco (as defined in
24 section 900 of the Federal Food, Drug,
25 and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 387)); or

1 (iii) any product regulated as a drug
2 or device under chapter V of the Federal
3 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 USC
4 351 et seq.).

5 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting
7 through the Commissioner of Food and Drugs.

8 (5) TIMELY FILED PREMARKET TOBACCO PROD-
9 UCT APPLICATION.—The term “timely filed pre-
10 market tobacco product application” means an appli-
11 cation that was submitted under section 910 of the
12 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
13 387j) on or before September 9, 2020, and accepted
14 for filing with respect to an ENDS product or oral
15 nicotine product containing nicotine marketed in the
16 United States as of August 8, 2016.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 15 ____ . INDEPENDENT EVALUATION REGARDING PO-**
2 **TENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF UNITED**
3 **STATES CYBER FORCE.**

4 (a) AGREEMENT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall seek to enter into an agreement with the Na-
7 tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Med-
8 icine (in this section referred to as the “National
9 Academies”) for the National Academies to conduct
10 the evaluation under subsection (b) and submit the
11 report under subsection (e).

12 (2) TIMING.—The Secretary shall seek to enter
13 into the agreement described in paragraph (1) by
14 not later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
15 ment of this Act.

16 (b) EVALUATION.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Under an agreement be-
18 tween the Secretary and the National Academies en-
19 tered into pursuant to subsection (a), the National

1 Academies shall conduct an evaluation regarding the
2 advisability of—

3 (A) establishing a separate Armed Force in
4 the Department of Defense dedicated to oper-
5 ations in the cyber domain (in this section re-
6 ferred to as the “United States Cyber Force”);
7 or

8 (B) refining and further evolving the cur-
9 rent organizational approach for United States
10 Cyber Command, which is based on the Special
11 Operations Command model.

12 (2) SCOPE.—The evaluation conducted pursu-
13 ant to paragraph (1) shall include consideration of—

14 (A) the potential establishment of a United
15 States Cyber Force as a separate Armed Force
16 in the Department of Defense commensurate
17 with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,
18 and Space Force, for the purpose of organizing,
19 training, and equipping the personnel required
20 to enable and conduct operations in the cyber
21 domain through positions aligned to the United
22 States Cyber Command and other unified com-
23 batant commands;

24 (B) a United States Cyber Force able to
25 devise and implement recruiting and retention

1 policies specific to the range of skills and career
2 fields required to enable and conduct cyber-
3 space operations, as determined by the United
4 States Cyber Command and other unified com-
5 batant commands;

6 (C) the performance and efficacy of the
7 Armed Forces in the Department of Defense in
8 satisfying the requirements of the current Force
9 Generation Model to enable and conduct oper-
10 ations in the cyber domain through positions
11 aligned to the United States Cyber Command
12 and other unified combatant commands;

13 (D) the historical performance and efficacy
14 of the Armed Forces in the Department of De-
15 fense in devising and implementing recruitment
16 and retention policies specific to the range of
17 skills and career fields required to enable and
18 conduct cyberspace operations, as determined
19 by the United States Cyber Command and
20 other unified combatant commands;

21 (E) potential and recommended delineations
22 of responsibility between the other Armed
23 Forces in the Department of Defense and a
24 United States Cyber Force with respect to net-
25 work management, resourcing, and operations;

1 (F) potential and recommended delineations of responsibility with respect to organizing, training, and equipping members of the
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(G) views and perspectives of members of the Armed Forces in the Department of Defense, in each grade, serving in the Cyber Mission Force with experience in operational work roles (as defined by the Commander of the United States Cyber Command), and military and civilian leaders across the Department regarding the establishment of a Cyber Force;

(H) the extent to which each of the other Armed Forces in the Department of Defense is formed towards, and organized around, operations within a given warfighting domain, and the potential applicability of such formation and organizing constructs to a United States Cyber Force with respect to the cyber domain;

(I) findings from previous relevant assessments, analyses, and studies conducted by the Secretary, the Comptroller General of the

1 United States, or other entities determined rel-
2 evant by the National Academies on the estab-
3 lishment of a United States Cyber Force;

4 (J) the organizing constructs for effective
5 and operationally mature cyber forces of foreign
6 countries, and the relevance of such constructs
7 to the potential creation of a United States
8 Cyber Force;

9 (K) lessons learned from the creation of
10 the United States Space Force that should be
11 applied to the creation of a United States Cyber
12 Force;

13 (L) recommendations for approaches to the
14 creation of a United States Cyber Force that
15 would minimize disruptions to Department of
16 Defense cyber operations;

17 (M) the histories of the Armed Forces in
18 the Department of Defense, including an anal-
19 ysis of the conditions that preceded the estab-
20 lishment of each new Armed Force in the De-
21 partment of Defense established since 1900;

22 (N) a comparison between the potential
23 service secretariat leadership structures for a
24 United States Cyber Force, including but not
25 limited to, establishing the United States Cyber

1 Force within an existing military department;
2 and

3 (O) the cumulative potential costs and ef-
4 fects associated with the establishment for a
5 United States Cyber Force

6 (3) CONSIDERATIONS.—The evaluation con-
7 ducted pursuant to paragraph (1) shall include an
8 evaluation how a potential United States Cyber
9 Force dedicated to the cyber domain would compare
10 in performance and efficacy to the current model
11 with respect to the following functions:

12 (A) Organizing, training, and equipping
13 the size of a force necessary to satisfy existing
14 and projected requirements of the Department
15 of Defense.

16 (B) Harmonizing training requirements
17 and programs in support of cyberspace oper-
18 ations.

19 (C) Recruiting and retaining qualified offi-
20 cers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces
21 in the Department of Defense at the levels nec-
22 essary to execute cyberspace operations.

23 (D) Using reserve component forces in
24 support of cyberspace operations.

25 (E) Sustaining persistent force readiness.

1 (F) Acquiring and providing cyber capa-
2 bilities in support of cyberspace operations.

3 (G) Establishing pay parity among mem-
4 bers of the Armed Forces in the Department of
5 Defense serving in and qualified for work roles
6 in support of cyberspace operations.

7 (H) Establishing pay parity among civil-
8 ians serving in and qualified for work roles in
9 support of cyberspace operations.

10 (I) Establishing advancement parity for
11 members of the Armed Forces in the Depart-
12 ment of Defense serving in and qualified for
13 work roles in support of cyberspace operations.

14 (J) Establishing advancement parity for ci-
15 vilians serving in and qualified for work roles in
16 support of cyberspace operations.

17 (K) Developing professional military edu-
18 cation content and curricula focused on the
19 cyber domain.

20 (L) Providing robust and unique legal sup-
21 port to current and future operations in the
22 cyber domain.

23 (M) Offering medical support to address
24 unique psychological strains as a result of high
25 operational tempo for cyberspace operations.

1 (4) COMPARISON TO PRESENT MODEL.—The
2 evaluation required under subsection (b) shall in-
3 clude an analysis and consideration of how refining
4 and further evolving the current organizational ap-
5 proach for United States Cyber Command, as pres-
6 ently modeled on United States Special Operations
7 Command, may serve more optimally than a United
8 States Cyber Force relative to each of the elements
9 identified in paragraphs (2) and (3).

10 (5) UNIFIED COMBATANT COMMAND DE-
11 FINED.—In this subsection, the term “unified com-
12 batant command” has the meaning given such term
13 in section 161(c) of title 10, United States Code.

14 (c) SUPPORT FROM FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH
15 AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon a request from the
17 National Academies, the Secretary shall seek to
18 enter into an agreement with a federally funded re-
19 search and development center described in para-
20 graph (2) under which such federally funded re-
21 search and development center shall support the Na-
22 tional Academies in conducting the evaluation under
23 subsection (b).

24 (2) FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH AND DE-
25 VELOPMENT CENTER DESCRIBED.—A federally fund-

1 ed research and development center described in this
2 paragraph is a federally funded research and devel-
3 opment center the staff of which includes subject
4 matter experts with appropriate security clearances
5 and expertise in—

- 6 (A) cyber warfare;
- 7 (B) personnel management;
- 8 (C) military training processes; and
- 9 (D) acquisition management.

10 (d) ACCESS TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PER-
11 SONNEL, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES.—Under an
12 agreement entered into between the Secretary and the Na-
13 tional Academies under subsection (a)—

14 (1) the Secretary shall agree to provide to the
15 National Academies access to such personnel, infor-
16 mation, and resources of the Department of Defense
17 as may determined necessary by the National Acad-
18 emies in furtherance of the conduct of the evaluation
19 under subsection (b); and

20 (2) if the Secretary refuses to provide such ac-
21 cess, or any other major obstacle to such access oc-
22 curs, the National Academies shall agree to notify,
23 not later seven days after the date of such refusal
24 or other occurrence, the congressional defense com-
25 mittees.

1 (e) REPORT.—

2 (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Under an
3 agreement entered into between the Secretary and
4 the National Academies under subsection (a), the
5 National Academies, not later than 270 days after
6 the date of the execution of the agreement, shall
7 submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
8 port containing the findings of the National Acad-
9 emies with respect to the evaluation under sub-
10 section (b).

11 (2) PROHIBITION AGAINST INTERFERENCE.—
12 No personnel of the Department of Defense, nor any
13 other officer or employee of the United States Gov-
14 ernment (including the executive branch of the
15 United States Government) may interfere, exert
16 undue influence, or in any way seek to alter the
17 findings of the National Academies specified in para-
18 graph (1) prior to the submission thereof under such
19 paragraph.

20 (3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (1)
21 shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may
22 include a classified annex.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

1 **SEC. 15 ____. REPORT ON TOTAL FORCE GENERATION FOR**
2 **THE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES.**

3 Section 1533(a) of the National Defense Authoriza-
4 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263; 10
5 U.S.C. 167b note) is amended by adding at the end the
6 following:

7 “(4) REPORT.—Not later than September 30,
8 2024, the Secretary shall submit to congressional
9 defense committees the study required in subsection
10 (a) and any supporting analyses conducted by other
11 entities, including federally funded research and de-
12 velopment centers.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. JACKSON OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 17 ____ . STRATEGY TO IMPROVE ACTIVITIES RELATED**
2 **TO COUNTERNARCOTICS AND COUNTER-**
3 **TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
7 retary of Defense, in consultation with each com-
8 mander of a geographic combatant command and
9 the Secretary of State, shall develop a strategy to
10 improve activities and support to law enforcement
11 related to counternarcotics. Such strategy shall—

12 (A) ensure the coordination and assess-
13 ment of such activities carried out by the De-
14 partment of Defense;

15 (B) ensure policy updates to address ongo-
16 ing and emerging counternarcotics threats; and

17 (C) inform the coordination of program
18 and budget requests by the Secretary.

1 (2) ELEMENTS.—The strategy required by
2 paragraph (1) shall include the following:

3 (A) A plan to establish or update com-
4 mand arrangement agreements to address exist-
5 ing and emerging narcotic substances of con-
6 cern, including detection and monitoring of
7 fentanyl, illicit fentanyl precursors, and fentanyl
8 analogues.

9 (B) Definitions for responsibilities of each
10 command in the joint operation area as directed
11 by the Department of Defense.

12 (C) A plan for improved coordination be-
13 tween geographic combatant commands to en-
14 sure clear understanding of roles and respon-
15 sibilities in overlapping areas of responsibility.

16 (D) A plan to continue and improve co-
17 ordination with foreign partners regarding in-
18 telligence sharing and interdiction activities.

19 (E) Standardized operating procedures for
20 command and control of counternarcotics within
21 the Department of Defense.

22 (F) Measurable outcomes to assess
23 progress for each of the Departments counter-
24 narcotics strategic objectives.

1 (G) A description of capability upgrades
2 that would better enable the support of the
3 interdiction of narcotics, including fentanyl, il-
4 licit fentanyl precursors, and fentanyl ana-
5 logues, throughout the Department of Defense.

6 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1,
8 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
9 congressional defense committees a report that in-
10 cludes the comprehensive strategy as required by
11 subsection (a).

12 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
13 graph (1) of this subsection shall be submitted in
14 unclassified form, but may include a classified
15 annex.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. GALLEGO OF ARIZONA

Section 705 (log 80313) is amended, by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

1 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
2 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
3 Defense shall commence a five-year pilot program under
4 which—

5 (1) the Secretary shall treat pregnancy as a
6 qualifying event, under section 1099(b)(1)(B) of title
7 10, United States Code, for enrollment in TRICARE
8 Select by an eligible beneficiary; and

9 (2) a member of the Army, Navy, Marine
10 Corps, Air Force, or Space Force on active duty
11 may enroll in TRICARE Select under paragraph (1)
12 for a period that ends not later than 180 days after
13 the end of pregnancy.

Section 705 (log 80313) is amended, in subsection (c)(2), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (E) as subparagraphs (B) through (F), respectively, and inserting, before subparagraph (B), the following new subparagraph (A):

1 (A) because the eligible beneficiary is a
2 member of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
3 Force, or Space Force on active duty who may
4 enroll in TRICARE Select under the pilot pro-
5 gram;

Section 705 (log 80313) is amended, in subsection
(d), by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the fol-
lowing:

6 (2) The term “eligible beneficiary” means an
7 individual—

8 (A) eligible to enroll in TRICARE Select
9 under section 1075(b) of title 10, United States
10 Code; or

11 (B) an member of the Army, Navy, Marine
12 Corps, Air Force, or Space Force on active
13 duty.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. KHANNA OF CALIFORNIA

In section 721 (log 80533), at the end of subsection (b)(1), insert the following new subparagraph:

1 (D) The Under Secretary of Defense for
2 Acquisition and Sustainment shall be respon-
3 sible for, not later than one year after the date
4 of enactment of this Act, the following:

5 (i) Ensuring that the minimization of
6 exposure to blast overpressure is consid-
7 ered as a performance parameter when
8 drafting requirements for the Department
9 of Defense for new hand-held, shoulder-
10 launched, or crew-served, weapons systems
11 that produce blast overpressure.

12 (ii) In a case in which minimization of
13 exposure to blast overpressure is not in-
14 cluded as a performance parameter under
15 clause (i), the Under Secretary shall docu-
16 ment the rationale for its exclusion and re-
17 tain such documentation and supporting
18 materials for purposes of clause (v).

1 (iii) Establishing a requirement that
2 any entity under contractual agreement
3 with the Department as part of the defense
4 weapons acquisition process for a weapons
5 system described in clause (i) shall provide
6 to the Department blast overpressure
7 measurements and safety data for any
8 weapons system that produce blast over-
9 pressure and exceed the department set
10 maximum exposure limit procured from
11 such entity.

12 (iv) Establishing a requirement that
13 any future test plan for a weapons system
14 described in clause (v) incorporates valida-
15 tion and verification testing of blast over-
16 pressure measurement and safety data pro-
17 vided by defense contractors in accordance
18 with clause (iii).

19 (v) Retaining and make available to
20 personnel with appropriate access all—

21 (I) blast overpressure measure-
22 ments and safety data for weapons
23 systems of the Department, including
24 how those systems have been tested
25 and in what environments; and

3

1 (II) plans to improve protection
2 for exposure by members of the
3 Armed Forces to in-use weapons sys-
4 tems with unsafe levels of blast over-
5 pressure and exposure.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR**
2 **CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
3 **AND THEIR DEPENDENTS UNDER TRICARE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1074o
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1074p. Assisted reproductive technology for cer-**
8 **tain members of the armed forces and**
9 **their dependents under TRICARE**

10 “(a) COVERAGE.—The use of assisted reproductive
11 technology (including in vitro fertilization, gamete re-
12 trieval, and gamete transfer) by a member of a covered
13 armed force (or a dependent of such a member) shall be
14 covered under TRICARE Prime or TRICARE Select.

15 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 “(1) The term ‘covered armed force’ means the
17 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space
18 Force.

1 “(2) The term ‘member’ is used as such term
2 is used in this title and does not include a former
3 member.”.

4 (b) EXCLUSION FROM CONTRACTS FOR FORMER
5 MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.—Section 1086 of
6 such title is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (e), in the matter preceding
8 paragraph (1), by striking “subsection (d)” and in-
9 serting “subsections (d) and (j)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(j) A plan contracted for under subsection (a) may
13 not include coverage for services under section 1074p of
14 this title.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

Add at the end of title XI the following:

1 **SEC. 11___.** **FLEXIBILITIES FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**
2 **WHO ARE ARMED FORCES SPOUSES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 calendar days
4 after receiving a request from a covered individual, the
5 head of the agency or instrumentality of the Federal Gov-
6 ernment employing such covered individual shall—

7 (1) to the extent practicable, authorize such
8 covered individual to work remotely if the head de-
9 termines that the duties of such covered individual
10 can be completed remotely;

11 (2) reassign the covered individual to a position,
12 for which the individual is qualified and of equal sta-
13 tus and base pay, in the agency or instrumentality
14 in the commuting area of the new permanent duty
15 location of the spouse of such covered individual;

16 (3) authorize the covered individual to perform
17 the duties of a different position of equal status and
18 base pay in the agency or instrumentality for which
19 the individual is qualified from an approved alter-
20 native worksite; or

1 (4) in the case of a covered individual who is
2 not authorized or able to be reassigned under para-
3 graphs (1), (2), or (3), upon the request of the cov-
4 ered individual, grant that individual leave without
5 pay for up to six months.

6 (b) WAIVER.—The Director of the Office of Per-
7 sonnel Management may grant an agency or instrumen-
8 tality of the Federal Government a waiver of subsection
9 (a) if the Director certifies that the agency or instrumen-
10 tality has developed and will faithfully implement, imme-
11 diately upon receipt of the waiver, a substantially similar
12 procedure that—

13 (1) aims to increase the retention of covered in-
14 dividuals;

15 (2) provides covered individuals an evaluation,
16 upon the request of any such individual, on whether
17 retention can be achieved, at a minimum, through
18 remote work or reassignment, or both;

19 (3) provides the covered individual, within 30
20 days of the request of such individual, a date certain
21 by which the agency will make a determination un-
22 less the date extended by mutual agreement of the
23 agency and individual;

24 (4) provides the application of subsection (a)(4)
25 as an option the covered individual may choose; and

1 (5) implements reporting requirements in sub-
2 section (d).

3 (c) LEAVE WITHOUT PAY.—A position held by a cov-
4 ered individual who is granted leave without pay under
5 this section shall not be considered encumbered and may
6 be backfilled by a permanent employee.

7 (d) REPORTS.—

8 (1) AGENCY REPORTS TO OPM.—Not later than
9 September 30 of the second full fiscal year after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, and biennially
11 thereafter for the following four years, the head of
12 each agency or instrumentality of the Federal Gov-
13 ernment shall submit to the Director of the Office
14 of Personnel Management—

15 (A) a list of each request received by such
16 head under subsection (a) during the imme-
17 diately preceding fiscal year; and

18 (B) which action was taken by the head
19 under such subsection with respect to such a re-
20 quest.

21 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than the
22 first April 15 following the date on which the head
23 of an agency or instrumentality submits the first re-
24 port under paragraph (1), and biennially thereafter
25 for the following four years, the Director shall pro-

1 vide a report to Congress detailing the information
2 received under paragraph (1), sorted by agency or
3 instrumentality.

4 (e) REHIRING OF SEPARATED INDIVIDUALS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—An individual covered by
6 subsection (a)(4) shall be covered by this subsection
7 until the individual re-enters the Federal service.

8 (2) REINSTATEMENT AUTHORITY.—The dura-
9 tion of the relocation orders of the spouse of an indi-
10 vidual covered by subsection (a)(4) shall not count
11 against the three-year limit for reinstatement of
12 non-career tenure individuals under section 315.401
13 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
14 cessor regulation).

15 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This Act shall take effect
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, ex-
17 cept that the Director may, beginning on the date of the
18 enactment of this Act, approve waivers pursuant to section
19 2(b) if an agency or instrumentality of the Federal Gov-
20 ernment has in place on such date of enactment policies
21 and procedures that would qualify for waiver under such
22 section.

23 (g) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
24 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual—

1 (1) who is the spouse of a member of the armed
2 forces serving on active duty (as defined in section
3 3330d of title 5, United States Code);

4 (2) who is an employee of an agency or instru-
5 mentality of the Federal Government;

6 (3) whose duties as such an employee do not in-
7 clude—

8 (A) developing, refining, or implementing
9 diversity, equity, and inclusion policies;

10 (B) leading working groups or advisory
11 councils developing measurements of diversity,
12 equity, and inclusion performance or outcomes;

13 or

14 (C) creating or implementing education,
15 training courses, or workshops on diversity, eq-
16 uity, and inclusion for military or civilian em-
17 ployees of the Federal Government; and

18 (4) who relocates with the spouse of such indi-
19 vidual because such spouse, as such a member, re-
20 ceives a permanent change of station or similar re-
21 quirement to relocate.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS

Section 1851 [log 80318] is amended in subsection (c) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

- 1 (3) A description of potential barriers to imple-
2 mentation of the program, particularly for remote or
3 rural military installations, or installations located in
4 geographic areas with limited access to food.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. BANKS OF INDIANA

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . REPORT ON FIELDING CERTAIN WEARABLE DE-**
2 **VICES FOR IMPACT PROTECTION AGAINST**
3 **TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.**

4 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of the Army shall submit to the Committees on Armed
7 Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives
8 a report that includes the following:

9 (1) A plan to field wearable devices for impact
10 protection against traumatic brain injury that are
11 certified by the Food and Drug Administration as
12 expeditiously and widely as possible.

13 (2) A plan to field such wearable devices to
14 mitigate traumatic brain injuries associated with
15 blast overpressure, if consistent with the findings of
16 an assessment conducted by the Secretary on the
17 feasibility of such wearable devices.

18 (3) A description of resources required to imple-
19 ment such plans.

1 (4) A description of any restrictions or limita-
2 tions on usage of such wearable devices, and steps
3 to mitigate such restrictions or limitations.

4 (5) Any other information the Secretary deter-
5 mines relevant.

6 (b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply if
7 the Secretary of the Army certifies to the Committees on
8 Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Represent-
9 atives not later than 90 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act that the Department of the Army—

11 (1) has fielded wearable devices described in
12 subsection (a)(1); and

13 (2) has a specific date for a final determination
14 to field wearable devices to mitigate traumatic brain
15 injuries associated with blast overpressure as de-
16 scribed in subsection (a)(2).



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070
OFFERED BY MR. WALTZ OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. 35 ____ . SEALIFT CAPABILITY.**

2 (a) TITLE 46.—Subtitle V of title 46, United States
3 Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 575 the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“CHAPTER 577—STRATEGIC SEALIFT**

“57701. Procurement, maintenance, and operation.

“57702. Sealift prioritization.

“57703. Interaction with programs.

“57704. Assessment on maritime infrastructure readiness.

“57705. Definition of treaty allies.

6 **“§ 57701. Procurement, maintenance, and operation**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
8 and the Secretary of Defense shall build, acquire, main-
9 tain, coordinate, support, and operate a civil, commercial,
10 and military sealift capability sufficient to provide capacity
11 and resiliency for unilateral United States strategic sealift
12 in peace, crisis, and war.

13 “(b) SUPPLEMENTAL CAPABILITY.—Sealift capa-
14 bility built, acquired, maintained, supported, and operated
15 by the Secretary of Transportation and Secretary of De-
16 fense shall be in addition to capability available under the

1 Maritime Security Program under chapter 531, the Cable
2 Security Program under chapter 532, the Tanker Security
3 Program under chapter 534, the Ready Reserve Force
4 under chapter 571, and vessels operated by the Military
5 Sealift Command.

6 **“§ 57702. Sealift prioritization**

7 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In building, acquiring, maintain-
8 ing, coordinating, supporting, and operating sealift capa-
9 bility in time of peace, crisis, and war, the Secretary of
10 Transportation and the Secretary of Defense shall give
11 priority to the following categories of vessels in the fol-
12 lowing order:

13 “(1) Commercial United States-flagged vessels.

14 “(2) United States Government owned and op-
15 erated sealift vessels.

16 “(3) Vessels documented by treaty allies.

17 “(b) PRIORITIZATION.—In moving through the order
18 of priority under this section, the Secretary of Defense,
19 in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, shall
20 determine the timing of moving through the categories of
21 vessels in the order specified in subsection (a).

22 **“§ 57703. Interaction with programs**

23 “The Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary
24 of Defense may acquire ships documented by treaty allies
25 or maintain and repair ships documented by treaty allies

1 which meet the criteria for participation in the Maritime
2 Security Program under chapter 531, the Cable Security
3 Program under chapter 532, the Tanker Security Pro-
4 gram under chapter 534, Ready Reserve Fleet, and the
5 fleet under this chapter.

6 **“§ 57704. Assessment on maritime infrastructure**
7 **readiness**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1, 2026,
9 and every two years thereafter, the Secretary of Defense,
10 in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security,
11 the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Trans-
12 portation shall provide Congress an assessment on—

13 “(1) the readiness and sufficiency of America’s
14 maritime infrastructure, shipping industry, ship-
15 building industry, and United States-flagged, owned,
16 and operated fleets to meet strategic sealift require-
17 ments and operate in a contested environment;

18 “(2) the vulnerability of the United States’
19 economy to coercion or control from our nation’s
20 strategic competitors through ocean-going trades;

21 “(3) the vulnerability of critical infrastructure
22 in the United States maritime transportation sys-
23 tem, including ports, shipyards, repair yards, inland
24 waterways, and the domestic fleet, and foreign in-
25 vestment in maritime infrastructure; and

1 “(4) how to de-risk the maritime transportation
2 system for such vulnerabilities.

3 “(b) REVIEW OF ARRANGEMENTS AND AGREE-
4 MENTS.—Not later than March 1, 2026, and every two
5 years thereafter, the Secretary of Transportation shall
6 provide Congress an assessment on—

7 “(1) existing arrangements and agreements
8 with treaty allies for access to the global maritime
9 transportation infrastructure such as ports, harbors,
10 and waterways; and

11 “(2) existing assurances, arrangements, and
12 agreements with treaty allies to augment United
13 States sealift capabilities in times of crisis and war.

14 **“§ 57705. Definition of treaty allies**

15 “‘In this chapter, the term ‘treaty allies’ means na-
16 tions with whom the United States has entered into mu-
17 tual defense treaties.’”.

18 (b) REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1,
20 2025, the Secretary of Transportation, in coordina-
21 tion with the Secretary of State and the Secretary
22 of Defense, shall provide to Congress an evaluation
23 of the status of treaty allies (as such term is defined
24 in section 57705 of title 46, United States Code)
25 sealift assurances, including an assessment of inter-

1 national agreements to meet wartime sealift require-
2 ments of such allies and augment United States sea-
3 lift requirements during peace, crisis, and war, and
4 recommendations for updating such agreements to
5 reflect the global security environment.

6 (2) BRIEFING ON SHIPBUILDING CAPACITY.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
8 1, 2025, the Secretary of Transportation and
9 Secretary of Defense shall brief Congress on
10 the capacity of the United States shipbuilding
11 industry to meet the requirements to build,
12 maintain, and repair the strategic sealift fleet
13 described under chapter 577 of title 46, United
14 States Code.

15 (B) CONTENTS.—In briefing Congress
16 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of
17 Transportation and the Secretary of Defense
18 shall include an assessment and recommenda-
19 tions for improving the critical shipbuilding in-
20 frastructure, workforce recruitment, develop-
21 ment, and retention, and critical supply chains
22 and critical repair parts of the United States,
23 including ways in which treaty allies (as such
24 term is defined in section 57705 of title 46,
25 United States Code) can contribute.

1 (3) BRIEFING ON PRIVILEGING FLEET.—

2 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
3 1, 2025, the Secretary of Transportation, in co-
4 ordination with the Secretary of Homeland Se-
5 curity, the Secretary of Commerce, and the
6 Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission,
7 shall brief Congress on available options for es-
8 tablishing privileges for the United States-
9 owned and United States-documented commer-
10 cial fleet participating in the international
11 ocean-based trading market that will sustain
12 and significantly grow the United States-
13 flagged fleet.

14 (B) CONTENTS.—In briefing Congress
15 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall
16 provide recommendations for and potential in-
17 centives, for civil, commercial, and government
18 entities, including treaty allies (as such term is
19 defined in section 57705 of title 46, United
20 States Code), to ship goods on the United
21 States-flagged fleet.

22 (4) REPORT ON PRIVILEGE.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
24 1, 2025, the Secretary of Transportation, in co-
25 ordination with the Secretary of Commerce and

1 the Director of the Office of Management and
2 Budget, shall submit to Congress a report that
3 includes ways to ensure the sealift fleet under
4 chapter 577 of title 46, United States Code, is
5 privileged in regulation, fees, and policy com-
6 pared to foreign vessels conducting trade with
7 a United States domiciled entity, while remain-
8 ing consistent with the international obligations
9 of the United States.

10 (B) CONTENTS.—In submitting the report
11 under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of
12 Transportation shall include options for regu-
13 lating foreign flagged shipping trade with the
14 United States in order to sustain and grow the
15 Maritime Security Program, Tanker Security
16 Program, and other commercial United States-
17 flagged ships that comprise the sealift fleet
18 under chapter 577 of title 46, United States
19 Code.

20 (5) REPORT ON REQUIREMENTS FOR SEALIFT
21 FORCE DEPLOYMENT.—

22 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March
23 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall submit
24 to Congress a report on requirements to main-
25 tain, improve, or grow the Maritime Security

1 Program, Tanker Security Program, Ready Re-
 2 serve Force, and the sealift fleet under chapter
 3 577 of title 46, United States Code, over the
 4 decade following the date of enactment of this
 5 Act.

6 (B) CONTENTS.—The report under sub-
 7 paragraph (A) shall include a plan for making
 8 the Ready Reserve Force active in international
 9 trade through a public-private partnership that
 10 enables financing, building, manning, operating,
 11 maintaining, and repairing the program vessels,
 12 while guaranteeing assured effective control in
 13 times of crisis or war.

14 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for sub-
 15 title V of title 46, United States Code, is amended by in-
 16 serting after the item relating to chapter 575 the fol-
 17 lowing:

“577. Strategic Sealift 57701”.

