

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 1735) TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 FOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, TO PRESCRIBE MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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MAY 13, 2015.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Mr. BYRNE, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

## R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 260]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 260, by a record vote of 8 to 3, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for further consideration of H.R. 1735, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016, under a structured rule. The resolution provides that no further general debate shall be in order.

Section 2 of the resolution makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114-14 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The resolution makes in order only those further amendments printed in this report and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution. Each such amendment printed in this report may be offered only in the order printed, may be offered only by a Member designated in this report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution.

Section 3 of the resolution provides that it shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his

designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in this report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Section 4 of the resolution provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

#### EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the amendment in the nature of a substitute includes waivers of the following:

- Clause 7 of rule XVI, which requires that no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. It is important to note that while the waiver is necessary, Rules Committee Print 114–14 contains the text of H.R. 1735 as reported.
- Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act, prohibiting consideration of a bill dealing with any matter within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless it is a bill or resolution which has been reported by the Committee on the Budget.
- Section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, which prohibits consideration of legislation that would cause revenues to be less than the level of total revenues for the first fiscal year.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in this report, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

The results of each record vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 45*

Motion by Mr. McGovern to report an open rule. Defeated: 3–8

Majority Members		Vote	Minority Members		Vote
Ms. Foxx .....		Nay	Ms. Slaughter .....		.....
Mr. Cole .....		.....	Mr. McGovern .....		Yea
Mr. Woodall .....		Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....		Yea
Mr. Burgess .....		Nay	Mr. Polis .....		Yea
Mr. Stivers .....		Nay			
Mr. Collins .....		Nay			
Mr. Byrne .....		Nay			
Mr. Newhouse .....		Nay			
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....		Nay			

##### *Rules Committee record vote No. 46*

Motion by Mr. McGovern to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for amendment #22, offered by Rep. McGovern (MA), Rep. Smith (WA) and Rep. Jones (NC), which strikes and replaces section 1213 of the bill. Requires the President to determine and inform Congress by March 31, 2016, for what purpose and for

how long U.S. troops will remain in Afghanistan; and for Congress to vote on that determination 30 days afterwards. Defeated: 4–7

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter .....	.....
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mr. Woodall .....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Yea
Mr. Burgess .....	Yea	Mr. Polis .....	Yea
Mr. Stivers .....	Nay		
Mr. Collins .....	Nay		
Mr. Byrne .....	Nay		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 47*

Motion by Mr. Polis to make in order and provide the appropriate waivers for the following amendments en bloc: amendment #257, offered by Rep. Polis (CO) and Rep. Coffman (CO), which requires a review and report on the use of heavy ion radiotherapy cancer treatment; amendment #247, offered by Rep. Blumenauer (OR), Rep. Quigley (IL) and Rep. Polis (CO), which requires CBO to look at both the current 10-year cost window, as well as the 25-year cost window, as the Pentagon already does when preparing their statutorily-required 1043 reports; and amendment #248, offered by Rep. Polis (CO), Rep. Blumenauer (OR) and Rep. Quigley (IL), which reduces the amount authorized for the National Nuclear Security Administration's Weapons Account to the amount in the budget request. Defeated: 3–8

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Nay	Ms. Slaughter .....	.....
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. McGovern .....	Yea
Mr. Woodall .....	Nay	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Yea
Mr. Burgess .....	Nay	Mr. Polis .....	Yea
Mr. Stivers .....	Nay		
Mr. Collins .....	Nay		
Mr. Byrne .....	Nay		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Nay		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Nay		

*Rules Committee record vote No. 48*

Motion by Ms. Foxx to report the rule. Adopted: 8–3

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Ms. Foxx .....	Yea	Ms. Slaughter .....	.....
Mr. Cole .....	.....	Mr. McGovern .....	Nay
Mr. Woodall .....	Yea	Mr. Hastings of Florida .....	Nay
Mr. Burgess .....	Yea	Mr. Polis .....	Nay
Mr. Stivers .....	Yea		
Mr. Collins .....	Yea		
Mr. Byrne .....	Yea		
Mr. Newhouse .....	Yea		
Mr. Sessions, Chairman .....	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

1. Thornberry (TX), Smith, Adam (WA): Makes technical, conforming, and clarifying changes in the bill. (10 minutes)

2. Polis (CO): Reduces from 11 to 10 the statutory requirement for the number of operational carriers that the U.S. Navy must have. (10 minutes)

3. Young, Don (AK): Expresses the Sense of Congress that Pacific Air Force's F-35A basing decision should be based on a base's capability to host fighter-based bilateral and multilateral training opportunities with international partners, have sufficient airspace and range capabilities to meet training requirements, have sufficient existing facilities, have limited encroachment, and minimize overall construction and operational costs. (10 minutes)

4. Heck, Denny (WA), Beyer (VA): Authorizes an additional \$25,000,000 for the Office of Economic Adjustment to be available for transportation infrastructure improvements associated with congestion mitigation in urban areas related to recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. (10 minutes)

5. Brooks (AL), Palmer (AL), Blackburn (TN), Fleming (LA), Smith, Lamar (TX), Bridenstine (OK), Gosar (AZ), Lamborn (CO), Lummis (WY), King, Steve (IA), Brat (VA), Palazzo (MS), Ratcliffe (TX), Babin (TX), Duncan (TN), Duncan (SC), Collins, Doug (GA), Barletta (PA), Jones (NC), Olson (TX), Perry (PA), Bilirakis (FL), Graves (MO), McClintock (CA), Neugebauer (TX), Aderholt (AL), Weber (TX), Loudermilk (GA), Flores (TX), Franks (AZ), Gohmert (TX), Kelly (PA): Strikes section 538, relating to a sense of the House of Representatives regarding Secretary of Defense review of section 504 of title 10, United States Code, regarding enlisting certain aliens in the Armed Forces. (10 minutes)

6. Messer, Luke (IN): Requires the Secretary of Defense, no earlier than 5 years after the date of enactment of this bill, to conduct a study on the impact of the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone regulation on military readiness. (10 minutes)

7. Takai (HI), Gibson (NY): Enhances the authority of service members to obtain professional certifications in the maritime trades. (10 minutes)

8. McGovern (MA): Requires the Secretary of Defense to design and produce a military service medal to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (Atomic Veterans), which are determined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, in the USC. (10 minutes)

9. Hanna (NY), Maloney, Sean (NY): Allows memorial headstone or grave markers to be made available for purchase by Guard or Reserve members who served for at least six years, at no cost to the government. Clarifies that this does not allow for any new veteran benefits, and does not authorize any new burial benefit or create any new authority for an individual to be buried in a national cemetery. (10 minutes)

10. Kline (MN): Provides a one-time election for certain military retirees to regain access to TRICARE Prime because the DOD unilaterally changed the eligibility criteria for retirees living more than 100 miles from a military treatment facility. Fully off-sets the cost of TRICARE Prime by reducing the program increase in MV-22 engineering support. (10 minutes)

11. Thornberry (TX): Limits the funds made available to the Department of Defense Healthcare Management System for Fiscal

Year 2016 so that no more than 75 percent can be spent until the date on which the Secretary of Defense makes the certification required in the Fiscal Year 2014 NDAA. (10 minutes)

12. Pascrell (NJ): Directs the peer-reviewed Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program to conduct a study on blast injury and its correlation to traumatic brain injury. (10 minutes)

13. Hurd (TX): Includes the entire federal government in the Independent Study of Matters Related to Bid Protests. (10 minutes)

14. Chabot (OH), Connolly (VA): Amends the Small Business Act to ensure that the Small Business Administration (SBA) negotiates agency prime contracting goals with a view towards encouraging participation by a wide variety of small businesses. Requires that any SBA procurement scorecard assesses the use of small businesses as prime contractors and subcontractors, and looks at the small business participation rate. (10 minutes)

15. Walorski (IN): Extends and strengthens provisions related to detainees at Guantanamo Bay. (10 minutes)

16. Smith, Adam (WA), Nadler (NY): Provides a framework for closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by December 31, 2017. (10 minutes)

17. McCaul (TX): Amends 10 USC 2576a to include border security activities to the list of preferred applications the Department of Defense considers when transferring excess property to other federal agencies. (10 minutes)

18. Perry (PA), Rothfus (PA): Prohibits the use of funds for realignment of forces at or the closure of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. (10 minutes)

19. Hanna (NY): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress that assesses the degree to which existing defense capabilities are able to detect, identify, and potentially disable remotely piloted aircraft within special use and restricted airspace. Requires the Secretary to identify how existing research and development Department resources can be leveraged to strengthen our nation's ability to detect, identify, and disable unidentified or potentially malicious remotely piloted aircraft. (10 minutes)

20. Kline (MN): Expresses a sense of Congress that U.S. military forces should have the proper resources at all times during an ordered evacuation of an embassy abroad and that no restrictions should be placed on the ability of our military to maintain and use weapons and equipment to protect themselves and evacuees during an ordered embassy evacuation. (10 minutes)

21. Hunter (CA), Delaney (MD): Establishes an Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator to direct hostage rescue efforts. (10 minutes)

22. Stivers (OH): Permits participation in a pilot program for DoD and FAA to jointly award competitive grants to airports that support both civilian and military operations for tower or other infrastructure improvements. (10 minutes)

23. Rohrabacher (CA): Acknowledges Dr. Afridi's instrumental role in identifying the hiding place of Osama bin Laden and further states that it is the Sense of Congress that Dr. Shakil Afridi is an international hero and that the Government of Pakistan should release him immediately from prison. (10 minutes)

24. Thornberry (TX): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit reprogrammings to be able to use funds from the Syria Train and Equip Fund to execute the Syria Train and Equip program. Requires the SECDEF to submit a comprehensive strategy for Syria and Iraq (and an update with the reprogramming requests) and requires the SECDEF to submit a certification on support provided to the trained Syria opposition. (10 minutes)

25. Engel (NY), Royce (CA): Requires a report to assess the effectiveness and operational requirements of establishing a no-fly zone in Syria. (10 minutes)

26. Lamborn (CO): Adds language to the underlying Iran Sense of Congress regarding the sale of S-300's and the importance of terrorism related sanctions. (10 minutes)

27. Lamborn (CO): Limits funding for implementing the New START treaty. (10 minutes)

28. Turner (OH): Limits the availability of any funds, authorized through this act, which may be used to facilitate the United States & Russia's conduct of bilateral military-to-military engagement until the Secretary of Defense certifies certain criteria. (10 minutes)

29. Connolly (VA), Chabot (OH): Prohibits the authorization of funds to implement any action that recognizes Russian sovereignty over Crimea or provide assistance to the central governments of countries that support the illegal annexation of Crimea. Provides a national interest waiver for the prohibition on assistance to central governments supportive of the illegal annexation of Crimea. (10 minutes)

30. Rogers, Mike (AL): Expresses a sense of Congress on opportunities to enhance the United States Alliance with the Republic of Korea. (10 minutes)

31. Ros-Lehtinen (FL): Authorizes the Secretary of Defense to deploy assets, personnel and resources to SOUTHCOM, in coordination with the Joint Interagency Task Force South, to combat transnational criminal organization, drug trafficking, bulk shipments of narcotics or currency, narco-terrorism, human trafficking and the Iranian presence in SOUTHCOM's AOR. (10 minutes)

32. Blumenauer (OR), Polis (CO): Requires funding for the Navy's new Ohio-class replacement submarines to come from their traditional Navy accounts, instead of the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund. Transfers funds from the Sea-Based Deterrent Fund back into their historic Navy budget lines. (10 minutes)

33. Mulvaney (SC), Van Hollen (MD): Instructs the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on how funds authorized for overseas contingency operations were ultimately used. (10 minutes)

34. Walker (NC): Provides that defense contractor information concerning breaches can be shared with DOD and disseminated for additional purposes including cybersecurity, national security, and law enforcement. (10 minutes)

35. Lummis (WY), Zinke (MT), Cramer, Kevin (ND), Smith, Adrian (NE): Prohibits reducing the alert posture of the ICBM force. (10 minutes)

36. Davis, Susan (CA), Bordallo (GU): Provides an exception to the regulations governing minor military construction in the case

of military child care facilities. Authorization would sunset three years following enactment. (10 minutes)

37. Hardy (NV): Ensures that national monument designations under the Antiquities Act will not endanger our national security. Guarantees our men and women in uniform access to land located beneath or associated with a Military Operations Area (MOA) for vital training and readiness activities. (10 minutes)

38. Lucas (OK), Cole (OK), Bridenstine (OK), Mullin, Markwayne (OK), Russell (OK), Huelskamp (KS), Jenkins (KS), Pompeo (KS), Yoder (KS), Pearce (NM): Reverses and prohibits the further listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a threatened or endangered species until 2021, thereby allowing the states to implement their voluntary Range-Wide Conservation Plan for the Lesser Prairie Chicken's habitat. De-lists the American Burying Beetle as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act. (10 minutes)

39. Zinke (MT): Renames the Captain William Wylie Galt Great Falls Armed Forces Readiness Center in Honor of Captain John E. Moran, a Recipient of the Medal of Honor. (10 minutes)

40. Sherman (CA): Adds two certifications to section 3119 of the NDAA, which concerns the transfer of nuclear technology to foreign countries, regarding (1) the recipient country's compliance with its agreement for nuclear cooperation with the US; and (2) its efforts to prevent transfers of sensitive items to countries of proliferation concern. Provides further that any arrangement granting a country permission to reprocess U.S. origin spent fuel be submitted to Congress. (10 minutes)

41. Nadler (NY): Strikes section 3121, which places limits on funding for dismantlement of nuclear weapons. (10 minutes)

42. Costello (PA): Expresses a sense of Congress in support of providing the necessary funding levels for the Army to meet its tactical wheeled vehicle protection kits acquisition objectives. (10 minutes)

43. Jackson Lee (TX), Adams (NC), Lee, Barbara (CA), Butterfield (NC): Provides guidance to the Secretary of Defense on identifying HBCUs and minority serving institutions to assist them in developing scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematics capabilities. (10 minutes)

44. Collins, Chris (NY): Requires a report to Congress from the Secretary of the Army detailing market survey findings and flight assessment of commercial-off-the-market wide-area surveillance sensors for Army unmanned vehicles. (10 minutes)

45. Hunter (CA): Requires a report on Tactical Combat Training System Increment II. (10 minutes)

46. Palazzo (MS), McKinley (WV): Clarifies and improves language to foster coordination and communication of defense research activities to provide open data to other entities that were previously not included in the law. (10 minutes)

47. Aguilar (CA): Requests a report, from the Secretary of Defense, outlining the number of racial or ethnic minority groups, women, and disabled persons that have participated in the DOD's National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship; the barriers that have been found in recruiting participants from these groups; and a set of policy recommendations focused on increasing these groups participation. (10 minutes)

48. Clark, Katherine (MA): Expresses the Sense of Congress that the quality of America's future STEM workforce is a matter of national security concern, that Federally Funded Research and Development Centers employ a highly skilled workforce that is qualified to support STEM initiatives, and that the Department of Defense should explore its existing authority to permit these Centers to help facilitate and shape a high-quality future STEM workforce capable of supporting Department of Defense needs. (10 minutes)

49. Veasey (TX): Increases authorization amount for digital upgrades, Research and Development for the V-22 Osprey by \$75 million, offset by a identical reduction for Navy spares and repair parts. (10 minutes)

50. Peters, Scott (CA): Asks DOD to report on the merger between the Office of Assistant Secretary for Operational Energy Plans and Deputy Under Secretary for Installations and Environment. (10 minutes)

51. Farenthold (TX): Encourages the Department of Defense to enter into contracts with third party vendors to provide free access to wireless high-speed internet to all members of the Armed Forces who are deployed overseas at any United States military facility. (10 minutes)

52. Jackson Lee (TX): Requires outreach for small business concerns owned and controlled by women and minorities required before conversion of certain functions to contractor performance. (10 minutes)

53. Loebsack (IA): Amend 10 USC Chapter 434 Section 4554(a)(3)(A) to authorize the inclusion of an option period of up to 25 years, in addition to the current 25 year term limitation, for a combined maximum term of 50 years. (10 minutes)

54. Fleming (LA), Lamborn (CO), Stefanik (NY), Jones (NC): Requires a report and certification by the Secretary of Defense that an Army active duty end strength below 490,000 soldiers will be adequate to meet the U.S. national military strategy. (10 minutes)

55. McKinley (WV): Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish an electronic tour calculator so that reservists could keep track of aggregated active duty tours of 90 days or more served within a fiscal year. (10 minutes)

56. Crowley (NY): Honors those from diverse backgrounds who have made sacrifices as members of the Armed Services. (10 minutes)

57. Takano (CA): Includes in the report to Congress on the direct employment pilot program for members of the National Guard and Reserve (Sec. 567) a comparison of the pilot program to other DOD and VA unemployment and underemployment programs. (10 minutes)

58. Hurd (TX): Amends Title 10, U.S. Code on the payment of expenses to obtain professional credentials to authorize DOD and DHS to pay for both the training and exams needed to obtain IT and cybersecurity credentials for all personnel identified as critical to network defense. (10 minutes)

59. Israel (NY): Requires a report on civilian and military education requirements that are necessary to meet anticipated threats in the future security environment as described in the Quadrennial Defense Review. (10 minutes)



60. Stivers (OH), Green, Al (TX): Restores the commission to Captain of Medal of Honor recipient Milton Holland. (10 minutes)

61. Moore, Gwen (WI): Expresses the Sense of the Congress regarding the Posthumous promotion granted to Master Sergeant (retired) Naomi Horwitz. (10 minutes)

62. Thompson, Glenn (PA): Provides an individual with a mental health screening at enlistment and uses the results as a baseline for any subsequent mental health examinations; prohibits the Secretary from considering the results of such screening in determining promotions and is respective of privacy information in the same manner as medical records. (10 minutes)

63. Keating (MA): Expresses the Sense of Congress in support of fully implementing a service-wide expansion of the Army's Gold Star Installation Access Card. Provides entry to military installations for events and memorials for the survivors of members of the Armed Forces who have died while serving on certain active or reserve duty. (10 minutes)

64. Meng (NY), Lance (NJ): Requires a VA Regional Office (VARO) to carry out certain steps if it does not adjudicate claims within 125 days with a 98% accuracy. Requires the Under Secretary for Benefits to explain how the failure of the regional office to meet the goal affected the performance evaluation of the director of the regional office. This will help Congress and the VA better understand the challenges the VAROs face while encouraging their leadership to meet performance expectations. (10 minutes)

65. Scott, Austin (GA), Loeb sack (IA): Ensures that the network of preferred retail pharmacies for TRICARE established under Sec. 714 allows for sufficient small business participation. (10 minutes)

66. Adams (NC): Sense of Congress to recognize the complexities of post-traumatic stress disorder among service members, its effect on children, and the need for current health programs to not only reduce a veteran's symptoms but to also allow them to reconnect with their families. (10 minutes)

67. Grayson (FL): Makes permanent the requirement that DOD, for dependents of members of the military stationed in remote locations outside the United States, provide transportation to persons requiring "obstetrical anesthesia services for childbirth that is equivalent to the obstetrical anesthesia services for childbirth available in a military treatment facility." (10 minutes)

68. Scott, Austin (GA), Cartwright (PA), Bishop, Rob (UT), Cole (OK), Jones (NC), Farenthold (TX), Ratcliffe (TX), Bustos (IL), Bishop, Sanford (GA): Ensures that sustainment needs are sufficiently considered by clarifying that Sec. 804 of the bill regarding the process for commercial item determinations does not conflict with existing Title 10 requirements for core logistics capabilities. (10 minutes)

69. Cole (OK), Bishop, Rob (UT), Scott, Austin (GA), Jones (NC), Loeb sack (IA), Kilmer (WA), Takai (HI), Bustos (IL), Cartwright (PA), Farenthold (TX): Ensures that sustainment requirements are considered and that the Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITES) are consulted, when DOD conducts a DOD Board Study related to the intellectual property rights of private sector firms. (10 minutes)

70. Foxx (NC): Amends the report required by Sec. 835 to include information on DoD practices regarding intellectual rights to facili-

tate competition in sustainment of weapons systems throughout their life-cycles. (10 minutes)

71. Bost (IL), Connolly (VA): Amends the Small Business Act to codify an independent Office of Hearings and Appeals. (10 minutes)

72. Hanna (NY), Meng (NY): Requires training of contracting officers, and provides a definition of reverse auction. (10 minutes)

73. Russell (OK): Adds an additional exception from requirement to buy certain articles from American sources for use in the production of fire hoses. (10 minutes)

74. McGovern (MA): Maintains the simplified acquisition threshold at current level of \$150,000 applying to certain textile and clothing purchases by the Defense Department. (10 minutes)

75. Jackson Lee (TX): Ensures that changes made to DOD computing systems using software bought and modified for agency use will not result in disruption of DOD operations. (10 minutes)

76. Scalise (LA), Richmond (LA), Boustany (LA): Exempts AbilityOne products from the Afghan First, Central Asian States, and Djibouti procurement programs. The purpose of the amendment is to protect jobs for the disabled at AbilityOne agencies and to restore jobs that have been outsourced to Asian countries as a result of procurement policies under these programs. (10 minutes)

77. Walker (NC): Requires the Secretary of Defense to assess the Open Trusted Technology Provider Standard for information technology and cyber security acquisitions and provide a briefing to Armed Service House Of Representatives no later than one year of the enactment of this Act. (10 minutes)

78. Young, Don (AK): Repeals section 811 of the FY2010 NDAA and removes the exemption in 10 USC 2304(e)(4) and 41 USC 3304(f)(2)(D)(ii) for contracts exceeding \$20 million which are awarded pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act. This will require that contracting agencies comply with the standard justification and approval process prior to sole sourcing these contracts. (10 minutes)

79. Connolly (VA): Ensures the Federal Acquisition Regulation clarifies that acquisition personnel are permitted and encouraged to engage in responsible and constructive communication with industry. (10 minutes)

80. Connolly (VA): Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, to develop a plan to improve the management of information technology programs and projects. (10 minutes)

81. Farr (CA): Requires DAU to annually convene a board of faculty representatives from relevant professional schools and DOD degree granting institutions to review and synchronize defense acquisition curricula across all of DOD. (10 minutes)

82. Farr (CA): Strengthens academic research and analysis of the defense acquisition decision support system from both a business, public policy, operation, and information sciences perspective. (10 minutes)

83. Burgess (TX), Schakowsky (IL), Lee, Barbara (CA): Requires a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law. (10 minutes)

84. Palazzo (MS), Walz (MN), Rothfus (PA): Pushes back the authorized period for the transfer of certain AH-64 Apache Helicopters from Army National Guard to Regular Army from March 31, 2016 to June 30, 2016. (10 minutes)

85. Ellmers (NC), Hudson (NC): Prohibits funds from being used to deactivate the 440th Airlift Wing until the Secretary of Defense certifies that this movement will have no impact on Airborne and Special Operations units readiness. (10 minutes)

86. Katko (NY), Hanna (NY), Collins, Chris (NY): Requires a report from the Secretary of the Air Force to the congressional defense committees addressing the immediate and critical training and operational needs of the remotely piloted aircraft community. (10 minutes)

87. Thornberry (TX): Excludes the application of Section 10 of the Federal advisory Committee Act to meetings of the National Commission on the Future of the Army with less than five members present as a lessons learned from previous commission reports. (10 minutes)

88. Heck, Denny (WA), Stivers (OH): Requires a report after the Military Lending Act rulemaking on compliance mechanisms for identifying covered borrowers and requires the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) to report to Congress on systems reliability and plans to strengthen capabilities, and consult with private-sector users of DMDC to address issues of common concern. (10 minutes)

89. Crawford (AR): Makes it clear that EOD incident response in support of civil authorities is authorized, and does not require reimbursement by civil authorities for EOD to pick up military ordnance that has escaped government control. (10 minutes)

90. Hill (AR): Requires the U.S. Air Force to conduct a business case analysis on the decision to maintain 10 C-130J aircraft at Keesler AFB. Such analysis shall include consideration of: 1. Any efficiencies or cost savings that would be achieved by transferring the C-130J aircraft to Little Rock Air Force base 2. Effects on the operation of Air Mobility Command 3. Short term and long term costs of maintaining the aircraft at Keesler AFB Report should be completed and provided to Congress within 60 days of enactment of the bill. (10 minutes)

91. Meehan (PA), Costello (PA): Expresses a sense of Congress about the importance of strong communications systems for the National Guard in the event of a cyber or terrorist attack. (10 minutes)

92. DeFazio (OR), Herrera-Beutler (WA): Sense of Congress calling for a technical correction to Section 3095, Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization regarding refinancing of Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction loan. (10 minutes)

93. Lynch (MA), Boustany (LA): Calls for the observation of two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the United States. (10 minutes)

94. Engel (NY): Ensures a focus on the protection of human rights will be maintained as part of U.S. efforts to train Afghan National Security Forces. (10 minutes)

95. Connolly (VA), Poe (TX): Authorizes up to 5% of humanitarian assistance program funds to be used for monitoring and

evaluation of said programs. Requires a Congressional briefing 90 days after enactment describing how the Department evaluates program and project outcomes and impact, including cost effectiveness and whether the programs met their goals. (10 minutes)

96. Walberg (MI): Requires SIGAR to certify they have access to records of the Afghanistan government for the purpose of auditing as a condition for disbursement of funds to Afghanistan. (10 minutes)

97. Cicilline (RI): Requires the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to submit a report within 180 days describing efforts to engage United States manufacturers in procurement opportunities related to equipping the ANSF. (10 minutes)

98. Sinema (AZ): Directs the Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Secretary of State to pursue efforts to shut down ISIL's illicit oil revenues and to report on resources need to counter ISIL's oil revenues. (10 minutes)

99. Poe (TX): Adds an assessment of U.S. efforts to stop foreign fighters as a matter to be included in the comprehensive strategy to counter Islamic extremism. (10 minutes)

100. Blumenauer (OR), Tsongas (MA): Ensures that our Afghan allies are not made ineligible for the Special Immigrant Visa program as a result of the change in mission name from ISAF to Resolute Support, and other technical changes. (10 minutes)

101. Lamborn (CO): Adds a limitation on military-to-military exchanges and contacts with Iran. (10 minutes)

102. Walorski (IN): Provides transparency and congressional oversight to our deterrence of Iran and force posture in the Middle East. (10 minutes)

103. Ellison (MN): States that nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the use of military force against Iran. (10 minutes)

104. Rogers, Mike (AL), Forbes (VA): Expresses a sense of the congress concerning missile defense cooperation with Japan, and, it would require an update from DOD not later than 30 days after the date of enactment on sale of Aegis Ashore capability to allies, including Japan. (10 minutes)

105. Walker (NC): Requires that the Secretary of Defense invite military forces of Taiwan to participate in any maritime exercise (RIMPAC) if the Secretary has invited the military forces of People's Republic of China to participate in such exercise. (10 minutes)

106. Kelly (PA): Prohibits funds from being used to implement the UN Arms Trade Treaty unless the Senate approves a resolution of ratification for the Treaty and implementing legislation for the Treaty has been enacted into law. (10 minutes)

107. Lamborn (CO): Adds a requirement for a report on Qatar's efforts to combat terrorism. (10 minutes)

108. Lamborn (CO): Expresses a Sense of Congress in support of Jordan. (10 minutes)

109. Royce (CA), Maloney, Carolyn (NY): Expresses the sense of Congress that combating Boko Haram is in the national security interest of the United States and that the United States should support regional allies in their operations against Boko Haram. Requires a report that details the security assistance required and received by regional partners to combat Boko Haram. (10 minutes)

110. Schweikert (AZ), Hastings, Alcee (FL): Expressing the sense of Congress that it is a national security priority of the United States to support and cooperate with the Republic of Tunisia by providing assistance to combat the growing terrorist threat from ISIS and other terrorist organizations. (10 minutes)

111. Turner (OH), Keating (MA): Expresses a Sense of Congress on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and encourages the United States to work with current and aspiring NATO partners to address security threats facing the alliance. (10 minutes)

112. Cicilline (RI), Bilirakis (FL): Requires the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense to submit a report within 90 days describing the military capabilities of the Republic of Cyprus. (10 minutes)

113. Crowley (NY), Engel (NY), Holding (NC), Bera (CA), Royce (CA): Supports ongoing defense cooperation between the United States and India. (10 minutes)

114. Dingell (MI), Conyers (MI): Expresses the Sense of Congress that the President should exercise his authorities to evacuate U.S. citizens and nationals from Yemen during the ongoing conflict. (10 minutes)

115. Engel (NY): Requires a report to Congress on the impact of any significant reduction in U.S. troop levels or material in Europe on NATO's core mission of collective defense before any such reduction takes place. (10 minutes)

116. Vela (TX): Requires a report on violence and cartel activity in Mexico and the impact on U.S. National Security. (10 minutes)

117. Kilmer (WA), Cartwright (PA), Cole (OK), Farenthold (TX), Loeb sack (IA), Takai (HI), Bishop, Rob (UT), Bustos (IL), Jones (NC), Ratcliffe (TX), Scott, Austin (GA), Shuster (PA): Requires Congressional notification prior to initiating a furlough and prohibits the transfer of work that would have been conducted by those furloughed to other DOD employees, contractors, or members of the Armed Forces. (10 minutes)

118. Nolan (MN): Prohibits funding from the Syria and Iraq Train and Equip programs to recipients that the Secretary of Defense has reported as having previously misused provided training and equipment. (10 minutes)

119. Lujan Grisham (NM): Expresses a sense of Congress that the Secretary submit a plan to Congress on how the Department plans to implement the recommendations of the nuclear enterprise reviews. (10 minutes)

120. Quigley (IL), Blumenauer (OR), Polis (CO): Requires the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress justifying the departments plans to increase the number of new nuclear-armed cruise missiles, known as the Long Range Standoff Weapon, to the U.S. arsenal. The report should outline how the number of planned missiles aligns with U.S. nuclear employment strategy and the costs associated. (10 minutes)

121. Rogers, Mike (AL): Makes a series of technical corrections to sections 1669 and 1670 concerning US Israeli missile defense cooperation. (10 minutes)

122. Foster (IL): Requires the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to submit to Congress a cost analysis of a space-based ballistic intercept and defeat layer. (10 minutes)

123. Turner (OH): Requires the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to notify congressional defense committees of the preferred location in the United States for the future deployment of an interceptor capable of protecting the homeland. (10 minutes)

124. Quigley (IL): Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to Congress comparing the costs associated with extending the life of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile with the costs associated with procuring a new ground based strategic deterrent. (10 minutes)

125. Castor (FL): Expresses a sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should take into consideration, when prioritizing base housing projects, commuting times for base personnel and land available for development on the base. (10 minutes)

126. Loeb sack (IA): This section would modify section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, to provide the authorities to lease real or personal property contained in such section to the commander of military manufacturing arsenals or, if part of a larger military installation, the installation commander for the purposes of leveraging private investment at military manufacturing arsenals through long-term facility use contracts, property management contracts, leases, or other such agreements. This section does not supersede authorities in section 4544 of title 10, United States Code, and is designed to give the commander of military manufacturing arsenals or, if part of a larger military installation, the installation commander, greater flexibility to utilize unused administrative and warehouse space at military installations. (10 minutes)

127. Scalise (LA), Abraham (LA), Boustany (LA): Authorizes the Secretary of the Army to release the existing terms and conditions on a parcel of property at Camp Villere, Louisiana, enabling the Louisiana Army National Guard to transfer the land to the State of Louisiana in exchange for another parcel of land that has been identified, provided that the State carries out the necessary actions required. (10 minutes)

128. Young, Don (AK): Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a land conveyance of approximately 1,290 acres of public land, withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior under Public Land Order 843 for use by the Secretary of the Air Force, to the Town of Galena, Alaska. (10 minutes)

129. Sanchez, Loretta (CA): Modifies 50 U.S.C. 2537 to add that existing nuclear weapon system shall be considered undergoing life extension if the total cost of the associated activities, including activities considered alterations, will exceed \$1 billion. (10 minutes)

130. Lujan Grisham (NM): Creates a pilot program in which the Department establishes a microlab that is accessible to the public. (10 minutes)

131. Hunter (CA): Provides a one year increase in maritime security program funding. (10 minutes)

132. Sessions (TX): Authorizes the Administrator of the Maritime Administration to: (1) accept a gift of money from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc. in order to renovate Melville Hall on the campus of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and (2) provides the option to enter into a contract with the Foundation for the Hall's operation. Provides that all excess proceeds will be used solely for the morale and welfare of the cadets. (10 minutes)

133. Carter, John (TX), Rigell (VA), McCaul (TX), Gohmert (TX): Requires DOD to establish a process by which the commander of a military installation may authorize a servicemember to carry a concealed personal firearm on the installation if the commander determines it to be necessary as a personal or force-protection measure. (10 minutes)

134. LoBiondo (NJ): Expresses a sense of Congress that while recruitment and advertising in support of the National Guard and the military is appropriate, the taxpayer shouldn't have to pay for any organization to honor the service of members of the Armed Forces and (2) it should not be the goal of those that receive DoD advertising funds to use those funds to pay organizations to honor the service of members of the Armed Forces; instead, it should be the patriotism of these organizations to do so of their own free will in support of our brave servicemen and women. (3) Any funds that would be saved from this Sense of Congress should be redirected towards post-traumatic stress disorder research and treatment for servicemembers. (10 minutes)

135. Nunes (CA): Clarifies that any realignment of forces at Lajes Air Force Base, Azores, shall be based on United States operational requirements. (10 minutes)

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER

#### 1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE THORBERRY OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 68, line 18, strike "**SEC. 2463a. ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN NEW REQUIREMENTS BASED ON DETERMINATIONS OF COST-EFFICIENCY.**" and insert "**§ 2463a. Assignment of certain new requirements based on determinations of cost-efficiency**".

Page 68, line 25, strike "Armed Forces" and insert "armed forces".

Page 69, line 5, strike "(('Estimating and Comparing the Full Costs of Civilian and Active Duty Military Manpower and Contract Support'))" and insert "(('Estimating and Comparing the Full Costs of Civilian and Active Duty Military Manpower and Contract Support'))".

Page 69, line 14, strike "Armed Forces" and insert "armed forces".

Page 95, line 1, strike "**SEC. 116. OPERATIONAL USE OF THE NATIONAL GUARD.**" and insert "**§ 116. Operational use of the National Guard**".

Page 99, line 15, strike extraneous quotation marks.

Page 103, line 5, strike "section 101" and insert "section 101(a)(5)".

Page 132, line 6, strike "or12406" and insert "or 12406".

Page 134, line 9, strike "semicolon" and insert "period".

Page 144, beginning line 19, strike paragraphs (44), (45), and (46).

Page 145, beginning line 24, strike paragraph (48).

Page 148, line 14, insert a comma after "(D)".

Page 148, line 15, insert a comma after "(C)".

Page 152, line 2, strike "section 206" and insert "section 3121".

Page 188, line 19, strike two of the four quotation marks.

Page 239, line 2, strike “Subsection (e)(1)” and insert “Subsection (e)(2)”.

Page 241, strike lines 12 and 13 and insert the following:

**SEC. 593. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY DIVERS.**

Page 243, strike lines 9 and 10.

Page 243, lines 17 through 19, strike “and supports the Department of Defense to designate 2015 as the Year of the Military Diver” and insert “the Department of Defense”.

Page 314, line 10, strike the semicolon in the quoted matter.

Page 368, line 5 strike “as amended by section 9 of this Act” and insert “as amended by subsection (b)(1)”.

Page 394, line 25, strike “by adding at the end” and insert “by striking the item relating to section 2222 and inserting”.

Page 457, line 15, strike “subsection (m)” and insert “subsection (l)”.

Page 478, line 8, insert “and” after “air lift,”.

Page 478, line 8, strike “, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance”

Page 490, line 10, insert “as enacted into law by” before “Public Law”.

Page 490, line 16, strike “26” and insert “261”.

Page 495, line 6, insert “Defense” after “National”.

Page 496, line 7, before the period insert the following: “, and the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 83 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to that section”.

Page 500, line 17, insert “subchapter I of” before “chapter 21”.

Page 501, line 8, strike “Section 9314a(b)” and insert “Subsection (d)(4) of section 9314a, as redesignated by section 591(a) of this Act,”.

Page 564, line 18, strike “be a country for purposes of meeting” and insert “meet”.

Page 623, line 9, strike “301” and insert “1504”.

Page 623, line 10, strike “4301” and insert “4303”.

Page 623, line 16, strike “301” and insert “1504”.

Page 623, line 17, strike “4301” and insert “4303”.

Page 623, line 23, strike “301” and insert “1504”.

Page 623, line 24, strike “4301” and insert “4303”.

Page 693, line 1, strike “for” and insert “at the beginning of”.

Page 693, line 5, strike “inserting” and insert “adding”.

Page 697, line 23, strike “2016 through 2020” and insert “2017 through 2021”.

Page 726, line 7, insert “a” after “fielding”.

Page 726, line 8, strike “alternatives”.

Page 776, line 8, strike “by redesigning” and insert “by redesignating”.

Page 827, after line 10, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 3104. NUCLEAR ENERGY.**

Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Energy for fiscal year 2016 for nuclear energy as specified in the funding table in section 4701.

Page 850, line 25, strike “, as amended by section 3118, is further” and insert “is”.



Page 907, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT", strike "93,112" and insert "78,112".

Page 907, in the table of section 4201, under the heading "AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT", strike the entry "Concept development by the Army of a CPGS option ..... [15,000]".

Page 908, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION", strike "2,144,450" and insert "2,129,450".

Page 909, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, ARMY", strike "7,024,678" and insert "7,009,678".

Page 911, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS", strike "135,217" and insert "120,217".

Page 911, in the table of section 4201, under the heading "SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS", strike the entry "Concept development ..... [15,000]".

Page 911, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION", strike "6,335,800" and insert "6,320,800".

Page 912, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, NAVY", strike "16,652,223" and insert "16,637,223".

Page 918, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "PROMPT GLOBAL STRIKE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT", strike "78,817" and insert "108,817".

Page 918, in the table of section 4201, under the heading "PROMPT GLOBAL STRIKE CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT", insert the following entries (with the dollar amounts aligned under the "House Authorized" column):

Concept development by the Army of a CPGS option.....[15,000]

Concept development by the Navy of a CPGS option.....[15,000]

Page 918, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION", strike the second "545,258" (under the "House Authorized" column) and insert "575,258".

Page 919, in the table of section 4201, in the entry relating to "TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST & EVAL, DW", strike "18,547,081" and insert "18,577,081".

Page 924, in the table of section 4301, in the entry relating to "Unobligated balances", strike "-286,400" and insert "-37,400".

Page 924, in the table of section 4301, in the entry relating to "SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED", strike "-338,200" and insert "-89,200".

Page 924, in the table of section 4301, in the entry relating to "TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS", strike "4,269,874" and insert "4,518,874".

Page 925, in the table of section 4301, in the entry relating to "Unobligated balances", strike "-37,400" and insert "-286,400".

Page 925, in the table of section 4301, in the entry relating to “SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED”, strike “-813,600” and insert “-1,062,600”.

Page 925, in the table of section 4301, in the entry relating to “TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE”, strike “30,890,956” and insert “30,641,956”.

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

At the end of subtitle C of title I, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT CARRIERS OF THE NAVY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5062(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “11” and inserting “10”.

(b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 1023 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2447) is repealed.

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG OF ALASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 136. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE OCONUS BASING OF THE F-35A AIRCRAFT.**

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

(1) The Department of Defense is continuing its process of permanently stationing the F-35 aircraft at installations in the Continental United States (in this section referred to as “CONUS”) and forward-basing Outside the Continental United States (in this section referred to as “OCONUS”).

(2) The Secretary of the Air Force has, from a list of bases which included two United States candidate bases in Alaska and three foreign OCONUS candidate bases, selected Eielson Air Force Base as the preferred alternative for two of Pacific Air Force’s F-35A Lightning II squadrons in Alaska.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Air Force, in the strategic basing process for the F-35A aircraft, should continue to place emphasis on the benefits derived from sites that—

(1) are capable of hosting fighter-based bilateral and multi-lateral training opportunities with international partners;

(2) have sufficient airspace and range capabilities and capacity to meet the training requirements;

(3) have existing facilities to support personnel, operations, and logistics associated with the flying mission;

(4) have limited encroachment that would adversely impact training or operations; and

(5) minimize the overall construction and operational costs.

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

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

**SEC. 302. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT.**

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Defense an additional \$25,000,000 for the Office of Economic Adjustment to be available, until expended and notwithstanding any other provision of law, for transportation infrastructure improvements associated with congestion mitigation in urban areas related to recommendations of the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

(b) FUNDING OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amounts specified in the funding table in section 4301 of division D, relating to Operation and Maintenance, are each hereby reduced by \$5,000,000 (for a total of \$25,000,000), as follows:

- (1) Army, Line 540.
- (2) Navy, Line 720.
- (3) Marine Corps, Line 210.
- (4) Air Force, Line 470.
- (5) Defense-wide, Line 340.

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

Strike section 538 (page 179, beginning line 6), relating to a sense of the House of Representatives regarding Secretary of Defense review of section 504 of title 10, United States Code, regarding enlisting certain aliens in the Armed Forces.

6. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MESSER OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 68, after line 9, insert the following:

**SEC. 317. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON IMPACT OF PROPOSED OZONE RULE.**

Not earlier than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct a comprehensive study on the impact of any final rule that succeeds the proposed regulation entitled National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (published at 79 Fed. Reg. 75234) on military readiness, including the impact of such rule on training exercises, military installations, land owned and operated by the Department of Defense, the infrastructure upon which the national security system relies, and the impact military activities may have on attainment designations.

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE TAKAI OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle F of title V (page 227, after line 19), add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 . MARINER TRAINING.**

Section 2015 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection (d):

“(d) SPECIAL RULES FOR MARINER DUTIES.—(1) The program required by subsection (a) shall ensure to the greatest extent practicable that—

“(A) members of the armed forces whose duties are primarily as a mariner receive training opportunities necessary to meet the requirements for licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariners’ documents issued under part E of subtitle II of title 46, and to acquire a Convention on Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping for Seafarers endorsement to such licenses and documents;

“(B) such members assigned to a vessel’s deck and engineering departments have a designated path to meet the requirements for such licenses, documents, and endorsement commensurate with their positional responsibilities;

“(C) courses in marine navigation, leadership, operation, and maintenance taken while such a member is in the armed forces are submitted to the National Maritime Center for use in assessments of the fulfillment by the member of the requirements for receiving such licenses, documents, and endorsement; and

“(D) such members in the deck and engineering departments have the opportunity to attend merchant mariner credentialing programs that meet training requirements not offered by the armed forces.

“(2) The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall ensure that any assessment of the training and experience of an applicant who is or has been a member of the armed forces is conducted without any limitation related to the member’s military pay grade.”.

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

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

**SEC. 5 . ATOMIC VETERANS SERVICE MEDAL.**

(a) SERVICE MEDAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall design and produce a military service medal, to be known as the “Atomic Veterans Service Medal”, to honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces who are radiation-exposed veterans (as such term is defined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, United States Code).

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—

(1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER MEMBERS.—At the request of a radiation-exposed veteran, the Secretary of Defense shall issue the Atomic Veterans Service Medal to the veteran.

(2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of a radiation-exposed veteran who is deceased, the Secretary may provide for issuance of the Atomic Veterans Service Medal to the next-of-kin of the person.

(3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare and disseminate as appropriate an application by which radiation-exposed veterans and their next-of-kin may apply to receive the Atomic Veterans Service Medal.

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

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

**SEC. 6 . AVAILABILITY FOR PURCHASE OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEMORIAL HEADSTONES AND MARKERS FOR MEMBERS OF RESERVE COMPONENTS WHO PERFORMED CERTAIN TRAINING.**

Section 2306 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i)(1) The Secretary shall make available for purchase a memorial headstone or marker for the marked or unmarked grave of an individual described in paragraph (2) or for the purpose of commemorating such an individual whose remains are unavailable.

“(2) An individual described in this paragraph is an individual who—

“(A) as a member of a National Guard or Reserve component performed inactive duty training or active duty for training for at least six years but did not serve on active duty; and

“(B) is not otherwise ineligible for a memorial headstone or marker on account of the nature of the individual’s separation from the Armed Forces or other cause.

“(3) A headstone or marker for the grave of an individual may be purchased under this subsection by—

“(A) the individual;

“(B) the surviving spouse, child, sibling, or parent of the individual; or

“(C) an individual other than the next of kin, as determined by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“(4) In establishing the prices of the headstones and markers made available for purchase under this section, the Secretary shall ensure the prices are sufficient to cover the costs associated with the production and delivery of such headstones and markers.

“(5) No person may receive any benefit under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs solely by reason of this subsection.

“(6) This subsection does not authorize any new burial benefit for any person or create any new authority for any individual to be buried in a national cemetery.

“(7) The Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary of Defense in establishing procedures to determine whether an individual is an individual described in paragraph (2).”.

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10. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KLINE OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 285, after line 16, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 705. ACCESS TO TRICARE PRIME FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES.**

(a) ACCESS.—Section 732(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (10 U.S.C. 1097a note) is amended to read as follows:

“(3) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ELECTION.—

“(A) Except as provided by subparagraph (B), an affected eligible beneficiary may not make the one-time election under paragraph (1) if, at the time of such election, the beneficiary does not reside—

“(i) in a ZIP code that is in a region described in subsection (d)(1)(B); and

“(ii) within 100 miles of a military medical treatment facility.

“(B) Subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not apply with respect to an affected eligible beneficiary who—

“(i) as of December 25, 2013, resides farther than 100 miles from a military medical treatment facility; and

“(ii) is such an eligible beneficiary by reason of service in the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps.”.

(b) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 1406 for the Defense Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4501, is hereby increased by \$4,000,000.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amounts authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operation and maintenance, Navy, Line 040, Air Operations and Safety Support, MV-22 Fleet Engineering Support Unfunded Requirement, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$4,000,000.

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

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

**SEC. 7 \_\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION.**

Of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense Healthcare Management Systems Modernization, not more than 75 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on which the Secretary of Defense makes the certification required by section 713(g)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113-66; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

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

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

**SEC. 7 . PRIMARY BLAST INJURY RESEARCH.**

The peer-reviewed Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program shall conduct a study on blast injury mechanics covering a wide range of primary blast injury conditions, including traumatic brain injury, in order to accelerate solution development in this critical area.

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

Page 311, line 2, after “shall” insert “cover the entire Federal Government and”.

Page 311, line 17, strike “Secretary and” and insert “Secretary,”.

Page 311, line 18, after “committees” insert “, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate”.

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

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

**SEC. 8 . MODIFICATION TO AND SCORECARD PROGRAM FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING GOALS.**

(a) AMENDMENT TO GOVERNMENTWIDE GOAL FOR SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION IN PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS.—Section 15(g)(1)(A)(i) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(A)(i) is amended by adding at the end the following: “In meeting this goal, the Government shall ensure the participation of small business concerns from a wide variety of industries and from a broad spectrum of small business concerns within each industry.”

(b) SCORECARD PROGRAM FOR EVALUATING FEDERAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE WITH SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTING GOALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2016, the Administrator of the Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Federal agencies, shall—

(A) develop a methodology for calculating a score to be used to evaluate the compliance of each Federal agency with meeting the goals established pursuant to section 15(g)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(B)); and

(B) develop a scorecard based on such methodology.

(2) AGENCY ANNUAL GOAL.—In developing the methodology for calculating a score described in paragraph (1), the Administrator shall consider each annual goal established by each Federal agency pursuant to section 15(g)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(B)).

(3) USE OF SCORECARD.—Beginning in fiscal year 2017, the Administrator shall establish and carry out a program to use the scorecard developed under paragraph (1) to evaluate whether each Federal agency is creating the maximum practicable opportunities for the award of prime contracts and subcontracts to small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified

HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women, by assigning a score to each Federal agency. If the Administrator fails to establish and carry out this program before the end of fiscal year 2017, the Administrator may not exercise the authority under section 7(a)(25)(A) until such time as the program is implemented.

(4) CONTENTS OF SCORECARD.—The scorecard developed under paragraph (1) shall include, for each Federal agency, the following information:

(A) A determination of whether the Federal agency met each of the prime contract goals established pursuant to section 15(g)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(B)) with respect to small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women.

(B) A determination of whether the Federal agency met each of the subcontract goals established pursuant to such section with respect to small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women.

(C) The number of small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women awarded prime contracts in each North American Industrial Classification System code during the fiscal year and a comparison to the number awarded contracts during the prior fiscal year, if available.

(D) The number of small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women awarded subcontracts in each North American Industrial Classification System code during the fiscal year and a comparison to the number awarded contracts during the prior fiscal year, if available.

(E) Any other factors that the Administrator deems important to achieve the maximum practicable utilization of small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically



disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women.

(5) **WEIGHTED FACTORS.**—In using the scorecard to evaluate and assign a score to a Federal agency, the Administrator shall base—

(A) fifty percent of the score on the dollar value of prime contracts described in paragraph (4)(A); and

(B) fifty percent of the score on the information provided in subparagraphs (B) through (E) of paragraph (4), weighted in a manner determined by the Administrator to encourage the maximum practicable opportunity for the award of prime contracts and subcontracts to small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women.

(6) **PUBLICATION.**—The scorecard used by the Administrator under this subsection shall be submitted to the President and Congress along with the report submitted under section 15(h)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(h)(2)).

(7) **REPORT.**—After the Administrator submits the scorecard for fiscal year 2018, but not later than March 31, 2019, the Administrator shall report to the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate. Such report shall include the following:

(A) A description of any increase in the dollar amount of prime contracts and subcontracts awarded to small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women.

(B) A description of any increase in the dollar amount of prime contracts and subcontracts awarded to small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women in each North American Industrial Classification System code.

(C) A description of any increase to the number of small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women awarded contracts in each North American Industrial Classification System code.

(D) The recommendation of the Administrator on continuing, modifying, expanding, or terminating the program established under this subsection.

(8) GAO REPORT ON SCORECARD METHODOLOGY.—Not later than September 30, 2018, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate a report that—

(A) evaluates whether the methodology used to calculate a score under this subsection accurately and effectively—

(i) measures the compliance of each Federal agency with meeting the goals established pursuant to section 15(g)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(B)); and

(ii) encourages Federal agencies to expand opportunities for small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and small business concerns owned and controlled by women to compete for and be awarded Federal procurement contracts across North American Industrial Classification System Codes; and

(B) if warranted, makes recommendations on how to improve such methodology to improve its accuracy and effectiveness.

(9) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

(A) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

(B) FEDERAL AGENCY.—The term “Federal agency” has the meaning given the term “agency” by section 551(1) of title 5, United States Code, but does not include the United States Postal Service or the Government Accountability Office.

(C) SCORECARD.—The term “scorecard” shall mean any summary using a rating system to evaluate a Federal agency’s efforts to meet goals established under section 15(g)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(1)(B)) that—

(i) includes the measures described in paragraph (4); and

(ii) assigns a score to each Federal agency evaluated.

(D) SMALL BUSINESS ACT DEFINITIONS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The terms “small business concern”, “small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans”, “qualified HUBZone small business concern”, and “small business concern owned and controlled by women” shall have the meanings given such terms under section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632).

(ii) SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVAN-

TAGED INDIVIDUALS.—The term “small business concern owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals” has the meaning given that term under section 8(d)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(3)(C)).

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

Page 438, line 9, strike “the Department of Defense” and insert “any department or agency of the United States Government”.

Page 438, line 11, strike “December 31, 2016,” and insert “the date that is two years after the date of the enactment of this Act”.

Page 439, lines 7 through 8, strike “the Department of Defense” and insert “any department or agency of the United States Government”.

Page 439, lines 9 through 10, strike “December 31, 2016,” and insert “the date that is two years after the date of the enactment of this Act”.

Page 443, line 12, strike “assessment” and all that follows through the period on line 15 and insert “assessment conducted by the Director of National Intelligence, in classified or unclassified form, that such government or entity has the capacity and willingness, and demonstrated past practices (if applicable) to comply with the requirements under paragraph (1).”.

Page 444, line 15, strike “The” and insert “Except as provided in paragraph (3), the”.

Page 446, after line 25, insert the following:

(3) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may not exercise the waiver authority under paragraph (1) with respect to any individual detained at Guantanamo, who has ever been determined or assessed to be a detainee referred for prosecution, a detainee approved for detention, or a detainee approved for conditional detention by the Guantanamo Detainee Review Task Force established pursuant to Executive Order number 13492.

Page 447, after line 17, insert the following:

(f) COORDINATION WITH PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER TO YEMEN.—During the period when section 1042 is in effect, the exception in subsection (c)(2) and the waiver authority under subsection (d) shall not apply to the transfer of any individual detained at Guantanamo to Yemen.

(g) COORDINATION WITH PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER TO COMBAT ZONES.—During the period when section 1038 is in effect, the exception in subsection (c)(2) and the waiver authority under subsection (d) shall not apply to the transfer of any individual detained at Guantanamo to a combat zone, as such term is defined in subsection (b) of such section.

Page 447, line 17, strike “(f)” and insert “(h)”.

Page 448, line 23, strike “(g)” and insert “(i)”.

Page 453, after line 4, insert the following:

**SEC. 1042. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR TRANSFER OR RELEASE OF INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA, TO YEMEN.**

No amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to any department or agency of the United States Gov-

ernment may be used during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is two years after the date of the enactment of this Act to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release of any individual detained in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the custody or control of the Republic of Yemen or any entity within Yemen.

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

Strike sections 1036, 1037, 1038, and 1039, and insert the following:

**SEC. 1036. GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION FACILITY CLOSURE ACT OF 2015.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the “Guantanamo Bay Detention Facility Closure Act of 2015”.

(b) **USE OF FUNDS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on or after the date that is 90 days after the date on which the President submits a plan pursuant to subsection (h), amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense may be used to—

(1) construct or modify any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any individual detained at Guantanamo for the purposes of detention or imprisonment; and

(2) transfer, or assist in transferring, to or within the United States, its territories, or possessions any individual detained at Guantanamo.

(c) **LIMITATION ON RELEASE.**—An individual detained at Guantanamo may not be released within the United States, its territories, or possessions under the authority in subsection (b). An individual detained at Guantanamo who is transferred under the authority in subsection (b) may be subsequently released in accordance with section 1035 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66; 128 Stat. 851).

(d) **STATUS WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES.**—An individual who is transferred under the authority in subsection (b), while in the United States—

(1) may not be permitted to apply for asylum under section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1158), be placed in removal proceedings under section 240 of such Act (8 U.S.C. 1229a), or be eligible to apply for admission into the United States; and

(2) may not be permitted to avail himself of any right, privilege, or benefit of any law of the United States beyond those available to any similarly situated alien in the United States.

(e) **NOTICE TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 30 days before transferring any individual detained at Guantanamo to the United States, its territories, or possessions, the President shall submit to Congress a report about such individual that includes—

(1) notice of the proposed transfer; and

(2) the assessment of the Secretary of Defense and the intelligence community (under the meaning given such term section

3(4) of the National Security 18 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003(4)) of any risks to public safety that could arise in connection with the proposed transfer of the individual and a description of any steps taken to address such risks.

(f) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS.—No amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense may be used after December 31, 2017, for the detention facility or detention operations at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

(g) PERIODIC REVIEW BOARDS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each periodic review board established pursuant to Executive Order No. 13567 or section 1023 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 125 Stat. 1564; 10 U.S.C. 801 note) is completed by not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(h) PRESIDENTIAL PLAN.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan describing each of the following:

(1) The locations to which the President seeks to transfer individuals detained at Guantanamo.

(2) The individuals detained at Guantanamo whom the President seeks to transfer to overseas locations, the overseas locations to which the President seeks to transfer such individuals, and the conditions under which the President would transfer such individuals to such locations.

(3) The proposal of the President for the detention and treatment of individuals captured overseas in the future who are suspected of being terrorists.

(4) For any location in the United States to which the President seeks to transfer such an individual or an individual detained at Guantanamo, estimates of each of the following costs:

(A) The costs of constructing infrastructure to support detention operations or prosecution at such location.

(B) The costs of facility repair, sustainment, maintenance, and operation of all infrastructure supporting detention operations or prosecution at such location.

(C) The costs of military personnel, civilian personnel, and contractors associated with the detention operations or prosecution at such location, including any costs likely to be incurred by other Federal departments or agencies or State or local governments.

(D) Any other costs associated with supporting the detention operations or prosecution at such location.

(5) The estimated security costs associated with trying such individuals in the United States, including the costs of military personnel, civilian personnel, and contractors associated with the prosecution at such location, including any costs likely to be incurred by other Federal departments or agencies, or State or local governments.

(6) A plan developed by the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Director of National Intelligence, and the heads of other relevant departments and agencies, identifying a disposition, other than continued detention at United States Naval Station,

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for each individual detained at Guantanamo as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(i) INTERIM LIMITATION.—No amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense may be used during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on the date that is 90 days after the President submits a plan pursuant to subsection (h) to exercise the authority in subsection (b).

(j) INDIVIDUAL DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO.—In this section, the term “individual detained at Guantanamo” means any individual located at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as of October 1, 2009, who—

(1) is not a citizen of the United States or a member of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

(2) is—

(A) in the custody or under the control of the Department of Defense; or

(B) otherwise under detention at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

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

At the end of subtitle E of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 1060. SALE OR DONATION OF EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR BORDER SECURITY ACTIVITIES.**

Section 2576a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “counter-drug and counter-terrorism activities” and inserting “counterdrug, counterterrorism, and border security activities”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “the Attorney General and the Director of National Drug Control Policy” and inserting “the Attorney General, the Director of National Drug Control Policy, and the Secretary of Homeland Security, as appropriate.”; and

(2) in subsection (d), by striking “counter-drug and counter-terrorism activities” and inserting “counterdrug, counterterrorism, or border security activities”.

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

Page 474, after line 17, insert the following:

**SEC. 1060. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR REALIGNMENT OF FORCES AT OR CLOSURE OF UNITED STATES NAVAL STATION, GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA.**

No amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may be used, during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2016, to—

(1) close or abandon United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba;

(2) relinquish control of Guantanamo Bay to the Republic of Cuba; or

(3) modify the Treaty Between the United States of America and Cuba signed at Washington, D.C. on May 29, 1934, including a modification of the boundaries of Guantanamo Bay, unless ratified with the advice and consent of the Senate.

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

Page 485, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 10 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT ON THE STATUS OF DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION, AND DISABLEMENT CAPABILITIES RELATED TO REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT.**

Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report addressing the suitability of existing capabilities to detect, identify, and disable remotely piloted aircraft operating within special use and restricted airspace. The report shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the degree to which existing capabilities to detect, identify, and potentially disable remotely piloted aircraft within special use and restricted airspace are able to be deployed and combat prevailing threats.

(2) An assessment of existing gaps in capabilities related to the detection, identification, or disablement of remotely piloted aircraft within special use and restricted airspace.

(3) A plan that outlines the extent to which existing research and development programs within the Department of Defense can be leveraged to fill identified capability gaps and/or the need to establish new programs to address such gaps as are identified pursuant to paragraph (2).

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20. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KLINE OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In section 1090, redesignate subsections (a) through (d) as subsections (b) through (e), respectively, and insert before subsection (b), as so redesignated, the following:

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that in order to ensure the safety and security of members of the Armed Forces of the United States overseas—

(1) members of the Armed Forces of the United States should have the proper authorized resources at all times to protect themselves while participating in an ordered evacuation of a United States embassy or consulate abroad; and

(2) no restrictions should be placed on the ability of members of the Armed Forces of the United States to maintain on their person and use authorized weapons and equipment for personal and evacuee security at all times and to take authorized protective actions subject to applicable law and orders from the chain of command, during an ordered evacuation of a United States embassy or consulate.

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

Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 1092. INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDINATOR.**

(a) INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE RECOVERY COORDINATOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall designate an existing Federal officer to coordinate efforts to secure the release of United States persons who are hostages of hostile groups or state sponsors of terrorism. For purposes of carrying out the duties described in paragraph (2), such officer shall have the title of “Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator”.

(2) DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall have the following duties:

(A) Coordinate and direct all activities of the Federal Government relating to each hostage situation described in paragraph (1) to ensure efforts to secure the release of all hostages in the hostage situation are properly resourced and correct lines of authority are established and maintained.

(B) Establish and direct a fusion cell consisting of appropriate personnel of the Federal Government with purview over each hostage situation described in paragraph (1).

(C) Develop a strategy to keep family members of hostages described in paragraph (1) informed of the status of such hostages and inform such family members of updates, procedures, and policies that do not compromise the national security of the United States.

(b) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The authority of the Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator shall be limited to countries that are state sponsors of terrorism and areas designated as hazardous for which hostile fire and imminent danger pay are payable to members of the Armed Forces for duty performed in such area.

(c) QUARTERLY REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On a quarterly basis, the Coordinator shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and the members of Congress described in paragraph (2) a report that includes a summary of each hostage situation described in subsection (a)(1) and efforts to secure the release of all hostages in such hostage situation.

(2) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DESCRIBED.—The members of Congress described in this subparagraph are, with respect to a United States person hostage covered by a report under paragraph (1), the Senators representing the State, and the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the House of Representatives representing the district, where a hostage described in subsection (a)(1) resides.

(3) FORM OF REPORT.— Each report under this subsection may be submitted in classified or unclassified form.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the Federal Government to negotiate with a state sponsor of terrorism or an organization that the Secretary of State has designated as a foreign terrorist organization pursuant



to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189).

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COORDINATOR.—The term “Coordinator” means the Interagency Hostage Recovery Coordinator designated under subsection (a).

(2) HOSTILE GROUP.—The term “hostile group” means—

(A) a group that is designated as a foreign terrorist organization under section 219(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a));

(B) a group that is engaged in armed conflict with the United States; or

(C) any other group that the President determines to be a hostile group for purposes of this paragraph.

(3) STATE SPONSOR OF TERRORISM.—The term “state sponsor of terrorism”—

(A) means a country the government of which the Secretary of State has determined, for purposes of section 6(j) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act, or any other provision of law, to be a government that has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism; and

(B) includes North Korea.

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

At the end of subtitle E of title X (page 474, after line 17), add the following new section:

**SEC. 10 . CIVILIAN AVIATION ASSET MILITARY PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) PARTICIPATION.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, may participate in a Civilian Aviation Asset Military Partnership Pilot Program (in this section referred to as the “Program”) in accordance with this section.

(b) GRANT AUTHORITY.—Subject to the availability of appropriations to carry out this section, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, may make a grant under the Program, on a competitive basis, to an eligible airport to assist a project—

(1) to improve aviation infrastructure; or

(2) to repair, replace, or otherwise improve an eligible tower facility at that airport.

(c) NUMBER.—Not more than three eligible airports may receive a grant under the Program for a fiscal year.

(d) AMOUNT.—The amount provided to each eligible airport that receives a grant under the Program may not exceed \$2,500,000.

(e) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under the Program, an eligible airport shall submit to the Secretary of Defense an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Secretary, in coordination with the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, determines is appropriate. An application shall include, at a minimum, a description of—

- (1) the proposed project with respect to which a grant is requested, including estimated costs;
  - (2) the need for the project at the eligible airport, including how the project will assist both civil aircraft and military aircraft; and
  - (3) the non-Federal funding available for the project.
- (f) SELECTION AND TERMS.—The Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall jointly—
- (1) select eligible airports to receive grants under the Program; and
  - (2) establish the terms of each grant made under the Program.
- (g) FUNDING.—
- (1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project assisted with a grant under the Program may not exceed 70 percent. Prioritization shall be given to projects with the lowest Federal share.
  - (2) COORDINATION.—With respect to the Federal share of the cost of a project assisted with a grant under the Program, 50 percent of that Federal share shall be paid by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and 50 percent shall be paid by the Secretary of Defense.
- (h) TERMINATION.—The Program shall terminate at the end of the third fiscal year in which a grant is made under the Program.
- (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:
- (1) ELIGIBLE AIRPORT.—The term “eligible airport” means an airport at which—
    - (A) military aircraft conducts operations; and
    - (B) civil aircraft operations are conducted.
  - (2) ELIGIBLE TOWER FACILITY.—The term “eligible tower facility” means a tower facility that—
    - (A) is located at an eligible airport;
    - (B) is greater than 30 years of age; and
    - (C) has demonstrated failings.
  - (3) AVIATION INFRASTRUCTURE.—The term “aviation infrastructure” means any activity defined under the term “airport development” in section 47102 of title 49, United States Code.

23. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROHR-  
ABACHER OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10  
MINUTES

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

**SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO DR. SHAKIL AFRIDI.**

- (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
- (1) The attacks of September 11, 2001, killed approximately 3,000 people, most of whom were Americans, but also included hundreds of individuals with foreign citizenships, nearly 350 New York Fire Department personnel, and about 50 law enforcement officers.
  - (2) Downed United Airlines flight 93 was reportedly intended, under the control of the al-Qaeda high-jackers, to crash into the White House or the Capitol in an attempt to kill the

President of the United States or Members of the United States Congress.

(3) The September 11, 2001, attacks were largely planned and carried out by the al-Qaeda terrorist network led by Osama bin Laden and his deputy Ayman al Zawahiri, after which Osama bin Laden enjoyed safe haven in Pakistan from where he continued to plot deadly attacks against the United States and the world.

(4) The United States has obligated nearly \$30 billion between 2002 and 2014 in United States taxpayer money for security and economic aid to Pakistan.

(5) The United States very generously and swiftly responded to the 2005 Kashmir Earthquake in Pakistan with more than \$200 million in emergency aid and the support of several United States military aircraft, approximately 1,000 United States military personnel, including medical specialists, thousands of tents, blankets, water containers and a variety of other emergency equipment.

(6) The United States again generously and swiftly contributed approximately \$150 million in emergency aid to Pakistan following the 2010 Pakistan flood, in addition to the service of nearly twenty United States military helicopters, their flight crews, and other resources to assist the Pakistan Army's relief efforts.

(7) The United States continues to work tirelessly to support Pakistan's economic development, including millions of dollars allocated towards the development of Pakistan's energy infrastructure, health services and education system.

(8) The United States and Pakistan continue to have many critical shared interests, both economic and security related, which could be the foundation for a positive and mutually beneficial partnership.

(9) Dr. Shakil Afridi, a Pakistani physician, is a hero to whom the people of the United States, Pakistan and the world owe a debt of gratitude for his help in finally locating Osama bin Laden before more innocent American, Pakistani and other lives were lost to this terrorist leader.

(10) Pakistan, the United States and the international community had failed for nearly 10 years following attacks of September 11, 2001, to locate and bring Osama bin Laden, who continued to kill innocent civilians in the Middle East, Asia, Europe, Africa and the United States, to justice without the help of Dr. Afridi.

(11) The Government of Pakistan's imprisonment of Dr. Afridi presents a serious and growing impediment to the United States' bilateral relations with Pakistan.

(12) The Government of Pakistan has leveled and allowed baseless charges against Dr. Afridi in a politically motivated, spurious legal process.

(13) Dr. Afridi is currently imprisoned by the Government of Pakistan, a deplorable and unconscionable situation which calls into question Pakistan's actual commitment to countering terrorism and undermines the notion that Pakistan is a true ally in the struggle against terrorism.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that Dr. Shakil Afridi is an international hero and that the Government of Pakistan should release him immediately from prison.

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

Strike section 1225 and insert the following:

**SEC. 1225. MODIFICATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE VETTED SYRIAN OPPOSITION.**

(a) MODIFICATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1209(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3543) is amended—

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

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of Defense”;

(B) by striking “for Overseas Contingency Operations” and inserting “under the Syria Train and Equip Fund”; and

(C) by further adding at the end the following:

“(2) REPORT REQUIRED.—At the same time the Secretary of Defense submits a request for a reprogramming or transfer of funds under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains the following:

“(A) UPDATE.—An update of the comprehensive strategy required under section 1225(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

“(B) CERTIFICATION.—A certification that—

“(i) a required number and type of United States Armed Forces have been established to meet the objectives of the strategy and such Armed Forces, including support and enablers, have been or will be deployed to meet the objectives of the strategy; and

“(ii) a required amount of support, including support provided by United States Armed Forces and enablers, has been or will be provided by the United States to the elements of the Syrian opposition that are to be trained and equipped under this section to ensure that such elements are able to defend themselves from attacks by ISIL and Government of Syria forces consistent with the purposes set forth in subsection (a).

“(C) USE OF FUNDS.—A detailed description of how the funds subject to the request for a reprogramming or transfer of funds under paragraph (1) will be used to meet the objectives of the strategy.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and apply with respect to any request for a reprogramming or transfer of funds under section 1209(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as amended by paragraph (1), that is submitted on or after such date of enactment.

(b) COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY REQUIRED.—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive strategy for Syria and Iraq.

(2) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The comprehensive strategy shall contain the following:

(A) An identification of requirements that have been established to ensure that assistance provided to appropriately vetted elements of the Syrian opposition and other appropriately vetted Syrian groups and individuals achieve the purposes set forth in section 1209(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541).

(B) A description of United States policy and strategy for addressing the Assad regime in Syria and the post-Assad regime in Syria.

(C) A detailed explanation of how the military campaigns in Syria and Iraq are integrated and a description of the goals, objectives, and the end states for Syria and Iraq, including a description of how the train and equip programs in Iraq and Syria support the goals, objectives, and end states in Iraq and Syria.

(D) A description of the roles and responsibilities of each coalition country under the strategy.

(E) A description of the relevant agency roles and responsibilities and interagency coordination under the strategy.

(3) **DEFINITION.**—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” has the meaning given the term in section 1209(e)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3543).

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

At the end of subtitle C of title XII (page 570, after line 23), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REPORT TO ASSESS THE POTENTIAL EFFECTIVENESS OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SAFE ZONES OR A NO-FLY ZONE IN SYRIA.**

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

(1) March 2015 marked the fourth year of the crisis in Syria, which has resulted in the world’s largest ongoing humanitarian disaster.

(2) Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and supporting militias, including Hezbollah, continue to carry out sectarian mass atrocities, which have included mass targeted killings, mass graves, the extermination of entire families, including their children, incidents of ethnic cleansing, sexual violence, widespread torture, aerial bombardment of residential areas, and forced displacement of certain Syrian civilians especially from areas in western Syria where Assad is attempting to increase the dominance of his own loyalists.

(3) Approximately 220,000 people have been killed, including thousands of children, many more have been seriously wound-

ed, and civilian casualties continue to mount as widespread and systematic attacks on schools, hospitals, and other civilian facilities persist in violation of international norms and principles.

(4) Assad's forces and supporting militias have used air power to target Syrian civilians, including the deployment of barrel bombs filled with explosives, shrapnel, and chemical weapons.

(5) Assad's forces, supporting militias, and other parties to the conflict are systematically blocking humanitarian aid delivery, including food and medical care, from many civilian areas in violation of international norms and principles.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the specified congressional committees a report that—

(A) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks, and operational requirements of the establishment and maintenance of a no-fly zone over part or all of Syria, including—

(i) the operational and legal requirements for United States and coalition air power to establish a no-fly zone in Syria;

(ii) the impact a no-fly zone in Syria would have on humanitarian and counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the surrounding region;

(iii) the potential for force contributions from other countries to establish a no-fly zone in Syria; and

(iv) the impact of the establishment of a no-fly zone in Syria on the recipients of training provided by section 1209 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541); and

(B) assesses the potential effectiveness, risks, and operational requirements for the establishment of one or more safe zones in Syria for internally displaced people or for the facilitation of humanitarian assistance, including—

(i) the operational and legal requirements for United States and coalition forces to establish one or more safe zones in Syria;

(ii) the impact one or more safe zones in Syria would have on humanitarian and counterterrorism efforts in Syria and the surrounding region;

(iii) the potential for contributions from other countries and vetted non-state actor partners to establish and maintain one or more safe zones in Syria; and

(iv) the impact of the establishment of one or more safe zones in Syria on the recipients of training provided by section 1209 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541).

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

(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “specified congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees; and

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

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

Page 575, line 7, strike “and” at the end.

Page 575, line 10, strike the period and insert a semicolon.

Page 575, after line 10, insert the following:

(10) the sale of advanced weaponry to Iran, particularly advanced air defenses, encourages bad behavior by Iran and poses a high risk of destabilizing the region and should be opposed; and

(11) no terrorism-related sanctions should be lifted or loosened as a part of any nuclear agreement and additional sanctions should be considered against Iran due to Iran’s continued state sponsorship of terrorism, its development and proliferation of ballistic missile technology, its continued biological and chemical weapons programs, and the egregious violation of the human rights of the Iranian people.

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

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

**SEC. 12xx. LIMITATION ON FUNDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW START TREATY.**

(a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be used for implementation of the New START Treaty until the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) the armed forces of the Russian Federation are no longer illegally occupying Ukrainian territory;

(2) the Russian Federation is respecting the sovereignty of all Ukrainian territory;

(3) the Russian Federation is no longer taking actions that are inconsistent with the INF Treaty;

(4) the Russian Federation is in compliance with the CFE Treaty and has lifted its suspension of Russian observance of its treaty obligations; and

(5) there have been no inconsistencies by the Russian Federation with New START Treaty requirements.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(2) CFE TREATY.—The term “CFE Treaty” means the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, signed at Paris November 19, 1990, and entered into force July 17, 1992.

(3) INF TREATY.—The term “INF Treaty” means the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles, commonly referred to as the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, signed at Washington December 8, 1987, and entered into force June 1, 1988.

(4) NEW START TREATY.—The term “New START Treaty” means the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed on April 8, 2010, and entered into force on February 5, 2011

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with respect to funds described in subsection (a) that are unobligated as of such date of enactment.

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

At the end of subtitle E of title XII (page 594, after line 25), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. LIMITATION ON MILITARY CONTACT AND COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE RUSSIAN FED-  
ERATION.**

(a) LIMITATION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be used for any bilateral military-to-military contact or cooperation between the Governments of the United States and the Russian Federation until the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) the armed forces of the Russian Federation are no longer illegally occupying Ukrainian territory;

(2) the Russian Federation is respecting the sovereignty of all Ukrainian territory;

(3) the Russian Federation is no longer taking actions that are inconsistent with the INF Treaty; and

(4) the Russian Federation has not sold or otherwise transferred the Club-K land attack cruise missile system to any foreign country or foreign person during fiscal year 2015.

(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the limitation in subsection (a) with respect to a certification requirement specified in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) if—

(1) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, submits to the appropriate congressional committees—

(A) a notification that such a waiver is in the national security interest of the United States and a description of the national security interest covered by the waiver; and

(B) a report explaining why the Secretary of Defense cannot make the certification under subsection (a); and



(2) a period of 30 days has elapsed following the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits the information in the report under paragraph (1)(B).

(c) ADDITIONAL WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the limitation required by subsection (a)(4) with respect to the sale or other transfer of the Club-K land attack cruise missile system if—

(1) the United States has imposed sanctions against the manufacturer of such system by reason of such sale or other transfer; or

(2) the Secretary has developed and submitted to the appropriate congressional committees a plan to prevent the sale or other transfer of such system in the future.

(d) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN MILITARY BASES.—The certification requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) shall not apply to military bases of the Russian Federation in Ukraine’s Crimean peninsula operating in accordance with its 1997 agreement on the Status and Conditions of the Black Sea Fleet Stationing on the Territory of Ukraine.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(2) BILATERAL MILITARY-TO-MILITARY CONTACT OR COOPERATION.—The term “bilateral military-to-military contact or cooperation”—

(A) means—

(i) reciprocal visits and meetings by high-ranking delegations;

(ii) information sharing, policy consultations, security dialogues or other forms of consultative discussions;

(iii) exchanges of military instructors, training personnel, and students;

(iv) exchanges of information;

(v) defense planning; and

(vi) military training or exercises; but

(B) does not include any contact or cooperation that is in support of United States stability operations.

(3) INF TREATY.—The term “INF Treaty” means the Treaty Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on the Elimination of Their Intermediate-Range and Shorter-Range Missiles, commonly referred to as the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, signed at Washington December 8, 1987, and entered into force June 1, 1988.

(f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with respect to funds described in subsection (a) that are unobligated as of such date of enactment.

29. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 12xx. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS RELATING TO SOVEREIGNTY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION OVER CRIMEA.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended—

(1) to implement any action or policy that recognizes the de jure or de facto sovereignty of the Russian Federation over Crimea, its airspace, or its territorial waters; or

(2) to provide assistance for the central government of a country that has taken affirmative steps intended to recognize or otherwise be supportive of the Russian Federation’s forcible and illegal occupation of Crimea.

(b) **WAIVER.**—The Secretary of Defense may waive the restriction on assistance required by subsection (a)(2) if the Secretary certifies and reports to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives that to do so is in the national interest of the United States.

(c) **SUNSET.**—The requirements of subsection (a) shall cease to be in effect if the Secretary of Defense certifies and reports to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives that the armed forces of the Russian Federation have withdrawn from Crimea and the Government of Ukraine has reestablished sovereignty over Crimea.

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

At the of subtitle F of title XII (page 604, after line 16), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE THE UNITED STATES ALLIANCE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the alliance between the United States and the Republic of Korea has served as an anchor for stability, security, and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula, in the Asia-Pacific region, and around the world;

(2) the United States and the Republic of Korea continue to strengthen and adapt the comprehensive strategic alliance of bilateral, regional, and global scope to serve as a linchpin of peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region, recognizing the shared values of democracy, human rights, free and open market, and the rule of law, as reaffirmed in the May 2013 “Joint Declaration in Commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America”;

(3) the United States and the Republic of Korea continue to broaden and deepen the scope and level of alliance cooperation

by strengthening the combined defense posture on the Korean Peninsula, enhancing mutual security based on the Republic of Korea-United States Mutual Defense Treaty, and promoting cooperation for regional and global security in the 21st century, recognizing the significance of 2015 as it marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II;

(4) the United States and the Republic of Korea share deep concerns that North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missiles programs and its repeated provocations pose grave threats to peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia and recognize that both nations are determined to achieve the peaceful denuclearization of North Korea, and remain fully committed to continuing close cooperation on the full range of issues related to North Korea;

(5) the United States supports the vision of a Korean Peninsula free of nuclear weapons, free from the fear of war, and peacefully reunited on the basis of democratic and free market principles, as articulated in President Park's Dresden address; and

(6) the United States and the Republic of Korea share the future interests of both nations in securing peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and in Northeast Asia.

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31. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROS-LEHTINEN OF FLORIDA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the appropriate place in title XII of the bill, add the following new section:

**SEC. 12xx. COMBATING CRIME THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES.**

The Secretary of Defense is authorized to deploy assets, personnel, and resources to United States Southern Command, in coordination with the Joint Interagency Task Force South, to combat the following by supplying sufficient intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities:

- (1) Transnational criminal organizations.
- (2) Drug trafficking.
- (3) Bulk shipments of narcotics or currency.
- (4) Narco-terrorism and terrorist financing.
- (5) Human trafficking.
- (6) The presence and influence of Iran, Russia, and China in the Western Hemisphere.
- (7) The national security threat posed by the presence and influence of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), Hezbollah, or any other foreign terrorist organization in the Western Hemisphere.

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32. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BLUMENAUER OF OREGON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Strike section 1407 and insert the following:

**SEC. 1407. REPEAL OF NATIONAL SEA-BASED DETERRENCE FUND.**

(a) REPEAL.—Section 2218a of title 10, United States Code is repealed.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 131 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 2218a.

**SEC. 1408. ELIMINATION OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS FOR NATIONAL SEA-BASED DETERRENCE FUND.**

(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, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Navy, Advanced Component Development and Prototypes, Advanced Nuclear Power Systems (Line 045) is hereby increased by \$419,300,000.

(b) 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, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Navy, Advanced Component Development and Prototypes, Ohio Replacement (Line 050) is hereby increased by \$971,393,000.

(c) REDUCTION.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 4501 for the National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4501, for National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund is hereby reduced by \$1,390,693,000.

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

Page 649, after line 21, insert the following:

**SEC. 1543. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT ON USE OF FUNDS PROVIDED FOR OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.**

The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on how funds authorized to be appropriated for overseas contingency operations were ultimately used.

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

Page 689, line 18, strike “and”.

Page 689, after line 18, insert the following new paragraph (and redesignate the subsequent paragraph accordingly):

(2) by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (c) and inserting the following new paragraph (3):

“(3) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The procedures established pursuant to subsection (a) shall limit the dissemination of information obtained or derived through such procedures to entities—

“(A) with missions that may be affected by such information;

- “(B) that may be called upon to assist in the diagnosis, detection, or mitigation of cyber incidents;  
 “(C) that conduct counterintelligence or law enforcement investigations; or  
 “(D) for national security purposes, including cyber situational awareness and defense purposes.”; and

35. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUMMIS OF WYOMING OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle D of title XVI the following:

**SEC. 1657. PROHIBITION ON DE-ALERTING INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES.**

- (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Congress that—
- (1) the responsiveness and alert levels of intercontinental ballistic missiles are a unique feature of the ground-based leg of the United States nuclear triad;
  - (2) such responsiveness and alert levels are critical to providing robust nuclear deterrence and assurance; and
  - (3) any action to reduce the responsiveness and alert levels of United States intercontinental ballistic missiles would be contrary to longstanding United States policy, and deeply harmful to national security and strategic stability in a crisis.
- (b) IN GENERAL.—
- (1) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 shall be obligated or expended for reducing, or preparing to reduce, the responsiveness or alert level of United States intercontinental ballistic missiles.
  - (2) CLARIFICATION RELATING TO MAINTENANCE, SAFETY, SECURITY, ETC.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any of the following activities:
    - (A) Maintenance or sustainment of intercontinental ballistic missiles.
    - (B) Ensuring the safety, security, or reliability of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

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

At the end of subtitle A of title XXVIII (page 775, after line 19), add the following new section:

**SEC. 28 . SPECIAL AUTHORITY FOR MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FACILITIES.**

Section 2805 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f); and
- (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection (e):
 

“(e) CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FACILITIES.—(1) Using such amounts as may be appropriated to the Secretary concerned in advance for operation and maintenance to carry out this subsection, the Secretary concerned may carry out an unspecified minor military construction project that—

“(A) has an approved cost equal to or less than \$15,000,000, notwithstanding subsections (a) and (c); and

“(B) creates, expands, or modifies a child development program facility serving children under 13 years of age.

“(2) The approval and congressional notification requirements of subsection (b) shall apply to an unspecified minor military construction project carried out pursuant to paragraph (1), except that, paragraph (1) of subsection (b) shall be applied by substituting ‘\$7,500,000’ for ‘\$1,000,000’.

“(3) The authority to commence an unspecified minor military construction project pursuant to paragraph (1) expires September 30, 2018.”.

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37. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY OF NEVADA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 28. USE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS AREAS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES.**

The expansion or establishment of a national monument by the President under the authority of chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code (commonly known as the Antiquities Act of 1906; 54 U.S.C. 320301 et seq.), after the date of the enactment of this Act on land located beneath or associated with a Military Operations Area (MOA) shall not be construed to prohibit or constrain any activities on or above the land conducted by the Department of Defense or other Federal agencies for national security purposes, including training and readiness activities.

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38. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUCAS OF OKLAHOMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 823, after line 20, insert the following:

**SEC. —. IMPLEMENTATION OF LESSER PRAIRIE-CHICKEN RANGE-WIDE CONSERVATION PLAN AND OTHER CONSERVATION MEASURES.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CANDIDATE CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS.—The terms “Candidate Conservation Agreement” and “Candidate and Conservation Agreement With Assurances” have the meaning given those terms in—

(A) the announcement of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Commerce entitled “Announcement of Final Policy for Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances” (64 Fed. Reg. 32726 (June 17, 1999)); and

(B) sections 17.22(d) and 17.32(d) of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

(2) RANGE-WIDE PLAN.—The term “Range-Wide Plan” means the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Range-Wide Conservation Plan of the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, as endorsed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service on Octo-

ber 23, 2013, and published for comment on January 29, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 4652).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) PROHIBITION ON TREATMENT AS THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any prior action by the Secretary, the lesser prairie chicken shall not be treated as a threatened species or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) before January 31, 2021.

(2) PROHIBITION ON PROPOSAL.—Beginning on January 31, 2021, the lesser prairie chicken may not be treated as a threatened species or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) unless the Secretary publishes a determination, based on the totality of the scientific evidence, that conservation (as that term is used in that Act) under the Range-Wide Plan and the agreements, programs, and efforts referred to in subsection (c) have not achieved the conservation goals established by the Range-Wide Plan.

(c) MONITORING OF PROGRESS OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS.—The Secretary shall monitor and annually submit to Congress a report on progress in conservation of the lesser prairie chicken under the Range-Wide Plan and all related—

(1) Candidate Conservation Agreements and Candidate and Conservation Agreements With Assurances;

(2) other Federal conservation programs administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Department of Agriculture;

(3) State conservation programs; and

(4) private conservation efforts.

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . REMOVAL OF ENDANGERED SPECIES STATUS FOR AMERICAN BURYING BEETLE.**

Notwithstanding the final rule of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the American Burying Beetle” (54 Fed. Reg. 29652 (July 13, 1989)), the American burying beetle shall not be listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

**39. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ZINKE OF MONTANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

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

**SEC. 28 \_\_\_\_ . RENAMING OF THE CAPTAIN WILLIAM WYLIE GALT GREAT FALLS ARMED FORCES READINESS CENTER IN HONOR OF CAPTAIN JOHN E. MORAN, A RECIPIENT OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR.**

(a) RENAMING.—The Captain William Wylie Galt Great Falls Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, shall hereafter be known and designated as the “Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in any law, map, regulation, map, document, paper, other record of the United States to the fa-

cility referred to in subsection (a) shall be considered to be a reference to the Captain John E. Moran and Captain William Wylie Galt Armed Forces Reserve Center.

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

Page 851, line 2, strike “section” and insert “sections”.

Page 851, strike line 3 and all that follows through page 852, line 9, and insert the following new subsections:

“f.(1) In accordance with paragraph (2), the Secretary may not make an authorization under subsection b.(2) with respect to a covered foreign country with a nuclear naval propulsion program unless—

“(A) the Director of National Intelligence and the Chief of Naval Operations jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of the risks of diversion, and the likely consequences of such diversion, of the technology and material covered by such authorization;

“(B) following the date on which such assessment is submitted, and, to the extent practicable, concurrently during the process under which the Secretary evaluates such authorization, the Administrator for Nuclear Security certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

“(i) there is sufficient diversion control as part of the transfer under such authorization; and

“(ii) such transfer presents a minimal risk of diversion of such technology to a military program that would degrade the technical advantage of the United States; and

“(C) a period of 14 days has elapsed following the date of such certification.

“(2) The limitation in paragraph (1) shall apply as follows:

“(A) During the period preceding the date on which the Chief of Naval Operations first makes a determination under paragraph (3), with respect to technology and material covered by an authorization under subsection b.(2).

“(B) During the period beginning on the date on which the Chief first makes such determination, with respect to the critical civil nuclear technologies of the United States covered by a determination made under paragraph (3).

“(3) Not later than June 1, 2016, and quinquennially thereafter, the Chief of Naval Operations shall determine the critical civil nuclear technologies of the United States that should be protected from diversion to a military program of a covered foreign country, including with respect to naval propulsion and weapons. The Chief shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of each such determination.

“(4) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Director of National Intelligence determines that there is evidence to believe that critical civil nuclear technology of the United States has been diverted to a foreign country not covered by an authorization made pursuant to subsection b., including an agreement for cooperation made pursuant to section 123, the Director shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of such determination.



“(5) The Secretary shall annually notify the appropriate congressional committees that each covered foreign country is in compliance with its obligations under any authorization made pursuant to subsection b., including an agreement for cooperation made pursuant to section 123.

“(6) In this subsection:

“(A) The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means—

“(i) the congressional defense committees (as defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code);

“(ii) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

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

“(B) The term ‘covered foreign country’ means a foreign country that is a nuclear-weapon state, as defined by Article IX (3) of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, signed at Washington, London, and Moscow on July 1, 1968, but does not include the United Kingdom or France.

“g.(1) The Secretary may not make an authorization under subsection b.(2) with respect to a covered foreign country if a foreign person of the covered foreign country has been sanctioned under the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (Public Law 106-178; 50 U.S.C. 1701 note) during the five-year period preceding the date of the transfer being sought unless the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the covered foreign country is taking adequate measures to prevent, or is making significant progress in preventing, transfers or acquisitions covered by section 2(a) of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act.

“(2) The terms ‘appropriate congressional committees’ and ‘covered foreign country’ have the meanings given those terms in subsection f.(6).”.

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

Strike section 3121.

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

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

**SEC. 1 \_\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROTECTION KITS.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Army personnel face an increasingly complex and evolving threat environment that requires advanced and effective technology to protect our soldiers while allowing them to effectively carry out their mission;

(2) the heavy tactical vehicle protection kits program provides the Army with improved and necessary ballistic protection for the heavy tactical vehicle fleet;

(3) a secure heavy tactical vehicle fleet provides the Army with greater logistical tractability and offers soldiers the necessary flexibility to tailor armor levels based on threat levels and mission requirements; and

(4) as Congress provides for a modern and secure Army, it is necessary to provide the appropriate funding levels to meet its tactical wheeled vehicle protection kits acquisition objectives.

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

Page 53, after line 14, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subsections accordingly):

(c) In implementing the requirements of this section, the Secretary of Defense may seek information from the directorates of the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation program (LSAMP) and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP) of the National Science Foundation; the American Association for the Advancement of Science; the Emerging Researchers National Conference in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; the University of Florida Institute for African-American Mentoring in Computing Sciences (iAAMCS); the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities; the National Indian Education Association; and such other institutions, organizations, or associations as the Secretary deems useful.

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

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

**SEC. 226. COMMERCIAL-OFF-THE-SHELF WIDE-AREA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS FOR ARMY TACTICAL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress finds that—

(1) unmanned aerial systems provide the military services with high-endurance, wide-area surveillance;

(2) wide-area surveillance has proven to be a significant force multiplier for intelligence gathering and dismounted infantry operations;

(3) currently fielded wide-area surveillance sensors are too heavy to be incorporated into tactical unmanned aerial systems; and

(4) the growing commercial market for unmanned aerial systems with full-motion video sensors may offer a commercial-off-the-shelf solution suitable for use on the military services' tactical unmanned aerial systems.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that contains the findings of a market survey and flight assessment of commercial-off-the-

shelf wide-area surveillance sensors suitable for insertion into Army tactical unmanned aerial systems.

(c) ELEMENTS.—The market survey and flight assessment required by subsection (b) shall include—

(1) specific details regarding the capabilities of current and commercial-off-the-shelf wide-area surveillance sensors utilized on the Army unmanned aerial systems, including—

(A) daytime and nighttime monitoring coverage;

(B) video resolution outputs;

(C) bandwidth requirements;

(D) activity-based intelligence and forensic capabilities;

(E) simultaneous region of interest monitoring capability;

(F) interoperability with other sensors and subsystems currently utilized on Army tactical unmanned aerial systems;

(G) sensor weight;

(H) sensor cost; and

(I) any other factors the Secretary deems relevant;

(2) an assessment of the impact on Army tactical unmanned aerial systems due to the insertion of commercial-off-the-shelf wide-area surveillance sensors; and

(3) recommendations to upgrade or enhance the wide-area surveillance sensors of Army tactical unmanned aerial systems, as deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

(d) FORM.—The report required under subsection (b) may contain a classified annex.

(e) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Army tactical unmanned aerial systems” includes, at minimum, the MQ-1C Grey Eagle, the MQ-1 Predator, and the MQ-9 Reaper.

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

Page 58, after line 5, insert the following:

**SEC. 226. REPORT ON TACTICAL COMBAT TRAINING SYSTEM INCREMENT II.**

(a) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than January 29, 2016, the Secretary of Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the baseline and alternatives to the Navy’s Tactical Air Combat Training System (TCTS) Increment II.

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

(1) An explanation of the rationale for a new start TCTS II program as compared to an incremental upgrade to the existing TCTS system.

(2) An estimate of total cost to develop, procure, and replace the existing Department of the Navy TCTS architecture with an encrypted TCTS II compared to upgrades to existing TCTS.

(3) A cost estimate and schedule comparison of achieving encryption requirements into the existing TCTS program as compared to TCTS II.

(4) A review of joint Department of the Air Force and the Department of the Navy investment in live-virtual-constructive

advanced air combat training and planned timeline for inclusion into TCTS II architecture.

(5) A cost estimate to integrate F-35 aircraft with TCTS II and achieve interoperability between the Department of the Navy and Department of the Air Force.

(6) A cost estimate for coalition partners to achieve TCTS II interoperability within the Department of Defense.

(7) An assessment of risks posed by non-interoperable TCTS systems within the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force.

(8) An explanation of the acquisition strategy for the TCTS program.

(9) An explanation of key performance parameters for the TCTS II program.

(10) Any other information the Secretary of the Navy and Secretary of the Air Force determine is appropriate to include.

(c) **LIMITATION.**—The Secretary of the Navy shall not proceed with the approval or designation of a contract award for TCTS II until 15 days after the date of the submittal of the report required by subsection (a).

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46. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PALAZZO OF MISSISSIPPI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 226. IMPROVEMENT TO COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION OF DEFENSE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2364 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following new subsection:

“(a) **COORDINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGICAL DATA.**—The Secretary of Defense shall promote, monitor, and evaluate programs for the communication and exchange of research, development, and technological data—

“(1) among the Defense research facilities, combatant commands, and other organizations that are involved in developing for the Department of Defense the technological requirements for new items for use by combat forces;

“(2) among Defense research facilities and other offices, agencies, and bureaus in the Department that are engaged in related technological matters;

“(3) among other research facilities and other departments or agencies of the Federal Government that are engaged in research, development, and technological matters;

“(4) among private commercial, research institution, and university entities engaged in research, development, and technological matters potentially relevant to defense on a voluntary basis; and

“(5) to the extent practicable, to achieve full awareness of scientific and technological advancement and innovation wherever it may occur, whether funded by the Department of Defense, another element of the Federal Government, or other entities.”;

(2) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following new paragraph:

“(3) that the managers of such facilities have broad latitude to choose research and development projects based on awareness of activities throughout the technology domain, including within the Federal Government, the Department of Defense, public and private research institutions and universities, and the global commercial marketplace;” and

(3) in the section heading, by inserting “**and technology domain awareness**” after “**activities**”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 139 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 2364 and inserting the following:

“2364. Coordination and communication of defense research activities and technology domain awareness.”.

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

Page 58, after line 5, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 226. REPORT ON GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN SUPPORT OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, AND ENGINEERING EDUCATION.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on—

(1) the number of individuals from racial or ethnic minority groups, women, and disabled individuals who have participated in the graduate fellowship program under section 2191 of title 10, United States Code, over the ten-year period preceding the date of the report;

(2) barriers encountered in recruiting individuals from racial and ethnic minority groups, women, and disabled individuals to participate in such programs; and

(3) recommended policy changes to increase such participation.

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48. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CLARK OF MASSACHUSETTS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle C of title II (page 58, after line 5), add the following new section:

**SEC. 226. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FFRDC FACILITATION OF A HIGH QUALITY TECHNICAL WORKFORCE.**

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

(1) The quality of the United States’ future scientific and technical workforce is a matter of national security concern.

(2) Department of Defense support for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education programs facilitates the training of a future scientific and technical workforce that will contribute significantly to Department of Defense research, development, test, and evaluation functions, and the readiness of the future force.

(3) Federally Funded Research and Development Centers sponsored by the Department of Defense employ a highly

skilled workforce that is qualified to support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education initiatives, including through meaningful volunteer opportunities in primary and secondary educational settings, and through cooperative relationships and arrangements with private sector organizations and State and local governments, to facilitate the training of a future scientific and technical workforce.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should explore using existing authorities for promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, such as section 233 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), to allow Federally Funded Research and Development Centers to help facilitate and shape a high quality scientific and technical future workforce that can support Department of Defense needs.

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

Page 58, after line 5, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 2 \_\_. FUNDING FOR MV-22A DIGITAL INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM.**

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D—

(1) the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for aircraft procurement, Navy, for the V-22, line 059, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for the digital interoperability program is hereby increased by \$64,300,000; and

(2) the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Navy, for the V-22A, line 099, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for the digital interoperability program is hereby increased by \$10,700,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amounts authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for aircraft procurement, Navy, for spares and repair parts, line 063, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, is hereby reduced by \$75,000,000.

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

Page 68, after line 9, insert the following:

**SEC. 317. REPORT ON MERGER OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONAL ENERGY PLANS AND DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR INSTALLATIONS AND ENVIRONMENT.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the merger of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment under section 901 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113 291; 128 Stat. 3462. Such report shall include—

(1) a description of how the office is implementing its responsibilities under sections 138(b)(9), 138(c), and 2925(b) of title 10, United States Code, and Department of Defense Directives 5134.15 (Assistant Secretary of Defense for Operational Energy Plans and Programs) and 4280.01 (Department of Defense Energy Policy);

(2) a description of any efficiencies achieved as a result of the merger; and

(3) the number of Department of Defense personnel whose responsibilities are focused on energy matters specifically.

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

At the end of title III (page 77, after line 21), add the following new section:

**SEC. 3. ACCESS TO WIRELESS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET AND NETWORK CONNECTIONS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED OVERSEAS.**

Consistent with section 2492a of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense is encouraged to enter into contracts with third-party vendors in order to provide members of the Armed Forces who are deployed overseas at any United States military facility, at which wireless high-speed Internet and network connections are otherwise available, with access to such Internet and network connections without charge.

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

Page 77, after line 21, insert the following:

**SEC. 334. ASSESSMENT OF OUTREACH FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY WOMEN AND MINORITIES REQUIRED BEFORE CONVERSION OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS TO CONTRACTOR PERFORMANCE.**

No Department of Defense function that is performed by Department of Defense civilian employees and is tied to a certain military base may be converted to performance by a contractor until the Secretary of Defense conducts an assessment to determine if the Department of Defense has carried out sufficient outreach programs to assist small business concerns owned and controlled by women (as such term is defined in section 8(d)(3)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(3)(D))) and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (as such term is defined in section 8(d)(3)(C) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(3)(C))) that are located in the geographic area near the military base.

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53. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LOEBSACK OF IOWA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 77, after line 21, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 334. TEMPORARY AUTHORITY TO EXTEND CONTRACTS AND LEASES UNDER THE ARMS INITIATIVE.**

Contracts or subcontracts entered into pursuant to section 4554(a)(3)(A) of title 10, United States Code, on or before the date that is five years after the date of the enactment of this Act may include an option to extend the term of the contract or subcontract for an additional 25 years.

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**54. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FLEMING OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of title IV (page 83, after line 16), add the following new section:

**SEC. 422. REPORT ON FORCE STRUCTURE OF THE ARMY.**

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report containing the following:

(1) An assessment by the Secretary of Defense of reports by the Secretary of the Army on the force structure of the Army submitted to Congress under section 1066 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112 239; 126 Stat. 1943) and section 1062 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113 291).

(2) An evaluation of the adequacy of the Army force structure proposed for the future-years defense program for fiscal years 2017 through 2021 to meet the goals of the national military strategy of the United States.

(3) An independent risk assessment by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the proposed Army force structure and the ability of such force structure to meet the operational requirements of combatant commanders.

(4) A description of the planning assumptions and scenarios used by the Department of Defense to validate the size and force structure of the Army, including the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard.

(5) A certification by the Secretary of Defense that the Secretary has reviewed the reports by the Secretary of the Army and the assessments of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and determined that an end strength for active duty personnel of the Army below the end strength level authorized in section 401(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113 291) will be adequate to meet the national military strategy of the United States.

(6) A description of various alternative options for allocating funds to ensure that the end strengths of the Army do not fall below levels of significant risk, as determined pursuant to the risk assessment conducted by the Chairman of the Joint Chief under paragraph (3).

(7) Such other information or updates as the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

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

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55. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MCKINLEY OF WEST VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title V (page 96, after line 22), add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ELECTRONIC TRACKING OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE PERFORMED BY MEMBERS OF THE READY RESERVE OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

The Secretary of Defense shall establish an electronic means by which members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces can track their operational active-duty service performed after January 28, 2008, under section 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of title 10, United States Code. The tour calculator shall specify early retirement credit authorized for each qualifying tour of active duty, as well as cumulative early reserve retirement credit authorized to date under section 12731(f) of such title.

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

Page 179, after line 21, insert the following:

**SEC. 539. SENSE OF CONGRESS RECOGNIZING THE DIVERSITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States military includes individuals with a variety of national, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds that have roots all over the world.

(2) In addition to diverse backgrounds, members of the Armed Forces come from numerous religious traditions, including Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, non-denominational, non-practicing, and many more.

(3) Members of the Armed Forces from diverse backgrounds and religious traditions have lost their lives or been injured defending the national security of the United States.

(4) Diversity contributes to the strength of the Armed Forces, and service members from different backgrounds and religious traditions share the same goal of defending the United States.

(5) The unity of the Armed Forces reflects the strength in diversity that makes the United States a great nation.

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

(1) continue to recognize and promote diversity in the Armed Forces; and

(2) honor those from all diverse backgrounds and religious traditions who have made sacrifices in serving the United States through the Armed Services.

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

Page 226, after line 13, insert the following:

(C) A comparison of the pilot program to other programs conducted by the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs to provide unemployment and under-

employment support to members of the reserve components and veterans.  
Page 226, line 14, strike “(C)” and insert “(D)”.

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

At the end of subtitle F of title V, add the following new section:  
**SEC. 5 . AVAILABILITY OF CYBER SECURITY AND IT CERTIFICATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONNEL CRITICAL TO NETWORK DEFENSE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2015 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “to obtain” and inserting “and when appropriate, other Department of Defense personnel, to obtain”; and

(B) by adding “or industry recognized” between “professional” and “credentials”; and

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

“(3) The authority under paragraph (1) may be used to pay the expenses of a member of the active Air Force, Army, Navy, Coast Guard, the reserve components, defense contractors, or civilians with access to information systems and identified as critical to network defense to obtain professional and industry recognized credentials related to information technology and cyber security functions.”

(b) CONSTRUCTION.— No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the amendments made by this section, and such amendments shall be carried out using amounts otherwise made available for such purposes.

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

Page 227, after line 19, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 569. REPORT ON CIVILIAN AND MILITARY EDUCATION TO RESPOND TO FUTURE THREATS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2016, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing both civilian and military education requirements necessary to meet any threats anticipated in the future security environment as described in the quadrennial defense review. Such report shall include—

(1) an assessment of the learning outcomes required of future members of the Armed Forces and senior military leaders to meet such threats;

(2) an assessment of the shortfalls in current professional military education requirements in meeting such threats;

(3) an assessment of successful professional military education programs that further the ability of the Department of Defense to meet such threats;

(4) recommendations of subjects to be covered by civilian elementary and secondary schools in order to better prepare students for potential military service;

(5) recommendations of subjects to be included in professional military education programs;

(6) recommendations on whether partnerships between the Department of Defense and private institutions of higher education (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))) would help meet such threats; and

(7) an identification of opportunities for the United States to strengthen its leadership role in the future security environment and a description of how the recommendations made in this report contribute to capitalizing on such opportunities.

(b) **UPDATED REPORTS.**—Not later than 10 months after date of the publication of each subsequent quadrennial defense review, the Secretary of Defense shall update the report described under subsection (a) and shall submit such report to the congressional defense committees.

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

At the end of subtitle H of title V (page 234, after line 12), add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . POSTHUMOUS COMMISSION AS CAPTAIN IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR MILTON HOLLAND.**

(a) **POSTHUMOUS COMMISSION.**—Milton Holland, who, while sergeant major of the 5th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry, was awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his action on September 29, 1864, during the Battle of Chapin’s Farm, Virginia, when, as the citation for the medal states, he “took command of Company C, after all the officers had been killed or wounded, and gallantly led it”, shall be deemed for all purposes to have held the grade of captain in the regular Army, effective as of that date and continuing until his separation from the Army.

(b) **PROHIBITION OF BENEFITS.**—Section 1523 of title 10, United States Code, applies in the case of the posthumous commission described in subsection (a).

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61. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE OF WISCONSIN OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 584. SENSE OF CONGRESS SUPPORTING THE DECISION OF THE ARMY TO POSTHUMOUSLY PROMOTE MASTER SERGEANT (RETIRED) NAOMI HORWITZ TO SERGEANT MAJOR.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) Naomi Horwitz was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1916.

(2) In 1942, Ms. Horwitz marched into the Army recruiters office and asked to join.

(3) Ms. Horwitz served with the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, the Women’s Army Corps, and the Reserves.

(4) Ms. Horwitz served from 1942 until 1946 and reenlisted a few years later.

(5) On October 24, 1965, one of the proudest moments of her military career, Ms. Horwitz's was promoted to the rank of Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

(6) As women were only eligible to hold the rank of Sergeant Major since 1960, Ms. Horwitz was one of only a handful of women to hold such rank during that time period.

(7) Despite her promotion, Ms. Horwitz was not allowed to hold the rank of Sergeant Major.

(8) Ms. Horwitz retired from the military in 1976 at a lower rank.

(9) After her retirement from the military, Ms. Horwitz was a tireless veteran's advocate serving for decades with AMVETS Post 60, Jewish War Veterans, the American Legion Milwaukee Women's Post 448, the Allied Veterans Council of Milwaukee and the Veterans Day Parade Committee.

(10) Ms. Horwitz was named Veteran of the Year in Milwaukee County in 2004.

(11) In October 2014, Ms. Horwitz died at the age of 98.

(12) One of Ms. Horwitz's final wishes was that one of the proudest moments of her Army career be reflected on her gravestone.

(13) In March 2015, the Secretary of the Army corrected this injustice and approved a request to posthumously promote Sergeant Major Horwitz.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

(1) joins the Army and our Nation in expressing our gratitude to Sergeant Major Naomi Horwitz for her 26 years of honorable military service and continued civilian service; and

(2) supports the decision of the Army to posthumously promote Master Sergeant (retired) Naomi Horwitz to Sergeant Major.

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

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

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PRELIMINARY MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR INDIVIDUALS BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 31 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**“§ 520d. Preliminary mental health screenings**

“(a) PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING.—Before any individual enlists in an armed force or is commissioned as an officer in an armed force, the Secretary concerned shall provide the individual with a mental health screening.

“(b) USE OF SCREENING.—(1) The Secretary shall use the results of a mental screening conducted under subsection (a) as a baseline for any subsequent mental health examinations of the individual, including such examinations provided under sections 1074f and 1074m of this title.

“(2) The Secretary may not consider the results of a mental health screening conducted under subsection (a) in determining the promotion of a member of the armed forces.

“(c) APPLICATION OF PRIVACY LAWS.—With respect to applicable laws and regulations relating to the privacy of information, the Secretary shall treat a mental health screening conducted under subsection (a) in the same manner as the medical records of a member of the armed forces.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding after the item relating to section 520c the following new item:  
“520d. Preliminary mental health screenings.”.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) INITIAL REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the National Institute of Mental Health of the National Institutes of Health shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of Defense a report on preliminary mental health screenings of members of the Armed Forces.

(B) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under subparagraph (A) shall include the following:

(i) Recommendations with respect to establishing a preliminary mental health screening of members of the Armed Forces to bring mental health screenings to parity with physical screenings of members.

(ii) Recommendations with respect to the composition of the mental health screening, evidenced-based best practices, and how to track changes in mental health screenings relating to traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other conditions.

(C) COORDINATION.—The National Institute of Mental Health shall carry out subparagraph (A) in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the surgeons general of the military departments, and other relevant experts.

(2) REPORTS ON EFFICACY OF SCREENINGS.—

(A) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—Not later than one year after the date on which the Secretary of Defense begins providing preliminary mental health screenings under section 520d(a) of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the efficacy of such preliminary mental health screenings.

(B) COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the submittal of the report under subparagraph (A), the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the efficacy of the preliminary mental health screenings described in such subparagraph.

(C) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The reports required by subparagraphs (A) and (B) shall include the following:

(i) An evaluation of the evidence-based best practices used by the Secretary in composing and conducting preliminary mental health screenings of members of the Armed Forces under such section 520d(a).

(ii) An evaluation of the evidence-based best practices used by the Secretary in tracking changes in mental health screenings relating to traumatic brain injuries, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other conditions among members of the Armed Forces.

(d) IMPLEMENTATION OF PRELIMINARY MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING.—The Secretary of Defense may not provide a preliminary mental health screening under section 520d(a) of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), until the Secretary receives and evaluates the initial report required by subsection (c)(1).

(e) REPORT ON EFFICACY OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UPON SEPARATION FROM ACTIVE DUTY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the efficacy of the mental health components of the physical examinations provided under paragraph (5) of section 1145(a) of title 10, United States Code, to members of the Armed Forces who are separated from active duty as described in paragraph (2) of such section.

(2) EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include an evaluation of the effectiveness of the physical examinations described in such subsection in—

(A) identifying members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other mental health conditions; and

(B) ensuring that health care is provided for such members.

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

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

**SEC. 5 . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DESIRABILITY OF SERVICE-WIDE ADOPTION OF GOLD STAR INSTALLATION ACCESS CARD.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of each military department and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating should—

(1) provide for the issuance of a Gold Star Installation Access Card to Gold Star family members who are the survivors of deceased members of the Armed Forces in order to expedite the ability of a Gold Star family member to gain unescorted access to military installations for the purpose of obtaining the on-base services and benefits for which the Gold Star family member is entitled or eligible;

(2) work jointly to ensure that a Gold Star Installation Access Card issued to a Gold Star family member by one Armed Force is accepted for access to military installations of another Armed Force; and

(3) in developing, issuing, and accepting the Gold Star Installation Access Card—

(A) prevent fraud in the procurement or use of the Gold Star Installation Access Card;

(B) limit installation access to those areas that provide the services and benefits for which the Gold Star family member is entitled or eligible; and

(C) ensure that the availability and use of the Gold Star Installation Access Card does not adversely affect military installation security.

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

Page 247, after line 20, insert the following:

**SEC. 596. ANNUAL REPORT ON PERFORMANCE OF REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

Section 7734 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the first sentence, by inserting before the period the following: “and on the performance of any regional office that fails to meet its administrative goals”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “and”;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph (3):

“(3) in the case of any regional office that, for the year covered by the report, did not meet the administrative goal of no claim pending for more than 125 days and an accuracy rating of 98 percent—

“(A) a signed statement prepared by the individual serving as director of the regional office as of the date of the submittal of the report containing—

“(i) an explanation for why the regional office did not meet the goal;

“(ii) a description of the additional resources needed to enable the regional office to reach the goal; and

“(iii) a description of any additional actions planned for the subsequent year that are proposed to enable the regional office to meet the goal; and

“(B) a statement prepared by the Under Secretary for Benefits explaining how the failure of the regional office to meet the goal affected the performance evaluation of the director of the regional office; and”.

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

Page 298, line 12, insert “in the pilot program” after “beneficiaries”.

Page 298, beginning line 13, strike “pursuant to section 1074g(f) of title 10, United States Code” and insert “through its Prime Vendor contracting process”.

Page 298, line 17, strike “be comprised of small business pharmacies” and insert “include small business pharmacies (as defined by the Small Business Administration)”.

Page 298, line 19, insert before the semicolon the following: “provided there are sufficient number of small business pharmacies willing to participate in the pilot program”.

Page 299, line 11, insert after “(a)” the following: “and shall work with small business pharmacies to participate in the pilot program”.

Page 299, line 25, insert after “Secretary” the following: “shall give preference to regions with high small business pharmacy participation rates and”.

Page 300, after line 21, insert the following new paragraph (and redesignate the subsequent paragraphs):

- (2) retail pharmacies;

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66. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 302, after line 18, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 723. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND FAMILIES.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) It has been shown that some members of the Armed Forces struggle with post-traumatic stress and other behavioral health disorders from traumatic events experienced during combat.

(2) It has also been shown that emotional distress and trauma from life events can be exacerbated by traumatic events experienced during combat.

(3) Members of the Armed Forces who struggle with post-traumatic stress and other behavioral health disorders are often unable to provide emotional support to spouses and children, causing emotional distress and the risk of behavioral health disorders among the dependents of the members.

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

(1) the Department of Defense should continue to support members of the Armed Forces and their families by providing family counseling and individual counseling services that reduce the symptoms of post-traumatic stress and other behavioral health disorders and empowers members to be emotionally available to their spouses and children;

(2) such services should be readily available at branches of the Department and military bases;

(3) the Department should rely on industry standards established by the medical community when developing standards for their own practice of family and individual counseling; and

(4) the Department should conduct a five-year study of the progress of members of the Armed Forces that are treated for mental health disorders, including with respect to—

(A) difficulty keeping up with treatment;

(B) familial status before and after treatment; and

(C) access to mental health counseling at Department facilities and military installations.

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

Page 302, after line 18, insert the following new section:



**SEC. 723. PROVISION OF TRANSPORTATION OF DEPENDENT PATIENTS RELATING TO OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA SERVICES.**

Section 1040(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (F).

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

Page 314, line 1 (in section 804), after “any requirement under” insert “subsection (a)(3) or”.

69. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE COLE OF OKLAHOMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 359, line 8, strike “regulations and practices” and insert “regulations, practices, and sustainment requirements”.

Page 359, line 14, insert before the period the following: “and each Center of Industrial and Technical Excellence (described in section 2474 of title 10, United States Code)”.

70. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FOXX OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 359, line 8, insert “(1)” before “Department”.

Page 359, line 10, insert before the period the following: “; and (2) Department of Defense practices related to the procurement, management, and use of intellectual property rights to facilitate competition in sustainment of weapon systems throughout their life-cycle”.

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

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

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION; PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SIZE STANDARDS.**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 634) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(i) OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(A) OFFICE.—There is established in the Administration an Office of Hearings and Appeals—

“(i) to impartially decide matters relating to program decisions of the Administrator—

“(I) for which Congress requires a hearing on the record; or

“(II) that the Administrator designates for hearing by regulation; and

“(ii) which shall contain the office of the Administration that handles requests submitted pursuant to sec-

tions 552 of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the 'Freedom of Information Act') and maintains records pursuant to section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly referred to as the 'Privacy Act of 1974').

“(B) JURISDICTION.—The Office of Hearings and Appeals shall only hear appeals of matters as described in this Act, the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 661 et seq.), and title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

“(C) ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR.—The head of the Office of Hearings and Appeals shall be the Chief Hearing Officer appointed under section 4(b)(1), who shall be responsible to the Administrator.

“(2) CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DUTIES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Hearing Officer shall—

“(i) be a career appointee in the Senior Executive Service and an attorney licensed by a State, commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia; and

“(ii) be responsible for the operation and management of the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

“(B) ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.—The Chief Hearing Officer may assign a matter for mediation or other means of alternative dispute resolution.

“(3) HEARING OFFICERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Hearings and Appeals shall appoint Hearing Officers to carry out the duties described in paragraph (1)(A)(i).

“(B) CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.—A Hearing Officer appointed under this paragraph—

“(i) shall serve in the excepted service as an employee of the Administration under section 2103 of title 5, United States Code, and under the supervision of the Chief Hearing Officer;

“(ii) shall be classified at a position to which section 5376 of title 5, United States Code, applies; and

“(iii) shall be compensated at a rate not exceeding the maximum rate payable under such section.

“(C) AUTHORITY; POWERS.—Notwithstanding section 556(b) of title 5, United States Code, a Hearing Officer—

“(i) shall have the authority to hear claims arising under section 554 of such title;

“(ii) shall have the powers described in section 556(c) of such title; and

“(iii) shall conduct hearings and issue decisions in the manner described under sections 555, 556, and 557 of such title, as applicable.

“(D) TREATMENT OF CURRENT PERSONNEL.—An individual serving as a Judge in the Office of Hearings and Appeals (as that position and office are designated in section 134.101 of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations) on the effective date of this subsection shall be considered as qualified to be, and redesignated as, a Hearing Officer.

“(4) HEARING OFFICER DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘Hearing Officer’ means an individual appointed or redesignated as a Hearing Officer.

nated under this subsection who is an attorney licensed by a State, commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia.”.

(2) ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR AS CHIEF HEARING OFFICER.—Section 4(b)(1) of such Act (15 U.S.C. 633(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “One such Associate Administrator shall be the Chief Hearing Officer, who shall administer the Office of Hearings and Appeals established under section 5(i).”.

(3) REPEAL OF REGULATION.—Section 134.102(t) of title 13, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on January 1, 2015, (relating to types of hearings within the jurisdiction of the Office of Hearings and Appeals) shall have no force or effect.

(b) PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SIZE STANDARDS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.—Section 3(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(9) PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SIZE STANDARDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—A person may file a petition for reconsideration with the Office of Hearings and Appeals (as established under section 5(i)) of a size standard revised, modified, or established by the Administrator pursuant to this subsection.

“(B) TIME LIMIT.—A person filing a petition for reconsideration described in subparagraph (A) shall file such petition not later than 30 days after the publication in the Federal Register of the notice of final rule to revise, modify, or establish size standards described in paragraph (6).

“(C) PROCESS FOR AGENCY REVIEW.—The Office of Hearings and Appeals shall use the same process it uses to decide challenges to the size of a small business concern to decide a petition for review pursuant to this paragraph.

“(D) JUDICIAL REVIEW.—The publication of a final rule in the Federal Register described in subparagraph (B) shall be considered final agency action for purposes of seeking judicial review. Filing a petition for reconsideration under subparagraph (A) shall not be a condition precedent to judicial review of any such size standard.”.

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

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

**SEC. 8 . LIMITATIONS ON REVERSE AUCTIONS.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that, when used appropriately, reverse auctions may improve the Federal Government’s procurement of commercially available commodities by increasing competition, reducing prices, and improving opportunities for small businesses.

(b) LIMITATIONS ON REVERSE AUCTIONS.—The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating section 47 (15 U.S.C. 631 note) as section 48; and

(2) by inserting after section 46 the following new section:

**“SEC. 47. LIMITATIONS ON REVERSE AUCTIONS.**

“(a) **PROHIBITION ON USING REVERSE AUCTIONS FOR COVERED CONTRACTS.**—In the case of a covered contract described in subsection (c), a reverse auction may not be used if the award of the contract is to be made under—

- “(1) section 8(a);
- “(2) section 8(m);
- “(3) section 15(a);
- “(4) section 15(j);
- “(5) section 31; or
- “(6) section 36.

“(b) **LIMITATIONS ON USING REVERSE AUCTIONS.**—In the case of the award of a contract made under paragraphs (1) through (6) of subsection (a) that is not a covered contract, a reverse auction may be used for the award of such a contract, but only if the following requirements are met:

“(1) **DECISIONS REGARDING USE OF A REVERSE AUCTION.**—Subject to paragraph (2), the following decisions with respect to such a contract shall be made only by a contracting officer:

“(A) A decision to use a reverse auction as part of the competition for award of such a contract.

“(B) Any decision made after the decision described in subsection (A) regarding the appropriate evaluation criteria, the inclusion of vendors, the acceptability of vendor submissions (including decisions regarding timeliness), and the selection of the winner.

“(2) **TRAINING REQUIRED.**—Only a contracting officer who has received training on the appropriate use and supervision of reverse auctions may use or supervise a reverse auction for the award of such a contract. The training shall be provided by, or similar to the training provided by, the Defense Acquisition University as described in section 824 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ‘Buck’ McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113 291).

“(3) **NUMBER OF OFFERS; REVISIONS TO BIDS.**—A Federal agency may not award such a contract using a reverse auction if only one offer is received or if offerors do not have the ability to submit revised bids with lower prices throughout the course of the auction.

“(4) **TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE OFFERS.**—A Federal agency awarding such a contract using a reverse auction shall evaluate the technical acceptability of offers only as technically acceptable or unacceptable.

“(5) **USE OF PRICE RANKINGS.**—A Federal agency may not award such a contract using a reverse auction if at any time during the award process the Federal agency misinforms an offeror about the price ranking of the offeror’s last offer submitted in relation to offers submitted by other offerors.

“(6) **USE OF THIRD-PARTY AGENTS.**—If a Federal agency uses a third party agent to assist with the award of such a contract using a reverse auction, the Federal agency shall ensure that—

“(A) inherently governmental functions (as such term is used in section 2303 of title 41, United States Code) are

not performed by private contractors, including by the third party agent;

“(B) information on the past contract performance of offerors created by the third party agent and shared with the Federal agency is collected, maintained, and shared in compliance with section 1126 of title 41, United States Code;

“(C) information on whether an offeror is a responsible source (as defined in section 113 of title 41, United States Code) that is created by the third party agent and shared with the Federal agency is shared with the offeror and complies with section 8(b)(7) of this Act; and

“(D) disputes between the third party agent and an offeror may not be used to justify a determination that an offeror is not a responsible source (as defined in section 113 of title 41, United States Code) or to otherwise restrict the ability of an offeror to compete for the award of such a contract or task or delivery order.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) CONTRACTING OFFICER.—The term ‘contracting officer’ has the meaning given that term in section 2101(1) of title 41, United States Code.

“(2) COVERED CONTRACT.—The term ‘covered contract’ means a contract—

“(A) for design and construction services;

“(B) for goods purchased to protect Federal employees, members of the Armed Forces, or civilians from bodily harm; or

“(C) for goods or services other than those goods or services described in subparagraph (A) or (B)—

“(i) to be awarded based on factors other than price and technical responsibility; or

“(ii) if awarding the contract requires the contracting officer to conduct discussions with the offerors about their offer.

“(3) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES.—The term ‘design and construction services’ means—

“(A) site planning and landscape design;

“(B) architectural and interior design;

“(C) engineering system design;

“(D) performance of construction work for facility, infrastructure, and environmental restoration projects;

“(E) delivery and supply of construction materials to construction sites;

“(F) construction, alteration, or repair, including painting and decorating, of public buildings and public works; and

“(G) architectural and engineering services as defined in section 1102 of title 40, United States Code.

“(4) REVERSE AUCTION.—The term ‘reverse auction’, with respect to procurement by an agency, means an auction between a group of offerors who compete against each other by submitting offers for a contract or task or delivery order with the abil-

ity to submit revised offers with lower prices throughout the course of the auction.”.

73. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RUSSELL OF OKLAHOMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 376, after line 4, insert the following:

**SEC. 844. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PROCUREMENT OF FIRE HOSES.**

(a) FINDINGS.—

(1) The General Services Administration has historically procured specialized fire hoses designed for combating wildfires used by the Forest Service.

(2) A memorandum of agreement was signed on February 5, 2014, by the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency designating the Defense Logistics Agency as the integrated material manager and source of supply for such fire hoses.

(3) While the intent of this agreement was to secure efficiencies in procurement and cost savings for the Government, the transfer of procurement authority to the Department of Defense had the unintentional effect of requiring all suppliers of such fire hoses to comply with the domestic sourcing requirements of section 2533a of title 10, United States Code, also known as the Berry Amendment.

(4) There is currently only one known provider of such fire hoses and that provider is not fully compliant with the domestic sourcing requirements of the Berry Amendment.

(5) As a result of the designation of the Defense Logistic Agency as the integrated material manager for the procurement of such fire hoses and the new requirement for compliance with the Berry Amendment, the Forest Service does not anticipate the ability to procure the necessary number of fire hoses before the fire season begins in early June and is currently facing a shortfall of 56,000 hoses out of the 93,000 required. According to the Chief of the Forest Service, this shortfall represents a critical risk to a number of States that are likely to experience a season of above average wildfire activity.

(6) During the period of May 1, 2014, through May 5, 2015, less than 9 percent of quantities of such hoses purchased by the Defense Logistics Agency were procured for the purposes of the Department of Defense.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Based on the findings in subsection (a), it is the sense of Congress that procurement authority for specialized fire hoses for the United States Forest Service should be reestablished as an activity of the General Services Administration.

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

Page 379, after line 20, insert the following

(e) LIMITATION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to a covered item as defined in subparagraphs of (B), (C), (D), or (E) of section 2533a(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code.

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

Page 384, line 8, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.

Page 384, line 13, strike the period and insert a semicolon.

Page 384, after line 13, insert the following new subparagraphs:

“(C) to evaluate commercial off-the-shelf business systems for security, resilience, reliability, interoperability, and integration with existing interrelated systems where such system integration and interoperability are essential to Department of Defense operations;

“(D) to work with commercial off-the-shelf business system developers and owners in adapting systems for Department of Defense use;

“(E) to work with commercial off-the-shelf business system developers and owners where necessary to evaluate the feasibility of making the necessary changes where needed to adapt systems for Department of Defense use;

“(F) to perform Department of Defense system audits to determine which systems are related to or rely upon the system to be replaced or integrated with commercial off-the-shelf business systems;

“(G) to include data mapping as a step in the testing of commercial off-the-shelf business systems prior to deployment; and

“(H) to perform full backup of systems that will be changed or replaced by the installation of commercial off-the-shelf business systems prior to installation and deployment to ensure reconstitution of the system to a functioning state should it become necessary.

76. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 400, after line 23, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 865. EXCEPTION FOR ABILITYONE PRODUCTS FROM AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES PRODUCED IN AFGHANISTAN, CENTRAL ASIAN STATES, AND DJIBOUTI.**

(a) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN ITEMS NOT PRODUCED IN AFGHANISTAN.—Section 886 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (10 U.S.C. 2302 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and except as provided in subsection (d),” after “subsection (b),”; and

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

“(d) EXCEPTION FOR ITEMS ON THE ABILITYONE PROCUREMENT LIST.—The requirements of this section shall not apply to any product that is included in the procurement list described in section 8503(a) of title 41.”

(b) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN ITEMS NOT PRODUCED IN CENTRAL ASIAN STATES.—Section 801 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2400) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “and except as provided in subsection (h),” after “subsection (b),”; and

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

“(h) EXCEPTION FOR ITEMS ON THE ABILITYONE PROCUREMENT LIST.—The requirements of this section shall not apply to any product that is included in the procurement list described in section 8503(a) of title 41.”

(c) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN ITEMS NOT PRODUCED IN DJIBOUTI.—Section 1263 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by inserting “and except as provided in subsection (g),” after “subsection (c),”; and

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

“(g) EXCEPTION FOR ITEMS ON THE ABILITYONE PROCUREMENT LIST.—The requirements of this section shall not apply to any product that is included in the procurement list described in section 8503(a) of title 41.”

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

At the end of title VIII (page 400, after line 23), add the following new section:

**SEC. 865. STANDARDS FOR PROCUREMENT OF SECURE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBER SECURITY SYSTEMS.**

(a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct an assessment of the application of the Open Trusted Technology Provider Standard to Department of Defense procurements for information technology and cyber security acquisitions and provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

(1) Assessment of the current Open Trusted Technology Provider Standard to determine what aspects might be adopted by the Department of Defense and where additional development of the standard may be required.

(2) Identification of the types or classes of programs where the standard might be applied most effectively, as well as identification of types or classes of programs that should specifically be excluded from consideration.

(3) Assessment of the impact on current acquisition regulations or policies of the adoption of the standard.

(4) Recommendations the Secretary may have related to the adoption of the standard or improvement in the standard to support Department acquisitions.

(5) Any other matters the Secretary may deem appropriate.

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78. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG OF ALASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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



**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . MODIFICATIONS TO THE JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CERTAIN SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS.**

(a) REPEAL OF SIMPLIFIED JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.—Section 811 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84; 123 Stat. 2405; 41 U.S.C. 3304 note) is repealed.

(b) REQUIREMENTS FOR JUSTIFICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.—

(1) DEFENSE PROCUREMENTS.—Section 2304(f)(2)(D)(ii) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “if such procurement is for property or services in an amount less than \$20,000,000” before the semicolon at the end.

(2) CIVILIAN PROCUREMENTS.—Section 3304(e)(4) of title 41, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)).” and inserting “; or”; and

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

“(E) the procurement is for property or services in an amount less than \$20,000,000 and is conducted under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)).”.

**79. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of title VIII (page 400, after line 23), add the following new section:

**SEC. 865. EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall prescribe a regulation making clear that agency acquisition personnel are permitted and encouraged to engage in responsible and constructive exchanges with industry, so long as those exchanges are consistent with existing law and regulation and do not promote an unfair competitive advantage to particular firms.

**80. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of title VIII (page 400, after line 23), add the following new section:

**SEC. 865. STRENGTHENING PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE.**

(a) PLAN ON STRENGTHENING PROGRAM AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE.—Not later than 180 days following the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, shall submit to the relevant congressional committees a plan for improving management of IT programs and projects.

(b) **MATTERS COVERED.**—The plan required by subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Creation of a specialized career path for program management.

(2) The development of a competency model for program management consistent with the IT project manager model.

(3) A career advancement model that requires appropriate expertise and experience for advancement.

(4) A career advancement model that is more competitive with the private sector and that recognizes both Government and private sector experience.

(c) **COMBINATION WITH OTHER CADRES PLAN.**—The Director may combine the plan required by subsection (a) with the acquisition human capital plans that were developed pursuant to the October 27, 2009, guidance issued by the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy in furtherance of section 1704(g) of title 41, United States Code (originally enacted as section 869 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417; 122 Stat. 4553)), to address how the agencies are meeting their human capital requirements to support the timely and effective acquisition of information technology.

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

Page 400, after line 23, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_\_ . SYNCHRONIZATION OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION CURRICULA.**

Section 1746(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “The” and inserting “(1) The”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) The President of such University shall also convene a review board annually with faculty representatives from relevant professional schools and degree-granting institutions of the Department of Defense and military departments, such as the service academies, the Naval Postgraduate School, and other similar schools and institutions, in order to review and synchronize defense acquisition curricula across the entire Department of Defense.”.

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

Page 400, after line 23, insert the following:

**SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_\_ RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION POLICY.**

Section 1746(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) research and analysis of defense acquisition policy issues from academic institutions, such as the Naval Postgraduate School and other Department of Defense schools, that offer in-depth analysis of the entire defense acquisition decision support system from both a business and public policy perspective and from an operational and information sciences perspective.”.

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

Page 426, after line 6, insert the following new section:

**SEC. 1004. REPORT ON AUDITABLE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law. The report should not include information otherwise available in other reports to Congress.

84. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PALAZZO OF MISSISSIPPI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Strike section 1053 and insert the following new section:

**SEC. 1053. LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AH-64 APACHE HELICOPTERS FROM ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TO REGULAR ARMY AND RELATED PERSONNEL LEVELS.**

Section 1712 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b), by striking “March 31, 2016” and inserting “June 30, 2016”; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking “March 31, 2016” and inserting “June 30, 2016” both places it appears.

85. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLMERS OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 474, after line 17, insert the following:

**SEC. 1060. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO DEACTIVATE 440TH AIRLIFT WING.**

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated in this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may be used to deactivate the 440th airlift wing, or to move the personnel or aircraft of the 440th airlift wing, or to otherwise degrade the capabilities of the 440th airlift wing until the Secretary of Defense certifies that the deactivation of the 440th airlift wing will not affect the military readiness for the airborne and special operations units stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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

Page 485, after line 2, add the following new section:

**SEC. 10\_\_ . REPORT ON OPTIONS TO ACCELERATE THE TRAINING OF REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT PILOTS.**

Not later than February 1, 2016, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report addressing the immediate and critical training and operational needs of the remotely piloted aircraft community. The report shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the viability of using non-rated, civilian, contractor, or enlisted pilots to execute remotely piloted aircraft missions.

(2) An assessment of the availability and existing utilization of special use airspace available for remotely piloted aircraft training and a plan for accessing additional special use airspace in order to meet anticipated training requirements for remotely piloted aircraft.

(3) A comprehensive training plan aimed at increasing the throughput of undergraduate remotely piloted aircraft training without sacrificing quality and standards.

(4) Establishment of an optimum ratio for the mix of training airframes to operational airframes in the remotely piloted aircraft inventory necessary to achieve manning requirements for pilots and sensor operators and, to the extent practicable, a plan for fielding additional remotely piloted aircraft airframes at the formal training units in the active, National Guard, and reserve components in accordance with optimum ratios for MQ-9 and Global Hawk remotely piloted aircraft.

(5) Establishment of optimum and minimum crew ratios for combat air patrols taking into account all tasks remotely piloted aircraft units execute and, to the extent practicable, a plan for conducting missions in accordance with optimum ratios.

(6) Identification of any resource, legislative, or departmental policy challenges impeding the corrective action needed to reach a sustainable remotely piloted aircraft operations tempo.

(7) An assessment, to the extent practicable, of the direct and indirect impacts that the integration of remotely piloted aircraft into the national airspace system has on the ability to generate remotely piloted aircraft crews.

(8) Any other matters the Secretary determines appropriate.

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

At the end of subtitle F of title X (page 485, after line 2), add the following new section:

**SEC. 1067. EXPEDITED MEETINGS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE ARMY.**

Section 1702(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113 291; 128 Stat. 3665) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: "Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I) shall not apply to a meeting of the Commission unless the meeting is attended by five or more members of the Commission."

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

At the end of title V (page 247, after line 20), add the following new section:

**SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . REPORT REGARDING NEW RULEMAKING UNDER THE MILITARY LENDING ACT AND DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER REPORTS AND MEETINGS.**

(a) **REPORT ON NEW MILITARY LENDING ACT RULEMAKING.**—After the issuance by the Secretary of Defense of the regulation issued with regard to section 987 of title 10, United States Code (commonly known as the Military Lending Act), and part of 232 of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (its implementing regulation), but before the relevant compliance date for any provisions of such regulation that relate to the identification of a covered borrower under the Military Lending Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that discusses—

(1) the ability and reliability of the Defense Manpower Data Center in meeting real-time requests for accurate information needed to make a determination regarding whether a borrower is covered by the Military Lending Act; or

(2) an alternate mechanism or mechanisms for identifying such covered borrowers.

(b) **DEFENSE MANPOWER DATA CENTER REPORTS AND MEETINGS.**—

(1) **REPORTS ON ACCURACY, RELIABILITY, AND INTEGRITY OF SYSTEMS.**—The Director of the Defense Manpower Data Center shall submit to Congress reports on the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of the Defense Manpower Data Center systems used to identify covered borrowers and covered policyholders under military consumer protection laws. The first report is due six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the Director shall submit additional reports every six months thereafter as necessary to show improvements in the accuracy, reliability, and integrity of such systems.

(2) **REPORT ON PLAN TO STRENGTHEN CAPABILITIES.**—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Manpower Data Center shall submit to Congress a report on plans to strengthen the capabilities of the Defense Manpower Data Center systems, including staffing levels and funding, in order to improve the identification of covered borrowers and covered policyholders under military consumer protection laws.

(3) **MEETINGS WITH PRIVATE SECTOR USERS OF SYSTEMS.**—The Director of the Defense Manpower Data Center shall meet regularly with private sector users of Defense Manpower Data Center systems used to identify covered borrowers and covered policyholders under military consumer protection laws to learn about issues facing such users and to develop ways of addressing such issues. The first meeting pursuant to this requirement shall take place with three months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 1092. SITUATIONS INVOLVING BOMBINGS OF PLACES OF PUBLIC USE, GOVERNMENT FACILITIES, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 18 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**“§ 383. Situations involving bombings of places of public use, Government facilities, public transportation systems, and infrastructure facilities**

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The direct participation of members of the Armed Forces assigned to explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) units providing support to civilian law enforcement agencies does not involve search, seizure, arrest or other similar activity. Upon the request of the Attorney General, the Secretary of Defense may provide such assistance in Department of Justice activities related to the enforcement of section 2332f of title 18 during situations involving bombings of places of public use, Government facilities, public transportation systems, and infrastructure facilities.

“(b) MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, through mutual aid agreement with the Attorney General shall, in the interest of public safety, waive reimbursement on military EOD support of Department of Justice activities related to the enforcement of section 2332f of title 18 for situations involving bombings of places of public use, Government facilities, public transportation systems, and infrastructure facilities.

“(c) RENDERING-SAFE SUPPORT.—Military EOD units providing rendering-safe support to Department of Justice activities relating to the enforcement of section 175, 229, or 2332a of title 18 emergency situations involving weapons of mass destruction shall be consistent with the provisions of section 382 of this title.

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘explosive ordnance’—

“(A) means—

- “(i) bombs and warheads;
- “(ii) guided and ballistic missiles;
- “(iii) artillery, mortar, rocket, and small arms ammunition;
- “(iv) all mines, torpedoes, and depth charges;
- “(v) grenades demolition charges;
- “(vi) pyrotechnics;
- “(vii) clusters and dispensers;
- “(viii) cartridge- and propellant actuated devices;
- “(ix) electroexplosives devices;
- “(x) clandestine and improvised explosive devices (IEDs); and
- “(xi) all similar or related items or components explosive in nature; and

“(B) includes all munitions containing explosives, propellants, nuclear fission or fusion materials, and biological and chemical agents.

“(2) The term ‘explosive ordnance disposal procedures’ means those particular courses or modes of action for access to, recovery, rendering safe, and final disposal of explosive ordnance or any hazardous material associated with an EOD incident, including—

- “(A) access procedures;

“(B) recovery procedures;  
 “(C) render-safe procedures; and  
 “(D) final disposal procedures.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“383. Situations involving bombings of places of public use, Government facilities, public transportation systems, and infrastructure facilities.”.

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

Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 1092. BUSINESS CASE ANALYSIS OF DECISION TO MAINTAIN C130J AIRCRAFT AT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI.**

Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall conduct a business case analysis of the decision to maintain 10 C-130J aircraft at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi. Such analysis shall include consideration of—

- (1) any efficiencies or cost savings that would be achieved by transferring such aircraft to Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas;
- (2) any effects of such decision on the operation of the air mobility command; and
- (3) the short-term and long-term costs of maintaining such aircraft at Keesler Air Force Base.

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

Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 1092. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING CYBER RESILIENCY OF NATIONAL GUARD NETWORKS AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) National Guard personnel need to have situational awareness and reliable communications in the event of an emergency, terrorist attack, or natural or man-made disaster;
- (2) in the event of such an emergency, attack, or disaster, the ability of the National Guard personnel to communicate and coordinate response is vital;
- (3) current communications and networking systems for the National Guard, including commercial wireless solutions, such as mobile wireless kinetic mesh and other systems that are interoperable with the systems of civilian first responders, should provide the necessary robustness, interoperability, reliability, and resilience to extend needed situational awareness and communications to all users and under all operating conditions, including in degraded communications environments where infrastructure is damaged, destroyed, or under cyber attack or disruption; and
- (4) the National Guard should be constantly seeking ways to improve and expand its communications and networking capa-

bilities to provide for enhanced performance and resilience in the face of cyber attacks or disruptions, as well as other instances of degradation.

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92. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DEFazio OF OREGON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 528, after line 2, insert the following:

**SEC. 1092. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

It is the sense of Congress that a technical correction to the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113 291; 128 Stat. 3881) should be enacted in order to expeditiously carry out the intent of such section 3095.

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

In division A, at the end of title X, insert the following:

**SEC. 1092. OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS DAY.**

(a) TWO MINUTES OF SILENCE.—Chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

**“§ 145. Veterans Day**

“The President shall issue each year a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the Nation, beginning at—

- “(1) 3:11 pm Atlantic standard time;
- “(2) 2:11 pm eastern standard time;
- “(3) 1:11 pm central standard time;
- “(4) 12:11 pm mountain standard time;
- “(5) 11:11 am Pacific standard time;
- “(6) 10:11 am Alaska standard time; and
- “(7) 9:11 am Hawaii-Aleutian standard time.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new item:  
“145. Veterans Day.”.

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

Page 548, line 22, after “through 2018” insert “while also maintaining a focus on the protection of human rights”.

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95. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle A of title XII (page 544, after line 16), add the following:



**SEC. 12xx. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act to carry out sections 401, 402, 404, 407, 2557, and 2561 of title 10, United States Code, up to 5 percent of such amounts may be made available to conduct monitoring and evaluation of programs conducted pursuant to such authorities during fiscal year 2016.

(b) **BRIEFING.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the appropriate congressional committees on mechanisms to evaluate the programs conducted pursuant to the authorities listed in subsection (a). The briefing shall include the following:

(1) A description of how the Department of Defense evaluates program and project outcomes and impact, including cost effectiveness and extent to which programs meet designated goals.

(2) An analysis of steps taken to implement the recommendations from the following reports:

(A) The Government Accountability Office’s Report entitled “Project Evaluations and Better Information Sharing Needed to Manage the Military’s Efforts”.

(B) The Department of Defense Inspector General Report numbered “DODIG 2012 119”.

(C) The RAND Corporation’s Report prepared for the Office of the Secretary of Defense entitled “Developing a Prototype Handbook for Monitoring and Evaluating Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance Projects”.

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

(1) The congressional defense committees.

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

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**96. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALBERG OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle B of title XII (page 550, after line 26), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REPORT ON ACCESS TO FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN TO AUDIT THE USE OF FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN.**

Not later than December 31, 2016, the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction shall submit to Congress a report on the extent to which the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction has adequate access to financial records of the Government of Afghanistan to audit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for assistance for Afghanistan.

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

At the end of subtitle B of title XII (page 550, after line 26), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REPORT ON EFFORTS TO ENGAGE UNITED STATES MANUFACTURERS IN PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO EQUIPPING THE AFGHAN NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall submit to Congress a report on efforts of the Secretaries to engage United States manufacturers in procurement opportunities related to equipping the Afghan National Security Forces.

98. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SINEMA OF ARIZONA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 557, after line 3, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent provisions accordingly):

(6) the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with Secretary of State, shall continue to pursue efforts to shut down ISIL's illicit oil revenues;

Page 559, after line 6, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent provisions accordingly):

(F) A detailed description of the resources required by the Secretary of Defense to counter ISIL's illicit oil revenues

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

Page 559, after line 11, add the following:

(H) An assessment of United States' efforts to disrupt and prevent foreign fighters traveling to Syria and Iraq and disrupt and prevent foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq traveling to the United States.

100. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BLUMENAUER OF OREGON OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In the section heading for section 1216, strike "**SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING**" (and conform the table of contents accordingly).

In section 1216, strike "It is the sense of Congress" and insert the following:

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

At the end of section 1216, add the following:

(b) SPECIAL IMMIGRANT STATUS FOR CERTAIN AFGHANS.—Section 602(b) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii)(II), by striking "International Security Assistance Force" each place such term appears and in-

serting “International Security Assistance Force, the Resolute Support Mission, or any successor organization”;

(2) in paragraph (3)(F)(i), by striking “September 30, 2015;” and inserting “December 31, 2015;”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

“(15) ADDITIONAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State jointly shall submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate containing the following:

“(A) The number of citizens or nationals of Afghanistan employed in Afghanistan by, or on behalf of, entities or organizations described in paragraph (2)(A)(ii).

“(B) A prediction of the number of such individuals who will be so employed on the date that is 2 years after the date used for the count under subparagraph (A).”.

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

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**SEC. 1234. LIMITATION ON MILITARY-TO-MILITARY EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS WITH IRAN.**

(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Defense may not authorize any military-to-military exchange or contact described in subsection (b) to be conducted by the Armed Forces or Department of Defense civilians with representatives of the military or paramilitary forces (including the IRGC) of the Islamic Republic of Iran until the Secretary certifies that Iran—

(1) has ended its ballistic missile program;

(2) is no longer listed by the Secretary of State as a state sponsor of terrorism; and

(3) has recognized the Israel as a Jewish state.

(b) COVERED EXCHANGES AND CONTACTS.—Subsection (a) applies to any military-to-military exchange or contact that includes inappropriate exposure to any of the following:

(1) Force projection operations.

(2) Nuclear operations.

(3) Advanced combined-arms and joint combat operations.

(4) Advanced logistical operations.

(5) Chemical and biological defense and other capabilities related to weapons of mass destruction.

(6) Surveillance and reconnaissance operations.

(7) Joint warfighting experiments.

(8) Military space operations.

(9) Other advanced capabilities of the Armed Forces.

(10) Arms sales or military-related technology transfers.

(11) Release of classified or restricted information.

(12) Access to a Department of Defense laboratory or base.

(13) Military operations or exercises with allies and partners.

(c) EXCEPTIONS.—Subsection (a) does not apply to any search-and-rescue or humanitarian operation or exercise.

(d) ANNUAL CERTIFICATION BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary of Defense shall, without delegation, submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, not later than December 31 each year, a certification in writing as to whether or not any military-to-military exchange or contact during that calendar year was conducted in violation of subsection (a).

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

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**SEC. 1234. SECURITY GUARANTEES ASSOCIATED WITH IRAN'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall provide the appropriate congressional committees a copy of any security agreement or commitment provided by the United States to any country in the Middle East, including the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, associated with Iran's nuclear weapons program.

(b) ANALYSIS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of staff shall provide the Secretary of Defense with a detailed analysis of the United States military force structure and posture, as well as the estimated costs associated with such force structure and posture, required to meet any security agreement or commitment in the Middle East, including member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council. The Secretary shall provide such analysis, without change, along with any additional views the Secretary may offer, when the Secretary submits the materials required under subsection (a).

(c) LIMITATION ON CERTAIN EXPENDITURES.—The Secretary of Defense may not obligate or expend any funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2016 for meeting any security agreements or commitments described in this section unless the Secretary certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the Secretary has provided a copy of such agreement as required under subsection (a).

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

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103. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELLISON OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XII (page 576, after line 2), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.

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

At the end of subtitle F of title XII (page 604, after line 16), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE POLICY REGARDING FOREIGN DISCLOSURE OR TECHNOLOGY RELEASE OF AEGIS ASHORE CAPABILITY TO ALLIES.**

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that a decision by the Government of Japan to purchase Aegis Ashore for its self-defense, given that it already possesses sea-based Aegis weapons system-equipped naval vessels, could create a significant opportunity for promoting interoperability and integration of air- and missile defense capability with close allies, could provide for force multiplication benefits, and could potentially alleviate force posture requirements on multi-mission assets.

(b) REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT POLICY.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a copy of the Department of Defense policy regarding foreign disclosure or technology release of Aegis Ashore capability to allies, including Japan, that possess sea-based Aegis weapons system-equipped naval vessels.

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

- (1) the congressional defense committees; and
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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

At the end of subtitle F of title XII (page 604, after line 16), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REQUIREMENT TO INVITE THE MILITARY FORCES OF TAIWAN TO PARTICIPATE IN RIMPAC EXERCISES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall invite the military forces of Taiwan to participate in any maritime exercise known as the Rim of the Pacific Exercise if the Secretary has invited the military forces of the People’s Republic of China to participate in such maritime exercise.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section takes effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and applies with respect to any maritime ex-

ercise described in subsection (a) that begins on or after such date of enactment.

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

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

**SEC. 12xx. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THE ARMS TRADE TREATY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to fund a Secretariat or any other international organization established to support the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, to sustain domestic prosecutions based on any charge related to the Treaty, or to implement the Treaty until the Senate approves a resolution of ratification for the Treaty and implementing legislation for the Treaty has been enacted into law.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude the Department of Defense from assisting foreign countries in bringing their laws, regulations, and practices related to export control up to United States standards.

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

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

**SEC. 12xx. REPORT ON ACTIONS TO ENSURE QATAR IS PREVENTING TERRORIST LEADERS AND FINANCIERS FROM OPERATING IN ITS COUNTRY.**

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

(1) Qatar is an important partner in the region and has played a significant role in fighting ISIS;

(2) Qatar has provided significant enablers to the United States in its wars in Iraq and Afghanistan by hosting United States forces;

(3) Qatar has unfortunately allowed the leaders of Hamas, a United States-designated foreign terrorist organization, to operate freely in its country;

(4) Qatar has also allowed United States-designated terrorist financiers to operate in its country; and

(5) the United States should do everything in its power to encourage Qatar to crack down on terrorist leaders and financiers who are operating in its country.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress a report on actions taken by the United States Government to ensure that Qatar is preventing terrorist leaders and financiers from operating in its country.

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

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

**SEC. 12xx. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR JORDAN.**

- (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:
- (1) The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan remains a steadfast partner and the armed forces of Jordan are among the United States' strongest military partners.
  - (2) Jordan's civil and military leadership continue to provide a positive example of professionalism and moderation.
  - (3) The Colorado National Guard's relationship with the Jordanian military provides a significant benefit to both the United States and Jordan.
  - (4) The armed forces of Jordan fought alongside United States forces in Afghanistan and are currently flying combat sorties as part of the counter-ISIL Coalition.
  - (5) Jordan continues to provide critical basing support for Operation Inherent Resolve missions.
- (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—
- (1) Jordan is one of our most important allies in the region and the United States should support Jordan's military efforts to the greatest extent possible, including by providing military equipment and training; and
  - (2) the President should make every effort to ensure rapid responses to any military requests for assistance from Jordan.

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

At the end of subtitle G of title XII (page 622, after line 22), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REPORT ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS TO COMBAT BOKO HARAM AND SUPPORT REGIONAL ALLIES AND OTHER PARTNERS.**

- (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—
- (1) combating Boko Haram is in the national security interest of the United States;
  - (2) the United States should support regional partners, including the African Union-authorized Multinational Joint Task Force, through training and advice and the provision of key enablers to strengthen operations against Boko Haram; and
  - (3) United States support for these regional efforts should be integrated into a comprehensive strategy to support security and stability in the region.
- (b) REPORT REQUIRED.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the following:
    - (A) An assessment of the threat of Boko Haram to United States national security interests.
    - (B) A description of United States efforts to combat Boko Haram, including the authorities to carry out such efforts

and the roles and missions of the Department of Defense and Department of State.

(C) An assessment of the capabilities, shortfalls, and progress made by United States-supported regional partners, including the African Union-authorized Multinational Joint Task Force, to combat Boko Haram.

(D) A description of military equipment, supplies, training, and other defense articles and services, including by type, quantity, and prioritization of such items, required to combat Boko Haram effectively and the gaps within regional allies to engage in the mission to combat Boko Haram.

(E) A description of military equipment, supplies, training, and other defense articles and services, including by type, quantity, and actual or estimated delivery date, that the United States Government has provided, is providing, and plans to provide to regional allies and other partners to combat Boko Haram.

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

(3) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the congressional defense committees; and

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

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110. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWEIKERT OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR TUNISIA.**

It is the sense of Congress that it is a national security priority of the United States to support the Republic of Tunisia and to cooperate with Tunisia by providing assistance to combat the growing terrorist threat from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or other terrorist organizations.

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

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

**SEC. 12xx. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON FUTURE OF NATO AND ENLARGEMENT INITIATIVES.**

(a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—Congress declares that—

(1) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has been the cornerstone of transatlantic security cooperation and an enduring instrument for promoting stability in Europe and around the world for over 65 years;

(2) the incorporation of the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia,



Slovenia, Albania, and Croatia has been essential to the success of NATO in this modern era;

(3) these countries have over time added to and strengthened the list of key European allies of the United States;

(4) since joining NATO, these member states have remained committed to the collective defense of the Alliance and have demonstrated their will and ability to contribute to transatlantic solidarity and assume increasingly more responsibility for international peace and security;

(5) since joining the Alliance, these NATO member states have contributed to numerous NATO-led peace, security, and stability operations, including participation in the International Security Assistance Force's (ISAF) mission in Afghanistan;

(6) these NATO member states have become reliable partners and supporters of aspiring members and the United States recognizes their continued efforts to aid in further enlargement initiatives;

(7) at the 2014 Summit in Wales, NATO declared that "The Open Door Policy under Article 10 of the Washington Treaty is one of the Alliance's great successes."; and

(8) at the 2014 Summit in Wales, NATO declared that "NATO's door will remain open to all European democracies which share the values of our Alliance, which are willing and able to assume the responsibilities and obligations of membership, which are in a position to further the principles of the Treaty, and whose inclusion will contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area."

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

(1) the United States should—

(A) continue to work with aspirant countries to prepare such countries for entry into NATO;

(B) seek NATO membership for Montenegro;

(C) continue supporting a Membership Action Plan (MAP) for Georgia;

(D) encourage the leaders of Macedonia and Greece to find a mutually agreeable solution to the name dispute between the two countries;

(E) seek a Dayton II agreement to resolve the constitutional issues of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

(F) work with the Republic of Kosovo to prepare the country for entrance into the Partnership for Peace (PfP) program;

(G) take a leading role in working with NATO member states to identify, through consensus, the current and future security threats facing the Alliance; and

(H) take a leading role to work with NATO allies to ensure the Alliance maintains the required capabilities, including the gains in interoperability from combat in Afghanistan, necessary to meet the security threats to the Alliance;

(2) NATO member states should review defense spending to ensure sufficient funding is obligated to meet NATO responsibilities; and

(3) the United States should remain committed to maintaining a military presence in Europe as a means of promoting allied interoperability and providing visible assurance to NATO allies in the region.

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

At the end of subtitle G of title XII (page 622, after line 22), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. ASSESSMENT OF THE MILITARY CAPABILITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of the military capability of the Republic of Cyprus to defend against threats to its national security, including threats posed by hostile foreign governments and international terrorist groups.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The assessment required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of the effect on the national security of Cyprus of the United States policy to deny applications for licenses and other approvals for the export of defense articles and defense services to the armed forces of Cyprus.

(2) An analysis of the extent to which such United States policy is consistent with overall United States security and policy objectives in the region.

(3) An assessment of the potential impact of lifting such United States policy.

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

(1) the congressional defense committees; and

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

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

Page 622, after line 22, insert the following:

**SEC. 1269. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States has an upgraded, strategic-plus relationship with India based on regional cooperation, space science cooperation, and defense cooperation.

(2) The defense relationship between the United States and the Republic of India is strengthened by the common commitment of both countries to democracy.

(3) The United States and the Republic of India share a common and long-standing commitment to civilian control of the military.

(4) The United States and the Republic of India have increasingly worked together on defense cooperation across a range of activities, exercises, initiatives, and research.

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

(1) continue to expand defense cooperation with the Republic of India;

(2) welcome the role of the Republic of India in providing security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond;

(3) work cooperatively with the Republic of India on matters relating to our common defense;

(4) vigorously support the implementation of the United States-India Defense Framework Agreement; and

(3) support the India Defense Trade and Technology Initiative.

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

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**SEC. 1269. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON EVACUATION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS AND NATIONALS FROM YEMEN.**

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) The ongoing conflict in Yemen, including airstrikes conducted by Saudi Arabia and a no-fly zone imposed over Yemen by Saudi Arabia, has made it difficult for Yemeni-Americans to depart Yemen.

(2) United States citizen Jamal al-Labani of Hayward, California, was killed in Yemen after the closure of the United States Embassy while attempting to bring his pregnant wife and 2-year-daughter back to the United States.

(3) Over 550 Yemeni-Americans have registered as being unable to leave Yemen after the closure of the United States Embassy in Yemen in February 2015.

(4) In 2006, the Department of Defense helped the Department of State remove 15,000 Americans from Lebanon during Hezbollah's war against Israel.

(5) Many other nations, including China, Ethiopia, India, and Russia are evacuating or have evacuated their citizens from Yemen.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the President should exercise all available authorities as expeditiously as possible to evacuate United States citizens and nationals from Yemen.

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

At the end of subtitle G of title XII (page 622, after line 22), add the following:

**SEC. 12xx. REPORT ON IMPACT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN UNITED STATES TROOP LEVELS OR MATERIEL IN EUROPE ON NATO'S ABILITY TO CREDIBLY ADDRESS EXTERNAL THREATS TO ANY NATO MEMBER STATE.**

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

(1) in order to demonstrate United States commitment to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, especially those NATO allies under pressure on the Eastern flank of the Alliance, and to enhance the United States deterrent presence and resolve to countering threats to NATO's collective security, United States Armed Forces stationed and deployed in Europe should be increased in number and combat power; and

(2) the “current and foreseeable security environment”, as referenced in paragraph 12 of Section IV on Political-Military Matters of the Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Cooperation and Security between NATO and the Russian Federation (NATO-Russia Founding Act), has changed significantly since the signing of such Act in 1997 and thus such Act should not be read, interpreted, or implemented so as to constrain or in any way limit additional permanent stationing of substantial combat forces anywhere on the territory of any NATO member State in furtherance of NATO's core mission of collective defense and other missions.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to ensure that the United States contribution to NATO's core mission of collective defense remains robust and ready to meet any future challenges, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the impact of any significant reduction in United States troop levels or materiel in Europe on NATO's ability to credibly deter, resist, and, if necessary, repel external threats to any NATO member State.

(2) DEADLINE.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted not later than 30 days prior to the date on which any significant reduction described in paragraph (1) is scheduled to take place.

(3) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex if necessary to protect the national security interests of the United States.

(4) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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**116. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE VELA OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

**SEC. 1269. REPORT ON VIOLENCE AND CARTEL ACTIVITY IN MEXICO.**

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on violence and cartel activity in Mexico and the impact of such on United States national security.

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

Page 628, after line 8, insert the following:

“(3) If the Secretary furloughs any employee referred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to Congress, by no later than 30 days before initiating the furlough, notice of the furlough that includes a certification that, as a result of the proposed furlough, none of the work performed by any employee of the Department of Defense will be shifted to any Department of Defense civilian employee, contractor, or member of the Armed Forces.”.

Page 628, line 9, strike “(3)” and insert “(4)”.

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118. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE NOLAN OF MINNESOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

In section 1504, page 632, line 20, insert “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—” before “Funds”.

At the end of section 1504, page 633, line 1, add the following new subsection:

(b) CONDITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP PROGRAMS.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated by this section for the Syria and Iraq Train and Equip programs, as specified in the funding table in section 4302, may not be provided to any recipient that the Secretary of Defense has reported, pursuant to a quarterly progress report submitted pursuant to section 1209 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3541), as having misused provided training and equipment.

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119. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUJAN GRISHAM OF NEW MEXICO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 700, after line 25, insert the following:

**SEC. 1657. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE REVIEWS.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should submit to Congress a plan on how the Secretary plans to implement the full recommendations of the two nuclear enterprise reviews, conducted and then validated by the Air Force, one of which was conducted by Assistant Secretary Madelyn Creedon and Rear Admiral Peter Fanta and one of which was conducted by General Walsh and Admiral Harvey. The plan submitted under this section should include a timeline for when each recommendation shall be implemented and how the additional manpower recommendations shall be allocated.

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

At the end of subtitle D of title XVI (page 700, after line 25), add the following new section:

**SEC. 1657. REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF PLANNED NUCLEAR-ARMED CRUISE MISSILES.**

Not later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the justification of the number of planned nuclear-armed cruise missiles, known as the Long Range Standoff Weapon, to the U.S. arsenal. The report shall include—

- (1) the rationale for procuring the expected number of cruise missiles;
- (2) how the number of planned missiles aligns with U.S. nuclear employment strategy;
- (3) an estimate of the annual and total cost for research, development, test, and evaluation and procurement for the total number of planned cruise missiles; and
- (4) an estimate of the proportional annual cost of the cruise missiles as compared to the annual cost of nuclear triad and annual defense spending.

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

Page 715, line 25, strike “terms,” and all that follows through “2015” on page 716, line 1, and insert “terms and conditions”.

Page 716, line 5, after “2014” insert “, subject to an amended agreement for coproduction for radar components”.

Page 718, line 18, insert after “agreements” the following: “that inform a production decision”.

Page 718, line 25, insert before the semicolon the following: “or in an amount that meets best efforts, as mutually agreed by the United States and Israel”.

Page 720, after line 2, insert the following new subsection:

(c) WAIVER.—The Director may waive the requirements of subsection (b) to carry out subparagraphs (A) or (B) of subsection (a)(1) if the Under Secretary certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the Under Secretary has sufficient data from the Government of Israel to demonstrate the following:

- (1) Such subparagraphs will be carried out solely for funding procurement of long-lead components in accordance with a production plan, including a funding profile detailing Israeli contributions for production of either David’s Sling or Arrow 3.
  - (2) Such long-lead components have completed the research and development technology development phase.
  - (3) The long-lead procurement will be conducted in a manner that maximizes co-production in the United States without incurring additional non-recurring engineering activity or cost.
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122. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FOSTER OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 728, line 21, insert before the semicolon the following: “, including estimates of the appropriate identifiable costs of each such potential program of record”.

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

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

**SEC. 16 \_\_\_\_ . DESIGNATION OF PREFERRED LOCATION OF ADDITIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SITE IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense publishes the draft environmental impact statements pursuant to section 227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 1678), the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, in consultation with the Commander of the United States Northern Command, shall designate the preferred location in the United States for the potential future deployment of a missile defense site.

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

At the end of subtitle E of title XVI (page 732, after line 10), add the following new section:

**SEC. 1678. REPORT RELATING TO THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE MINUTEMAN III INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILE.**

Not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to Congress a report examining the costs associated with extending the life of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile compared to the costs associated with procuring a new ground based strategic deterrent.

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

Page 775, after line 19, insert the following:

**SEC. 2804. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING BASE HOUSING PROJECTS.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should take into consideration, when prioritizing base housing projects, commuting times for base personnel and land available for development on the base.

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

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

**SEC. 28 . ARSENAL INSTALLATION REUTILIZATION AUTHORITY.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2667 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (h), (i), and (j) as subsections (i), (j), and (k), respectively; and

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

“(h) ARSENAL INSTALLATION REUTILIZATION AUTHORITY.—(1) In the case of a military manufacturing arsenal, the Secretary concerned may authorize leases and contracts for a term of up to 25 years, notwithstanding subsection (b)(1), if the Secretary determines that a lease or contract of that duration will promote the national defense or be in the public interest for the purpose of—

“(A) helping to maintain the viability of the military manufacturing arsenal and any military installations on which it is located;

“(B) eliminating, or at least reducing, the cost of Government ownership of the military manufacturing arsenal, including the costs of operations and maintenance, the costs of environmental remediation, and other costs; and

“(C) leveraging private investment at the military manufacturing arsenal through long-term facility use contracts, property management contracts, leases, or other agreements that support and advance the preceding purposes.

“(2)(A) The Secretary concerned may delegate the authority provided by this subsection to the commander of the military manufacturing arsenal or, if part of a larger military installation, the installation commander.

“(B) The delegated authority does not include the authority to enter into a lease or contract under this section to carry out any activity covered by section 4544(b) of this title related to—

“(i) the sale of articles manufactured by a military manufacturing arsenal;

“(ii) the sale of services performed by a military manufacturing arsenal; or

“(iii) the performance of manufacturing work at the military manufacturing arsenal.

“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘military manufacturing arsenal’ means a Government-owned, Government-operated defense plant of the Department of the Defense that manufactures weapons, weapon components, or both.”.

(b) CROSS REFERENCES.—(1) Section 2662(b)(3)(E) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “2667(h)(2)” and inserting “2667(i)(2)”.

(2) Section 6981(a)(2) of such title is amended by striking “2667(h)(2)” and inserting “2667(i)(2)”.

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

At the end of subtitle D of title XXVIII (page 795, after line 2), add the following new section:



**SEC. 2834. RELEASE OF PROPERTY INTERESTS RETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH LAND CONVEYANCE, CAMP VILLERE, LOUISIANA.**

(a) **RELEASE OF RETAINED INTERESTS.**—With respect to a parcel of real property at Camp Villere, Louisiana, consisting of approximately 48.04 acres and conveyed by quit-claim deed for National Guard purposes by the United States to the State of Louisiana pursuant to section 616 of the Military Construction Authorization Act, 1975 (titles I through VI of Public Law 93–553; 88 Stat. 1768), the Secretary of the Army may release the terms and conditions imposed by the United States under subsection (b) of such section and the reversionary interest retained by the United States under subsection (c) of such section. The release of such terms and conditions and retained interests with respect to any portion of that parcel shall not be construed to alter the rights or interests retained by the United States with respect to the remainder of the real property conveyed to the State under such section.

(b) **CONDITION OF RELEASE.**—The release authorized by subsection (a) of terms and conditions and retained interests shall be subject to the condition that the State of Louisiana—

(1) transfer the parcel of real property described in such subsection from the Louisiana Military Department to the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority for the purpose of permitting the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority to use the parcel for any purposes allowed by State law; and

(2) make available to the Louisiana Military Department real property to replace the transferred parcel that is suitable for use for National Guard training and operational support for emergency management and homeland defense activities.

(c) **INSTRUMENT OF RELEASE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The Secretary of the Army may execute and file in the appropriate office a deed of release, amended deed, or other appropriate instrument reflecting the release of terms and conditions and retained interests under subsection (a). The exact acreage and legal description of the property described in such subsection shall be determined by a survey satisfactory to the Secretary of the Army.

(d) **PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.**—

(1) **PAYMENT REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Army may require the State of Louisiana to cover costs to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the release of retained interests under subsection (a), including survey costs, costs related to environmental documentation, and other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts paid to the Secretary in advance exceed the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance, the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the State.

(2) **TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**—Amounts received under paragraph (1) as reimbursement for costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out the release of retained interests under subsection (a) shall be credited to the fund or account that was used to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the release of retained interests. 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.

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

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

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

**SEC. 28 . LAND CONVEYANCE, CAMPION AIR FORCE RADAR STATION, GALENA, ALASKA.**

(a) **CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of the Interior may convey, without consideration, to the Town of Galena, Alaska (in this section referred to as the “Town”), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to public land, including improvements thereon, at the former Campion Air Force Station, Alaska, as further described in subsection (b), for the purpose of permitting the Town to use the conveyed land for public purposes.

(b) **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.**—The property to be conveyed under subsection (a) consists of approximately 1290 acres of the approximately 1613 acres of public land withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior under Public Land Order 843 for use by the Secretary of the Air Force as the former Campion Air Force Station. The portions of the former Air Force Station that are not authorized to be conveyed under subsection (a) are those portions that are subject to environmental land use restrictions or are currently undergoing environmental remediation by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(c) **CONSULTATION.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall consult with the Secretary of the Air Force on the exact acreage and legal description of the public land to be conveyed under subsection (a) and conditions to be included in the conveyance that are necessary to protect human health and the environment.

(d) **PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.**—

(1) **PAYMENT REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the Interior shall require the Town to cover costs (except costs for environmental remediation of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary of the Interior and by the Secretary of the Air Force, or to reimburse the appropriate Secretary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under this section, including survey costs, costs for environmental documentation, and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance. If amounts are collected in advance of the Secretary of Interior or Secretary of the Air Force incurring the actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance, the appropriate Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the Town.

(2) **TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.**—

(A) **SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**—Amounts received by the Secretary of the Interior as reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be credited, at the option of the Sec-

retary, to the appropriation, fund, or account from which the expenses were paid, or to an appropriate appropriation, fund, or account currently available to the Secretary for the purposes for which the expenses were paid. Amounts so credited shall be merged with funds in such appropriation, fund, or account and shall be available for the same purposes and subject to the same limitations as the funds with which merged.

(B) SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE.—Amounts received by the Secretary of the Air Force as reimbursement under paragraph (1) shall be credited, at the option of the Secretary, to the appropriation, fund, or account from which the expenses were paid, or to an appropriate appropriation, fund, or account currently available to the Secretary for the purposes for which the expenses were paid. Amounts so credited shall be merged with funds in such appropriation, fund, or account and shall be available for the same purposes and subject to the same limitations as the funds with which merged.

(e) CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT.—The conveyance of public land under this section shall be accomplished using a quit claim deed or other legal instrument and upon terms and conditions mutually satisfactory to the Secretary of the Interior, after consulting with the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Town, including such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary of the Interior, after consulting with the Secretary of the Air Force, considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

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

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

**SEC. 31 \_\_\_\_ . LIFE EXTENSION PROGRAMS COVERED BY SELECTED ACQUISITION REPORTS.**

Section 4217 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2537) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SYSTEMS.—For purposes of this section, an existing nuclear weapon system is deemed to be undergoing life extension if the expected total cost of the associated activities, including activities considered alterations, will exceed \$1,000,000,000.”.

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130. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE LUJAN GRISHAM OF NEW MEXICO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

**SEC. 31 \_\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF MICROLAB PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories, may establish a microlab pilot program under which the Secretary establishes a microlab that is lo-

cated in close proximity to a national laboratory and that is accessible to the public for the purposes of—

(1) enhancing collaboration with regional research groups, such as institutions of higher education and industry groups; and

(2) accelerating technology transfer from national laboratories to the marketplace.

(3) promoting regional workforce development through science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) instruction and training.

(b) CRITERIA.—In determining the placement of a microlab under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consider—

(1) the commitment of a national laboratory to establishing a microlab;

(2) the existence of a joint research institute or a new facility that—

(A) is not on the main site of a national laboratory;

(B) is in close proximity to a national laboratory; and

(C) has the capability to house a microlab;

(3) whether employees of a national laboratory and persons from academia, industry, and government are available to be assigned to the microlab; and

(4) cost-sharing or in-kind contributions from State and local governments and private industry.

(c) TIMING.—If the Secretary, in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories, elects to establish a microlab pilot program under this section, the Secretary, in collaboration with the directors of national laboratories, shall—

(1) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, begin the process of determining the placement of the microlab under subsection (a); and

(2) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, implement the microlab pilot program under this section.

(d) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of implementation of the microlab pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a report that provides an update on the implementation of the microlab pilot program under subsection (a).

(e) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of implementation of the microlab pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a report on the microlab pilot program under subsection (a), including findings and recommendations of the Secretary.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “microlab” means a small laboratory established by the Secretary under section 3.

(2) The term “national laboratory” means a national security laboratory, as defined in section 3281 of the National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2471).

(3) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

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

At the end of title XXXV (page 885, after line 19) add the following:

**SEC. 35 . PAYMENT FOR MARITIME SECURITY FLEET VESSELS.**

(a) PER-VESSEL AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding section 53106(a)(1)(C) of title 46, United States Code, and subject to the availability of appropriations, there is authorized to be paid to each contractor for an operating agreement (as those terms are used in that section) for fiscal year 2016, \$3,500,000 for each vessel that is covered by the operating agreement.

(b) REPEAL OF OTHER AUTHORIZATION.—Section 53111(3) of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking “2016.”

(c) FUNDING.—

(1) FUNDING INCREASE.—The amount authorized to be appropriated pursuant to section 3501(5) for expenses to maintain and preserve a United States-flag merchant marine to serve the national security needs of the United States under chapter 531 of title 46, United States Code, is hereby increased by \$24,000,000.

(2) FUNDING OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101 for Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy, Auxiliaries, Craft and Prior Yr Program Cost, Outfitting (Line 020) is hereby reduced by \$24,000,000.

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

At the end of title XXXV (page 885, after line 19) add the following:

**SEC. . MELVILLE HALL OF UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.**

(a) GIFT TO THE MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY.—The Maritime Administrator may accept a gift of money from the Foundation under section 51315 of title 46, United States Code, for the purpose of renovating Melville Hall on the campus of the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

(b) COVERED GIFTS.—A gift described in this subsection is a gift under subsection (a) that the Maritime Administrator determines exceeds the sum of—

(1) the minimum amount that is sufficient to ensure the renovation of Melville Hall in accordance with the capital improvement plan of the United States Merchant Marine Academy that was in effect on the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) 25 percent of the amount described in paragraph (1).

(c) OPERATION CONTRACTS.—Subject to subsection (d), in the case that the Maritime Administrator accepts a gift of money described in subsection (b), the Maritime Administrator may enter into a contract with the Foundation for the operation of Melville Hall to make available facilities for, among other possible uses, official academy functions, third-party catering functions, and industry events and conferences.

(d) CONTRACT TERMS.—The contract described in subsection (c) shall be for such period and on such terms as the Maritime Administrator considers appropriate, including a provision, mutually agreeable to the Maritime Administrator and the Foundation, that—

(1) requires the Foundation—

(A) at the expense solely of the Foundation through the term of the contract to maintain Melville Hall in a condition that is as good as or better than the condition Melville Hall was in on the later of—

(i) the date that the renovation of Melville Hall was completed; or

(ii) the date that the Foundation accepted Melville Hall after it was tendered to the Foundation by the Maritime Administrator; and

(B) to deposit all proceeds from the operation of Melville Hall, after expenses necessary for the operation and maintenance of Melville Hall, into the account of the Regimental Affairs Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentality or successor entity, to be used solely for the morale and welfare of the cadets of the United States Merchant Marine Academy; and

(2) prohibits the use of Melville Hall as lodging or an office by any person for more than 4 days in any calendar year other than—

(A) by the United States; or

(B) for the administration and operation of Melville Hall.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) CONTRACT.—The term “contract” includes any modification, extension, or renewal of the contract.

(2) FOUNDATION.—In this section, the term “Foundation” means the United States Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc.

(f) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed under section 3105 of title 41, United States Code, as requiring the Maritime Administrator to award a contract for the operation of Melville Hall to the Foundation.

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

At the end of subtitle D of title V (page 179, after line 21), add the following new section:

SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS BY WHICH MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES MAY CARRY A CONCEALED PERSONAL FIREARM ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

(a) PROCESS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, taking into consideration the views of senior leadership of military installa-

tions in the United States, shall establish a process by which the commander of a military installation in the United States may authorize a member of the Armed Forces who is assigned to duty at the installation to carry a concealed personal firearm on the installation if the commander determines it to be necessary as a personal- or force-protection measure.

(b) **RELATION TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW.**—In establishing the process under subsection (a) for a military installation, the commander of the installation shall consult with elected officials of the State and local jurisdictions in which the installation is located and take into consideration the law of the State and such jurisdictions regarding carrying a concealed personal firearm.

(c) **MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS.**—To be eligible to be authorized to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation pursuant to the process established under subsection (a), a member of the Armed Forces—

(1) must complete any training and certification required by any State in which the installation is located that would permit the member to carry concealed in that State;

(2) must not be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice for any offense that could result in incarceration or separation from the Armed Forces;

(3) must not be prohibited from possessing a firearm because of conviction of a crime of domestic violence; and

(4) must meet such service-related qualification requirements for the use of firearms, as established by the Secretary of the military department concerned.

(d) **STATE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “State” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of the United States.

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

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

**SEC. 10\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON PAID-FOR PATRIOTISM.**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) while recruitment and advertising in support of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, is appropriate, the taxpayer should not have to pay any organization to honor the service of members of the Armed Forces;

(2) instead of being paid by the Department of Defense to honor the service of members of the Armed Forces, these organizations should be motivated by patriotism to honor the service of members of the Armed Forces out of their own free will; and

(3) any funds that the Department of Defense would have used for purposes described in paragraph (1) should be redirected toward post-traumatic stress disorder research and treatment for members of the Armed Forces.

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

Page 754, line 10, insert "United States" before "operational requirements".

Page 754, line 10, after "operational requirements," insert the following: "not including the requirements of any other organization or country,".

