under the Obama administration, the principal author of President Obama's Nuclear Posture Review: ''Secretary of Defense James Mattis' 2018 Nuclear Posture Review offers continuity with past U.S. policy and plans, including those in the 2010 NPR. It deserves broad bipartisan support. Its proposal for a low-yield SLBM weapon and a new nuclear-tipped, sea-launched cruise missile are sensible responses to changed security conditions, especially Russia and North Korea.''

Well, things have changed since 2010. That is what the 2018 NPR addresses. So, from both administrations, from both sides of the aisle, we have agreement that we do need this low-yield option. That is a stabilizing influence, to have more tools in the toolbox. When you have fewer tools, you have fewer options, and that is destabilizing.

Mr. Chair, I ask for a rejection of this amendment.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Chair, I once again urge a ''no'' vote on this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California will be postponed.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAMBORN) having assumed the chair, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 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, had come to no resolution thereon.

PERMISSION TO REVISE REMARKS DURING GENERAL DEBATE ON H.R. 5515

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may be permitted to revise my remarks, made during general debate in the Committee of the Whole earlier today, beyond technical, grammatical, and typographical corrections.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 905 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5515.

Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) kindly resume the chair.

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Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 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, with Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 5 printed in House Report 115–698 offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) had been postponed.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 905, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 1 consisting of amendment Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22 printed in House Report 115–698, offered by Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. RUSSELL OF OKLAHOMA

At the end of title XI, add the following:

SEC. 11___. EXPEDITED HIRING AUTHORITY FOR COLLEGE GRADUATES AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''§ 3115. Expedited hiring authority for college graduates; competitive service

''(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

''(1) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

''(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term 'institution of higher education' has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

''(b) APPOINTMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an agency may appoint, without regard to any provision of sections 3309 through 3319 and 3330, a qualified individual to a position in the competitive service classified in a professional or administrative occupational category at the GS–11 level, or an equivalent level, or below.

''(2) RESTRICTIONS.—An appointment under paragraph (1) shall be made in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Director.

''(c) QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT.—The head of an agency may make an appointment under subsection (b) only if the individual being appointed—

''(1) has received a baccalaureate or graduate degree from an institution of higher education;

''(2) applies for the position—

''(A) not later than 2 years after the date on which the individual being appointed received the degree described in paragraph (1); or

''(B) in the case of an individual who has completed a period of not less than 4 years of obligated service in a uniformed service, not later than 2 years after the date of the discharge or release of the individual from that service; and

''(3) meets each minimum qualification standard prescribed by the Director for the position to which the individual is being appointed.

''(d) PUBLIC NOTICE AND ADVERTISING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an agency making an appointment under subsection (b) shall publicly advertise positions under this section.

''(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the head of an agency shall—

''(A) adhere to merit system principles;

''(B) advertise positions in a manner that provides for diverse and qualified applicants; and

''(C) ensure potential applicants have appropriate information relevant to the positions available.

''(e) LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the total number of employees that the head of an agency may appoint under this section during a fiscal year may not exceed the number equal to 15 percent of the number of individuals that the agency head appointed during the previous fiscal year to a position in the competitive service classified in a professional or administrative occupational category, at the GS–11 level, or an equivalent level, or below, under a competitive examining procedure.

''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Under a regulation prescribed under subsection (f), the Director may establish a lower limit on the number of individuals that may be appointed under paragraph (1) of this subsection during a fiscal year based on any factor the Director considers appropriate.

''(f) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017, the Director shall issue interim regulations, with an opportunity for comment, for the administration of this section.

''(g) REPORTING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30 of each of the first 3 fiscal years beginning after the date of enactment of the Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017, the head of an agency that makes an appointment under this section shall submit to Congress a report assessing the impact of the use of the authority provided under this section during the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30 of each of the first 3 fiscal years beginning after the date of enactment of the Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017, the head of an agency that makes an appointment under this section shall submit a report to—

''(A) Congress that assesses the impact of the use of the authority provided under this section during the fiscal year in which the report is submitted; and

''(B) the Director that contains data that the Director considers necessary for the Director to assess the impact and effectiveness of the authority described in subparagraph (A).

''(2) CONTENT.—The head of an agency shall include in each report under paragraph (1)—

''(A) the total number of individuals appointed by the agency under this section, as well as the number of such individuals who are—

''(i) minorities or members of other underrepresented groups; or

''(ii) veterans;

''(B) recruitment sources;

''(C) the total number of individuals appointed by the agency during the applicable fiscal year to a position in the competitive service classified in a professional or administrative occupational category at the GS–11 level, or an equivalent level, or below; and

''(D) any additional data specified by the Director.

''(h) SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

''(1) AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall preclude the Secretary of Defense from exercising any authority to appoint a recent graduate under section 1106 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. note prec. 1580), or any applicable successor statute.

''(2) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations prescribed by the Director for the administration of this section shall not apply to the Department of Defense during the period ending on the date on which the appointment authority of the Secretary of Defense under section 1106 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. note prec. 1580), or any applicable successor statute, terminates.

''§ 3116. Expedited hiring authority for postsecondary students; competitive service

''(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

''(1) DIRECTOR.—The term 'Director' means the Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

''(2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term 'institution of higher education' has the meaning given the term in section 101(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

''(3) STUDENT.—The term 'student' means an individual enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an institution of higher education who is pursuing a baccalaureate or graduate degree on at least a part-time basis as determined by the institution of higher education.

''(b) APPOINTMENT.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an agency may make a time-limited appointment of a student, without regard to any provision of sections 3309 through 3319 and 3330, to a position in the competitive service at the GS–11 level, or an equivalent level, or below for which the student is qualified.

''(2) RESTRICTIONS.—An appointment under paragraph (1) shall be made in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Director.

''(c) PUBLIC NOTICE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an agency making an appointment under subsection (b) shall publicly advertise positions available under this section.

''(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the head of an agency shall—

''(A) adhere to merit system principles;

''(B) advertise positions in a manner that provides for diverse and qualified applicants; and

''(C) ensure potential applicants have appropriate information relevant to the positions available.

''(d) LIMITATION ON APPOINTMENTS.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the total number of students that the head of an agency may appoint under this section during a fiscal year may not exceed the number equal to 15 percent of the number of students that the agency head appointed during the previous fiscal year to a position in the competitive service at the GS–11 level, or an equivalent level, or below.

''(2) EXCEPTIONS.—Under a regulation prescribed under subsection (g), the Director may establish a lower limit on the number of students that may be appointed under paragraph (1) of this subsection during a fiscal year based on any factor the Director considers appropriate.

''(e) CONVERSION.—The head of an agency may, without regard to any provision of chapter 33 or any other provision of law relating to the examination, certification, and appointment of individuals in the competitive service, convert a student serving in an appointment under subsection (b) to a permanent appointment in the competitive service within the agency without further competition if the student—

''(1) has completed the course of study leading to the baccalaureate or graduate degree;

''(2) has completed not less than 640 hours of current continuous employment in an appointment under subsection (b); and

''(3) meets the qualification standards for the position to which the student will be converted.

''(f) TERMINATION.—The head of an agency shall, without regard to any provision of chapter 35 or 75, terminate the appointment of a student appointed under subsection (b) upon completion of the designated academic course of study unless the student is selected for conversion under subsection (e).

''(g) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017, the Director shall issue interim regulations, with an opportunity for comment, for the administration of this section.

''(h) REPORTING.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30 of each of the first 3 fiscal years beginning after the date of enactment of the Direct Hire of Students and Recent Graduates Act of 2017, the head of an agency that makes an appointment under this section shall submit a report to—

''(A) Congress that assesses the impact of the use of the authority provided under this section during the fiscal year in which the report is submitted; and

''(B) the Director that contains data that the Director considers necessary for the Director to assess the impact and effectiveness of the authority described in subparagraph (A).

''(2) CONTENT.—The head of an agency shall include in each report under paragraph (1)—

''(A) the total number of individuals appointed by the agency under this section, as well as the number of such individuals who are—

''(i) minorities or members of other underrepresented groups; or

''(ii) veterans;

''(B) recruitment sources;

''(C) the total number of individuals appointed by the agency during the applicable fiscal year to a position in the competitive service at the GS–11 level, or an equivalent level, or below; and

''(D) any additional data specified by the Director.

''(i) SPECIAL PROVISION REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—

''(1) AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section shall preclude the Secretary of Defense from exercising any authority to appoint a postsecondary student under section 1106 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. note prec. 1580), or any applicable successor statute.

''(2) REGULATIONS.—Any regulations prescribed by the Director for the administration of this section shall not apply to the Department of Defense during the period ending on the date on which the appointment authority of the Secretary of Defense under section 1106 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (10 U.S.C. note prec. 1580), or any applicable successor statute, terminates.''.

(b) TABLE OF SECTIONS AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections for subchapter I of chapter 31 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''3115. Expedited hiring authority for college graduates; competitive service.

''3116. Expedited hiring authority for postsecondary students; competitive service.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 7 OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO

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

SEC. 2____. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TEST AND EVALUATION RESOURCES.

Section 196(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: ''(1) Not less often than once every two fiscal years, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Secretaries of the military departments, and the heads of Defense Agencies with test and evaluation responsibilities, shall complete a strategic plan reflecting the future needs of the Department of Defense with respect to test and evaluation facilities and resources. Each strategic plan shall cover the period of thirty fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year in which the plan is submitted under paragraph (3). The strategic plan shall be based on a comprehensive review of both funded and unfunded test and evaluation requirements of the Department, future threats to national security, and the adequacy of the test and evaluation facilities and resources of the Department to meet those future requirements and threats.''; and

(2) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking ''needed to meet such requirements'' and inserting ''needed to meet current and future requirements based on current and emerging threats, including, at minimum, missile defense, cyberspace operations, direct energy, and hypersonics,''.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

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

SEC. 2____. INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR DIVERTOR TEST TOKAMAK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 4701 for Department of Energy National Security Programs, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4701, for research, development, test, and evaluation, inertial confinement fusion ignition and high yield, is hereby increased by $3,000,000 (to be used for divertor test tokamak research and development).

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 4101 for procurement, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for procurement of ammunition, Air Force, flares (Line 015) is hereby reduced by $3,000,000.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MS. SINEMA OF ARIZONA

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

SEC. 2____. BRIEFING ON INNOVATIVE MOBILE SECURITY TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES.

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

(1) government-owned mobile technologies remain at risk for targeting or data breaches placing at risk information that could harm national security; and

(2) further, these vulnerabilities exist because current technologies do not possess the necessary security features required to mitigate the threats of credential theft, active surveillance from microphones and cameras, and tracking of user movements and location.

(b) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on—

(1) threats posed by credential theft, active surveillance from microphones and cameras, and tracking of user movements and location;

(2) the commercial availability of technologies to mitigate these threats; and

(3) strategies and feasibilities of deploying mobile security technologies within the Department.

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 3___. REPORT ON PILOT PROGRAM FOR MICRO-REACTORS.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall develop and submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in the Senate a report describing the requirements for, and components of, a pilot program to provide resilience for critical national security infrastructure at Department of Defense and Department of Energy facilities by contracting with a commercial entity to site, construct, and operate at least one licensed micro-reactor at a facility identified under the report by December 31, 2027.

(b) CONSULTATION.—As necessary to develop the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with—

(1) the Secretary of Defense;

(2) the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and

(3) the Administrator of the General Services Administration.

(c) CONTENTS.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) identification of potential locations to site, construct, and operate a micro-reactor at a Department of Defense or Department of Energy facility that contains critical national security infrastructure that the Secretary determines may not be energy resilient;

(2) assessments of different nuclear technologies to provide energy resiliency for critical national security infrastructure;

(3) a survey of potential commercial stakeholders with which to enter into a contract under the pilot program to construct and operate a licensed micro-reactor;

(4) options to enter into long-term contracting, including various financial mechanisms for such purpose;

(5) identification of requirements for micro-reactors to provide energy resilience to mission-critical functions at facilities identified under paragraph (1);

(6) an estimate of the costs of the pilot program;

(7) a timeline with milestones for the pilot program;

(8) an analysis of the existing authority of the Department of Energy and Department of Defense to permit the siting, construction, and operation of a micro-reactor; and

(9) recommendations for any legislative changes to the authorities analyzed under paragraph (8) necessary for the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense to permit the siting, construction, and operation of a micro-reactor.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term ''critical national security infrastructure'' means any site or installation that the Secretary of Energy or the Secretary of Defense determines supports critical mission functions of the national security enterprise.

(2) The term ''licensed'' means holding a license under section 103 or 104 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.

(3) The term ''micro-reactor'' means a nuclear reactor that has a power production capacity that is not greater than 50 megawatts.

(4) The term ''pilot program'' means the pilot program described in subsection (a).

(5) The term ''Secretary'' means Secretary of Energy.

(e) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified appendix.

(f) LIMITATIONS.—This Act does not authorize the Department of Energy or Department of Defense to enter into a contract with respect to the pilot program.

AMENDMENT NO. 11 OFFERED BY MR. KRISHNAMOORTHI OF ILLINOIS

Page 83, line 12, strike ''and''.

Page 83, line 15, strike the period and insert ''; and''.

Page 83, after line 15, insert the following:

(E) may include the use of on-the-job training to ensure participants are able to learn the skills necessary for successful careers in additive manufacturing.

AMENDMENT NO. 12 OFFERED BY MR. CARTWRIGHT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

SEC. 3___. REPORT ON DEPOT-LEVEL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of each of the military departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on labor hours and depot maintenance, which shall include—

(1) the amount of public and private funding of depot-level maintenance and repair (as defined in section 2460 of title 10 United State Code) for the Department of Defense,, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Special Operations Command, and any other unified command identified by the Secretary, expressed by commodity group by percentage and actual numbers in terms of dollars and direct labor hours;

(2) within each category of depot level maintenance and repair for each entities, the amount of the subset of depot maintenance workload that meets the description under section 2464 of title 10, United States Code, that is performed in the public and private sectors by direct labor hours and by dollars;

(3) of the subset referred to in paragraph (2), the amount of depot maintenance workload performed in the public and private sector by direct labor hour and by dollars for each entity that would otherwise be considered core workload under such section 2462, but is not considered core because a weapon system or equipment has not been declared a program of record; and

(4) the projections for the upcoming future years defense program, including the distinction between the Navy and the Marine Corps for the Department of the Navy, as well as any unified command, including the Special Operations Command.

AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 3___. STUDY ON PHASING OUT OPEN BURN PITS.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a study on the feasibility of phasing out the use of open burn pits by using technology incinerators.

(b) OPEN BURN PIT DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''open burn pit'' means an area of land—

(1) that is designated by the Secretary of Defense to be used for disposing solid waste by burning in the outdoor air; and

(2) does not contain a commercially manufactured incinerator or other equipment specifically designed and manufactured for the burning of solid waste.

AMENDMENT NO. 14 OFFERED BY MS. MENG OF NEW YORK

Page 107, line 17, strike ''while on active duty''.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MRS. NAPOLITANO OF CALIFORNIA

Page 116, after line 2, insert the following new section:

SEC. 515. NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

Section 509(k) of title 32, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking ''REPORT'' and inserting ''REPORTS'';

(2) by striking ''Within'' and inserting ''(1) Not later than''; and

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

''(2) Not later than 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Secretary of Defense shall evaluate the pilot Jobs ChalleNGe Programs and submit a report of findings and recommendations to Congress.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 16 OFFERED BY MRS. NAPOLITANO OF CALIFORNIA

Page 116, after line 2, insert the following new section:

SEC. 515. NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE PROGRAM.

Section 509(h) of title 32, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (4); and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraphs:

''(2) Equipment and facilities of the United States may be transferred to the National Guard for purposes of carrying out the Program.

''(3) Equipment and facilities of a State, county, or local government entity may be transferred to the National Guard for purposes of carrying out the Program.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 17 OFFERED BY MR. PASCRELL OF NEW JERSEY

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

SEC. 5___. INCLUSION OF BLAST EXPOSURE HISTORY IN SERVICE RECORDS.

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that blast exposure history is included in the service records of members of the Armed Forces in a manner that will assist in determining whether a future illness or injury is service connected.

AMENDMENT NO. 18 OFFERED BY MR. GONZALEZ OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 5___. CYBERSECURITY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND AWARENESS IN JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS.

The Secretaries of the military departments shall encourage the Junior Reserve

Officer Training Corps to include cybersecurity educational programs and awareness in the curriculum of the Corps, including lessons on cyber defense, risks of cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the military, and pursuing studies and careers in cybersecurity and related fields within the Department of Defense.

AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. HECK OF WASHINGTON

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

SEC. 5___. PUBLICATION OF GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION ON HOUSING MARKETS NEAR CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and make publicly available guidance and information about the housing market around military installations in the continental United States. Such guidance and information shall be designed to assist members of the Armed Forces in better using their basic allowance for housing.

(b) MATTERS FOR INCLUSION.—The information and guidance under subsection (a) shall include—

(1) information on the housing market around the installation, including—

(A) information about deciding whether to rent or buy, including taking into consideration the average deployment cycle for that military installation and permanent change of station timelines;

(B) information about houses and apartments;

(C) considerations of living with a roommate; and

(D) information about working with and through a landlord;

(2) suggested bedroom and bathroom and square footage for each basic allowance for housing category;

(3) recommended zip codes in which to look for properties;

(4) information about the availability of public transportation;

(5) average commute times to military installation and wait times at nearest gate; and

(6) a list of realtors and real estate brokers who work in the area, including any complaints registered against such realtors and brokers.

(c) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on a review of the Comptroller General of the rate setting procedure for basic allowance for housing. Such review shall cover how the Department of Defense collects basic allowance for housing data and shall include an analysis of each of the following:

(1) Whether the process in use is the most efficient process.

(2) Whether the information collected is publically available elsewhere.

(3) Whether the data collected reflects what is available through open source methods.

(4) How basic allowance for housing rates and cost of living adjustments are interrelated.

(5) Whether members of the Armed Forces about whom data is collected are receiving loan protections on interest rates pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

(6) Whether such members of the Armed Forces experience issues when they need to break leases for a deployment or permanent change of station.

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MR. WELCH OF VERMONT

In title V, at the end of subtitle I add the following:

SEC. _____. ASSISTANCE OF STATES FOR DEPLOYMENT-RELATED SUPPORT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES UNDERGOING DEPLOYMENT AND THEIR FAMILIES BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON REINTEGRATION PROGRAM.

Section 582 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (10 U.S.C. 10101 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (k) and (l) as subsections (l) and (m), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (j) the following new subsection (k):

''(k) SUPPORT BEYOND PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide funding to States to carry out programs that provide deployment cycle information, services, and referrals to members of the Armed Forces, including members of the regular components and members of the reserve components, and the families of such members, throughout the deployment cycle. Such programs may include the provision of access to outreach services, including the following:

''(1) Employment counseling.

''(2) Behavioral health counseling.

''(3) Suicide prevention.

''(4) Housing advocacy.

''(5) Financial counseling.

''(6) Referrals for the receipt of other related services.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

Page 133, line 7, insert, after ''review.'', the following: ''The Secretary of the Army shall ensure that all records of any request, determination, or action under this subsection remains confidential.''.

Page 134, line 9, insert, after ''review.'', the following: ''The Secretary of the Navy shall ensure that all records of any request, determination, or action under this subsection remains confidential.''.

Page 135, line 10, insert, after ''review.'', the following: ''The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that all records of any request, determination, or action under this subsection remains confidential.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 22 OFFERED BY MS. ETSY OF CONNECTICUT

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

SEC. 547. DEFINITION OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs shall establish a joint definition of ''military sexual trauma'' for their respective Departments to use in all aspects of delivering care and benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans who have suffered that crime.

(b) REPORT.—The Secretaries shall submit to Congress a report on their efforts under subsection (a), including legislative recommendations, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 905, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. SMUCKER).

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Chair, I rise today to support the National Defense Authorization Act and thank the chairman of the committee for this bipartisan legislation which supports our troops, enhances military readiness, and provides for the defense of our Nation.

I also encourage my colleagues to support my amendments, Nos. 43 and 48, to the NDAA. My amendments seek to improve the mental health services provided by the Department of Defense so our troops receive only the best treatment.

It comes as no surprise that the high levels of violence and trauma our servicemembers experience is cause for negative impacts on their mental health. Our soldiers suffer from major depression at a rate five times higher than the civilian population rate. Additionally, their diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder was approximately 15 times greater than the general population.

Congress can help. Currently, there is a serious shortage of mental health providers at the DOD. Our troops are paying the price, but they don't have to. One of my amendments would help identify the scope of the workforce problem at DOD and ensure that an effective strategy is in place so our Nation's troops have full access to qualified mental health providers.

My other amendment would require the DOD to establish a monitoring program carried out by each branch of the armed services to conduct periodic reviews of the medication prescribing practices of its own providers to treat PTSD. This monitoring program will help ensure that every military branch is regularly monitoring the medications prescribed to treat PTSD to ensure that our troops are getting the proper treatment.

Some of the greatest wounds inflicted upon our brave servicemen and -women are unseen. We should be doing everything possible to ensure that we are treating these wounds as we would any other.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendments on behalf of the servicemembers and military families that we represent.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I am pleased to yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ).

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Chair, open-air burn pits pose serious health risks to our troops; yet, still to this day, our military uses them to dispose of waste and equipment—like human waste, plastics, computers, and jet fuel—on the battlefield.

I am a board certified emergency physician and a public health expert, and in public health and in the medical field, we know that, if there is a high enough suspicion with a severe enough illness, which we have with veterans developing rare and permanently severely disabling pulmonary autoimmune diseases and dying of cancer, then we need to act on that suspicion.

We can start to do that by doing these three things: one, stop our troops' exposure to dangerous burn pits out on the battlefield; two, conduct public health education for doctors and veterans to train them to recognize subtle changes in their health, help to catch cancer at an early stage when it

can still be treated, and save lives; and third, get our veterans and servicemembers the medical treatment they need quickly and ensure it is covered by the VA or the DOD.

My amendment will help accomplish this first step by directing the Department of Defense to conduct a feasibility study on ending the use of dangerous burn pits by using incinerators or other technology. I thank the committee leadership for their support of this amendment and on this emerging health crisis for our veterans. I urge a ''yes'' vote to help save our veterans' and men and women in uniforms' lives.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time on this amendment.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Chair, Iran's destabilizing activities in the Middle East are not a new phenomenon. However, of late, their malign influence has dramatically expanded and intensified in Yemen, in Iraq, in Lebanon, and, perhaps of greatest immediate concern, the establishment of a potentially permanent foothold in Syria.

Such a presence enables Iran's increasing support for Hezbollah, including not only weapons transfers, but also assistance in building an indigenous rocket-producing capacity. I therefore appreciate the work of the House Armed Services Committee in including a provision authorizing the Secretaries of Defense and State to develop and implement a strategy with foreign partners to counter Iran's destabilizing activities.

My first amendment would ensure the strategy includes specific countries in which Iran is operating, an assessment of their destabilizing activities, and the implications thereof.

My second amendment would require a report on Iran's support for proxy forces in Syria and Lebanon and an assessment of the threat posed to Israel, other regional allies, and U.S. interests. It is important to know where Iran is operating, what exactly they are doing, who they are backing, and how this impacts the United States and our allies.

Mr. Chair, I thank the chairman and ranking member for their support for my bipartisan amendments.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Puerto Rico (Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN).

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of the bloc of amendments, and amendment 41, for the Department of Defense to gather the data necessary to successfully extend the TRICARE Prime healthcare benefit to Puerto Rico to meet the needs of our retired military families on the same basis as in the mainland.

More than 200,000 Puerto Ricans have served in all branches to date, and the VA has registered almost 100,000 veterans residing in Puerto Rico, yet they face disparity in benefits. TRICARE treats Puerto Rico as an overseas location, with fees and copays higher than what they would be for Prime. Dependents of retired veterans in Puerto Rico either get fewer benefits or pay more.

Puerto Rican veterans have fought, bled, and died side by side with their comrades in arms from the whole Nation. The information required through this amendment will support the decision to finally do justice for our servicemembers and veterans.

Mr. Chair, I support this amendment.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. RUIZ).

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Chair, I want to thank the ranking member and the chairman for their support of my efforts to help veterans and servicemembers who have been exposed to burn pits.

We have a responsibility to protect the health of our men and women in uniform and veterans from the harmful health effects of exposure to burn pits, and we can start to do so by, first, stopping our troops' exposure to these dangerous burn pits out on the battlefield; second, conducting education and public health outreach to veterans and their doctors; and third, getting our veterans and servicemembers the medical treatment they need quickly and ensuring it is covered by the VA or the DOD.

Earlier, we discussed my amendment that will address step one and finally put an end to the use of dangerous burn pits on the battlefield.

My second amendment will tackle step two, requiring the Department of Defense to conduct an annual education and outreach campaign to veterans exposed to burn pits and who are qualified to enroll in the burn pits registry. This will improve our understanding of the different health effects of exposure to burn pits and help raise awareness for our veterans to be on the lookout for subtle changes in their health that could be early signs of cancer.

Mr. Chair, again, I thank the committee for their support of this amendment.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chair, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER).

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Chair, we are still uncovering more troubling evidence of the breadth, depth, and reach of Russia's interference in our most recent election, so I am pleased that the NDAA includes a provision requiring a National Intelligence Estimate of interference by Russia and China in democracies around the world, including our own.

While understanding this threat is an important first step, we also need to take action to ensure we are doing everything possible to secure our own elections and defend the integrity of our democracy.

My amendment would add a requirement that, following the submission of the NIE, the Secretary of Defense shall report to Congress on the specific efforts by the Department of Defense to deter such interference both at home and abroad.

Protecting our elections, the foundation of our democracy, and those of our allies from outside influence by malign foreign actors is of paramount importance.

Mr. Chair, I thank the chairman and the ranking member for including my amendment in this en bloc passage.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. We have no further speakers on en bloc No. 1.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. I also urge support for en bloc No. 1.

Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

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AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 905, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 2 consisting of amendment Nos. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 printed in House Report 115–698, offered by Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 23 OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

Page 153, line 6, insert ''(including resources regarding military sexual trauma)'' after ''resources''.

AMENDMENT NO. 24 OFFERED BY MS. MENG OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. ____. FLEXIBLE MATERNITY AND PARENTAL LEAVE.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish and implement policies and procedures that permit a military parent to take, if requested by the military parent, flexible and non-continuous—

(1) maternity leave; and

(2) parental leave.

AMENDMENT NO. 25 OFFERED BY MR. POCAN OF WISCONSIN

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

SEC. 566. REPORT ON WAGE DETERMINATION FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

(a) WAGE DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the National Guard Bureau, shall coordinate with the Secretary of Labor to obtain a wage determination under section 6703(1) of title 41, United States Code, for all contract workers under the following programs:

(1) Family Assistance Centers.

(2) Family Readiness and Support.

(3) Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.
(4) Recruit Sustainment Program.
(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to the congressional defense committees regarding the wage determinations described in subsection (a). The report shall include a cost estimate of transferring all of the programs named in subsection (a) to direct Federal management.

AMENDMENT NO. 26 OFFERED BY MR. SCHRADER OF OREGON

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

SEC. 5___. EXEMPTION FROM REPAYMENT OF VOLUNTARY SEPARATION PAY.

Section 1175a(j) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in paragraph (1) by striking ''paragraphs (2) and (3)'' and inserting ''paragraphs (2), (3), and (4)'';
(2) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (5); and
(3) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:
''(4) This subsection shall not apply to a member who—
''(A) is involuntarily recalled to active duty or full-time National Guard duty; and
''(B) in the course of such duty, incurs a service-connected disability rating of total under section 1155 of title 38.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 27 OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO

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

SECTION 5___. SERVICE OF WOUNDED WARRIORS AS REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT PILOTS OR REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT SENSOR OPERATORS IN THE AIR FORCE.

(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall establish a program under which a qualified wounded warrior who faces retirement or separation from the Armed Forces for physical disability may continue, in lieu of such retirement or separation, to serve in the Armed Forces as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator in the Air Force.
(b) ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS.—
(1) MODIFICATION OF PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS.—In the case of wounded warriors only, the Secretary of the Air Force shall modify the physical fitness requirements applicable to a wounded warrior who is seeking to serve, or is serving, as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator if the wounded warrior is incapable of meeting such requirements, such as completing an annual physical training test, due to the service-related disability, but otherwise satisfies the remotely piloted aircraft medical standard.
(2) MEDICAL WAIVERS.—The restriction on medical waivers contained in section 6.4.5.1 of Air Force Instruction 48–123 shall not apply to the program required by this section.
(3) CONTINUED APPLICABILITY OF OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—To serve as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator, a wounded warrior applicant would still have to pass—
(A) the applicable Air Force Officer Qualifying Test or Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery; and
(B) the applicable security and mental health requirements.
(4) AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.—A wounded warrior may not be selected to serve, or continue to serve, as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator if the Secretary of the Air Force determines that—
(A) the wounded warrior presents a hazard to flying safety or mission completion;
(B) performance of the duty would be hazardous to the health of the wounded warrior; or
(C) the wounded warrior is diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, or any other mental disorder that could hinder mission performance.
(c) PRIORITY FOR CERTAIN WOUNDED WARRIORS.—In selecting wounded warriors to serve as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator, the Secretary of the Air Force shall give priority to wounded warriors whose disability was incurred—
(1) in the line of duty in a combat zone designated by the Secretary of Defense; or
(2) during the performance of duty in combat-related operations as designated by the Secretary of Defense.
(d) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—In the case of a wounded warrior who is not a member of the Air Force, the Secretary of the Air Force shall cooperate with the Secretary concerned having jurisdiction over the wounded warrior to transfer the wounded warrior from the other Armed Force to the Air Force to permit the wounded warrior to be selected for the program under this section.
(e) WOUNDED WARRIOR DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''wounded warrior'' means a member of the Armed Forces who—
(1) is unfit to perform the duties of the member's office, grade, rank, or rating because of physical disability incurred in the line of duty; and
(2) is under consideration for retirement or separation under chapter 61 of title 10, United States Code, or has been placed on the temporary disability retired list.

AMENDMENT NO. 28 OFFERED BY MR. RODNEY DAVIS OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 5___. TRANSPORTATION OF REMAINS OF CASUALTIES; TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR NEXT OF KIN.

(a) TRANSPORTATION FOR REMAINS OF A MEMBER WHO DIES NOT IN A THEATER OF COMBAT OPERATIONS.—Section 562 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364; 10 U.S.C. 1482 note) is amended—
(1) in the heading, by striking ''**DYING IN A THEATER OF COMBAT OPERATIONS**''; and
(2) in subsection (a), by striking ''in a combat theater of operations'' and inserting ''outside of the United States''.
(b) TRANSPORTATION FOR FAMILY.—The Secretary of Defense shall revise Department of Defense Instruction 1300.18 to extend travel privileges via Invitational Travel Authorization to family members of members of the Armed Forces who die outside of the United States and whose remains are returned to the United States through the mortuary facility at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

AMENDMENT NO. 29 OFFERED BY MS. DELBENE OF WASHINGTON

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

SEC. 5___. GARNISHMENT TO SATISFY JUDGMENT RENDERED FOR PHYSICALLY, SEXUALLY, OR EMOTIONALLY ABUSING A CHILD.

Section 1408 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in subsection (e)—
(A) in paragraph (1), by striking ''The'' and inserting ''Subject to subsection (l)(2), the''; and
(B) in paragraph (4)(B), by striking ''other provision of law'' and inserting ''provision of law except subsection (l)(2)''; and
(2) in subsection (l)(2), by striking the second sentence and inserting ''The limitations on the amount of disposable retired pay available for payments under paragraphs (1) and (4)(B) of subsection (e) do not apply to a child abuse garnishment order.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 30 OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 171, after line 4, insert the following new section:

SEC. 566. EDUCATION FOR DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 2164(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—
(1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end ''If the Secretary determines that appropriate educational programs are not available through a local educational agency for dependents of retirees residing on a military installation in the United States, the Secretary may enter into arrangements to provide for the elementary or secondary education of the dependents of such retirees.''; and
(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
''(4) For purposes of this subsection, the term 'retiree' means a member or former member of the armed forces who is entitled to retired or retainer pay under this title, or who, but for age, would be eligible for retired or retainer pay under chapter 1223 of this title.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 31 OFFERED BY MR. HUDSON OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 190, after line 10, insert the following new section:

SEC. 606. REPORT ON IMMINENT DANGER PAY AND HOSTILE FIRE PAY.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than March 1, 2019, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report examining the current processes for awarding imminent danger pay and hostile fire pay to members of the Armed Forces.
(b) ELEMENTS.—This report under this section shall include the following:
(1) An analysis of difficulties in implementing the current system.
(2) An explanation of how geographic regions are selected to be eligible for such pay and the criteria used to define these regions.
(3) An examination of whether the current geographic model is the most appropriate way to award such pay, including the following:
(A) A discussion of whether the current model most accurately reflects the realities of modern warfare and is responsive enough to the needs of members.
(B) Whether the Secretary believes it would be appropriate to tie such pay to specific authorizations for deployments (including deployments of special operations forces) in addition to geographic criteria.
(C) A description of any change the Secretary would consider to update such pay to reflect the current operational environment.
(D) How the Secretary would implement each change under subparagraph (C).
(E) Recommendations of the Secretary for related regulations or legislative action.

AMENDMENT NO. 32 OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, insert the following new section:

SEC. 606. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE WIDOWS' TAX.

It is the sense of Congress that—
(1) section 621 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91) amended section 1450(m) of title 10, United States Code, to make permanent the special survivor indemnity allowance;
(2) under the special survivor indemnity allowance, surviving spouses and dependent

children of members who die of a service-connected cause will not be subject to a full offset of survivor benefit plan payments by dependency and indemnity compensation, commonly referred to as the ''widows' tax''; and

(3) while the special survivor indemnity allowance alleviates the gap in benefits, the whole Congress must work together to find a way to eliminate the widows' tax entirely.

AMENDMENT NO. 33 OFFERED BY MR. DONOVAN OF NEW YORK

At the end of subtitle A of title VI, insert the following new section:

SEC. 606. REEVALUATION OF BAH FOR THE MILITARY HOUSING AREA INCLUDING STATEN ISLAND.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, using the most recent data available to the Secretary, shall reevaluate the basic housing allowance prescribed under section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, for the military housing area that includes Staten Island, New York

AMENDMENT NO. 34 OFFERED BY MS. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM OF NEW MEXICO

In title VI, at the end of subtitle A add the following:

SEC. ___. COMPENSATION AND CREDIT FOR RETIRED PAY PURPOSES FOR MATERNITY LEAVE TAKEN BY MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS.

(a) COMPENSATION.—Section 206(a) of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ''or'' at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(3) by adding the end the following new paragraph:

''(4) for each of 6 days in connection with the taking by the member of a period of maternity leave.''.

(b) CREDIT FOR RETIRED PAY PURPOSES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The period of maternity leave taken by a member of the reserve components of the Armed Forces in connection with the birth of a child shall count toward the member's entitlement to retired pay, and in connection with the years of service used in computing retired pay, under chapter 1223 of title 10, United States Code, as 12 points.

(2) SEPARATE CREDIT FOR EACH PERIOD OF LEAVE.—Separate crediting of points shall accrue to a member pursuant to this subsection for each period of maternity leave taken by the member in connection with a childbirth event.

(3) WHEN CREDITED.—Points credited a member for a period of maternity leave pursuant to this subsection shall be credited in the year in which the period of maternity leave concerned commences.

(4) CONTRIBUTION OF LEAVE TOWARD ENTITLEMENT TO RETIRED PAY.—Section 12732(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subparagraph (E) the following new subparagraph:

''(F) Points at the rate of 12 a year for the taking of maternity leave.''.

(5) COMPUTATION OF YEARS OF SERVICE FOR RETIRED PAY.—Section 12733 of such title is amended—

(A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (6); and

(B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the following new paragraph (5):

''(5) One day for each point credited to the person under subparagraph (F) of section 12732(a)(2) of this title.''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section and the amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to periods of maternity leave that commence on or after that date.

AMENDMENT NO. 35 OFFERED BY MR. ROUZER OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 626. DESIGNATION OF NEW BENEFICIARY UNDER THE SURVIVOR BENEFIT PLAN.

Section 1448(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph (H):

''(H) ELECTION OF NEW BENEFICIARY BY TERMINALLY ILL PARTICIPANT.—

''(i) AUTHORITY FOR ELECTION.—A participant in the Plan may elect a new beneficiary if the Secretary concerned determines that the participant is terminally ill. Any such beneficiary must be a natural person with an insurable interest in the participant.

''(ii) PROCEDURES.—Such an election shall be in writing, signed by the participant, and made in such form and manner as the Secretary concerned may prescribe. Such an election shall be effective the first day of the first month following the month in which the election is received by the Secretary.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 36 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

Page 201, after line 11, insert the following new section:

SEC. 626. REPORT REGARDING MANAGEMENT OF MILITARY COMMISSARIES AND EXCHANGES.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding management practices of military commissaries and exchanges.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The report required under this section shall include a cost-benefit analysis with the goals of—

(1) reducing the costs of operating military commissaries and exchanges by $2,000,000,000 during fiscal years 2019 through 2023; and

(2) not raising costs for patrons of military commissaries and exchanges.

AMENDMENT NO. 37 OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

Page 210, line 21, insert '', universities,'' after ''organizations''.

AMENDMENT NO. 38 OFFERED BY MR. CARSON OF INDIANA

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

SEC. 704. MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF A CONTINGENCY OPERATION.

Section 1074m(a)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking ''Until January 1, 2019, once'' and inserting ''Once''.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 905, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. ROUZER).

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Chairman, North Carolina's Seventh Congressional District is fortunate to have more than 63,000 veterans call it home.

Unfortunately, many of these brave heroes encounter a variety of problems that require congressional action, whether through casework or legislation, as is the case with my amendment tonight.

Recently, a veteran battling Parkinson's disease contacted my office in a desperate attempt to modify the beneficiary for his survivor benefits plan. In this particular case, the veteran is fighting for his life, and because one currently can only make changes during open season, he is unable to change the beneficiary of his plan. My amendment will provide flexibility, via waiver, to veterans such as this gentleman who desire to change beneficiaries.

I appreciate my colleagues' support for this amendment so that terminally ill veterans are given the ability to update their survivor benefit plan as they wish, when they wish.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS).

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Chairman, last August, 10 U.S. Navy sailors were killed when the USS *John S. McCain* collided with a commercial tanker off the coast of Singapore. One of those sailors was Petty Officer Logan Palmer of Harristown, Illinois.

Logan's death was the first casualty from my district since I became a Member of Congress, and let me tell you, it is an experience no one prepares you for, and I pray no other family will have to go through it.

While there is little we can do to lesson the grief of these families, we can ensure they don't have to navigate a complicated bureaucracy. I was a little miffed to learn that, if the body of a servicemember who dies during noncombat operations is flown to Dover Air Force Base, we do not automatically arrange and cover the travel costs for their family like we would if that servicemember died in combat.

This amendment requires the DOD to automatically arrange and cover travel for family of noncombat service deaths just as they do for combat operations, instead of making them get a waiver.

An outside organization covered the cost for the Palmer family, but I think we can make this process easier and ensure these families are taken care of by including this amendment.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I have no further speakers on this en bloc package, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I urge adoption of the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 905, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 3 consisting of amendment Nos. 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54 printed in House Report 115–698, offered by Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 39 OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

SEC. 704. COUNSELING AND TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND CHRONIC PAIN MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR MEMBERS WHO SEPARATE FROM THE ARMED FORCES.

Section 1145(a)(6)(B)(i) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subclause (I)—

(A) by inserting ‘‘, substance use disorder,’’ after ‘‘post-traumatic stress disorder’’; and

(B) by striking ‘‘and’’ at the end;

(2) by redesignating subclause (II) as subclause (III); and

(3) by inserting after subclause (I) the following:

‘‘(II) chronic pain management services, including counseling and treatment of co-occurring mental health disorders and alternatives to opioid analgesics; and’’.

AMENDMENT NO. 40 OFFERED BY MS. MENG OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. _____. BURN PATIENT TRANSFER SYSTEM.

The Secretary of Defense may develop a burn patient transfer system, including any required hardware and software, that would provide a platform for reporting immediate and surge bed availability and that would electronically match patient acuity with open beds at other military and civilian burn centers.

AMENDMENT NO. 41 OFFERED BY MISS GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO

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

SEC. 7___. STUDY ON THE TREATMENT OF TRICARE BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF PUERTO RICO.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense, and with respect to members of the Coast Guard, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, shall conduct a study on the feasibility and effect of extending the eligibility to enroll in, and the coverage of, TRICARE Prime to members of the Armed Forces and covered beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico to the same degree that a covered beneficiary who resides in any of the several States may enroll in TRICARE Prime.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study under subsection (a) shall address the following:

(1) The requirements, as of the date of the study, for a covered beneficiary to be eligible to enroll in the TRICARE program in Puerto Rico.

(2) The number of—

(A) covered beneficiaries who are enrolled in the TRICARE program who reside in Puerto Rico; and

(B) such covered beneficiaries who would potentially enroll in TRICARE Prime if the Secretary extends TRICARE Prime as described in subsection (a).

(3) The demographic distribution of covered beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico.

(4) The access of such covered beneficiaries to health care networks, including trauma care centers, as of the date of the study.

(5) The quality of such health care networks.

(6) The costs and timeline requirements for extending TRICARE Prime as described in subsection (a).

(7) The feasibility of using medical resources of the Department of Defense to cover gaps in service availability in Puerto Rico if such extension does not occur.

(c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the study under subsection (a).

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms ‘‘covered beneficiary’’, ‘‘TRICARE Prime’’, and ‘‘TRICARE program’’ have the meanings given those terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

AMENDMENT NO. 42 OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK

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

SEC. 7___. STUDY ON HEALTH EFFECTS RELATING TO ACTIVITY OF THE ARMED FORCES ON VIEQUES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing a study of the health effects of the live-fire training at Vieques Naval Training Range conducted by the Navy before 2002 and other activities of the Armed Forces on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico. The study shall include a comprehensive analysis of the following:

(1) The immediate health effects of such training and activity on the residents of Vieques.

(2) The long-term health effects of such training and activity on the residents of Vieques.

(3) The potential ongoing health effects caused by any contamination relating to such training and activity.

AMENDMENT NO. 43 OFFERED BY MR. SMUCKER OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

SEC. 7___. STRATEGY TO RECRUIT AND RETAIN MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that—

(1) describes the shortage of mental health providers of the Department of Defense;

(2) explains the reasons for such shortage;

(3) explains the effect of such shortage on members of the Armed Forces; and

(4) contains a strategy to better recruit and retain mental health providers, including with respect to psychiatrists, psychologists, mental health nurse practitioners, licensed social workers, and other licensed providers of the military health system.

AMENDMENT NO. 44 OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

SEC. 7_____. STUDY ON EARNING BY SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES MEDICS OF CREDITS TOWARDS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DEGREE.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing partnerships between special operations forces and institutions of higher education, and health care systems if determined appropriate by the Secretary, through which special operations forces medics earn credit toward the master's degree of physician assistant for military operational work and training performed by the medics.

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

(1) The feasibility with respect to establishing partnerships described in subsection (a) that permit medics to conduct clinical training at medical facilities of the Department of Defense and the civilian sector in order to meet the increasing demand for highly trained health care providers at such facilities.

(2) How partnerships described in subsection (a) will ensure that the evaluation of work and training performed by medics for which credits are earned comply with civilian clinical evaluation standards applicable to the awarding of master's degrees of physician assistant.

(3) How the Secretary can leverage the physician assistant program at the Uniformed Services University to coordinate such partnerships and assist with credits.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representative a report on the study under subsection (a).

AMENDMENT NO. 45 OFFERED BY MR. KRISHNAMOORTHI OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 730. STUDY OF DRUG SHORTAGES AND IMPACT ON MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) Shortages of critical medical drugs used for surgery and emergency care have increased significantly during 2017 and 2018.

(2) Reports from physicians have identified critical drugs such as dilaudid, bupivacaine, morphine, and epinephrine as important commonly needed drugs in shortage.

(3) Health care providers for the Armed Forces use the same drugs as civilian health care providers and are experiencing similar shortages in surgical facilities.

(4) Such shortages could compromise the quality of care available to members of the Armed Forces.

(b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study of shortages of drugs used in the surgical and emergency settings of military facilities—

(1) to determine if the quality or safety of military health care has been compromised by such shortages;

(2) to identify and examine supply chain issues related to the availability of drugs used for surgery and emergency care; and

(3) to identify and examine the impact of shortages on care for military patients.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under subsection (b), the Secretary shall consult with the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and such other stakeholders as the Secretary considers relevant to the study, including physician organizations and drug manufacturers.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Congress describing the study under this section and setting forth any conclusions and recommendations resulting from the study.

AMENDMENT NO. 46 OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

SEC. 7___. PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING MHS GENESIS ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM.

The Secretary of Defense shall transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report detailing lessons learned by the Secretary of Defense with respect to successfully remediating concerns found during the initial operational testing and evaluation of the electronic health record system known as MHS Genesis.

AMENDMENT NO. 47 OFFERED BY MR. KRISHNAMOORTHI OF ILLINOIS

In subtitle C of title VII, insert the following section:

SEC. _____. REPORT REGARDING OPIOID PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FOR DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

The Secretary of Defense shall prepare and submit a report to congressional defense committees regarding the actions the Department of Defense is taking to prevent and treat opioid use among the dependents of members of the Armed Forces. Such report shall include how information is shared between military medical treatment facilities across the country, what counseling services are available to dependents and how such services are publicized, and a plan for intervention strategies to prevent opioid use and abuse.

AMENDMENT NO. 48 OFFERED BY MR. SMUCKER OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

SEC. ___. MONITORING MEDICATION PRESCRIBING PRACTICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and Senate a report on the practices for prescribing medication during the period beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2017, that were inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder medication guidelines developed by the Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration.

(2) CONTENTS.—The report under this subsection shall include the following:

(A) A summary of the Army's, the Navy's, and the Air Force's practices for prescribing medication during the period referred to in paragraph (1) that were inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder medication guidelines developed by the Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration.

(B) Identification of medical centers serving members of the Armed Forces found to having higher than average incidences of prescribing medication during the period referred to in paragraph (1) that were inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder guidelines.

(C) A plan for such medical centers to reduce the prescribing of medications that are inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder guidelines.

(D) A plan for ongoing monitoring of medical centers found to have higher than average incidences of prescribing medication that were inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder guidelines by the Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration.

(b) MONITORING PROGRAM.—Based on the findings of the report under subsection (a), the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force shall each establish a monitoring program carried out with respect to such branch of the Armed Forces shall provide as follows:

(1) The monitoring program shall provide for the conduct of periodic reviews, beginning October 1, 2019, of medication prescribing practices of its own providers.

(2) The monitoring program shall provide for regular reports, beginning October 1, 2020, to the Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration, of the results of the periodic reviews pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) The monitoring program shall establish internal procedures, not later than October 1, 2020, to address practices for prescribing medication that are inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder medication guidelines developed Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration.

AMENDMENT NO. 49 OFFERED BY MR. BANKS OF INDIANA

In section 811, add at the end the following:

(m) SUBMISSION OF NOTICE AND PLAN TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days before reorganizing, restructuring, or eliminating any position or office specified in this section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives notice of such reorganization, restructuring, or elimination together with a plan to ensure that mission requirements are met and appropriate oversight is conducted in carrying out such reorganization, restructuring, or elimination. Such plan shall address how user needs will be met and how associated roles and responsibilities will be accomplished for each position or office that the Secretary determines requiring reorganization, restructuring, or elimination.

AMENDMENT NO. 50 OFFERED BY MR. MITCHELL OF MICHIGAN

At the end of subtitle C of title VIII (page 355, after line 2) add the following new section:

SEC. 835. REVIEW OF FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS ON COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS, COMMERCIAL SERVICES, AND COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE OFF-THE-SHELF ITEMS.

(a) REVIEW OF DETERMINATIONS NOT TO EXEMPT CONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS, COMMERCIAL SERVICES, AND COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE OFF-THE-SHELF ITEMS FROM CERTAIN LAWS AND REGULATIONS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall—

(1) review each determination of the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council pursuant to section 1906(b)(2), section 1906(c)(3), or section 1907(a)(2) of title 41, United States Code, not to exempt contracts or subcontracts from laws which such contracts and subcontracts would otherwise be exempt from under section 1906(d) of title 41, United States Code; and

(2) propose revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide an exemption from each law subject to such determination unless the Council determines that there is a specific reason not to provide the exemptions pursuant to section 1906 of such title or the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy determines there is a specific reason not to provide the exemption pursuant to section 1907 of such title.

(b) REVIEW OF CERTAIN CONTRACT CLAUSE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES CONTRACTS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall—

(1) review the Federal Acquisition Regulation to assess all regulations that require a specific contract clause for a contract using commercial product or commercial services acquisition procedures under part 12 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, except for regulations required by law or Executive order; and

(2) propose revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to eliminate regulations reviewed under paragraph (1) unless the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council determines on a case-by-case basis that there is a specific reason not to eliminate the regulation.

(c) ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN CONTRACT CLAUSE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE OFF-THE-SHELF ITEM SUBCONTRACTS.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council shall—

(1) review the Federal Acquisition Regulation to assess all regulations that require a prime contractor to include a specific contract clause in a subcontract for commercially available off-the-shelf items unless the inclusion of such clause is required by law or Executive order; and

(2) propose revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to eliminate regulations reviewed under paragraph (1) unless the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council determines on a case-by-case basis that there is a specific reason not to eliminate the regulation.

At the end of title VIII (page 404, after line 21), add the following new sections:

SEC. 881. PROMOTION OF THE USE OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND OTHER INTERAGENCY CONTRACTS.

Section 865(b)(1) of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417; 31 U.S.C. 1535 note) is amended—

(1) by striking ''that all interagency acquisitions—'' and inserting ''that—'';

(2) in subparagraph (A)—

(A) by inserting ''all interagency assisted acquisitions'' before ''include''; and

(B) by inserting ''and'' after the semicolon;

(3) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(4) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as subparagraph (B), and in that subparagraph by inserting ''all interagency assisted acquisitions'' before ''include''.

SEC. 882. INCREASING COMPETITION AT THE TASK ORDER LEVEL.

Section 3306(c) of title 41, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by inserting ''except as provided in paragraph (3),'' in subparagraphs (B) and (C) after the subparagraph designation; and

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

''(3) EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN INDEFINITE DELIVERY, INDEFINITE QUANTITY MULTIPLE-AWARD CONTRACTS AND CERTAIN FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES ACQUIRED ON AN HOURLY RATE.—If an executive agency issues a solicitation for one or more contracts for services to be acquired on an hourly rate basis under the authority of sections 4103 and 4106 of this title or section 152(3) of this title and section 501(b) of title 40 and the executive agency intends to make a contract award to each qualifying offeror and the contract or contracts will feature individually competed task or delivery orders based on hourly rates—

''(A) the contracting officer need not consider price as an evaluation factor for contract award; and

''(B) if, pursuant to subparagraph (A), price is not considered as an evaluation factor for contract award—

''(i) the disclosure requirement of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) shall not apply; and

''(ii) cost or price to the Federal Government shall be considered in conjunction with the issuance pursuant to sections 4106(c) and 152(3) of this title of any task or delivery order under any contract resulting from the solicitation.

''(4) DEFINITION.—In paragraph (3), the term 'qualifying offeror' means an offeror that—

''(A) is determined to be a responsible source;

''(B) submits a proposal that conforms to the requirements of the solicitation;

''(C) meets all technical requirements; and

''(D) is otherwise eligible for award.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 51 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF LOUISIANA

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

SEC. 8___. INDIVIDUAL ACQUISITION FOR COMMERCIAL LEASING SERVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of section 863 of Public Law 110–417, an individual acquisition for commercial leasing services shall not be construed as a purchase of property or services if such individual acquisition is made on a no cost basis and pursuant to a multiple award contract awarded in accordance with requirements for full and open competition.

(b) AUDIT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

(1) conduct biennial audits of the General Services Administration National Broker Contract to determine—

(A) whether brokers selected under the program provide lower lease rental rates than rates negotiated by General Services Administration staff; and

(B) the impact of the program on the length of time of lease procurements;

(2) conduct a review of whether the application of section 863 of Public Law 110–417 to acquisitions for commercial leasing services resulted in rental cost savings for the Government during the years in which such section was applicable prior to the date of enactment of this section; and

(3) not later than September 30, 2019, and September 30, 2021, submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report that—

(A) summarizes the results of the audit and review required by paragraphs (1) and (2);

(B) includes an assessment of whether the National Broker Contract provides greater efficiencies and savings than the use of General Services Administration staff; and

(C) includes recommendations for improving General Services Administration lease procurements.

(c) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on December 31, 2022.

AMENDMENT NO. 52 OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA

Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 861. SCORE.

(a) SCORE REAUTHORIZATION.—Section 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection (f); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(g) SCORE PROGRAM.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to carry out the SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1) such sums as are necessary for the Administrator to make grants or enter into cooperative agreements in a total amount that does not exceed $10,500,000 in each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019.''.

(b) SCORE PROGRAM.—Section 8 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)(B), by striking ''a Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)'' and inserting ''the SCORE program described in subsection (c)''; and

(2) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the following:

''(c) SCORE PROGRAM.—

''(1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection:

''(A) SCORE ASSOCIATION.—The term 'SCORE Association' means the Service Corps of Retired Executives Association or any successor or other organization who receives a grant from the Administrator to operate the SCORE program under paragraph (2)(A).

''(B) SCORE PROGRAM.—The term 'SCORE program' means the SCORE program authorized by subsection (b)(1)(B).

''(2) MANAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall provide a grant to the SCORE Association to manage the SCORE program.

''(B) VOLUNTEERS.—A volunteer participating in the SCORE program shall—

''(i) based on the business experience and knowledge of the volunteer—

''(I) provide at no cost to individuals who own, or aspire to own, small business concerns personal counseling, mentoring, and coaching relating to the process of starting, expanding, managing, buying, and selling a business; and

''(II) facilitate low-cost education workshops for individuals who own, or aspire to own, small business concerns; and

''(ii) as appropriate, use tools, resources, and expertise of other organizations to carry out the SCORE program.

''(3) PLANS AND GOALS.—The Administrator, in consultation with the SCORE Association, shall ensure that the SCORE program and each chapter of the SCORE program develop and implement plans and goals to more effectively and efficiently provide services to individuals in rural areas, economically disadvantaged communities, and other traditionally underserved communities, including plans for electronic initiatives, web-based initiatives, chapter expansion, partnerships, and the development of new skills by volunteers participating in the SCORE program.

''(4) ANNUAL REPORT.—The SCORE Association shall submit to the Administrator an annual report that contains—

''(A) the number of individuals counseled or trained under the SCORE program;

''(B) the number of hours of counseling provided under the SCORE program; and

''(C) to the extent possible—

''(i) the number of small business concerns formed with assistance from the SCORE program;

''(ii) the number of small business concerns expanded with assistance from the SCORE program; and

''(iii) the number of jobs created with assistance from the SCORE program.

''(5) PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.—

''(A) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Administrator nor the SCORE Association may disclose the name, address, or telephone number of any individual or small business concern receiving assistance from the SCORE Association without the consent of such individual or small business concern, unless—

''(i) the Administrator is ordered to make such a disclosure by a court in any civil or criminal enforcement action initiated by a Federal or State agency; or

''(ii) the Administrator determines such a disclosure to be necessary for the purpose of conducting a financial audit of the SCORE program, in which case disclosure shall be limited to the information necessary for the audit.

''(B) ADMINISTRATOR USE OF INFORMATION.—This paragraph shall not—

''(i) restrict the access of the Administrator to program activity data; or

''(ii) prevent the Administrator from using client information to conduct client surveys.

''(C) STANDARDS.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall, after the opportunity for notice and comment, establish standards for—

''(I) disclosures with respect to financial audits under subparagraph (A)(ii); and

''(II) conducting client surveys, including standards for oversight of the surveys and for dissemination and use of client information.

''(ii) MAXIMUM PRIVACY PROTECTION.—The standards issued under this subparagraph shall, to the extent practicable, provide for the maximum amount of privacy protection.''.

(c) ONLINE COMPONENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(c) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)), as amended by subsection (b), is further amended by adding at the end the following:

''(6) ONLINE COMPONENT.—In carrying out this subsection, the SCORE Association shall make use of online counseling, including by developing and implementing webinars and an electronic mentoring platform to expand access to services provided under this subsection and to further support entrepreneurs.''.

(2) ONLINE COMPONENT REPORT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—At the end of fiscal year 2018, the SCORE Association shall issue a report to the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate on the effectiveness of the online counseling and webinars required as part of the SCORE program, including—

(i) how the SCORE Association determines electronic mentoring and webinar needs, develops training for electronic mentoring, establishes webinar criteria curricula, and evaluates webinar and electronic mentoring results;

(ii) describing the internal controls that are used and a summary of the topics covered by the webinars; and

(iii) performance metrics, including the number of small business concerns counseled by, the number of small business concerns created by, the number of jobs created and retained by, and the funding amounts directed towards such online counseling and webinars.

(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this subsection, the terms ''SCORE Association'' and ''SCORE program'' have the meaning given those terms, respectively, under section 8(c)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)(1)).

(d) STUDY AND REPORT ON THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE SCORE PROGRAM.—

(1) STUDY.—The SCORE Association shall carry out a study on the future role of the SCORE program and develop a strategic plan for how the SCORE program will evolve to meet the needs of small business concerns and potential future small business concerns over the course of the 5 years following the date of enactment of this Act, with markers and specific objectives for year 1, year 3, and year 5.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than the end of the 6-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the SCORE Association shall issue a report to the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate containing—

(A) all findings and determination made in carrying out the study required under paragraph (1);

(B) the strategic plan developed under paragraph (1);

(C) an explanation of how the SCORE Association plans to achieve the strategic plan, assuming both stagnant and increased funding levels.

(3) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section, the terms ''SCORE Association'' and ''SCORE program'' have the meaning given those terms, respectively, under section 8(c)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(c)(1)).

(e) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SMALL BUSINESS ACT.—The Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 7(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII) (15 U.S.C. 636(m)(3)(A)(i)(VIII)), by striking ''Service Corps of Retired Executives'' and inserting ''SCORE program''; and

(B) in section 22 (15 U.S.C. 649)—

(i) in subsection (b)—

(I) in paragraph (1), by striking ''Service Corps of Retired Executives'' and inserting ''SCORE program''; and

(II) in paragraph (3), by striking ''Service Corps of Retired Executives'' and inserting ''SCORE program''; and

(ii) in subsection (c)(12), by striking ''Service Corps of Retired Executives'' and inserting ''SCORE program''.

(2) OTHER LAWS.—

(A) CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2009.—Section 621 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (15 U.S.C. 657p) is amended—

(i) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

''(4) the term 'SCORE program' means the SCORE program authorized by section 8(b)(1)(B) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(1)(B));''; and

(ii) in subsection (b)(4)(A)(iv), by striking ''Service Corps of Retired Executives'' and inserting ''SCORE program''.

(B) ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT.—Section 337(d)(2)(A) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6307(d)(2)(A)) is amended by striking ''Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)'' and inserting ''SCORE program''.

AMENDMENT NO. 53 OFFERED BY MR. ESPAILLAT OF NEW YORK

Page 381, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 861. PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION TO FORM ASSOCIATION.—Procurement Technical Assistance Centers are authorized to form an association to pursue matters of common concern.

(b) RECOGNITION BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—If more than half of the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers which are operating pursuant to agreements with the Department of Defense are members of such an association, the Secretary of Defense shall—

(1) recognize the existence and activities of such an association; and

(2) consult with it and develop documents—

(A) announcing the annual scope of activities pursuant to this section,

(B) requesting proposals to deliver assistance as provided in this section, and

(C) governing the general operations and administration of the Procurement Technical Assistance Program, specifically including the development of regulations and a uniform negotiated cooperative agreement for use on an annual basis when entering into individual negotiated agreements with Procurement Technical Assistance Centers.

AMENDMENT NO. 54 OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

At the end of title VIII (page 404, after line 21), add the following new section:

SEC. 8___. PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATIVE LEAD TIME DEFINITION AND PLAN.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy shall develop, make available for public comment, and finalize—

(1) a definition of the term ''Procurement administrative lead time'' or ''PALT'', to be applied Government-wide, that describes the amount of time from the date on which a solicitation for a contract or task order is issued to the date of an initial award of the contract or task order; and

(2) a plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT for Federal Government contracts and task orders in amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.

(b) REQUIREMENT FOR DEFINITION.—Unless the Administrator determines otherwise, the amount of time in the definition of PALT developed under subsection (a) shall—

(1) begin on the date on which an initial solicitation is issued by a Federal department or agency for a contract or task order; and

(2) end on the date of the award of the contract or task order.

(c) COORDINATION.—In developing the definition of PALT, the Administrator shall coordinate with—

(1) the senior procurement executives of Federal agencies;

(2) the Secretary of Defense; and

(3) the Administrator of the General Services Administration on modifying the existing data system of the Federal Government to determine the date on which the initial solicitation is issued.

(d) USE OF EXISTING PROCUREMENT DATA SYSTEM.—In developing the plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT required by subsection (a), the Administrator shall, to the maximum extent practicable, rely on the information contained in the Federal procurement data system established pursuant to section 1122(a)(4) of title 41, United States Code, including any modifications to that system.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 905, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I have no requests for time. I urge adoption of this en bloc package, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, we have no speakers. I urge adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 905, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 4 consisting of amendment Nos. 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, and 70 printed in House Report 115–698, offered by Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 55 OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

In section 1004, strike ''financial system'' and insert ''business system that contributes to financial information''.

AMENDMENT NO. 57 OFFERED BY MR. BURGESS OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 1005. 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 58 OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 10___. AIRBORNE HAZARDS AND OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY.

(a) EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.—Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall carry out an annual education campaign to inform individuals who may be eligible to enroll in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry of such eligibility. Each such campaign shall include at least one electronic method and one physical mailing method to provide such information.

(b) AIRBORNE HAZARDS AND OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry'' means the registry established by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 201 of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note).

AMENDMENT NO. 59 OFFERED BY MS. ESTY OF CONNECTICUT

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

SEC. 10___. BRIEFING ON UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Secretary of Defense should coordinate to—

(1) prevent the flight of unmanned aircraft over Arlington National Cemetery, to the maximum amount practical, in order to preserve the sacred atmosphere of the cemetery as a national shrine; and

(2) restrict all flights of unmanned aircraft over Arlington National Cemetery during the execution of funeral services, except in emergency situations, the execution of national security operations, and unmanned aircraft flown at the request of the family participating in funeral services.

(b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration shall jointly provide to the Committees on Armed Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Armed Services, Commerce, Science, and Transportation, and Veterans' Affairs of the Senate a briefing on whether legislative action is required to prevent low flying unmanned aircraft from disrupting funerals at Arlington National Cemetery.

(c) UNMANNED AIRCRAFT DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''unmanned aircraft'' has the meaning given such term in section 331 of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–95).

AMENDMENT NO. 60 OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA

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

SEC. 1062. REPORT ON AN UPDATED ARCTIC STRATEGY.

(a) REPORT ON AN UPDATED STRATEGY.—Not later than June 1, 2019, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating with respect to Coast Guard operations and navigation issues, shall submit to

the congressional defense committees a report on an updated Arctic Strategy to improve and enhance joint operations. The report shall also include an assessment of Russia's aggressive buildup of military assets and infrastructure in the Arctic, as well as China's efforts to influence Arctic policy.

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

(1) A description of a joint Arctic strategy for sea operations, including all military and Coast Guard vessels available for Arctic operations.

(2) A description of a joint Arctic strategy for air operations, which will include all rotor and fixed wing military aircraft platforms available for Arctic operations.

(3) A description of a joint Arctic strategy for ground operations, which will include all military ground forces available for Arctic operations.

(4) An assessment of Russia's continued aggressive buildup of military assets and infrastructure in the Arctic.

(5) An assessment of China's efforts to influence global Arctic policy.

AMENDMENT NO. 61 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 10___. REPORT ON DESALINIZATION TECHNOLOGY.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on desalinization technology's application for defense and national security purposes to provide drought relief to areas impacted by sharp declines in water resources.

AMENDMENT NO. 62 OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA

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

SEC. 10___. COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO RECIPROCITY OF SECURITY CLEARANCE AND ACCESS DETERMINATIONS.

The Secretary of Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the expedited compliance of the Department of Defense with section 3001(d) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (108–458; 50 U.S.C. 3341(d)).

AMENDMENT NO. 63 OFFERED BY MR. GOSAR OF ARIZONA

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

SEC. 10___. ASSESSMENT REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION FOR COMPENSABLE DISEASES UNDER THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT.

(a) ASSESSMENT.—The National Cancer Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall assess the application of probability of causation/assigned share (in this section referred to as ''PC/AS'') to determine eligibility for compensation for compensable diseases under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) in downwind populations in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and the possessions and territories of the United States. To carry out the assessment, the National Cancer Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall, at a minimum—

(1) complete the work begun in the late 1990s to develop dose estimates for downwind populations in such locations from fallout from nuclear weapons testing by the United States; and

(2) estimate the portions of these downwind populations that could become eligible for compensation compensable diseases under such Act for each of the following PC/AS criteria:

(A) Median PC/AS > 0.5.

(B) PC/AS > 0.5 at the 80 percent credibility limit.

(C) PC/AS > 0.5 at the 99 percent credibility limit.

(b) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the National Cancer Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shall inform Congress of the time and resources required to carry out the assessment under subsection (a).

AMENDMENT NO. 64 OFFERED BY MR. DENHAM OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 10___. USE OF GI BENEFITS FOR AGRICULTURE-RELATED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall provide guidance and resources for individuals interested in using educational benefits under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, or 35 of title 38, United States Code, or chapter 1606 or 1607 of title 10, United States Code, for agriculture-related education programs.

AMENDMENT NO. 65 OFFERED BY MR. YOUNG OF ALASKA

At the end of title X add the following:

SEC. ___. ARCTIC SURVIVAL TRAINING.

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that in developing any Arctic survival curriculum, the Department of Defense shall engage with local indigenous communities for their traditional knowledge.

AMENDMENT NO. 66 OFFERED BY MR. YODER OF KANSAS

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

SEC. 10___. PRIVACY PROTECTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION THAT IS STORED BY THIRD-PARTY SERVICE PROVIDERS .

(a) VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE CORRECTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2702 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)—

(i) in paragraph (1)—

(I) by striking ''divulge'' and inserting ''disclose''; and

(II) by striking ''while in electronic storage by that service'' and inserting ''that is in electronic storage with or otherwise stored, held, or maintained by that service'';

(ii) in paragraph (2)—

(I) by striking ''to the public'';

(II) by striking ''divulge'' and inserting ''disclose''; and

(III) by striking ''which is carried or maintained on that service'' and inserting ''that is stored, held, or maintained by that service''; and

(iii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) by striking ''divulge'' and inserting ''disclose''; and

(II) by striking ''a provider of'' and inserting ''a person or entity providing'';

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting ''wire or electronic'' before ''communication'';

(ii) by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

''(1) to an originator, addressee, or intended recipient of such communication, to the subscriber or customer on whose behalf the provider stores, holds, or maintains such communication, or to an agent of such addressee, intended recipient, subscriber, or customer;''; and

(iii) by amending paragraph (3) to read as follows:

''(3) with the lawful consent of the originator, addressee, or intended recipient of such communication, or of the subscriber or customer on whose behalf the provider stores, holds, or maintains such communication;'';

(C) in subsection (c) by inserting ''wire or electronic'' before ''communications'';

(D) in each of subsections (b) and (c), by striking ''divulge'' and inserting ''disclose''; and

(E) in subsection (c), by amending paragraph (2) to read as follows:

''(2) with the lawful consent of the subscriber or customer;''.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURE SECTION.—Section 2703 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) through (c) and inserting the following:

''(a) CONTENTS OF WIRE OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS IN ELECTRONIC STORAGE.—Except as provided in subsections (i) and (j), a governmental entity may require the disclosure by a provider of electronic communication service of the contents of a wire or electronic communication that is in electronic storage with or otherwise stored, held, or maintained by that service only if the governmental entity obtains a warrant issued using the procedures described in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (or, in the case of a State court, issued using State warrant procedures) that—

''(1) is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; and

''(2) may indicate the date by which the provider must make the disclosure to the governmental entity.

In the absence of a date on the warrant indicating the date by which the provider must make disclosure to the governmental entity, the provider shall promptly respond to the warrant.

''(b) CONTENTS OF WIRE OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS IN A REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsections (i) and (j), a governmental entity may require the disclosure by a provider of remote computing service of the contents of a wire or electronic communication that is stored, held, or maintained by that service only if the governmental entity obtains a warrant issued using the procedures described in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (or, in the case of a State court, issued using State warrant procedures) that—

''(A) is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction; and

''(B) may indicate the date by which the provider must make the disclosure to the governmental entity.

In the absence of a date on the warrant indicating the date by which the provider must make disclosure to the governmental entity, the provider shall promptly respond to the warrant.

''(2) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) is applicable with respect to any wire or electronic communication that is stored, held, or maintained by the provider—

''(A) on behalf of, and received by means of electronic transmission from (or created by means of computer processing of communication received by means of electronic transmission from), a subscriber or customer of such remote computing service; and

''(B) solely for the purpose of providing storage or computer processing services to such subscriber or customer, if the provider is not authorized to access the contents of any such communications for purposes of providing any services other than storage or computer processing.

''(c) RECORDS CONCERNING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsections (i) and (j), a governmental entity may require the disclosure by a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service of a record or other information pertaining to a subscriber to or customer of such service (not including the contents of wire or electronic communications), only—

''(A) if a governmental entity obtains a warrant issued using the procedures described in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (or, in the case of a State court, issued using State warrant procedures) that—

''(i) is issued by a court of competent jurisdiction directing the disclosure; and

''(ii) may indicate the date by which the provider must make the disclosure to the governmental entity;

''(B) if a governmental entity obtains a court order directing the disclosure under subsection (d);

''(C) with the lawful consent of the subscriber or customer; or

''(D) as otherwise authorized in paragraph (2).

''(2) SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER INFORMATION.—A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall, in response to an administrative subpoena authorized by Federal or State statute, a grand jury, trial, or civil discovery subpoena, or any means available under paragraph (1), disclose to a governmental entity the—

''(A) name;

''(B) address;

''(C) local and long distance telephone connection records, or records of session times and durations;

''(D) length of service (including start date) and types of service used;

''(E) telephone or instrument number or other subscriber or customer number or identity, including any temporarily assigned network address; and

''(F) means and source of payment for such service (including any credit card or bank account number),

of a subscriber or customer of such service.

''(3) NOTICE NOT REQUIRED.—A governmental entity that receives records or information under this subsection is not required to provide notice to a subscriber or customer.'';

(2) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking ''(b) or'';

(B) by striking ''the contents of a wire or electronic communication, or'';

(C) by striking ''sought,'' and inserting ''sought''; and

(D) by striking ''section'' and inserting ''subsection''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(h) NOTICE.—Except as provided in section 2705, a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service may notify a subscriber or customer of a receipt of a warrant, court order, subpoena, or request under subsection (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this section.

''(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO LEGAL PROCESS.—Nothing in this section or in section 2702 shall limit the authority of a governmental entity to use an administrative subpoena authorized by Federal or State statute, a grand jury, trial, or civil discovery subpoena, or a warrant issued using the procedures described in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure (or, in the case of a State court, issued using State warrant procedures) by a court of competent jurisdiction to—

''(1) require an originator, addressee, or intended recipient of a wire or electronic communication to disclose a wire or electronic communication (including the contents of that communication) to the governmental entity;

''(2) require a person or entity that provides an electronic communication service to the officers, directors, employees, or agents of the person or entity (for the purpose of carrying out their duties) to disclose a wire or electronic communication (including the contents of that communication) to or from the person or entity itself or to or from an officer, director, employee, or agent of the entity to a governmental entity, if the wire or electronic communication is stored, held, or maintained on an electronic communications system owned, operated, or controlled by the person or entity; or

''(3) require a person or entity that provides a remote computing service or electronic communication service to disclose a wire or electronic communication (including the contents of that communication) that advertises or promotes a product or service and that has been made readily accessible to the general public.

''(j) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO CONGRESSIONAL SUBPOENAS.—Nothing in this section or in section 2702 shall limit the power of inquiry vested in the Congress by article I of the Constitution of the United States, including the authority to compel the production of a wire or electronic communication (including the contents of a wire or electronic communication) that is stored, held, or maintained by a person or entity that provides remote computing service or electronic communication service.''.

(c) DELAYED NOTICE.—Section 2705 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 2705. Delayed notice

''(a) IN GENERAL.—A governmental entity acting under section 2703 may apply to a court for an order directing a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service to which a warrant, order, subpoena, or other directive under section 2703 is directed not to notify any other person of the existence of the warrant, order, subpoena, or other directive.

''(b) DETERMINATION.—A court shall grant a request for an order made under subsection (a) for delayed notification of up to 180 days if the court determines that there is reason to believe that notification of the existence of the warrant, order, subpoena, or other directive will likely result in—

''(1) endangering the life or physical safety of an individual;

''(2) flight from prosecution;

''(3) destruction of or tampering with evidence;

''(4) intimidation of potential witnesses; or

''(5) otherwise seriously jeopardizing an investigation or unduly delaying a trial.

''(c) EXTENSION.—Upon request by a governmental entity, a court may grant one or more extensions, for periods of up to 180 days each, of an order granted in accordance with subsection (b).''.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section or an amendment made by this section shall be construed to preclude the acquisition by the United States Government of—

(1) the contents of a wire or electronic communication pursuant to other lawful authorities, including the authorities under chapter 119 of title 18 (commonly known as the ''Wiretap Act''), the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), or any other provision of Federal law not specifically amended by this section; or

(2) records or other information relating to a subscriber or customer of any electronic communication service or remote computing service (not including the content of such communications) pursuant to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (50 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), chapter 119 of title 18 (commonly known as the ''Wiretap Act''), or any other provision of Federal law not specifically amended by this section.

AMENDMENT NO. 67 OFFERED BY MRS. LAWRENCE OF MICHIGAN

Page 543, after line 5, insert the following:

SEC. 1086. LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES ON PROGRESS OF GENDER INTEGRATION IMPLEMENTATION IN THE ARMED FORCES.

The Secretary of Defense shall direct each component of the Armed Forces to share lessons learned and best practices on the progress of their gender integration implementation plans and to communicate strategically that progress with other components of the Armed Forces as well as the general public, as recommended by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

AMENDMENT NO. 68 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

Page 543, insert after line 5 the following:

SEC. 1086. REPORT ON READINESS OF NATIONAL GUARD TO RESPOND TO NATURAL DISASTERS.

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 analyzing the readiness of the National Guard and Reserve to respond to natural disasters.

AMENDMENT NO. 69 OFFERED BY MR. POE OF TEXAS

Page 579, line 11, strike ''$350,000,000'' and insert ''$200,000,000''.

AMENDMENT NO. 70 OFFERED BY MR. ABRAHAM OF LOUISIANA

At the end of section 1221, add the following new subsection:

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

(1) the Peshmerga forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to the United States-led campaign to degrade, dismantle, and ultimately defeat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) in Iraq;

(2) a lasting defeat of ISIS is critical to maintaining a stable and tolerant Iraq in which all faiths, sects, and ethnicities are afforded equal protection and full integration into the Government and society of Iraq; and

(3) in support of counter-ISIS operations and in conjunction with the Central Government of Iraq, the United States should provide the Ministry of Peshmerga forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq $290,000,000 in operational sustainment, so that the Peshmerga forces can more effectively partner with the Iraqi Security Forces, the United States, and other international Coalition members to consolidate gains, hold territory, and protect infrastructure from ISIS and its affiliates in an effort to deal a lasting defeat to ISIS and prevent its reemergence in Iraq.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 905, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

MODIFICATION TO AMENDMENT NO. 55 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that amendment No. 55 in House Report 115–698 be modified in the form I have placed at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will report the modification.

The Clerk read as follows:

Modification to amendment No. 55 offered by Mr. CONAWAY of Texas:

The amendment as modified is as follows:

Page 441, line 13, strike ''financial system'' and insert ''business system that contributes to financial information''.

Mr. THORNBERRY (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the modification be dispensed with.

The Acting CHAIR. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Acting CHAIR. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I have no requests for time for this en bloc package. I urge its adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I, too, have no requests for time, urge adoption of the amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc, as modified, offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The en bloc amendments, as modified, were agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair understands that amendment No. 56 will not be offered.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 905, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 5 consisting of amendment Nos. 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86 printed in House Report 115–698, offered by Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 71 OFFERED BY MR. PERRY OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end of section 1221, add the following:

(c) QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees and leadership of the House of Representatives and the Senate a progress report under section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ''Buck'' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, which shall be provided in unclassified form with a classified annex if necessary. Such progress report shall, based on the most recent quarterly information, include an assessment of the following:

(A) The incorporation of violent extremist organizations and organizations with association to the Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) into the Iraq military.

(B) The level of access violent extremist organizations and organizations with association to the IRGC have to United States-provided equipment and training.

(C) United States-provided equipment that is controlled by unauthorized end users, determined by vetting required in subsection (e) of section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ''Buck'' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, or is not accounted for by the Government of Iraq, including a detailed inventory of each equipment type provided to the Government of Iraq.

(D) Actions taken by the Government of Iraq to repossess United States-provided equipment from unauthorized end users.

(2) 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 72 OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

Page 587, after line 17, insert the following:

(A) should identify specific countries in which Iran and Iranian-backed entities are operating;

Page 587, line 18, strike ''(A)'' and insert ''(B)''.

Page 588, line 6, strike ''and''.

Page 588, after line 9, insert the following:

(viii) assessing Iran's destabilizing activities in the countries identified under subparagraph (A) and the implications thereof; and

Page 588, line 10, strike ''(B)'' and insert ''(C)''.

Page 588, line 15, strike ''(A)'' and insert ''(B)''.

AMENDMENT NO. 73 OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 12__. REPORT ON IRANIAN SUPPORT OF PROXY FORCES IN SYRIA AND LEBANON.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to Congress a report that describes Iranian support of proxy forces in Syria and Lebanon and assesses the increased threat posed to Israel, other United States regional allies, and other specified interests of the United States as a result of such support.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required under subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum, information relating to the following matters with respect to both the strategic and tactical implications for the United States and its allies:

(1) A description of arms or related material transferred by Iran to Hizballah since March 2011, including the number of such arms or related material and whether such transfer was by land, sea, or air, as well as financial and additional technological capabilities transferred by Iran to Hizballah.

(2) A description of Iranian and Iranian-controlled personnel, including Hizballah, Shiite militias, and Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps forces, operating within Syria, including the number and geographic distribution of such personnel operating within 30 kilometers of the Israeli borders with Syria and Lebanon.

(3) An assessment of Hizballah's operational lessons learned based on its recent experiences in Syria.

(4) A description of the threat posed to Israel and other United States partners in the Middle East by the transfer of arms or related material or other support offered to Hizballah and other proxies from Iran.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ''arms or related material'' means—

(1) nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological weapons or materials or components of such weapons;

(2) ballistic or cruise missile weapons or materials or components of such weapons;

(3) destabilizing numbers and types of advanced conventional weapons;

(4) defense articles or defense services, as those terms are defined in paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively, of section 47 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2794);

(5) defense information, as that term is defined in section 644 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2403); or

(6) items designated by the President for purposes of the United States Munitions List under section 38(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)).

AMENDMENT NO. 74 OFFERED BY MR. ELLISON OF MINNESOTA

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

SEC. 12___. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE LACK OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF THE ARMED FORCES AGAINST IRAN.

It is the sense of Congress that the use of the Armed Forces against Iran is not authorized by this Act or any other Act.

AMENDMENT NO. 75 OFFERED BY MR. ELLISON OF MINNESOTA

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

SEC. 12___. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act may be construed to authorize the use of the Armed Forces of the United States against Iran.

AMENDMENT NO. 76 OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 12___. AFGHANISTAN SECURITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and by January 15 of every year thereafter through 2020, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to 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 a report on the progress made by the Government of Afghanistan in achieving the security-sector benchmarks as outlined by the United States-Afghan Compact, otherwise known as the Kabul Compact.

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

AMENDMENT NO. 77 OFFERED BY MR. ROSKAM OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 12__. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON BALLISTIC MISSILE PROGRAM OF IRAN.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the ballistic missile program of Iran represents a serious threat to allies of the United States in the Middle East and Europe, members of the Armed Forces deployed in the those regions, and ultimately the United States;

(2) the testing and production by Iran of ballistic missiles capable of carrying a nuclear device is a clear violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the international community;

(3) Iran currently maintains the largest inventory of ballistic missiles in the Middle East;

(4) according to the Director of National Intelligence, Dan Coats, Iran's ballistic missiles are inherently capable of delivering weapons of mass destruction and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence judges they would be used as Iran's ''preferred method of delivering nuclear weapons, if it builds them'';

(5) Director of National Intelligence Coats additionally asserts ''Tehran's desire to deter the United States might drive it to field an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM)'' and ''progress on Iran's space program could shorten a pathway to an ICBM because space launch vehicles use similar technologies''; and

(6) the Government of the United States should impose tough primary and secondary sanctions against any sector of the economy of Iran or any Iranian person that directly or indirectly supports the ballistic missile program of Iran as well as any foreign person or financial institution that engages in transactions or trade that support that program.

AMENDMENT NO. 78 OFFERED BY MR. YOHO OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 12___. REINSTATEMENT OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO UNITED STATES-HONG KONG RELATIONS.

Section 301 of the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 5731) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking ''Not later than'' and inserting ''(a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than'';

(B) by striking ''March 31, 1993'' and all that follows through ''March 31, 2006'' and inserting ''March 31, 2019, and annually thereafter through 2024''; and

(C) by striking ''the Speaker of the House of Representatives'' and inserting ''the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives''; and

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

''(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form and shall be published on a publicly available website of the Department of State.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 79 OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

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

SEC. 12___. REPORT ON NORTH KOREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes a description of any ongoing or planned efforts of the Department of State with respect to each of the following:

(1) Resuming the repatriation from North Korea of members of the United States Armed Forces missing or unaccounted for during the Korean War.

(2) Reuniting Korean Americans with their relatives in North Korea.

(3) Assessing the security risks posed by travel to North Korea for United States citizens.

(b) FORM.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form.

(c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—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.

AMENDMENT NO. 80 OFFERED BY MS. LEE OF CALIFORNIA

Add at the end of subtitle E of title XII the following new section:

SEC. _____. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING USE OF FORCE AGAINST NORTH KOREA.

Nothing in this Act may be construed as authorizing the use of force against North Korea.

AMENDMENT NO. 81 OFFERED BY MR. KHANNA OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 12__. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against North Korea.

AMENDMENT NO. 82 OFFERED BY MR. YOHO OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 12___. MODIFICATION OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Subsection (a) of section 1275 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 130 Stat. 2540), as amended by section 1262(a)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1689), is further amended by striking ''the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives'' and inserting ''the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives''.

AMENDMENT NO. 83 OFFERED BY MS. FRANKEL OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 12___. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

It is the sense of Congress that continued United States leadership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is critical to the national security of the United States.

AMENDMENT NO. 84 OFFERED BY MR. DELANEY OF MARYLAND

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

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS AND REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION (NATO).

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) On April 4, 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was founded with the ideals of democracy, individual liberty, and the desire for peaceful resolutions of disputes.

(2) For over six decades, NATO has been a successful intergovernmental political and military alliance.

(3) NATO's collective defense acts as a deterrent to aggression where the alliance defends its Allied countries against external security threats.

(4) NATO strengthens the security of the United States by utilizing an integrated military coalition.

(5) While Russia has continued to threaten the sovereignty of countries in Europe and exhibit threatening behavior toward our own military assets, NATO sends a clear collective message that the Alliance will not tolerate Russia's provocation.

(6) In respect to the changing threats against Europe and the United States since the end of the Cold War, NATO has evolved to take on new dangers including terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and cyber attacks.

(7) After the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, NATO invoked Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty for the first time in NATO's history to deploy military resources to Afghanistan in support of the United States mission to combat a dangerous terrorist threat.

(8) NATO aided the United States military by leading the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan from August 2003 to 2014, working with Afghan authorities to respond to the terrorist insurgency and to provide effective security across the country.

(9) NATO continues a civilian-led presence in Afghanistan to strengthen Afghan security forces and institutions to ensure the country can rebuild its security operations and end safe haven for terrorists.

(10) In November 2002 at the Prague Summit, NATO leaders adopted a Prague package to adapt NATO to the challenge of combating terrorism which included a Military Concept for Defense against Terrorism, a Partnership Action Plan against Terrorism, missile defense, cyber defense, and enhanced intelligence sharing.

(11) In November 2006 at the Riga Summit, NATO declared that ''terrorism, increasingly global in scope and lethal in results, and the spread of weapons of mass destruction are likely to be the principal threats to the Alliance over the next 10 to 15 years''.

(12) In July 2016 at the Warsaw Summit, NATO leaders agreed to strengthen the Alliance's military presence in Eastern Europe, declared Initial Operational Capability of NATO's Ballistic Missile Defense to strengthen the defense of Allied countries against ballistic missiles, and recognized cyberspace as a new operational domain.

(13) The attacks in Paris, France; Berlin, Germany; Istanbul, Turkey; Manchester, England; Barcelona, Spain; and Brussels, Belgium, home of the NATO Headquarters, shows the importance of an international alliance to combat terrorist groups.

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

(1) the United States reaffirms its commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as the foundation of transatlantic security and defense;

(2) NATO serves as a critical coalition in preserving peace and stability in the transatlantic region;

(3) NATO's continued effort to develop new capabilities and technologies to combat terrorism and a changing international security environment are crucial to enhancing national security and strengthening the United States ability to combat evolving security threats; and

(4) the United States encourages each NATO member country to meet or exceed the commitment to spend two percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defense.

AMENDMENT NO. 85 OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF MICHIGAN

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

SEC. 12___. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO INCREASES IN DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF UNITED STATES ALLIES.

It is the sense of Congress that the President, in furtherance of increased unity, equitable sharing of the common defense burden, and international stability, should—

(1) encourage all member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (''NATO allies'') to fulfill their commitments to levels and composition of defense expenditures as agreed upon at the NATO 2014 Wales Summit and NATO 2016 Warsaw Summit;

(2) call on NATO allies to finance, equip, and train their armed forces to fulfill their national and regional security interests; and

(3) recognize NATO allies that are meeting their defense spending commitments or otherwise providing adequately for their national and regional security interests.

AMENDMENT NO. 86 OFFERED BY MR. GOHMERT OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 12___. REPORT ON THREATS BY THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Muslim Brotherhood is a threat to the United States.

(b) STRATEGY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President and the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains an assessment of the threats posed to the United States by the Muslim Brotherhood.

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

(A) A description of the origins of the Muslim Brotherhood.

(B) A description of the strategic aims of the Muslim Brotherhood.

(C) A description of the tactical methods of the Muslim Brotherhood.

(D) A description of the funding sources of the Muslim Brotherhood.

(E) A description of the leadership structures of the Muslim Brotherhood.

(F) Any other matters the President and Secretary of Defense consider appropriate.

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

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

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

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

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 905, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I urge adoption of this en bloc package, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I have no speakers. I urge adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. THORNBERRY OF TEXAS

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 905, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 6 consisting of amendment Nos. 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, and 103 printed in House Report 115–698, offered by Mr. THORNBERRY of Texas:

AMENDMENT NO. 87 OFFERED BY MR. WALZ OF MINNESOTA

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

SEC. 12___. REPORT BY DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ON CERTAIN MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF CHINA AND RUSSIA.

(a) REPORT.—The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency shall submit to the Secretary of Defense and the appropriate congressional committees a report on the military capabilities of the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation.

(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the military of China and the military of Russia, the following:

(1) An update on the presence, status, and capability of the military with respect to any national training centers similar to the Combat Training Center Program of the United States.

(2) An analysis of a readiness deployment cycle of the military, including—

(A) as compared to such a cycle of the United States; and

(B) an identification of metrics used in the national training centers of that military.

(3) A comprehensive investigation into the capability and readiness of the mechanized logistics of the army of the military, including—

(A) an analysis of field maintenance, sustainment maintenance, movement control, intermodal operations, and supply; and

(B) how such functions under subparagraph (A) interact with specific echelons of that military.

(4) An assessment of the future of mechanized army logistics of that military.

(c) NONDUPLICATION OF EFFORTS.—The Defense Intelligence Agency may make use of or add to any existing reports completed by the Agency in order to respond to the reporting requirement.

(d) FORM.—The report under subsection (a) may be submitted in classified form.

(e) BRIEFING.—The Director shall provide a briefing to the Secretary and the committees specified in subsection (a) on the report under such subsection.

(f) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means—

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

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

AMENDMENT NO. 88 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 12___. REPORT ON EFFORTS TO COMBAT BOKO HARAM IN NIGERIA AND THE LAKE CHAD BASIN.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—Congress—

(1) strongly condemns the ongoing violence and the systematic gross human rights violations against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin carried out by Boko Haram;

(2) expresses its support for the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin who wish to live in a peaceful, economically prosperous, and democratic region; and

(3) calls on the President to support Nigerian, Lake Chad Basin, and international community efforts to ensure accountability for crimes against humanity committed by Boko Haram against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin, particularly the young girls kidnapped from Chibok and other internally displaced persons affected by the actions of Boko Haram.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General shall jointly submit to Congress a report on efforts to combat Boko Haram in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall include the following elements:

(A) A description of initiatives undertaken by the Department of Defense to assist the Government of Nigeria and countries in the Lake Chad Basin to develop capacities to deploy special forces to combat Boko Haram.

(B) A description of United States activities to enhance the capacity of Nigeria and countries in the Lake Chad Basin to investigate and prosecute human rights violations perpetrated against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin by Boko Haram, al-Qaeda affiliates, and other terrorist organizations, in order to promote respect for rule of law in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.

AMENDMENT NO. 89 OFFERED BY MR. TED LIEU OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 12___. REPORT ON INTERFERENCE IN LIBYA BY MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES OF OTHER FOREIGN NATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 2 years, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the military activities of external actors in Libya, including Russia, Egypt, and the United Arab Emirates.

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

(1) An assessment of military, security, and influence activities by foreign countries in Libya, including—

(A) actions that violate or seek to violate the United Nations arms embargo on Libya imposed pursuant to United Nations Security Council Resolution 1970 (2011);

(B) actions outside the scope of such Resolution that seek to increase the relative strength of either the eastern or western coalition in Libya, including through financing, policy coordination, or political support;

(C) the extent to which the actions described in subparagraph (A) and (B) involve United States-origin equipment and violate contractual conditions of acceptable use of such equipment;

(2) An assessment of whether the actions described in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1) have undermined the United Nations-led and United States-supported negotiations or the objective of political reconciliation and stabilization in Libya.

(3) An assessment of Russian influence in Libya and Egypt, including:

(A) Russian efforts to provide logistical, material or political assistance to Libyan parties, establish a military presence, and expand political influence in Libya, and any facilitation by Egyptian officers or officials for such activities;

(B) whether the presence and activities of Russian personnel and equipment in Libya and Egypt, and Russian requests to establish bases in Egypt, pose or could pose a future challenge to the United States' ability to operate in Egypt, Libya, or the southern Mediterranean broadly, including overflight privileges; and

(C) whether Egypt is facilitating Russian influence and materiel-provision in Libya and the extent to which such facilitation undermines United States policy, involves

United States-origin equipment, and violates contractual conditions of acceptable use of such equipment.

(4) Any other matters the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State determine to be relevant.

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

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

AMENDMENT NO. 90 OFFERED BY MR. BRENDAN F. BOYLE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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

SEC. 12___. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING BUILDING AN INTERNATIONAL COALITION TO COUNTER HYBRID THREATS.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the United States is stronger and more effective when we work with our partners and allies abroad;

(2) the United States should lead an international effort of like-minded democracies to build awareness of and resilience to the Kremlin's malign influence operations.

AMENDMENT NO. 91 OFFERED BY MR. CASTRO OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 12___. MODIFICATION TO ANNUAL REPORT ON MILITARY AND SECURITY DEVELOPMENTS INVOLVING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

Paragraph (22) of section 1202(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106–65; 10 U.S.C. 113 note), as most recently amended by section 1261 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91; 131 Stat. 1688), is further amended by striking ''activities in the South China Sea'' and inserting the following: ''activities—

''(A) in the South China Sea;

''(B) in the East China Sea, including in the vicinity of the Senkaku islands; and

''(C) in the Indian Ocean region.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 92 OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

In section 1685, add at the end the following: ''Not later than 60 days after the submission of the National Intelligence Estimate required under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall report to Congress on efforts of the Department of Defense to deter such interference. Such report shall describe and assess any actions taken by the Department, including cooperation with other Federal agencies and other countries to deter such interference.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 93 OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO

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

SEC. 16___. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON SPACE LAUNCH LOCATIONS.

(a) INDEPENDENT STUDY.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into a contract with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a study on space launch locations, including with respect to the development and capacity of existing and new locations, and the vulnerabilities of the use of existing coastal locations and new locations. The study shall, at a minimum—

(1) identify how additional locations affect the capability of the Department of Defense to rapidly reconstitute and improve resilience for defense satellite system launches;

(2) identify the capacities and vulnerabilities of current and new space launch locations, in light of the rapid increase in using commercial space services to support national security space missions and military requirements;

(3) identify partnerships within State government-owned and -operated spaceports that should be developed to increase launch capacities and enhance the space resiliency of the United States;

(4) provide recommendations on strategic placement for future space launch sites to mitigate vulnerabilities presented by coastal launch sites; and

(5) identify costs associated with additional locations and whether such costs should be borne by the Department of Defense, State governments, or private entities.

(b) SELECTION.—The Secretary may not enter into the contract under subsection (a) with a federally funded research and development center for which the Air Force Space Command or the Launch Centers of the National Aeronautical and Space Administration is a sponsor.

(c) SUBMISSION TO DOD.—Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the federally funded research and development center shall submit to the Secretary a report containing the study conducted under subsection (a).

(d) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the report under subsection (a), without change.

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

(1) The congressional defense committees.

(2) The Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(3) The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

AMENDMENT NO. 94 OFFERED BY MR. SOTO OF FLORIDA

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

SEC. 16___. INCLUSION OF COMPUTER PROGRAMMING AND CYBERSECURITY IN CURRICULUM OF JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

Section 2031(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

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

''(4) subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, determine the curriculum of the program, which shall include, at minimum, instruction in the subjects of cybersecurity and computer programming.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 95 OFFERED BY MR. AGUILAR OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 16___. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CYBER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

(a) ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS.—Section 2200c of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting before ''In the selection'' the following:

''(a) CENTERS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CYBER EDUCATION.—''; and

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

''(b) CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—In the selection of a recipient for the award of a scholarship or grant under this chapter, consideration shall be given to whether—

''(1) in the case of a scholarship, the institution of higher education at which the recipient pursues a degree is an institution described in section 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)); and

''(2) in the case of a grant, the recipient is an institution described in such section.''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section 2200c of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 2200c. Special considerations in awarding scholarships and grants''.

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 112 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 2200c and inserting the following new item:

''2200c. Special considerations in awarding scholarships and grants.''.

AMENDMENT NO. 96 OFFERED BY MRS. COMSTOCK OF VIRGINIA

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

SEC. 16___. REPORT ON TRANSITION OF SHARKSEER PROGRAM.

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 that assesses the transition of base operations of the SharkSeer program to the Defense Information Systems Agency, including with respect to staffing, acquisition, contracts, sensor management, and the ability to conduct cyber threat analyses and advanced malware. The report shall include a spending roadmap and areas that need increased funding.

AMENDMENT NO. 97 OFFERED BY MS. JACKSON LEE OF TEXAS

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

SEC. 16___. REPORT ON CYBERSECURITY APPRENTICE PROGRAM.

Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the feasibility of establishing a Cybersecurity Apprentice Program to support on-the-job training for certain cybersecurity positions and facilitate the acquisition of cybersecurity certifications.

AMENDMENT NO. 98 OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA

Page 877, insert after line 9 the following new section (and redesignate the succeeding provisions accordingly):

SEC. 2822. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION AND FUTURE CONVEYANCE OF PORTION OF FORMER MARE ISLAND FIRING RANGE, VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA.

(a) RESTORATION REQUIRED AS RESULT OF PREVIOUS REMEDIATION.—As soon as practicable, the Secretary of the Navy shall take such steps as may be required to fill in depressions in the Mare Island property which resulted from environmental remediation carried out by the Department of the Navy prior to the date of the enactment of this section.

(b) MITIGATION OF WETLANDS.—

(1) METHOD OF MITIGATION.—If the refilling of wetlands on the Mare Island property requires mitigation, the Secretary of the Navy shall conduct such mitigation in accordance with relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws.

(2) COORDINATION OVER CERTAIN PORTION OF PROPERTY.—To the extent that the refilling

of wetlands on the Mare Island property requires mitigation on any portion of such property which is subject to a reversionary interest of the State of California, the Secretary shall coordinate with the California State Lands Commission to determine how to best meet the regulatory requirements applicable to the mitigation of such wetlands.

(c) REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND FUTURE CONVEYANCE.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report describing the process by which the Secretary plans to meet the requirements of subsections (a) and (b), as well as a proposal by the Secretary to convey the Mare Island property (or some portion thereof) to the State of California or units of local government in the State of California.

(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the ''Mare Island property'' is the parcel of real property consisting of approximately 48 acres located within the former Mare Island Naval Shipyard which was formerly used as a firing range by the Department of the Navy.

AMENDMENT NO. 99 OFFERED BY MR. KINZINGER OF ILLINOIS

Page 882, insert after line 22 the following new section (and redesignate the succeeding provisions accordingly):

SEC. 2823. MODIFICATION OF CONDITIONS ON LAND CONVEYANCE, JOLIET ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT, ILLINOIS.

Section 2922(c) of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (division B of Public Law 104–106; 110 Stat. 605), as amended by section 2842 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (division B of Public Law 106–65; 113 Stat. 863) and section 2838 of the Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (division B of Public Law 113–291; 128 Stat. 3710), is amended—

(1) by striking ''(1) The conveyance'' and inserting ''The conveyance''; and

(2) by striking paragraph (2).

AMENDMENT NO. 100 OFFERED BY MR. CULBERSON OF TEXAS

Page 937, insert after line 12 the following new section:

SEC. 2845. BATTLESHIP PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established within the Department of the Interior a grant program for the preservation of our nation's most historic battleships.

(b) USE OF GRANTS.—Amounts received through grants under this section shall be used for the preservation of our nation's most historic battleships in a manner that is self-sustaining and has an educational component.

(c) CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible for a grant under this section, an entity shall—

(1) submit an application under procedures prescribed by the Secretary;

(2) match the amount of the grant, on a 1-to-1 basis, with non-Federal assets from non-Federal sources, which may include cash or durable goods and materials fairly valued as determined by the Secretary;

(3) maintain records as may be reasonably necessary to fully disclose—

(A) the amount and the disposition of the proceeds of the grant;

(B) the total cost of the project for which the grant is made; and

(C) other records as may be required by the Secretary, including such records as will facilitate an effective accounting for project funds; and

(4) provide access to the Secretary for the purposes of any required audit and examination of any books, documents, papers, and records of the entity.

(d) MOST HISTORIC BATTLESHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''most historic battleship'' means a battleship that is—

(1) between 75 and 115 years old;

(2) listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

(3) located within the State for which it was named.

(e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—The authorities contained in this section shall be in addition to, and shall not be construed to supercede or modify those contained in the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470–470x-6).

(f) PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No Federal funds made available to carry out this section may be used to acquire any real property, or any interest in any real property, without the written consent of the owner (or owners) of that property or interest in property.

(2) NO DESIGNATION.—The authority granted by this section shall not constitute a Federal designation or have any effect on private property ownership.

(g) SUNSET.—The authority to make grants under this section expires on September 30, 2025.

AMENDMENT NO. 101 OFFERED BY MR. BEN RAY LUJÁN OF NEW MEXICO

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

SEC. ___. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING URANIUM MINING AND NUCLEAR TESTING.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should compensate and recognize all of the miners, workers, downwinders, and others suffering from the effects of uranium mining and nuclear testing carried out during the Cold War.

AMENDMENT NO. 102 OFFERED BY MR. TIPTON OF COLORADO

After section 3401, insert the following:

SECTION 3402. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM CALCULATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 PILT PAYMENTS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) COVERED PAYMENT.—The term ''covered payment'' means a payment to a unit of general local government for fiscal year 2018 from amounts deposited in the Treasury during the period of time beginning on November 18, 1997, and ending on August 7, 2008, from a lease issued under section 7439(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, and distributed to the unit of general local government in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.).

(2) PAYMENT LAW.—The term ''payment law'' has the meaning given the term in section 6903(a)(1) of title 31, United States Code.

(3) UNIT OF GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term ''unit of general local government'' has the meaning given the term in section 6901 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) CALCULATION OF PILT PAYMENT AMOUNT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in calculating the amount of a payment to be made to a unit of general local government for fiscal year 2019 under chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of the Interior shall not consider a covered payment to be an amount received by the unit of general local government in the prior fiscal year under a payment law for purposes of section 6903(b)(1)(A) of that title.

AMENDMENT NO. 103 OFFERED BY MR. PEARCE OF NEW MEXICO

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following new section:

SEC. ___. MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES OF WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT AND WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MISSILE RANGE.—The term ''missile range'' means the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, administered by the Secretary of the Army.

(2) MONUMENT.—The term ''monument'' means the White Sands National Monument, New Mexico, established by Presidential Proclamation No. 2025 (16 U.S.C. 431 note), dated January 18, 1933, and administered by the Secretary.

(3) PUBLIC LAND ORDER.—The term ''Public Land Order'' means Public Land Order 833, dated May 21, 1952 (17 Fed. Reg. 4822).

(4) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of the Interior.

(5) MILITARY MUNITIONS.—The term ''military munitions'' has the meaning given the term in section 101(e)(4) of title 10, United States Code.

(6) MUNITIONS DEBRIS.—The term ''munitions debris'' means remnants of military munitions remaining after munitions use, demilitarization, or disposal.

(b) TRANSFERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION.—

(1) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TO THE SECRETARY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdiction over the land described in subparagraph (B) is transferred from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary.

(B) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subparagraph (A) is the land generally depicted as ''Transfer DOA to NPS (National Park Service)'' on the map titled ''White Sands National Monument (WHSA) & White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) New Proposed White Sands National Monument Boundary'', created April 20, 2018, comprising—

(i) approximately 2,826 acres of land within the monument that is under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Army; and

(ii) approximately 5,766 acres of land within the missile range that is abutting the monument.

(2) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Administrative jurisdiction over the land described in subparagraph (B) is transferred from the Secretary to the Secretary of the Army.

(B) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subparagraph (A) is the approximately 3,737 acres of land within the monument abutting the missile range, as generally depicted on the map described in paragraph (1)(B) as ''Transfer NPS to DOA (Department of the Army)''.

(c) BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS.—

(1) MONUMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Following transfers in subsection (b), the boundary of the monument is modified as generally depicted as ''New Proposed WHSA Boundary'' on the map described in subsection (b)(1)(B).

(B) MAP.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, shall prepare and keep on file for public inspection a map and legal description depicting the revised boundary of the monument.

(ii) EFFECT.—The map and legal description shall have the same force and effect as if included in this Act, except that the Secretary may correct clerical and typographical errors in the legal description and map.

(2) MISSILE RANGE.—The Public Land Order is modified to exclude the land transferred to the Secretary under subsection (b)(1) and to include the land transferred to the Secretary of the Army under subsection (b)(1).

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2854 of Public Law 104–201 (54 U.S.C. 320301 note) is repealed.

(d) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) MONUMENT.—The Secretary shall administer the land transferred under subsection (b)(1) in accordance with laws (including regulations) applicable to the monument.

(2) MISSILE RANGE.—Subject to paragraph (3), the Secretary of the Army shall administer the land transferred to the Secretary of the Army under subsection (b)(2) as part of the missile range.

(3) FENCE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army shall continue to allow the Secretary to maintain the fence shown on the map described in subsection (b)(1)(B) until such time as the Secretary determines that the fence is unnecessary for the management of the monument.

(B) REMOVAL.—If the Secretary determines that the fence is unnecessary for the management of the monument under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall promptly remove the fence at the expense of the Department of the Interior.

(4) MILITARY MUNITIONS AND MUNITIONS DEBRIS.—

(A) RESPONSE ACTION.—With respect to any Federal liability, the Secretary of the Army shall remain responsible for any response action addressing military munitions or munitions debris on the land transferred under subsection (b)(1) to the same extent as on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) ACCESS.—At the request of the Secretary and subject to available appropriations, the Secretary of the Army shall have access to the land transferred under subsection (b)(1) for the purposes of conducting investigations of military munitions or munitions debris on the transferred land.

(C) APPLICABLE LAW.—Any activities undertaken under this subsection shall be carried out in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 905, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) and the gentleman from Washington (Mr. SMITH) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I have no speakers for this en bloc package. I urge its adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Chairman, I, too, urge adoption, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY).

The en bloc amendments were agreed to.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chair, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee) having assumed the chair, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 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, had come to no resolution thereon.

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from California (Mr. GARAMENDI) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to take a few minutes here on the floor to discuss, really, something that follows along from the last couple of hours where we have been discussing national defense issues.

The $708 billion that is going to be spent in the National Defense Authorization Act by the Department of Defense is extremely important, and there are many parts of that National Defense Authorization Act that are worthy of discussion.

One thing that was not discussed here on the floor but was taken up in committee over the last several hearings was the ability of the military to actually be able to deliver materiel, supplies, in the case of a major conflict. Do we have the ability to deliver the follow-on equipment necessary should a major conflict break out somewhere in the world?

The answer is, no, we don't. And the reason is that the American maritime industry has dwindled over the last several decades.

In the 1980s, we had about 240 American-built and American flagships with mariners, captains, engineers and seamen and -women on those ships capable of providing the necessary support for the military sealift command. Today, we have about 80 American-flagged ships with American seamen on those ships.

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The mariners are in short supply. TRANSCOM, responsible for moving the personnel as well as the equipment that the military needs somewhere in the world, estimates—as well as the MARAD indicate that we are some 1,800 mariners short of the minimum necessary to man and personnel the ships to move the equipment somewhere in the world.

This is a major national defense issue not really taken up and discussed in the NDAA.

So what are we going to do about it? Can our shipyards actually produce the necessary ships for the American military? The answer is: not now, but they need to.

In the National Defense Authorization Act, there is a section that calls for the construction of the ships—actually, construction by foreign shipyards.

It seems strange that we would find what was once one of the great maritime nations, the United States, in such a quandary that we do not have the personnel or the ships to be able to move our national defense.

There is something we can do about this, and it is not directly in the area of the Department of Defense, although it is tangential and, therefore, important to our national defense.

It seems that over the last decade we have become an energy-producing Nation. With the fracking and other techniques, we are now actually an exporter of oil and natural gas. This is part of the energy revolution that is taking place in the United States.

That oil and natural gas is a strategic national asset, as is the United States Department of Defense—the Navy, the Army, the Air Force, the Marines, and the Coast Guard.

If we are to maintain our ability to defend this Nation and to conduct military operations anywhere in the world, we have to have a strong maritime industry.

If we consider for a moment the combination of that strategic necessity of the maritime industry, the strategic benefit that comes from the production of natural gas and oil, and the economic value of exporting natural gas and oil, we can come to what we call a solution.

The solution is to take a very small percentage of the production or the export of natural gas, LNG, and oil and require that it be exported, transported, on American-built ships, American flagged, with American mariners.

We call this the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act. It was introduced yesterday, and we announced it in a press conference earlier today.

Joining me at that press conference was Senator ROGER WICKER, who will be carrying the bill on the Senate side; the chairman of the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, DUNCAN HUNTER; a member of the Committee on Armed Services, DONALD NORCROSS; and a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, ALAN LOWENTHAL; together with members of the industry: the Shipbuilders Council, VT Halter Marine out of Mississippi, the representatives of the maritime unions that work on the ships and unions that work in the shipyards.

We are prepared to move this bill. Let me tell you what it will do if we are successful in passing the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act.

What we will do and what America will do is build ships once again. It is anticipated that, if we start with 1 percent of the LNG that is exported, over the next 15 to 20 years we will build some 23 LNG ships. If we ramp that up to a full 15 percent, we will be building those LNG carriers.

Similarly, if we begin at a very small percentage of the oil that is exported, we will build another 30 LNG tankers.

In the course of some 15 to 20 years, we will be able to build some 50 ships in American shipyards, providing thousands of jobs not only in the shipyards but in the supply of engines, pumps, pipes, electronic equipment, and fittings of all kinds.

And, of course, the steel industry that would be providing the steel for