

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE BILL (H.R. 8070) TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 FOR MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AND FOR DEFENSE ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, TO PRESCRIBE MILITARY PERSONNEL STRENGTHS FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR; RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE REPORT 118-527 AND AN ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

JUNE 11, 2024.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. Res. 1287]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 1287, by a record vote of 9 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, under a structured rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees. The resolution provides that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-36, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The resolution provides that each further amendment printed in part B of the report not earlier considered as part of amendments en bloc pursuant to section 3 shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject

to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The resolution waives all points of order against the further amendments printed in part B of the report and amendments en bloc described in section 3. The resolution provides that the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The resolution provides one motion to recommit. The resolution provides that if House Report 118-527 is called up by direction of the Committee on the Judiciary, all points of order against House Report 118-527 shall be waived and House Report 118-527 shall be considered as read. The resolution further provides for consideration of the resolution accompanying House Report 118-527 under a closed rule. The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution accompanying House Report 118-527. The resolution provides that the resolution accompanying House Report 118-527 shall be considered as read. The resolution provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The resolution provides that upon adoption of the resolution accompanying House Report 118-527, the resolution accompanying House Report 118-533 is hereby adopted.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of H.R. 8070 includes:

—Clause 3(e)(1) of rule XIII, which requires the inclusion of a comparative print for a bill proposing to repeal or amend a statute. The waiver of all points of order against provisions in H.R. 8070, as amended, includes:

—Clause 4 of rule XXI, which prohibits reporting a bill carrying an appropriation from a committee not having jurisdiction to report an appropriation.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report or against amendments en bloc described in section 3, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against House Report 118-527, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

Although the resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the resolution accompanying House Report 118-527, the Committee is not aware of any points of order. The waiver is prophylactic in nature.

COMMITTEE VOTES

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

Rules Committee record vote No. 236

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to make in order amendment #543 to H.R. 8070, offered by Representatives Lee and Roy, to repeal the outdated 2002 and 1991 AUMFs for Iraq. Defeated: 4–8

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 237

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to make in order amendment #192 to H.R. 8070, offered by Representative Lee, to reduce the NDAA topline by \$100 billion, while continuing to fully fund all accounts that support pay and benefits for personnel and dependents. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 238

Motion by Mr. McGovern to amend the rule to make in order amendment #214 to H.R. 8070, offered by Representative Connolly, which would protect access to IVF for federal employees covered by the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 239

Motion by Ms. Scanlon to amend the rule to make in order amendments #944 and #1066, offered by Representatives Titus and Nunn, respectively. Amendment #944 authorizes the office of the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts in the State Department

for three years. Amendment #1066 requests an additional 4,000 Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) for Afghan Allies. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 240

Motion by Ms. Scanlon to amend the rule to make in order amendment #1072 by Representative Bilirakis, which provides combat wounded and medically retired veterans with less than 20 years of service the administrative choice to choose concurrent receipt and disability pay or combat related special compensation. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 241

Motion by Ms. Scanlon to amend the rule to make in order amendments #368, #404, and #775 to H.R. 8070, offered by Representative Slotkin. Amendment #368 requires DoD to provide publicly available information about PFAS contamination cleanup activities for DoD sites that have exceeded federal drinking water standards. Amendment #404 strengthens a 2023 DoD policy directing expeditious implementation of actions to mitigate PFAS contamination by setting deadlines. Amendment #775 provides cancer screenings to federal firefighters as part of their annual Department of Defense physicals. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 242

Motion by Ms. Scanlon to amend the rule to make in order amendments #229, #249, and #252 to H.R. 8070, offered by Rep-

representative Sherrill. Amendment #229 would establish leave and travel policies for servicemembers to access abortion care. Amendment #249 would ensure continued access to emergency care for pregnant individuals at military treatment facilities and codify protections for health care providers who care for pregnant individuals. And amendment #252 would require TRICARE to provide information on reproductive care to beneficiaries. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 243

Motion by Ms. Scanlon to amend the rule to make in order amendments #14 and #710 to H.R. 8070, offered by Representatives Jacobs and Pocan, respectively. Amendment #14 would codify nondiscrimination in the Armed Forces. Amendment #710 would direct DoD to do outreach to former servicemembers to correct veterans records for those who were discriminated against under Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 244

Motion by Ms. Leger Fernandez to amend the rule to make in order amendment #725 offered by Representative Moylan, which extends the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and provides compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project Waste, and improves compensation for workers involved in uranium mining and individuals living downwind of atmospheric nuclear testing. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 245

Motion by Ms. Leger Fernandez to amend the rule to make in order amendments #330 and #492, offered by Representatives Courtney and Representative Leger Fernandez, respectively. Amendment #330 raises the cap on what Native American contractors are able to receive from the APEX Accelerator Program, formerly Procurement Technical Assistance Program, and would also ensure that any funds reprogrammed from APEX Accelerators are used solely for the purpose of the program. Amendment #492 makes technical changes to Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire Assistance Act to ensure sufficient time for fire victims to file claims. Defeated: 4–9

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Nay	Mr. McGovern	Yea
Mrs. Fischbach	Nay	Ms. Scanlon	Yea
Mr. Massie	Nay	Mr. Neguse	Yea
Mr. Norman	Nay	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Yea
Mr. Roy	Nay		
Mrs. Houchin	Nay		
Mr. Langworthy	Nay		
Mr. Austin Scott	Nay		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Nay		

Rules Committee record vote No. 246

Motion by Mr. Austin Scott to report the rule. Adopted: 9–4

Majority Members	Vote	Minority Members	Vote
Mr. Reschenthaler	Yea	Mr. McGovern	Nay
Mrs. Fischbach	Yea	Ms. Scanlon	Nay
Mr. Massie	Yea	Mr. Neguse	Nay
Mr. Norman	Yea	Ms. Leger Fernandez	Nay
Mr. Roy	Yea		
Mrs. Houchin	Yea		
Mr. Langworthy	Yea		
Mr. Austin Scott	Yea		
Mr. Burgess, Chairman	Yea		

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070 IN PART A CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

1. Rogers (AL): Amends the Transition Assistance Program to provide a pathway for individualized preseparation counseling for members of the reserve components.

SUMMARY OF THE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 8070 IN PART B MADE IN ORDER

1. Pfluger (TX): Requires the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the STRATCOM Commander, to develop and then implement a plan to restore the B-52 bombers' nuclear capacities. (10 minutes)

2. Schneider (IL), Kustoff (TN), Bacon (NE), Moskowitz (FL), Nickel (NC), Trone (MD), Hudson (NC), Pettersen (CO), Stevens (MI), LaMalfa (CA), Gottheimer (NJ), Auchincloss (MA), Davis (NC), Hoyer (MD), Molinaro (NY), Peters (CA): Instructs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to HFAC/HASC/HPSCI about US efforts to support Israel's efforts to rescue the hostages

in Gaza. Revision removes sense of Congress and authorizations, and adds findings and a briefing requirement. (10 minutes)

3. Fry (SC), Baird (IN): Declares that Israel is the United States' greatest ally in the Middle East and demands the release of all hostages held by Hamas. (10 minutes)

4. Boebert (CO): Prohibits DoD from contracting with entities that are engaged in a boycott of the state of Israel. (10 minutes)

5. Mast (FL), Tenney (NY), Crane (AZ): Prohibits U.S. funds from building or rebuilding in the Gaza Strip. (10 minutes)

6. Ogles (TN): Expresses the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and its agencies should not participate in the Eurosatory defense exhibition if Israeli firms are not allowed to participate or if restrictions or the threat of restriction of any party's participation in the event is used as a means of deterring Israel from defending itself. (10 minutes)

7. Buchanan (FL), Kustoff (TN), Tenney (NY), Soto (FL): Sense of Congress supporting the mission of the Department of Defense in helping Israel fend off attacks from Hamas by supporting the Iron Dome system. (10 minutes)

8. Arrington (TX), Tenney (NY), Jackson (TX): Prohibits DOD funds from being used for the operation of aircraft to transport Palestinian refugees to the U.S. (10 minutes)

9. Curtis (UT), Reschenthaler (PA), Tenney (NY): Prohibits the Secretary of Defense from knowingly permitting the sale, at a commissary store or military exchange, of any good, ware, article, or merchandise from any company that has engaged in or engages in a boycott of the State of Israel. (10 minutes)

10. Biggs (AZ), Ogles (TN), Crane (AZ): Expresses a sense of Congress about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the need to continue offering security assistance and related support. (10 minutes)

11. Gosar (AZ), Biggs (AZ): Requires the expeditious disclosure of all records relating to the January 28, 2024 attack on Tower 22 in Jordan. (10 minutes)

12. Mace (SC), Tenney (NY), Rosendale (MT), LaMalfa (CA), Fry (SC): Prohibits funds authorized or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense in FY25 from being used to build, maintain, or repair a pier off the coast of Gaza, or to transport aid to such a pier. (10 minutes)

13. Davidson (OH): Prohibits funding for the acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance, or restoration of a temporary or permanent pier, port, or similar structure off the coast of Gaza, including for the deployment of any equipment or members of the Armed Forces to Gaza relating to such structure. (10 minutes)

14. Green (TN), Tenney (NY): Prohibits the Secretary of Defense from providing any support for the production of a film subject to content restrictions or censorship screening requirements from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) or government of the People's Republic of China (PRC). (10 minutes)

15. Perry (PA), Ogles (TN): Prohibits the use of funds made available by this Act to promote a "one country, two systems" solution for Taiwan. (10 minutes)

16. Ogles (TN), Crane (AZ): Prevents funds authorized by this Act from being made available to any company based in the Peo-

ple's Republic of China or any company whose beneficial ownership is Chinese. (10 minutes)

17. Ogles (TN), Duncan (SC): Strikes the national security waiver (subsection b of Section 1259 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019). That waiver leaves open the possibility of PRC participation in RIMPAC naval exercises. (10 minutes)

18. Ogles (TN), Davidson (OH), Duncan (SC): No funds authorized by this Act may be used to carry out any provision of law that diverts away funds appropriated for assistance for the Indo-Pacific region through September 30, 2025. (10 minutes)

19. Barr (KY): Requires the DOD to publish the names of all Chinese Military Companies listed on the 1260H list in Mandarin Chinese as well as English. (10 minutes)

20. Reschenthaler (PA), McClain (MI), Tenney (NY), Ogles (TN): Prohibits funds to support the Wuhan Institute of Virology, EcoHealth Alliance, any laboratory owned or controlled by adversarial nations, or gain-of-function research of concern. (10 minutes)

21. Reschenthaler (PA), Roy (TX), Tenney (NY), Meuser (PA), Joyce (PA): Prohibits funds to require travel or transportation under the Joint Travel Regulations for Uniformed Services to be in a zero-emission vehicle. (10 minutes)

22. Greene (GA), Burlison (MO): States that none of the funds made available by this act may be used for electric vehicles or an electric vehicle charging infrastructure. (10 minutes)

23. Biggs (AZ): Exempts defense related activities from the Endangered Species Act. (10 minutes)

24. Roy (TX), Ogles (TN), Nehls (TX), Tenney (NY), Crane (AZ): None of the funds authorized by this Act may be used to implement President Biden's Climate Change Executive Orders (EO 13990, EO 14008, Section 6 of EO 14013, EO 14030, EO 14057, EO 14082, EO 14096). (10 minutes)

25. Gosar (AZ): Authorizes employees at the Yuma Proving Grounds to use nonelectric vehicles in the performance of their duties. (10 minutes)

26. Smith (NJ), Van Drew (NJ), Harris (MD): Require the Secretary of Defense to certify offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic Planning Area will not compromise radar and sonar capabilities or create risks to national defense. Directs the Inspector General to audit the practices and findings of the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse for the North Atlantic Planning Area. (10 minutes)

27. Edwards (NC), Gluesenkamp Perez (WA): Requires the Department of Defense to submit an annual report to the Administrator of the General Services Administration on certain office space occupancy data. Requires the Secretary of Defense to draft and finalize written procedures to govern the return of unused office space to the General Services Administration. (10 minutes)

28. Mace (SC): Prohibits funds authorized or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for any fiscal year to be made available for closure or realignment of Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island. (10 minutes)

29. Crawford (AR): Directs the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the feasibility and advisability of a

reactivation of Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, AR to serve as an Air Force Training Center. (10 minutes)

30. Walberg (MI): Requires a report from the Secretary of Defense within 180 days and on an annual basis thereafter regarding the number of instances in which illegal aliens attempt to enter a military installation. (10 minutes)

31. Buchanan (FL): Expresses a sense of Congress that the United States should not be spending more money to house illegal immigrants than we do on housing for America's military families. (10 minutes)

32. Green (TN): Shifts Mexico from the area of the responsibility of United States Northern Command to the area of responsibility of United States Southern Command. (10 minutes)

33. Crenshaw (TX): This amendment requires a report from SECDEF on Mexican military action against Mexican drug cartels, Mexican military capabilities, and DOD operational plans to defeat Mexican drug cartels with varying degrees of coordination and co-operation from the Mexican government. (10 minutes)

34. Crenshaw (TX): This amendment would prioritize small and medium law enforcement organizations (those with a annual budget of less than \$200M) within 100 miles of the border under the 1033 program (10 USC § 2576a(d), which provides law enforcement with excess defense articles) to increase their counter drug surveillance and interdiction capabilities. (10 minutes)

35. Waltz (FL): Prohibits enforcement of any regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or recommendation issued pursuant to Executive Orders 13688 and 14074 that limits the sale, donation, or transfer of excess property under the 1033 Program. (10 minutes)

36. Biggs (AZ), Crane (AZ): Prohibits the use of funds for any project or activity related to NATO until the SECDEF certifies to the congressional defense committees that each member country of NATO has spent 2 percent of the respective GDP on defense expenditures. (10 minutes)

37. Greene (GA), Crane (AZ): Provides that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used for assistance to Ukraine. (10 minutes)

38. Davidson (OH), Roy (TX), Ogles (TN), Nehls (TX): Prohibits funding to Ukraine until the President submits a strategy to Congress for U.S. involvement in Ukraine. (10 minutes)

39. Gosar (AZ), Biggs (AZ): Prohibits the administration from diverting any funds from barracks construction for US troops to facilitate further aid to Ukraine. (10 minutes)

40. Gaetz (FL), Jacobs (CA), Titus (NV), Omar (MN): Prohibition on the transfer of cluster munitions. (10 minutes)

41. Banks (IN): Establishes a permanent hiring freeze for diversity, equity, and inclusion jobs in the Department. (10 minutes)

42. Norman (SC), Tenney (NY), Crane (AZ): Eliminates any offices of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within the Armed Forces and Department of Defense along with the personnel in said offices. (10 minutes)

43. Higgins (LA), Roy (TX), Duncan (SC), Tenney (NY), Baird (IN): Eliminates the position of Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense and prohibits the establishment of any substantially similar position. (10 minutes)

44. Clyde (GA), Good (VA): Directs the Secretary of the Army to relocate the Reconciliation Memorial, also known as the Reconciliation Monument, to its original location in Arlington National Cemetery. (10 minutes)

45. Williams (TX): Prohibits funding of companies who function to demonetize domestic entities based on their lawful speech. (10 minutes)

46. Steube (FL), Banks (IN): Prohibits DODEA from purchasing, displaying, or maintaining material that promotes radical gender ideology or pornographic content. (10 minutes)

47. Luna (FL), Banks (IN): Prohibits the promotion of critical race theory and associated race-based theories. (10 minutes)

48. Boebert (CO): Prohibition on federal funding for the Countering Extremist Activity Working Group or implement any recommendations from the group. (10 minutes)

49. Mills (FL): Strikes exemption that allows military chain of command or senior civilian leadership to approve the display of unapproved flags at military installations. (10 minutes)

50. Waltz (FL): Edits the provision signed into law in the FY24 NDAA, reverting it back to the House-passed language to create sex-neutral physical fitness standards for combat MOS; adds 2 additional combat MOSs. (10 minutes)

51. Ogles (TN): Prohibition on Mask Mandate to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 on a Military Installation in the United States. (10 minutes)

52. Rosendale (MT), Moore (AL), Ogles (TN), Burlison (MO), Moylan (GU), Tenney (NY), Lesko (AZ), Mooney (WV), Davidson (OH), Crane (AZ): Prohibits TRICARE from covering and the Department of Defense from furnishing gender transition surgeries and gender hormone treatments for individuals that identify as transgender. (10 minutes)

53. Norman (SC), Crane (AZ): Prohibits the provision of gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, through the Exceptional Family Medical Program. (10 minutes)

54. Brecheen (OK), Duncan (SC): Prohibits drag shows, drag queen story hours, and similar events. (10 minutes)

55. Van Duyne (TX), Roy (TX), Jackson (TX), Higgins (LA), Bergman (MI), Banks (IN), Cloud (TX), Ogles (TN), Alford (MO), Mooney (WV), Posey (FL), Palmer (AL), Moore (AL), Houchin (IN), Fischbach (MN), Biggs (AZ), Tenney (NY), Timmons (SC), Rosendale (MT), Smith (NJ), Duncan (SC), Webster (FL), Weber (TX), Aderholt (AL), Brecheen (OK), Hageman (WY), Burlison (MO), Williams (TX), Moore (UT), Moran (TX), Dunn (FL), Hern (OK), Good (VA), Fulcher (ID), Lesko (AZ), Clyde (GA), Self (TX), Guest (MS), Kustoff (TN), Joyce (PA), LaMalfa (CA), Kelly (MS), Burchett (TN), Crenshaw (TX), Miller (IL), Fry (SC), Baird (IN), Mills (FL): Prohibits the Secretary of Defense from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services. (10 minutes)

56. Perry (PA): Requires a report from the Secretary Defense on the use of taxpayer-funded official time. (10 minutes)

57. Rosendale (MT), Griffith (VA): Amends Section 1021(b) of the FY12 NDAA to limit the authority of the U.S. military to indefinitely detain individuals pursuant to the 2001 AUMF, to exclude American citizens from being subject to detention. (10 minutes)

58. McCormick (GA): Amends Section 565—Transition Assistance Program: Department of Labor Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program—to provide for a coordination partner for the implementation of such program. (10 minutes)

59. Tenney (NY): Makes the report required by Section 1236 of the FY23 NDAA into an annual report for 5 years. (10 minutes)

60. Graves (LA), Huffman (CA): Adds countering illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing as an authorization for which the Secretary may support foreign security capacity building. Identical to H.R. 5479 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

61. Donalds (FL), Tiffany (WI), Tenney (NY), Ogles (TN): Requires the Department of Defense use the term “Taiwan” instead of the term “Chinese Taipei.” (10 minutes)

62. Houchin (IN), Bucshon (IN), Jackson Lee (TX): Requires DoD schools notify parents if their student is not reading at grade-level proficiency by the end of third grade. (10 minutes)

63. Foster (IL), DesJarlais (TN), Morelle (NY): Codifies NNSA as the interagency lead on nuclear forensics, making NNSA responsible for integrating the National Technical Nuclear Forensics (NTNF) activities in a consistent, unified strategic direction. (10 minutes)

64. Gosar (AZ): Requires the DoD to submit a report to Congress on the training of Ukrainian Armed Forces, including pilots, within the geographic United States. (10 minutes)

65. Van Duyne (TX), DelBene (WA): Requires a study and a report on allowing organ procurement organizations access to Space-A flights operated by DoD. (10 minutes)

66. Boebert (CO): Require DoD to report on institutions of higher education which host Confucius Institutes that have received DoD funding. (10 minutes)

67. Garamendi (CA), Waltz (FL): Closes “Buy America” loophole to subject loans and loan guarantees for shipyard improvements under the Maritime Administration’s (MARAD) Federal Ship Financing (Title XI) Program to the same “Buy America” requirements for the Small Shipyard Grant Program under current law (FY2020 NDAA). (10 minutes)

68. Garamendi (CA), Scott, Austin (GA), González-Colón (PR), Panetta (CA), Peltola (AK): Adds the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard to the Joint Chiefs of Staff. (10 minutes)

69. Huizenga (MI), Tenney (NY), Connolly (VA), Baird (IN): Expresses the sense of Congress that each NATO member state should commit, at a minimum, 2% of its GDP to defense spending to ensure NATO’s military readiness. (10 minutes)

70. Bacon (NE): Revises existing copyright protections for faculty of Department of Defense academic institutions. (10 minutes)

71. Pfluger (TX): Revokes the security clearances to retired or separated civilian and/or military Department of Defense personnel that engage in lobbying for certain Chinese companies. (10 minutes)

72. Pfluger (TX), Moylan (GU), Tenney (NY), Jackson (TX), Ogles (TN): Requires the administration to provide information on how proceeds from illicit Iranian oil exports are funding the IRGC and Iranian-backed terrorist proxies. (10 minutes)

73. Donalds (FL), Kiggans (VA): Directs the Secretary of Defense to compile a list of at least 30 specific opportunities to potentially

deploy advanced nuclear reactors to bolster the DOD's operational energy, installation energy, and expeditionary energy capabilities. (10 minutes)

74. Davis (NC): Increases (with an offset to an under-executed account) Air Force Base Support to modernize installation law enforcement operations and physical security protection and services. (10 minutes)

75. Case (HI), Moylan (GU): Requires a study into how to improve the Navy's use of net metering. (10 minutes)

76. Bacon (NE), Lee (NV), Panetta (CA), Deluzio (PA): Establishes a pilot program within the Department of the Air Force for rapid response language training. (10 minutes)

77. Massie (KY): Requires a report on the casualty and equipment losses for both sides involved in the conflict in Ukraine. (10 minutes)

78. Mills (FL): Codifies current DoD MWR retail facility policy to permit Department of Defense civilians and retirees or department in which the Coast Guard is operating to use MWR retail facilities on the same basis as members of the armed forces. A civilian employee or retired civilian employee may not purchase tobacco or a military uniform at MWR retail facilities. (10 minutes)

79. Huizenga (MI): Requires the Department of Defense to report to Congress building upon the restriction on DOD's contact with the PLA by detailing measures DOD is taking to mitigate the risk of the PLA gaining indirect knowledge of U.S. Armed Forces' equipment and operational tactics, techniques, and produces through interaction with the militaries of U.S. allies and partners. The report should identify any obstacles to ensuring sufficient partners awareness of these risks and for conducting the necessary follow-up and end-use monitoring to ensure compliance. (10 minutes)

80. Gottheimer (NJ), Moylan (GU): Increases the National Defense Education Program by \$5 million to strengthen and expand STEM education opportunities and workforce initiatives targeted at military students. (10 minutes)

81. Case (HI), Moylan (GU), Duncan (SC): Requires a study to identify the combat medical support requirements needed during a crisis or conflict in the broader Indo-Pacific and determine the best medical strategy to minimize casualties and reduce risk to the joint force. (10 minutes)

82. Neguse (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies under the TPharm5 contract and changes in beneficiary access versus the TPharm4 contract. (10 minutes)

83. Neguse (CO): Requires responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency pharmaceutical contracts. (10 minutes)

84. Edwards (NC), Davis (NC): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct an assessment of the 15 counties in Western North Carolina as potential locations for future defense assets and to prepare a report for Congress. (10 minutes)

85. Banks (IN), Moylan (GU), Tenney (NY), Baird (IN): Prohibits DOD from contracting with any entity which provides semiconductors or related products or services to Huawei. (10 minutes)

86. Neguse (CO): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish a database to record training performed

by members of the Armed Forces and make such information available to states and other employers to satisfy civilian licensing and certification requirements, and provide service members with a competency report before transitioning to civilian life. (10 minutes)

87. Neguse (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense to take certain actions to establish a comprehensive training standard and certification program for military vehicle operations, aiming to address the persistent issue of inadequate training and reduce incidents, particularly vehicle rollovers, caused by operator inexperience and lack of training. (10 minutes)

88. Neguse (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide housing accommodations for members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who are on military housing waitlists. (10 minutes)

89. Neguse (CO), Pettersen (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish University Centers for Arctic National Security Studies, in collaboration with the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies, to set mission priorities for the Department of Defense relating to the Arctic domain. (10 minutes)

90. Fallon (TX), Waltz (FL): Amends the Secondary Education Act (SEA) to ensure military recruiters have the same physical access to campus as other non-military recruiters from industry, private business, and higher education. Requires the DOD to report to Department of Education an annual report on schools that do not follow the provision. This amendment is the same textually and substantively as HR 8269. (10 minutes)

91. Obernolte (CA), Moylan (GU): Directs GAO to study Home-Based Businesses at remote and isolated installations and make recommendations on ways to improve the program in order to address critical quality of life, morale, and welfare issues. (10 minutes)

92. Obernolte (CA), Houlahan (PA): Directs the Under Secretary of Defense and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to assess and report back to Congress on domestic high-potential Rare Earth Element (REE) sites where new or additional mining operations could be established. (10 minutes)

93. Neguse (CO): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a study and report on military grace period reforms, focusing on the impact and stigma of unit tasking during the Transition Assistance Program on service members' ability to transition to civilian life. (10 minutes)

94. Brownley (CA), Crow (CO): Provides \$20 million for the C-130 modular airborne firefighting system (MAFFS), the remaining amount necessary to complete acquisition for the 4 MAFFS units nation-wide, including California, Colorado, North Carolina, and Wyoming. Offset from VC-25B, which GAO has identified as delayed and unable to spend funds. (10 minutes)

95. Lee (NV), Amodei (NV): Authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretary of the Navy to designate the assignment of a member of the Armed Forces to Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, or Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada, respectively, as an assignment that makes the member eligible for assignment incentive pay. (10 minutes)

96. Pettersen (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretaries of the military departments, to pub-

lish a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Services may receive the personal effects of such member and file a claim with the Secretary of military department concerned if the survivor believes the effects were disposed of incorrectly. (10 minutes)

97. Houlahan (PA), Reschenthaler (PA): Requires a report on the TRICARE program's copays related to outpatient visits for mental health or behavioral health care. (10 minutes)

98. Houlahan (PA), Courtney (CT): PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST STANDALONE ELECTRO-DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES IN SUPPLY-CHAIN MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL READINESS, AND MEDICAL PROCESSES. (10 minutes)

99. Joyce (OH), Fitzpatrick (PA): Requires the Department of Defense to carry out a two-year pilot program to program suicide prevention resources onto smart devices issued to members of the Armed Forces and to provide training on these resources. Identical to H.R. 3009 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

100. Panetta (CA): Authorizes the Medal of Honor upgrade for Thomas H. Griffin for acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War. (10 minutes)

101. Obernolte (CA): Directs the Air Force to pursue efforts to research, develop, and demonstrate advanced propellant mixing technologies for solid rocket motor (SRM) propulsion systems. (10 minutes)

102. Panetta (CA), Bacon (NE), Trone (MD), Wagner (MO), Rodgers (WA), Schneider (IL): Creates a foreign military officer subject matter expert exchange program with key Middle East partners in areas such as artificial intelligence, military doctrine and spending, cyber resiliency, counterterrorism, and more. (10 minutes)

103. Panetta (CA): Directs the Commander of USSOCOM, in consultation with the Commander of USNORTHCOM, to develop a Special Operations Forces Arctic Security strategy. (10 minutes)

104. Cammack (FL): Establishes a Working Group to identify potential applications for blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies to improve efficiencies or functions at the Department of Defense. (10 minutes)

105. Davidson (OH), Roy (TX), Nehls (TX): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on allied contributions to the common defense. (10 minutes)

106. Jackson Lee (TX): Seeks a report 180 days following enactment from the Secretary of DoD, which will include the Coast Guard, on the rate of maternity mortality rate among members of the Armed Forces and the dependents of such members. (10 minutes)

107. Moore (AL), Ivey (MD): Requires the Department of Defense to report funding transfers to Members of Congress whose district(s) would be negatively impacted by a funding transfer or re-programming action. It also requires the relevant military service to provide a briefing, if requested, to the relevant Member(s) of Congress as to why the transfer was necessary. (10 minutes)

108. Jackson Lee (TX): Requires Secretary of Defense to report to Congress programs and procedures employed to ensure students studying abroad through Department of Defense National Security Education Programs are trained to recognize, resist, and report

against recruitment efforts by agents of foreign governments. (10 minutes)

109. Jackson Lee (TX): Directs the Secretary of Defense to promulgate regulations to ensure that candidates granted admission to attend a military academy undergo screening for speech disorders and be provided the results of the screening test and a list of warfare unrestricted line (URL) Officer positions and occupation specialists that require successful performance on the speech test. Academy students shall have the option of undergoing speech therapy to reduce speech disorders or impediments. (10 minutes)

110. Hayes (CT), Larson (CT): Requires the military departments to review all installation-level web information about suicide prevention and behavioral health and ensure that contact information is up to date. (10 minutes)

111. Amodei (NV), Peltola (AK): Directs the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard to submit a report on a Tri-Service Arctic Maritime Strategy outlining areas of cooperation and alignment within the Arctic region to combat current and potential threats, as well as provide guidance on how the three branches can deepen cooperation and pursue joint modernization efforts in the Arctic. (10 minutes)

112. Case (HI): Seeks to find ways for the four Navy public shipyards to pool together efforts to maximize the number of people entering into its apprenticeship program. (10 minutes)

113. Ezell (MS), Garamendi (CA): Enhances military readiness during a declared emergency by ensuring critical cargo can be efficiently moved through ports. This amendment is substantively identical to H.R. 6140. (10 minutes)

114. Gottheimer (NJ), Titus (NV), Moskowitz (FL): Expresses support for joint U.S.-Israel cooperation in the space arena between NASA and the Israel Space Agency, including joint U.S. Air Force and the Israeli Air Force's newly created Space Force in areas of research, development, test, and evaluation. (10 minutes)

115. Scott, Austin (GA): Modifies the types of support for counterdrug activities and activities to counter transnational organized crime. Enables DoD to support law enforcement requests within the Joint Interagency Task Force South's Joint Operating Area. (10 minutes)

116. Gottheimer (NJ), Tenney (NY), Sherman (CA): Requires the Secretary of Defense to include in their annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China information on the PRC's burgeoning relationship with the Islamic Republic of Iran. (10 minutes)

117. Lee (NV), Gonzales, Tony (TX), Schrier (WA), Pappas (NH): Requires the Secretary of Defense to report on Defense Community Infrastructure Program funds that have been used to support child care options near military bases and any barriers that have prevented such funding for these purposes. (10 minutes)

118. Luttrell (TX), Nunn (IA): Requires the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer, to coordinate and accelerate the adoption of large language models by the Department of Defense by improving the access and quality of the existing structured and unstructured data of the Department to ensure such data is immediately ready to use in conjunction

with machine learning applications being developed, tested, or in production by the Armed Forces. (10 minutes)

119. Donalds (FL): Establishes a comprehensive, forward-looking national strategy to deploying advanced portable nuclear micro-reactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts. (10 minutes)

120. Green (TN): Directs the Commander of Army Special Operations Command to establish an exchange program between Army special operations forces and the special operations forces of the Polish Army. (10 minutes)

121. Bilirakis (FL), Pappas (NH), Goldman (NY): Requires a report on multilateral exercises in the Eastern Mediterranean. (10 minutes)

122. Gottheimer (NJ), Schneider (IL), Suozzi (NY), Nickel (NC), Espaillat (NY), Sherman (CA), Hudson (NC), Pettersen (CO), Stevens (MI), LaMalfa (CA), Raskin (MD), Auchincloss (MA), Hoyer (MD), Davis (NC), Moskowitz (FL), Norcross (NJ), Titus (NV), Wasserman Schultz (FL), Goldman (NY), Molinaro (NY), Peters (CA), Slotkin (MI): Authorizes a Report Authored by the Secretary of Defense to study steps Israel, the U.S., and Egypt can take to enhance international security measures on the Gaza-Egypt border to ensure Hamas and other actors cannot use tunnels or methods via the Mediterranean Sea to smuggle weapons and illicit goods. Additionally, report will outline/ map existing tunnel networks. (10 minutes)

123. Self (TX): Names the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel that has been ordered (Hull Number T-EPF-16) after Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey. (10 minutes)

124. Green (TN): Mandates that the Department of Defense produce a report to Congress on the feasibility of furnishing the national guard of every state a cyber unit to ensure the state has the ability to quickly respond to cyber attacks. (10 minutes)

125. Frost (FL): Requires the Department of Defense and Armed Services Inspectors General to evaluate and report the cost of financial investigations and the amount directly or indirectly recovered through financial investigations. (10 minutes)

126. Tenney (NY), Ross (NC): Closes loopholes for child predators under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by ensuring that existing enhanced penalties for sexual crimes involving children are applied equally to all sexual predators. (10 minutes)

127. Green (TN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Department maintains access to a top-tier subterranean training facility for the improvement of training for Special Operations Forces (SOF) units. (10 minutes)

128. Roy (TX), Ogles (TN), Tenney (NY), Crane (AZ): States that none of the funds authorized to the Department of Defense or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available directly or indirectly to the Government of Iran. (10 minutes)

129. Roy (TX): Requires DOD to submit a detailed justification for the Department's yearly end strength request. As part of the yearly Defense Manpower Requirements Report (DMRR), it would require: an assessment of the most important threats facing the U.S. by regional command; an explanation of how end strength requests are calibrated to address those threats; the primary missions of personnel in each region; rationales for any increases or

decreases in end strength level; and an assessment of any areas in which end strength cuts could be made. (10 minutes)

130. Budzinski (IL), Bost (IL), Crawford (AR), Moulton (MA), Johnson (SD): Requires the Department of Defense to issue regulations to the Department of the Army to ensure all boots are Berry-amendment compliant and meet the highest quality and performance standards.

The text of this amendment is identical to H.R. 8166 introduced in the 118th Congress. (10 minutes)

131. Porter (CA), Jacobs (CA): Requires the screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units. (10 minutes)

132. Salazar (FL), Castro (TX): Requires the Armed Forces Pest Management Board to conduct a study on the use and presence of herbicide agents and toxic chemicals by the Department in the Panama Canal Zone during the period beginning on January 1, 1958, and ending on December 31, 1999. (10 minutes)

133. Perry (PA), Ogles (TN): Makes it the policy of the United States to reject any attempt by the People's Republic of China to mandate that US vessels provide them with information about US vessels (ship name, call sign, location, type of cargo) in areas that China illegally includes as part of its maritime claims. (10 minutes)

134. Doggett (TX), Norman (SC): Establishes a panel of experts to review contracts for major weapons systems, spare parts, and services to determine whether the Department paid excessive prices and make recommendations to ensure the Department pays fair and reasonable prices in future contracts. (10 minutes)

135. Bowman (NY): Requires a report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools. (10 minutes)

136. Pappas (NH), Salazar (FL): Requires the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development at the Small Business Administration and the Director of Small Business Programs at the Department of Defense to submit to a report on the memorandum of understanding between the agencies. (10 minutes)

137. Guest (MS), Kelly (MS): Prohibits the Secretary of the Air Force from using a programmatic basing decision for strategic basing and requires the Secretary of the Air Force, within 30 days of enactment, to update the Department of the Air Force's instruction or other policy to include this prohibition. (10 minutes)

138. Ogles (TN), Tiffany (WI), Tenney (NY), Duncan (SC): Directs the Secretary of Defense to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to any Rim of the Pacific exercise that is to take place following enactment of this Act. (10 minutes)

139. Ogles (TN): Amends Section 1259 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 to add another contingency on PRC eligibility to participate in Rim of the Pacific Exercises: holding an internationally recognized free and fair presidential election. (10 minutes)

140. Lee (NV), Moylan (GU): Requires the Director of the Defense Health Agency (DHA), in collaboration with certain military medical treatment facilities, to submit a report to Congress on the provision of emergency and trauma care to civilian patients. The report shall include any challenges encountered by military treatment facilities in providing such care, steps DHA has taken to

overcome such challenges, and recommendations to improve the provision of such care. (10 minutes)

141. Himes (CT), Crawford (AR), Bergman (MI): Expresses the sense of Congress the importance of comprehensive cislunar Space Domain Awareness capabilities and the need to ensure the safety of flight of civil and commercial missions in cislunar space. Directs the Chief of Space Operations to deliver a report on three things: requirements for cislunar, the department's plan for researching and developing technologies for cislunar, and how the department coordinates with the Cislunar Technology Strategy Interagency Working Group regarding the progress made on the objectives laid out in the November 2022 National Cislunar Science and Technology Strategy. (10 minutes)

142. Biggs (AZ), Crane (AZ), Lee (CA), Pocan (WI): Requires the Department of Defense to perform an audit. If it fails to, the discretionary budget authority available for the Department of Defense, the military department, or the Defense Agency shall be reduced by .5 percent. (10 minutes)

143. Wenstrup (OH): Directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study regarding the immune response levels of servicemembers to COVID-19 infection and vaccination, specifically including testing to detect nucleocapsid protein immunoglobin-G antibodies and to detect T-cell immune response. (10 minutes)

144. Biggs (AZ), Crane (AZ): Requires the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on agreements made by the United States with the Taliban (10 minutes)

145. Ogles (TN): On Page 599, Line 15, inserts the words "classified or" before "unclassified", permitting DOD decisions /justifications on designating particular Chinese Military Companies to remain classified. (10 minutes)

146. Scott, Austin (GA): Modifies Section 9062 of 10 USC (Composition of the Air Force) to include the Air Force's Air Logistics Complexes. (10 minutes)

147. Norman (SC), Doggett (TX): Requires the cost of any project funded with financial support from the DOD to disclose the cost to taxpayers. (10 minutes)

148. Norman (SC), Moylan (GU), Murphy (NC), Duncan (SC): Authorizes the President to award Major James Capers Jr. the Medal of Honor for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, in which he was awarded the Silver Star. (10 minutes)

149. Aderholt (AL): Tasks the Under Secretary for Defense and Acquisition to incorporate global demand into program guidance for major defense acquisition programs. Ensures that programs plan for the complete demands on the US defense industrial base beyond domestic requirements. (10 minutes)

150. Pascrell (NJ): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of eliminating outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for active-duty service members who suffered a traumatic brain injury while exercising their official duties. (10 minutes)

151. Pascrell (NJ), Bacon (NE): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional

and residential brain injury treatment programs for active-duty service members that sustained a brain injury while completing their official duties. (10 minutes)

152. Porter (CA): Requires a GAO report on the implementation of the adjudication process for military medical malpractice claims. (10 minutes)

153. Pascrell (NJ): Requires the Department of Defense to develop a Traumatic Brain Injury Oversight Strategy and Action Plan to standardize identification, treatment, tracking, monitoring and referral guidelines for Traumatic Brain Injury programs across all military branches. The Action Plan must include a standardized system of monitoring and care to include a 72-hour post injury exam and protocols, data collection and reporting guidelines. (10 minutes)

154. Norman (SC), Moylan (GU), Duncan (SC): Establishes that it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy shall name a vessel of the United States Navy the "U.S.S. Major James Capers Jr." (10 minutes)

155. Rodgers (WA): Expresses a sense of Congress regarding military service by individuals with amputations. (10 minutes)

156. Rodgers (WA): Changes the way the Soldier's Medal affects military retirement pay. (10 minutes)

157. Curtis (UT), Tenney (NY): Modifies and updates a report regarding Iranian involvement in the narcotics trade. (10 minutes)

158. Higgins (LA): Prohibits the Department of Defense from contracting with shipyards controlled by a foreign adversary. (10 minutes)

159. Casten (IL), Chavez-DeRemer (OR), Fitzpatrick (PA), Lynch (MA), Kelly (IL), Watson Coleman (NJ), Kiggans (VA), DeSaulnier (CA), Molinaro (NY), Allred (TX): Requires the DOD and HHS to collaborate on a study of barriers to mental health care for military pilots, aviators, and air traffic controllers, and report to congress on their recommendations to address these barriers. (10 minutes)

160. Radewagen (AS), Sablan (MP): Requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Guard in the territories of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. These two territories are the only two U.S. jurisdictions without a National Guard. (10 minutes)

161. Davis (IL): Modifies the Department's Adoption Reimbursement Program, authorized under Section 1052 of Title 10, to increase the authorized allotment Members of the Armed Forces are eligible to receive per adoption and grants the Sec. of Defense the authority to advance or reimburse funds to pre-adoptive servicemembers. Authorizes program eligibility for Members of the Armed Forces and their families who pursue legal guardianship as a means of providing permanency for a child. (10 minutes)

162. Pascrell (NJ), Wilson (SC), Grijalva (AZ), Brownley (CA), Houlahan (PA): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the enhancement of diagnostic screening tools for traumatic brain injury (TBI), including identifying point-of-injury solutions for TBI testing to improve the medical care available to forward-deployed units. (10 minutes)

163. Stauber (MN): Increases (with an offset to Defense-wide RDT&E) Army RDT&E funding by \$5 million for the demonstra-

tion of high-pressure waterjet cut and capture system to demilitarize underwater munitions. (10 minutes)

164. Porter (CA), Crenshaw (TX): Requires a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among servicemembers due to blast pressure exposure during combat and training. (10 minutes)

165. Alford (MO): Revises the DoD Small Business Strategy Reporting Requirements (10 USC § 4901). (10 minutes)

166. Grothman (WI): Requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that, to the extent practicable, commercial positions in the Department of Defense are filled by civilian employees or contractors rather than a member of the Armed Forces. (10 minutes)

167. Porter (CA): The DOD Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, shall issue guidance on how DOD will—(1) categorize all spare parts in the global spares pool and hold them accountable under a contract (2) consider a spare part asset to be government-furnished property (3) make contractors report government-owned global spares pool losses of spare parts that are not accountable under a contract, until all spare parts in the global spares pool are made accountable under a contract and losses are entered into the GFP Module for DCMA's adjudication (4) provide disposition instructions, consistent with federal regulations, for spare parts in the global spares pool that are excess, obsolete, or unserviceable until such parts are entered into the GFP Module for disposition. (10 minutes)

168. Carter (GA), Ezell (MS): Prohibits any funding from cutting services provided by Combat Readiness Training Centers operated by the U.S. Air National Guard. (10 minutes)

169. Mast (FL), McCormick (GA), Panetta (CA), Rodgers (WA): Clarifies that the Secretary of each Military Department retains personal responsibility and authority over a service member that is under consideration by a medical evaluation board or while subject to the Integrated Disability Evaluation System. Authorizes a Secretary to pause or withdraw a member from the Integrated Disability Evaluation System and establishes a separate appeals process within the Military Department concerned. (10 minutes)

170. Stanton (AZ), Fallon (TX), Kiggans (VA): This amendment will require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on what off-the-shelf information technology products the Department of Defense uses that are manufactured, produced, or assembled by entities subject to the control of a foreign adversary. Off-the-shelf technology is software and hardware that already exists and is available from commercial sources. (10 minutes)

171. Schneider (IL): Instructs the SBA Administrator to carry out a program to be known as 'Boots to Business Program' to provide entrepreneurship training to covered individuals. (10 minutes)

172. Larsen (WA): Requires DoDEA to provide an introduction on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). Topics covered should include but not limited to the foundations of AI and ML, definitions of AI and ML, and the ethical use of AI applications. (10 minutes)

173. Eshoo (CA), Thompson (CA), Mullin (CA), Lofgren (CA), Johnson (GA), Davis (NC), Magaziner (RI): Expresses the sense of Congress that the Navy should name a future commissioned ship

after William B. Gould, a formerly enslaved sailor who served in the Navy during the Civil War. (10 minutes)

174. Larsen (WA): Requires the military branches to provide an online distance education course on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). Course should focus on foundations and definitions of AI and ML and the ethical use of AI. (10 minutes)

175. Cartwright (PA), Moore (UT), Owens (UT), Cloud (TX), Tonko (NY), Murphy (NC): Requires Department of Defense (DoD) officials to submit to Congress information regarding the minimum annual investment in DoD depots and industrial facilities needed to prevent further infrastructure deterioration. (10 minutes)

176. Kuster (NH), Joyce (OH): Requires the National Guard Bureau to submit an annual report to Congress on the number of national guard members who received sexual assault prevention and response training. (10 minutes)

177. Porter (CA): Requiring reporting of open interface standards. (10 minutes)

178. Waltz (FL): Requires an assessment and report by TRANSCOM on the Global Household Goods Contract during peak season. (10 minutes)

179. Calvert (CA): Modifies the Innovators Information Repository to include DIU and CDAO, plus periodic update requirements and a report to defense committees. (10 minutes)

180. Buchanan (FL): Requires the Secretary of the Navy to report to Congress on the benefits and feasibility of establishing a training and safety program for operating Assault Amphibious Vehicles. (10 minutes)

181. Molinaro (NY): Directs the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on the progress of the Black Hawk helicopter program. (10 minutes)

182. Molinaro (NY): Requires an updated report on the U.S. Bio-defense Strategy, including an assessment on the current and potential biological threats against the United States. (10 minutes)

183. Buchanan (FL), Tenney (NY): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee on the effectiveness of the Future Soldier Preparatory Course and include recommendations on actions to improve or expand the program. (10 minutes)

184. Molinaro (NY): Directs the DoD's Chief Artificial Intelligence Office to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the agency's current AI workforce and identify gaps in skills and training required to preserve the United States' global technological competitiveness. (10 minutes)

185. Buchanan (FL): Mandates the Department of Defense to promptly notify the Department of Veterans Affairs about someone transitioning from active duty to a veteran with an opioid use disorder. (10 minutes)

186. Buchanan (FL), Scott (VA): Requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty. (10 minutes)

187. Buchanan (FL), Gonzales, Tony (TX): Expresses a sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should raise the Family Separation Allowance to \$400 per month, as authorized by the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act. (10 minutes)

188. Buchanan (FL), Molinaro (NY): Requires the Department of Defense to maintain prescription drop boxes on all military bases to allow for the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including opioids. (10 minutes)

189. James (MI): States that upon the cancellation of FARA and UH-60V programs, the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to field certain Army aviation components concurrently and proportionately in the Army National Guard. (10 minutes)

190. Bergman (MI), Carbajal (CA), McCormick (GA), Khanna (CA), Kiggans (VA): Authorizes a \$25,000,000 increase to Operation Cattle Drive, which is the Department of the Navy's information technology modernization initiative, in FY25. (10 minutes)

191. Reschenthaler (PA), Bice (OK), Houchin (IN), Brecheen (OK), Good (VA), Cloud (TX): Requires a report on security cooperation with the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the treatment of and human rights abuses committed against U.S. citizens by the Government of Turks and Caicos Islands. (10 minutes)

192. Casar (TX): Requires a GAO study assessing the child care programs that exist across the Department of Defense including: Child Development Centers, Family Child Care, Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood, and Child Care in Your Home. Metrics must be disaggregated by service branch. (10 minutes)

193. Grothman (WI), Sessions (TX): Requires quarterly reporting from the Department to Congress on any instances of foreign actors infiltrating or attempting to infiltrate a military installation, facility, or real property under the jurisdiction of the Department. (10 minutes)

194. Jacobs (CA): Amends Department of Defense annual reports on its Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation of security cooperation programs to include a description of challenges experienced in program execution. (10 minutes)

195. Meng (NY): Provides for hybrid or remote options for paid fellowship opportunities for military spouses through the Permanent Military Spouse Career Accelerator Program. (10 minutes)

196. Spartz (IN): Requires DoD IG to reconcile the numbers on U.S. aid to Ukraine. (10 minutes)

197. Case (HI): Directs the Department of Defense (DoD) to assess wildfire mitigation, response and recovery capabilities and shortfalls in Hawai'i. It includes a requirement to assess interoperability with federal, state and local partners. (10 minutes)

198. Crockett (TX), Wenstrup (OH): Directs the Secretary, in consultation with ODNI, to provide Congress a report on the administrative and legal challenges that would need to be addressed by, as well as anticipated benefits from, any future legislation to accelerate security clearance reviews for military spouses by allowing information from the security clearance review of the married servicemember's Spousal Review to be used in the security clearance review of the military spouse. (10 minutes)

199. Lee (NV): Requires the Secretary of Defense to designate Creech Air Force Base, located in Indian Springs, Nevada, as a remote or isolated installation. (10 minutes)

200. Schneider (IL): Expands bereavement leave in connection with the death of a spouse or child for servicemembers from 2 to 12 weeks. (10 minutes)

201. Moskowitz (FL), Wilson (SC): Requires an assessment of the accuracy of Gaza Ministry of Health Casualty Reporting. (10 minutes)

202. Torres (CA): Directs the Secretary of the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress on transferring military acquired credentials to the civilian workforce. Identical to H.R. 8511 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

203. Barr (KY): Expresses a Sense of Congress Regarding the Feasibility Study for Blue Grass Army Depot and Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant. (10 minutes)

204. Fitzpatrick (PA): Makes a modification to multiyear procurement authority for certain critical minerals. Revision includes a provision allowing the Secretary to give priority to critical minerals derived from recycled and reused minerals/metals. (10 minutes)

205. Spartz (IN): Includes Oversight committees in briefings on DoD's financial audits. (10 minutes)

206. Davidson (OH): Reduces funding to the Office of the Secretary of Defense by 5 percent if they fail to submit reports to Congress required under Section 725 of the FY24 NDAA. (10 minutes)

207. Wenstrup (OH), Sewell (AL): Updates credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians. (10 minutes)

208. Barr (KY): Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, the Commanding General, Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology to develop a requirement for the establishment of a shipping container production facility within the United States at an Army installation found to meet feasibility and readiness goals. (10 minutes)

209. Sherrill (NJ), Kiggans (VA), Pappas (NH): Instructs the Department of Defense to conduct outreach to institutions of higher education to support their entrance into the Skillbridge Program as Skillbridge Program providers, through which they will connect transitioning servicemembers to in-demand employment and training opportunities. (10 minutes)

210. Pettersen (CO), Neguse (CO), Crow (CO), Lamborn (CO): Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to convene a working group of subject matter experts from the extramural community and Military Health System to develop a strategy and the medical research and development requirements to deliver pre-hospital, life-saving interventions in Arctic environments. (10 minutes)

211. Ciscomani (AZ): Provides for the conveyance of land from Ft. Huachuca Army Installation in Sierra Vista, Arizona to the City of Sierra Vista. (10 minutes)

212. Pettersen (CO): Requires the National Guard Bureau to brief Congress on the effectiveness of existing child care support services provided to National Guard members during Weekend Drill commitments. (10 minutes)

213. Pfluger (TX): Requires Psychological Performance Training for US servicemembers to improve psychological health and overall member quality of life. (10 minutes)

214. Soto (FL): Authorizes an increase to the U.S. Air Force's Aerospace Propulsion program to support high-hypersonic detonation propulsion research and technology with an offset to the Air

Force's Administration account, an historically under executed account. (10 minutes)

215. Buchanan (FL), Kean (NJ): Requires the Secretary of Defense to create a strategy to support the transition of military aviation mechanics to commercial aviation mechanics after active duty service. (10 minutes)

216. Soto (FL): Authorizes an increase to the U.S. Army's Soldier Lethality Technology program to support adaptive and intelligent adversary-threat models with an offset to the Army's Other Personnel Support account, an historically under executed account. (10 minutes)

217. Scott, Austin (GA): Requires a report from the Chief of Naval Operations, in consultation with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on recommended modifications to the Expeditionary Transfer Dock Ships that will best enable at-sea sustainment of Joint Interagency Task Force South partner nation patrol vessels and United States Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters. (10 minutes)

218. Buchanan (FL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on military technology and weapons lost to the Taliban during the Afghanistan withdrawal. (10 minutes)

219. Schneider (IL), Tenney (NY), Bacon (NE), Gottheimer (NJ): Requires a DOD briefing on Iranian support for nonstate actors in North Africa. Revision changes 'stop Iran' to 'deter Iran'. (10 minutes)

220. Buchanan (FL), Castor (FL): Expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should remain committed to helping the Philippines maintain the safety and security of the Philippines, including helping the Philippines to defend against threats to such safety and security from China. (10 minutes)

221. Obernolte (CA), Fong (CA): Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the relevant Service Secretaries, to develop an assessment of the health care system supporting certain military installations in order to ensure adequate health care for the civilian and military workforce. (10 minutes)

222. Schneider (IL), Bacon (NE), Nickel (NC), Trone (MD), Pettersen (CO), LaMalfa (CA), Gottheimer (NJ), Auchincloss (MA), Davis (NC), Hoyer (MD), Sherman (CA), Peters (CA): Instructs Secretary of Defense and Director of DIA to advocate on the Foreign Threat Intelligence Committee for \$25,000,000 incentives for information regarding top Hamas terrorists. Amendment unchanged—description revised. (10 minutes)

223. Buchanan (FL), Steel (CA), Schweikert (AZ): Requires the Director of the Defense Health Agency to conduct a study and report to Congress on how the agency can increase access to tele-health services, including how telehealth can better mental health treatment outcomes. (10 minutes)

224. Smith (NJ): Requires the GAO to investigate the US Army's bio-weapons program from the years 1945–1972, specifically experiments regarding vector-borne diseases, including Lyme disease. Directs the report to include a review of specified documents. (10 minutes)

225. Barr (KY), Dunn (FL), Porter (CA): Directs the Defense Intelligence Agency to provide an annual assessment in the China Military Power Report (or other relevant publication) on China's in-

vestments and influence in the Pacific Islands and an assessment on how their activities have or have not impacted U.S. military strategy in the region, as it relates to the Pacific Islands. (10 minutes)

226. Walberg (MI), Huizenga (MI), Tenney (NY), Stauber (MN), Armstrong (ND): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report to Congress on DoD's assistance to USCBP and DHS to secure our northern border. (10 minutes)

227. Slotkin (MI): Requires a GAO report on how Federal agencies are collecting information on contractual conflicts of interest between the U.S. and Chinese governments. Directs the DoD to submit an annual report on the implementation of Section 812 of the FY24 NDAA. (10 minutes)

228. James (MI), Gonzalez, Vicente (TX): Amends section 1725 to bolster the current report language on South Africa. Incorporates a full review of the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Africa. (10 minutes)

229. Burlison (MO): Authorizes the President to award the Medal of Honor to Chief Warrant Officer Gregory McManus. (10 minutes)

230. Schneider (IL), Bacon (NE), Carbajal (CA), Veasey (TX): Recognizes the African Lion exercise hosted by Morocco and requires a report to Congress. Revision adds HFAC/SFRC as report recipients. (10 minutes)

231. Buchanan (FL), Mills (FL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a plan and strategy to construct a memorial at the Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the 13 servicemembers who died during the chaotic Afghanistan withdrawal. (10 minutes)

232. Golden (ME): Modifies the current Opt-in to an Opt-out option on the DD-2648 for sending transitioning servicemembers' information to state veterans' agencies to ensure servicemembers have the resources for a smooth transition to civilian life. (10 minutes)

233. Westerman (AR), Womack (AR): Provides the state of Arkansas 3 years to request permanent ownership of the former Army Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, AR. (10 minutes)

234. Magaziner (RI), Kiggans (VA): Requires TRICARE's managed care support contractors to keep provider directories up to date. (10 minutes)

235. Smith (NJ): Requires the Secretary of Defense to prevent any individual separated due to misconduct from performing the same duties, or similar duties, as a contractor for any Department of Defense entity. Directs the Secretary to require all individuals hired to Department of Defense contracts to use Declaration for Federal Employment Form Approved OMB No. 3206-0812. (10 minutes)

236. Amodei (NV), Kiggans (VA): Provides a briefing from the Army on the modernization and sustainment plans for organizational clothing and equipment used in cold and extreme cold weather environments. (10 minutes)

237. James (MI): Requires DoD, in consultation with State, to submit a classified report, with an unclassified summary, to Congress identifying all ways to increase security cooperation with Kenya as a result of its major non-NATO ally designation. (10 minutes)

238. Smith (NJ), Suozzi (NY), Tiffany (WI): Requires the Secretary of Defense to produce a report on the feasibility of developing and deploying asymmetric naval assets in defense of Taiwan. (10 minutes)

239. Buchanan (FL): Requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to assess ways unmanned vehicles can reduce overall operating expenses and costs at the Department of Defense. (10 minutes)

240. Garbarino (NY): Provides \$9 million in additional authorizations for Surface and Shallow Water Mine Countermeasures for assembly, engineering, and design. (10 minutes)

241. Caraveo (CO): Requires the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to conduct a report on the transition process for service members with healthcare backgrounds and the number of transitioning service members that join the Medical Reserve Corps. (10 minutes)

242. Amodei (NV): Provides a technical correction to a map referenced in the Military Land Withdrawals Act of 2013 relating to the Churchill County Proposed Fallon Range Training Complex Modernization and Lands Bill. (10 minutes)

243. Carbajal (CA), Newhouse (WA), Panetta (CA), LaMalfa (CA), Pingree (ME), Duarte (CA): Requires any cut flowers or cut green officially on display in public areas of the Executive Office of the President, Department of Defense, or Department of State be grown in the United States, District of Columbia, or territory. Identical to H.R. 4604 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

244. Spartz (IN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report assessing the Department of Defense's implementation of advanced data analysis for national defense purposes. (10 minutes)

245. Green, Al (TX): Commissions posthumously the grade of Captain to Army Sergeant Major Milton Holland. (10 minutes)

246. Garcia (TX), Joyce (OH), Fitzpatrick (PA), Jacobs (CA), Davis (NC), Escobar (TX), Kiggans (VA), Moulton (MA), Kilmer (WA), Slotkin (MI): Inserts requirement for the Department of Defense to establish an annual training for students who are enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) regarding the prevention of sexual abuse. Identical to H.R. 2711 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

247. Stansbury (NM): Extends period for cooperative agreements under the Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program from two calendar years to five to complete a project. (10 minutes)

248. Joyce (OH): Authorizes the "Project Spectrum" program within the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense to provide Department of Defense suppliers that are small or medium businesses, through an online platform, digital resources and services that increase awareness about cybersecurity risks and help such entities to comply with the cybersecurity requirements of the defense acquisition system. (10 minutes)

249. Wilson (SC): Prohibits DOD from providing funds to Badr Organization. (10 minutes)

250. Jackson (TX), Golden (ME), Pfluger (TX), Sherman (CA): Authorizes cooperation between the United States and Israel on emerging technology capabilities. (10 minutes)

251. Wilson (SC), Moskowitz (FL): Requires a report regarding the assessment of Israel integration into the National Technology Industrial Base. (10 minutes)

252. Buchanan (FL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to report on the threat of rifle-toting robot dogs used by China to the national security of the United States. (10 minutes)

253. Spanberger (VA): Codifies and updates the position of Department of Defense Senior Intelligence Oversight Official (SIOO) per Department of Defense Directive 5148.13, which prescribes the intelligence oversight responsibilities and functions, relationships, and authorities of the DoD SIOO, to ensure that the SIOO has responsibility to conduct independent oversight of all Department of Defense intelligence, intelligence-related, and sensitive activities. (10 minutes)

254. Slotkin (MI), Case (HI): Expands pilot program location options to all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories instead of just the continental United States to develop or upgrade play spaces that are both accessible and inclusive to military families at military installations identified as having the highest concentration of Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) families. (10 minutes)

255. Kildee (MI), James (MI), Dingell (MI), McClain (MI), Scholten (MI), Moolenaar (MI), Bergman (MI), Stevens (MI), Slotkin (MI), Kelly (PA), Krishnamoorthi (IL), Tlaib (MI), Kaptur (OH), Huizenga (MI): Expresses the sense of Congress that Canada and the United States should not develop facilities to permanently store nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin. (10 minutes)

256. Plaskett (VI), McClellan (VA): Requires a report assessing the impact of China and Russia's malign influence in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean on national security and economic interests of the United States. (10 minutes)

257. Wexton (VA): Requires an assessment of the impact of continued investment in Department of Defense sponsored Manufacturing Innovation Institutes on the defense industrial base in the United States. (10 minutes)

258. Raskin (MD), Bergman (MI), Goldman (NY): Requires DOD to report on its activities to inform servicemembers that seeking mental health care will not jeopardize their security clearance status or eligibility. (10 minutes)

259. Radewagen (AS), Bera (CA), Tokuda (HI): Requires a report on major military construction in the FAS over the next 5 fiscal years; and assessing the local workforce of the FAS to support military construction. (10 minutes)

260. Nunn (IA), Magaziner (RI), Miller-Meeks (IA), Davis (NC), Kiggans (VA): Highlights and emphasizes the availability of mental health resources and services offered by the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) and Solid Start Program to better assist veterans that are transitioning from active duty to civilian life. (10 minutes)

261. Buchanan (FL), Moore (WI), Schweikert (AZ): Requires the Department of Defense to develop a strategy and education campaign to align obesity programs within the department. (10 minutes)

262. Ivey (MD): Directs the GAO to study, and issue a report on, the potential threats to US interests posed by Iran, China, Russia, and other adversarial States through the antagonistic use of extra-

terrestrial satellites for combat, incapacitation of other satellites, cybersecurity intrusions, debilitation of critical infrastructure, and other aggressive purposes. (10 minutes)

263. Crenshaw (TX): Requires SECDEF reporting on the feasibility and advisability of enhancing cooperation between the National Guard and India, to include the establishment of a state partnership, under 10 USC § 341. (10 minutes)

264. Kaptur (OH), Budzinski (IL), Quigley (IL), Meng (NY), Mfume (MD), Landsman (OH), Schiff (CA), Dingell (MI), Lynch (MA), Carter (TX), Chu (CA): Establishes the Last Servicemember Standing medal for certain members of the Armed Forces who as a result of a combat instance was the last surviving member of a unit. Identical to H.R. 6406 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

265. Graves (LA): Ensures that veterans of Operation End Sweep are eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. (10 minutes)

266. Nunn (IA), Spanberger (VA), Kiggans (VA), Davis (NC), Smith (NJ), Wenstrup (OH): Prohibits the Department of Defense from acquiring, procuring, or utilizing blockchain network infrastructure or capabilities originating from foreign adversaries. (10 minutes)

267. Amo, Gabe (RI): Expresses the sense of Congress that domestic production of defense articles for AUKUS boosts local economies and improves national security by enhancing domestic defense article production capabilities, and that the DOD should promote and prioritize domestic manufacturing, supply chain, and research for AUKUS defense articles. (10 minutes)

268. Lynch (MA): Requires establishment of a centralized program to monitor and provide assistance to members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged. (10 minutes)

269. Takano (CA): Modifies the Marine Corps' authorities related to the Excess Leave Program for those service members attending law school to ensure that these Marines receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH). This is necessary because of a August 1, 2023 change by the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Counsel that prevents the Marines in this situation (there are 27 individuals impacted) from receiving BAH through their use of the Post-9/11 GI Bill because they are considered to be on Active Duty. (10 minutes)

270. Buchanan (FL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to study the feasibility of establishing a mentoring program for members of the Armed Forces who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs or founding start-up businesses after their active duty service. (10 minutes)

271. Moskowitz (FL), Mace (SC), Davis (NC): Prohibits funds made available to the Department of Defense from being used to conduct biomedical research or testing using canines or felines. (10 minutes)

272. Donalds (FL): Expresses sense of Congress that Congress urges the Department of Defense to accept and embrace nuclear energy to achieve a reliable, secure, and resilient energy apparatus within the DOD. (10 minutes)

273. Nunn (IA), Schneider (IL), Gottheimer (NJ), Sherman (CA), Golden (ME): Directs the Secretary of Defense to establish a stra-

tegic partnership between the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) and the Israeli Ministry of Defense. (10 minutes)

274. Pettersen (CO), Crow (CO): Expresses a Sense of Congress that the Space Force continue its commitment to accelerating the development of very low earth orbit (VLEO) space capabilities. (10 minutes)

275. Banks (IN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to provide a plan for the growth of the Hacking for Defense program. (10 minutes)

276. Nunn (IA): Directs the Secretary of Defense to assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing a strategic partnership between the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) and the Taiwan Ministry of National Defense. (10 minutes)

277. Banks (IN): Requires a report on Iran's installation of advanced centrifuges since 2021 and on Iran's plans to install centrifuges at new facilities. (10 minutes)

278. Donalds (FL): Adds a Sense of Congress that Congress encourages the U.S. Armed Forces to utilize innovative technologies, such as artificial intelligence, quantum, advanced air mobility, and counter-uas, to ultimately defend the national security of the United States. (10 minutes)

279. Walberg (MI), Dingell (MI): Requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the national security risks of highly automated vehicles associated with foreign adversary countries operating or testing in the United States. (10 minutes)

280. Donalds (FL): Directs the U.S. Space Force to submit a report pertaining to its current and future potential use of nuclear thermal propulsion space vehicles and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles, and how these nuclear-powered space vehicles can bolster America's national security. (10 minutes)

281. Donalds (FL): Expresses the Sense of Congress that Congress supports Project Pele, a DOD SCO program that seeks to develop, demonstrate, and deploy a portable nuclear microreactor to bolster American national security and reduce fuel-related logistical challenges. (10 minutes)

282. Kelly (IL): Expands the period of eligibility for the Military OneSource program from 12-months to 18-months upon retirement, discharge, or release. (10 minutes)

283. James (MI): Provides that when the President submits the annual budget request, it includes an annex with recommendations put together by DoD, in coordination with GAO and OMB, for priority items that could be considered under multi-year procurement (multi-year contracts in the text). (10 minutes)

284. Moylan (GU), Courtney (CT), Williams (GA), Hudson (NC), Kiggans (VA), Ruiz (CA), Amo, Gabe (RI), Larson (CT), Moore (UT), Panetta (CA), Tokuda (HI), Grijalva (AZ), Murphy (NC), Case (HI), McGarvey (KY), Magaziner (RI), Dunn (FL), Carter (GA), Lofgren (CA), Crow (CO), Turner (OH), Ciscomani (AZ): Supports the habitability of military housing by requiring DOD research and minimum habitability standards for mold in military barracks. Requires DOD research on residential mold on military installations; habitability standards for mold on military installations; and construction requirements for new housing on military installations to prevent toxic mold growth. (10 minutes)

285. Thompson (PA): Requires the DoD to send Congress a report on their progress of reaching their 1% goal for the AbilityOne program by 2027. (10 minutes)

286. Krishnamoorthi (IL): Prohibits funds authorized to be appropriated by the Act from being used to acquire any goods from Temu or Shein. (10 minutes)

287. Moolenaar (MI): Builds on a recommendation from a GAO report on the similar European Deterrence Initiative by modifying PDI to require a more detailed description of the initiative's progress in achieving INDOPACOM's performance goals. (10 minutes)

288. Walberg (MI): Requires the Director of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) to publish policy guidance prohibiting the use of TikTok for instructional purposes at schools operated by the DODEA. (10 minutes)

289. Buchanan (FL): Requires the Secretary of the Army to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee on the effectiveness of the Optimizing the Human Weapon System (OHWS) Program and include recommendations on actions to improve or expand. (10 minutes)

290. Levin (CA): Adds to DoD Transition Assistance Program (TAP) counseling pathway factors. (10 minutes)

291. Wenstrup (OH), Sewell (AL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to put podiatrists in the Medical Corps of each military department. (10 minutes)

292. Tenney (NY), Williams (NY): Adds stainless steel flatware to the Berry Amendment (10 minutes)

293. Tenney (NY): Requires a report by the Secretary of Defense on the feasibility of replicating the Army's Future Soldier Preparatory Course through the other service branches. (10 minutes)

294. McCaul (TX): Requires the DoD to do a study and report on the sterilization of medical instruments in DHA facilities following multiple instances of improper sterilization at Brook Army Medical Center and Audi Murphy Hospital in San Antonio. The report will make recommendations to improve patient quality of care and mitigate future compensable events. (10 minutes)

295. Moulton (MA), Moylan (GU): Authorizes the Secretaries of military departments to provide grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement other Federal funds to regulatory agencies located in Guam for the purpose of expediting military construction projects in Guam. (10 minutes)

296. Scott, Austin (GA): Amends section 14314 of title 10, United States Code, by removing the 30-day impediment so that certain Army and Air Force reserve component general officers and the organizations in which they serve may use the full authority of the foregoing provisions for up to 60 days, after which the officers would be removed from an active status. (10 minutes)

297. Gluesenkamp Perez (WA), Neguse (CO): Expresses the sense of Congress that it is important for readiness that the military be able to fix its own equipment and directs the Secretary of Defense to submit the report required under EO 14036 related to DOD repairing its own equipment. (10 minutes)

298. Mills (FL): Directs Secretary of Defense to submit a report regarding the Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion to include an overview of the appointment process, how the

Department ensures views are “fairly balanced,” and other items. (10 minutes)

299. Mills (FL): Directs the Defense Contract Management Agency to submit a report detailing the dollar amount of covered materials manufactured in China and Russia and acquired by the Department of Defense through contracts valued at or below the simplified acquisition threshold during the period beginning on January 1, 2020, and ending on the date of the submission of such report to the congressional defense committees. (10 minutes)

300. Norman (SC): Requires the Comptroller General to conduct a study of the programs and efforts of the Department of Defense related to the readiness of the ports as affected by dredging capacity to complete harbor and channel dredging. (10 minutes)

301. Schrier (WA): Requires the Department of Defense to list the DoD systems that interact with Veteran Affairs electronic health records, including downtime incidents and the steps to resolve these issues so that care is not disrupted. (10 minutes)

302. Wexton (VA): Requires the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to conduct a study to identify sources of secure parts for unmanned aircraft systems. (10 minutes)

303. Donalds (FL): Requires a joint report from State/DOD that evaluates current Chinese & Russian efforts relating to the utilization of transportable nuclear power for both direct military purposes and as a soft power tool globally. (10 minutes)

304. Arrington (TX): Requires DOD to brief Congress about all instances of attempted breaches of US military bases across the world since January 2021. For attempted breaches on the interior, the brief must include the perpetrator’s citizenship or immigration status. (10 minutes)

305. Moulton (MA): Amends Section 2241(a) of title 10, United States Code to authorize the Department of Defense to use amount appropriated for operation and maintenance of the active forces for the purpose of acquisition, development, modification, and sustainment of software. (10 minutes)

306. Moylan (GU): Authorizes the President to award the Medal of Honor to Joseph M. Perez for acts of valor while serving as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War. Identical to H.R. 5168 (118th Congress). (10 minutes)

307. Porter (CA): Commissions a report on a military construction strategy for a sufficient number of child development centers as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at child development centers. (10 minutes)

308. Garamendi (CA): Sets standards for private individuals purchasing federally auctioned vessels such as holding liability insurance for the vessel and proof of sufficient financial resources to maintain the vessel. These new standards will ensure that federally auctioned vessels are not contributing to the problem of abandoned and derelict vessels. (10 minutes)

309. Rose (TN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House and Senate Committees on Armed Services on the fraud scheme perpetrated by Janet Yamanaka Mello, a civilian employee of the Department of the Army who was indicted and pleaded guilty to stealing over \$100 million in Army funds. (10 minutes)

310. Issa (CA): Requires the Secretary of State, in consultation with SecDef, Secretary of the Treasury, and DNI, to develop a recurring, classified report on how the United States and key partners would respond to a variety of CCP military attacks on Taiwan. (10 minutes)

311. Dunn (FL): Directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment to submit a report to determine if it should set up a Sentinel Landscapes-like project in the Freely Associated States (FAS). This report will include an assessment of land use policies and encroachment risks near military installations located in the Freely Associated States. The report would include an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a coalition including representatives from Federal agencies, the government of the Freely Associated State, non-governmental organizations, and landowners and managers in the Freely Associated States to advance sustainable land use practices to assist efforts to prevent encroachment. (10 minutes)

312. Dunn (FL), Womack (AR): Directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, to assess and report on the feasibility and benefits of expanding the National Guard State Partnership Program in the Pacific Islands. (10 minutes)

313. Larsen (WA), Sewell (AL): Requires all military branches to participate in the CDAO's Digital On-Demand education program. The Digital On-Demand program provides access to AI and emerging technology education courses. (10 minutes)

314. LaLota (NY), Davis (NC), Golden (ME): This requires Secretary of Defense to establish a Multilateral Artificial Intelligence Working Group tasked with developing and coordinating an artificial intelligence initiative among the allies and partners of the United States. (10 minutes)

315. LaLota (NY): Requires Secretary of Defense to produce a report on the impact of bundled contracts to small businesses and the impact of reducing the number of bundled contracts. (10 minutes)

316. Edwards (NC): Revokes the security clearances to retired or active members of the Armed Forces or Department of Defense personnel that express support for a terrorist organization or engaged in a demonstration supporting a terrorist organization. (10 minutes)

317. Ocasio-Cortez (NY): Directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, to conduct a declassification review of documents related to the U.S.'s involvement in Chile's coup of 1973. (10 minutes)

318. Connolly (VA): Requires the Department of Defense to report on implementation of Section 1537 of the FY2024 NDAA related to user activity monitoring for personnel with access to classified information and networks. The Department must also provide an accounting of funding provided for user activity monitoring programs for unclassified networks. (10 minutes)

319. Radewagen (AS): Requires a report by the DOD on the use of Chaplains in the Indo-Pacific. (10 minutes)

320. Rose (TN): Requires the Secretary of Defense to offer a briefing to Congress on the adequacy of institutional capacity building in countries within the United States Africa Command's area of re-

sponsibility by March 1, 2025. The briefing must include an analysis of Department of Defense programs and efforts focused on strategy development, budgeting, human resources, logistics, and countering the influence of China, Russia, and violent extremist organizations. (10 minutes)

321. Mills (FL): Increases the amount authorized to be appropriated for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for operational system development, Aviation Systems (with the amount of such increase to be made available for Alternative Domestic Source C-130J IRSS). (10 minutes)

322. Luna (FL): Requires that dive school be put back in the Air Force Combat Controller (CCT) training pipeline. Without this training, CCTs will not have the dive qualifications necessary for maritime missions. (10 minutes)

323. Luna (FL): Would allow service members awarded certain decorations (Purple Heart, Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, Coast Guard Cross, and Bronze Star) to wear uniform to special events (weddings, galas, funerals, etc.) similar to those that have retired from service. (10 minutes)

324. Neguse (CO): Ensures that service members receive an electronic copy of their medical records from the Department of Defense no later than 30 days before separation or retirement from the military and an electronic copy of separation documents no later than 12 days after. (10 minutes)

325. Huizenga (MI), Tenney (NY): Requires a report to Congress on military activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China in the Arctic Region. (10 minutes)

326. Molinaro (NY), Houchin (IN): Requires a GAO study on the effectiveness of the Department of Defense Education Activity Disability Emphasis Program and how it currently supports the employment, retention, and career advancement of individuals with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities. (10 minutes)

327. Barragán (CA): Transfers ballfields located on Navy's Defense Fuel Support Point, San Pedro, California, to the Cities of Los Angeles and Lomita. (10 minutes)

328. Gottheimer (NJ), Tenney (NY), Moskowitz (FL): Requires the Secretary of Defense to report on the status of U.S.-Israel cooperation on efforts to counter threats by Iran in the form of unmanned aerial systems (UAS), including loitering munitions, otherwise known as "suicide" and "kamikaze" drones. (10 minutes)

329. Gonzales, Tony (TX), Castro (TX), Lee (NV), Buchanan (FL): Directing the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services that details the implementation of the recommendations in the Quality of Life Panel Report of April 2024, to include the Family Separation Allowance increase, as approved in the FY24 NDAA. (10 minutes)

330. Molinaro (NY): Requires a GAO study on the effectiveness of the Exceptional Family Member Program and how it currently supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (10 minutes)

331. Molinaro (NY): Directs the Department of Defense to provide periodic reports to Congress on the implementation and effec-

tiveness of naloxone distribution to servicemembers in the case of opioid overdoses. (10 minutes)

332. Pfluger (TX): Requires the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services on how augmented, virtual and extended reality capabilities have been, or potentially could be, integrated into training across the Navy. (10 minutes)

333. Magaziner (RI), Pappas (NH), Amo, Gabe (RI): Requires the Department of Defense to survey suppliers in the submarine industrial base to assess whether they are experiencing workforce shortages and to develop a strategy to expand SkillBridge participation to those suppliers to improve recruitment, particularly for smaller suppliers. (10 minutes)

334. Schweikert (AZ): Directs the Department of Defense to utilize artificial intelligence in the audit of its financial statements with the goal of achieving a clean audit opinion for the first time. (10 minutes)

335. Sherrill (NJ): Instructs the Department of Defense to conduct a study regarding how high-impact tutoring programs can be expanded in Department of Defense Education Activity elementary and secondary schools. (10 minutes)

336. Moylan (GU): Authorizes the President to Award the Medal of Honor to Retired SGM Blaz for heroic actions during the Vietnam War. (10 minutes)

337. Burlison (MO): This amendment prohibits the Secretary of Defense from entering into a contract for online tutoring services which could result in personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People's Republic of China. (10 minutes)

338. Wenstrup (OH), Turner (OH), Landsman (OH): Increases the Defense Health Program's Education and Training authorization of funding by \$25 million and offsets spending with a \$25 million reduction for Base Operations and Communication to enhance existing civilian-military partnerships for surge capacity and interoperability necessary to provide a system of care within the continental United States for casualties because of large-scale combat operations. (10 minutes)

339. Posey (FL), Soto (FL): Requires a minimum number of firefighter personnel to safeguard life and property at all space-launch capable United States Space Force installations. (10 minutes)

340. Bergman (MI): Funds Virtual Engineering for Army Readiness and Sustainment (VEARS) at \$7 million for FY25. (10 minutes)

341. Self (TX): Requires the Secretary of Defense to review and repair the personnel records of military chaplains who suffered forced separation, downgraded performance reports, denials of promotion, schooling, training, or assignment, or any other adverse personnel actions as retaliation for seeking a Religious Accommodation Request (RAR) to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate. (10 minutes)

342. Scott, Austin (GA), Houlahan (PA), Panetta (CA), Doggett (TX), Turner (OH), Crenshaw (TX), Bacon (NE), Goldman (NY), Kildee (MI), Pappas (NH), Davis (NC): Requires the Secretary of Defense to establish a common coalition key within the Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania for purposes of sharing

ammunition for the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS). (10 minutes)

343. Bergman (MI): Authorizes \$4.2 million for Humanitarian Airborne Mobile Infrastructure Capability (HAMIC) in FY25. (10 minutes)

344. Bergman (MI): Authorizes \$10 million for Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use (FC-MMU) utilizing hydrogen in FY25. (10 minutes)

345. Wilson (SC), Kiggans (VA): Prohibits DOD from purchasing solar panels from a foreign entity of concern. (10 minutes)

346. Johnson (SD), Garamendi (CA), Webster (FL), Gimenez (FL), Moolenaar (MI), Costa (CA): Requires a study and report on the production and acquisition of shipping containers from foreign adversaries. (10 minutes)

347. Schweikert (AZ): Requires the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller) to conduct a study and a report to Congress on the potential cost-saving measures of incorporating artificial intelligence (AI) and multi-domain, attributable autonomous, semi-autonomous, unmanned systems, capabilities and processes into each branch of the military and its civilian workforce within 90 days of enactment. (10 minutes)

348. Stauber (MN): Requires that the Secretary of Defense to consult with the head of any cooperating or participating agency responsible for the environmental review of a project that would increase availability of strategic or critical materials for the National Defense Stockpile. (10 minutes)

349. Scott, Austin (GA): Extends and enhances authority to conduct the Military Technician program under 32 U.S.C. § 709 informed by lessons learned from National Guard Bureau's (NGB) and Adjutants General's implementation of the Dual Status Technician (DST) program. (10 minutes)

350. Moylan (GU): Medal of Honor amendment for Staff Sergeant Martin A. Manglona, U.S. Army. (10 minutes)

PART A—TEXT OF AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8070 CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

After section 564, insert the following:

SEC. 5. PATHWAY FOR INDIVIDUALIZED COUNSELING FOR MEMBERS OF THE RESERVE COMPONENTS UNDER TAP.

Section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “(including one pathway for members of the reserve components)” after “military department concerned”.

PART B—TEXT OF AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 8070 MADE IN ORDER

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PFLUGER OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 16. EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR LONG RANGE STANDOFF CAPABILITY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force may use amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2025 for Operation and Maintenance, Air Force to reconvert the B-52 bombers that had been modified to carry only conventional

weapons to conform to the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms signed on April 8, 2010, and entered into force on February 5, 2011 (commonly known as the “New START Treaty”), to be able to carry nuclear weapons.

(b) CONVERSION OF B-52 BOMBERS.—

(1) START DATE.—Not later than 30 days after the expiration of the New Start Treaty, the Secretary of the Air Force shall commence the process of making available for nuclear certification the B-52 bombers described in subsection (a).

(2) COMPLETION DATE.—The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that the reconversion of B-52 bombers described in subsection (a) is complete by not later than December 31, 2029.

(c) FUNDING PROFILE FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION OF THE LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the funding profile necessary, by fiscal year, to expand by one-third the planned purchase of the Long Range Standoff Weapon.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 12. HELP ISRAEL RECOVER THE HOSTAGES.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) There has been substantial and sustained cooperation between United States diplomatic, military, and intelligence agencies and Israeli counterparts to help Israel release those taken hostage on the attacks of October 7th, 2023.

(2) Multiple proposals for returning the hostages and implementing a ceasefire have been developed with the help of the United States and international partners and presented to both Israel and Hamas.

(3) Hamas has impeded or outright rejected these proposals, refusing to release the hostages and extending the suffering of civilians on both sides of the border.

(4) The global community, including the United States, must exert necessary pressure on Hamas leadership to accept a ceasefire proposal, release the hostages and relinquish governing control of Gaza.

(5) It is imperative that the United States continues to work with international partners to release the remaining hostages, including 8 Americans.

(b) BRIEFING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the House and Senate Permanent Select Committees on Intelligence that contains an overview of

United States diplomatic, military, and intelligence support for Israel as it works to release the hostages.

(2) CONTENTS.—The briefing required under paragraph (1) shall contain the following, relating to supporting the release of the hostages:

(A) An overview of United States military assistance to Israel.

(B) How the United States military is assisting the Israeli military on hostage rescue planning and recovery efforts.

(C) Intelligence sharing in support of hostage release.

(D) United States personnel embedded or regularly liaising with Israel's military, intelligence, and diplomatic officials.

(E) A description of how the United States is leveraging partner nations to assist with hostage release efforts.

(F) Any other forms of assistance provided the Secretary determines relevant to Israel's efforts to release the hostages.

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

(c) HOSTAGES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “hostages” means the individuals (alive or deceased) taken by Hamas from Israel during the attacks of October 7, 2023, and the immediate aftermath, including Israelis, Americans, and citizens of other more than 22 other nations.

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

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

SEC. 1214. STATEMENT OF CONGRESS RELATING TO ISRAEL AND THE HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS.

Congress—

(1) declares that Israel is the United States' greatest ally in the Middle East; and

(2) demands the release of all hostages held captive by Hamas and their return to safety.

4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS WITH A PERSON ENGAGED IN A BOYCOTT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

The Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract with a person if such person is engaged in an activity that is politically motivated and is intended to penalize or otherwise limit significant commercial relations specifically with Israel or persons doing business in Israel or in Israeli-controlled territories.

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

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

SEC. 17. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE FOR BUILDING IN, OR REBUILDING GAZA.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Secretary of Defense for fiscal year 2025 may be made available to build in or rebuild the Gaza strip on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

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

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INTERNATIONAL DEFENSE EXHIBITIONS.

It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and its agencies should not participate in the Eurosatory Exhibition in any way until the Secretary of Defense certifies to Congress that France and the Commissariat Général des Expositions et Salons du GICAT (COGES) allow Israeli companies to fully participate in the Exhibition and are not using restrictions or the threat of restrictions on any party's participation in the Exhibition as a means of deterring Israel from defending itself.

7. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IRON DOME SYSTEM.

Congress supports the mission of the Department of Defense in helping Israel fend of attacks from Hamas by supporting the Iron Dome system.

8. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ARRINGTON OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TRANSPORT OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES.

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense may be made available for the operation of any aircraft of the Department of Defense to transport Palestinian refugees to the United States.

9. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS OF UTAH OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 6. PROHIBITION ON SALE OF GOODS FROM COMPANIES ENGAGED IN AN ANTI-ISRAEL BOYCOTT.

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

“§ 2497. Prohibition on sale of goods from companies engaged in an anti-Israel boycott

“(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not knowingly permit the sale, at a commissary store or military exchange, of any good, ware, article, or merchandise from any entity that has engaged in or engages in a boycott of the State of Israel.

“(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘boycott action’ means, with respect to a target entity, the refusal to deal with such entity, the termination of business activities with such entity, or the limitation of commercial relations with such entity.

“(2) The term ‘boycott of the State of Israel’ means a boycott action the target of which is—

“(A) the State of Israel; and

“(B)(i) any company or individual doing business in or with the State of Israel; or

“(ii) any company authorized by, licensed by, or organized under the laws of the State of Israel to do business.

“(3) The term ‘company’—

“(A) means a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or similar entity; and

“(B) includes any wholly-owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of an entity described in subparagraph (A).”.

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

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

SEC. 1214. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ISRAEL.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) since 1948, Israel has been one of the strongest friends and allies of the United States;

(2) Israel is a stable, democratic country in a region often marred by turmoil;

(3) it is essential to the strategic interest of the United States to continue to offer security assistance and related support to Israel; and

(4) such assistance and support is especially vital as Israel confronts a number of potential challenges at the present time, including continuing threats from Iran.

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

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

SEC. 17. RECORDS RELATING TO TOWER 22 ATTACK.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall make available to Congress all records relating to the January 28, 2024, attack on Tower 22 in Jordan.

12. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FROM CONSTRUCTING OR MAINTAINING PIER OFF THE COAST OF GAZA.

(a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Defense may be used to—

- (1) construct, maintain, or repair a pier off the coast of Gaza;
- (2) transport humanitarian aid to a pier off the coast of Gaza, or to any other location from where such aid will be transported to a pier off the coast of Gaza; or
- (3) deploy members of the Armed Forces for the purposes or paragraphs (1) and (2).

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to the use of funds to deconstruct and remove any existing pier off the coast of Gaza.

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

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

SEC. 17. PROHIBITION ON CONSTRUCTION OF GAZA PORT.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or by any provision of Public Law 118-50 may be made available for the acquisition, construction, installation, maintenance, or restoration of a temporary or permanent pier, port, or similar structure located in Gaza or off the western coast of Gaza in the Mediterranean Sea, or for the deployment of any equipment or members of the Armed Forces to Gaza relating to such structure.

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

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

SEC. 17. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR PRODUCTION OF FILMS AND PROHIBITION ON USE OF SUCH FUNDS FOR FILMS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS ON CONTENT OR ALTERED FOR SCREENING IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

(a) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary may only authorize the provision of technical support or access to an asset controlled by or related to the Department of Defense to enter into a contract relating to the production or funding of a film by a United States company if the United States company, as a condition of receiving the support or access—

(1) provides to the Secretary a list of all films produced or funded by that company, the content of which has been submitted, during the shorter of the preceding 10-year period or the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, to an official of the Government of the People's Republic of China (referred to in this section as the "PRC") or the Chinese Communist Party (referred to in this section as the "CCP") for evaluation with respect to screening the film in the PRC;

(2) includes, with respect to each such film—

- (A) the title of the film; and
- (B) the date on which such submission occurred;

(3) enters into a written agreement with the Secretary not to alter the content of the film in response to, or in anticipation of, a request by an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP; and

(4) submits such agreement to the Secretary.

(b) PROHIBITION WITH RESPECT TO FILMS SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS ON CONTENT OR ALTERED FOR SCREENING IN CHINA.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the President may not authorize the provision of technical support or access to any asset controlled by the Federal Government for, or authorize the head of a Federal agency to enter into any contract relating to, the production or funding of a film by a United States company if—

(1) the film is co-produced by an entity located in the PRC that is subject to conditions on content imposed by an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP; or

(2) with respect to the most recent report submitted under subsection (c), the United States company is listed in the report pursuant to subparagraph (C) or (D) of paragraph (2) of that subsection.

(c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on films disclosed under subsection (a) that are associated with a United States company that has received technical support or access to an asset controlled by the Department of Defense for, or has entered into a contract with the Federal Government relating to, the production or funding of a film.

(2) ELEMENTS.—Each report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) A description of each film listed pursuant to the requirement under subsection (a)(1), the content of which was submitted, during the shorter of the preceding 10-year period or the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, by a United States company to an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP for evaluation with respect to screening the film in the PRC, including—

- (i) the United States company that submitted the contents of the film;
- (ii) the title of the film; and
- (iii) the date on which such submission occurred.

(B) A description of each film with respect to which a United States company entered into a written agreement with the Secretary providing the support or access, as ap-

plicable, pursuant to the requirement under subsection (a)(2) not to alter the content of the film in response to, or in anticipation of, a request by an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP, during the shorter of the preceding 10-year period or the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, including—

(i) the United States company that entered into the agreement; and

(ii) the title of the film.

(C) The title of any film described pursuant to subparagraph (A), and the corresponding United States company described pursuant to clause (i) of that subparagraph—

(i) that was submitted to an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP during the preceding 3-year period; and

(ii) for which the Secretary assesses that the content was altered in response to, or in anticipation of, a request by an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP.

(D) The title of any film that is described in both subparagraph (A) and subparagraph (B), and the corresponding one or more United States companies described in clause (i) of each such subparagraph—

(i) that was submitted to an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP during the preceding 10-year period; and

(ii) for which the Secretary assesses that the content was altered in response to, or in anticipation of, a request by an official of the Government of the PRC or the CCP.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

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

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

(2) CONTENT.—The term “content” means any description of a film, including the script.

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

(4) UNITED STATES COMPANY.—The term “United States company” means a private entity incorporated under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States.

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

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

SEC. 13. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO PROMOTE A “ONE COUNTRY, TWO SYSTEMS” SOLUTION FOR TAIWAN.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense fiscal year

2025 may be used to promote a “one country, two systems” solution for Taiwan.

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

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

SEC. _____. PROHIBITION OF FUNDS TO CCP ENTITIES.

None of the funds authorized by this Act or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to any entity based in the People's Republic of China or any company whose beneficial ownership is Chinese.

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

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

SEC. 130. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN RIM OF THE PACIFIC (RIMPAC) NAVAL EXERCISES.

Section 1259 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 321 note) is amended by striking subsection (b).

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

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

SEC. 17. PROHIBITION ON DIVERTING FUNDING FROM THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available to carry out any provision of law in a manner that would divert away funds previously appropriated as of the date of the enactment of this Act for assistance for the Indo-Pacific region through September 30, 2025.

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

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

SEC. 13. LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC REPORTING OF CHINESE MILITARY COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Section 1260H(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note), as amended by section 1302, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall make the list required under paragraph (1) in English and in Mandarin Chinese. If the name of a Chinese military company included on the list is referred to by the Government of China in a language other than English or Mandarin Chinese, the Secretary

shall also include on the list the name of that company in that language.”.

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

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

SEC. 17. LIMITATION ON FUNDS.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to provide funding to support, directly or indirectly—

- (1) the Wuhan Institute of Virology located in the City of Wuhan in the People’s Republic of China;
- (2) the EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.;
- (3) any laboratory owned or controlled by the government of the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela under the regime of Nicolas Maduro Moros, or any other country determined by the Secretary of State to be a foreign adversary; or
- (4) gain-of-function research of concern.

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

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

SEC. 623. TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION ALLOWANCES: PROHIBITION OF REQUIREMENT OF ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE.

An travel or transportation allowance paid pursuant to the Joint Travel Regulations for the Uniformed Services may not require that such travel or transportation be in a zero-emission vehicle.

22. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE OF GEORGIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2025 may be used for electric vehicles or an electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

23. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BIGGS OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _____. EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973 FOR DEFENSE-RELATED OPERATIONS.

(a) EXCLUSION OF MILITARY INSTITUTIONS AS CRITICAL HABITAT.—Section 4(a)(3)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1533(a)(3)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

“(B)(i) The Secretary shall not designate as critical habitat—

“(I) any military installation or a State-owned National Guard installation, or any portion thereof, as such terms are defined in section 100 of the Sikes Act; or

“(II) any other lands, waters, or geographical area that is otherwise designated for use by the Secretary of Defense including by any contractor of the Department of Defense, if the Secretary of Defense determines in writing and submitted to the Secretary of the Interior that such area is necessary for military training, weapons testing, or any other reason determined appropriate by such Secretary of Defense.

“(ii) The Secretary of Defense shall not be required to consult with the Secretary of the Interior, under section 7(a)(2) of this Act with respect to agency action, regardless of whether the area described in clause (i) is subject to an integrated natural resources management plan prepared under section 101 of the Sikes Act.”

(b) ADDITIONAL EXCLUSIONS AND EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT FOR DEFENSE-RELATED OPERATIONS.—Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(k) EXCLUSION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE-RELATED OPERATIONS.—

“(1) EXCLUSIONS.—The prohibitions under section 9 shall not apply with respect to military personnel engaged in a national defense-related operation, unless such prohibited act is the purpose of such operation.

“(2) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this subsection—

“(A) The term ‘national defense-related operation’ means—

“(i) research, development, testing, and evaluation of military munitions, other ordinance, and weapons systems;

“(ii) the training of members of the Armed Forces in the use and handling of military munitions, other ordinance, and weapons systems;

“(iii) general training and military preparedness; or

“(iv) any action or duty that the Secretary of Defense determines necessary to support the Department of Defense in its mission.

“(B) The term ‘military personnel’ means—

“(i) a member of the Armed Forces; and

“(ii) a civilian employee or contractor (including a subcontractor at any tier) of the—

“(I) Department of Defense (including a non-appropriated fund instrumentality of the Department); or

“(II) any other Federal agency, or any provisional authority, to the extent such employment relates to supporting the mission of the Department of Defense overseas.”

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

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

SEC. 17. ~~None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be used to implement any of the following executive orders:~~

- (1) Executive Order 13990, relating to Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science To Tackle the Climate Crisis.
- (2) Executive Order 14008, relating to Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad.
- (3) Section 6 of Executive Order 14013, relating to Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs To Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration.
- (4) Executive Order 14030, relating to Climate-Related Financial Risk.
- (5) Executive Order 14057, relating to Catalyzing Clean Energy Industries and Jobs Through Federal Sustainability.
- (6) Executive Order 14082, relating to Implementation of the Energy and Infrastructure Provisions of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.
- (7) Executive Order 14096, relating to Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All.

25. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSAR OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. **AUTHORIZATION TO USE NONELECTRIC VEHICLES AT YUMA PROVING GROUND.**

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense assigned to the Yuma Proving Ground are authorized to use non-electric vehicles in the performance of their duties.

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

At the end of title VIII, add the following:

SEC. ____. **CERTIFICATION AND REPORT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL RELATING TO RADAR IMPACTS AND OFFSHORE WIND DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL PROCESS.**

- (a) CERTIFICATION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President, or his designee, shall certify in writing that—

(1) offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning areas will not weaken, degrade interfere with, or nullify the performance and capabilities of radar relied upon by commercial aviation, military aviation, space launch vehicles, or other commercial space entities; and

(2) the development of offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas will not degrade the capabilities of the Federal Aviation Administration to monitor United States Airspace, or hinder commercial, private, or military aviation activities.

(b) AUDIT AND REPORT BY INSPECTOR GENERAL.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The inspector general of Department of Transportation shall conduct a study on the effects of offshore wind industrialization related to radar, impacts to commercial air and military traffic, and the sufficiency of the review and approval process for offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas.

(2) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study required under paragraph (1), the inspector general shall—

(A) investigate—

(i) the sufficiency of the process for approving offshore wind projects, and the impact of such projects on radar, including the consultation process between the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse;

(ii) whether concerns voiced by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the United States Armed Forces were sufficiently considered in the approval process; and

(iii) whether offshore wind projects will weaken, compromise, or interfere with, or nullify the usage of radar utilized by the Federal Aviation Administration, United States Armed Forces, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as well as commercial space entities;

(B) conduct an audit of the approval applications by the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse regarding concerns voiced over the impact to radar and ability to identify airborne threats, freedom to navigate United States airspace, and ability to train within United States airspace;

(C) determine whether any offshore wind projects will impact, alter, or disrupt commercial, private, or military aviation flight paths;

(D) determine whether any offshore wind projects will impact, compromise, inhibit, or nullify the usage of radar and sonar technologies utilized by the Armed Forces and any agencies carrying out space launch programs;

(E) determine whether any offshore wind projects will impact, compromise, or inhibit the ability of the United States Coast Guard to conduct maritime safety and life-saving operations;

(F) address how offshore wind energy projects impact low-level military airspace off the Atlantic Coast; and

(G) determine whether mitigation strategies laid out in the 2016 Report on the Impact of Wind Energy Developments on Military Installations are sufficient, achievable and, realistic.

(3) REPORT.—The inspector general shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings of the study conducted under this subsection.

27. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. UTILIZATION OF OFFICE SPACE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) REPORT TO GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall annually submit a written report to the Administrator of the General Services Administration that includes the following:

- (1) Monthly total occupancy of office space.
- (2) The actual utilization of office space.
- (3) Monthly space utilization rates.
- (4) Any other office space utilization data considered important by the Administrator of the General Services Administration.

(b) FINALIZED PROCEDURES FOR THE RETURN OF OFFICE SPACE TO THE GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall draft and finalize written procedures that provide for the return of office space to the General Services Administration if the occupancy of the Department of Defense falls below a 60 percent space utilization rate for 6 months within any 1-year period.

(c) EXCEPTION FOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—This section shall not apply to office space properties used by an element of the intelligence community.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) The term “actual utilization” means the percentage of capacity used based on the space utilization rate.
- (2) The term “capacity” means a usable office space calculated by the square feet of such space divided by 150.
- (3) The term “intelligence community” has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).
- (4) The term “occupancy” means the total number of employees performing duties in-person, in office space, at least 5 days per week on a recurring basis.
- (5) The term “space utilization rate” means total usable square feet divided by occupancy.

28. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 28. PROHIBITION ON CLOSING OR REALIGNMENT OF MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT LOCATED AT PARRIS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for any fiscal year may be used to close or realign Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, South Carolina or to conduct any planning or other activity related to such closure or realignment.

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

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

SEC. 10. FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE TRAINING CENTER AT EAKER AIR FORCE BASE, BLYTHEVILLE, ARKANSAS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the feasibility and advisability of a reactivation of Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas to serve as an Air Force Training Center. Such report shall include—

- (1) an assessment of existing facilities at Eaker Air Force Base, including—
 - (A) runways;
 - (B) taxiways;
 - (C) control towers; and
 - (D) hangars;

(2) a strategic assessment of the geography and location of Eaker Air Force Base;

(3) the overall cost to the Department of Defense of such reactivation, including annual operations and maintenance costs; and

(4) whether, in the event of such reactivation, the National Cold War Center in Blytheville, Arkansas (located in close proximity to former Eaker Air Force Base (BRAC 1991)) poses any logistical or security concerns for the construction of or future training operations;

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

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

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON ATTEMPTS BY ILLEGAL ALIENS TO ACCESS MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an annual basis thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that identifies, with respect to the one-year period preceding the date of the report, the number of instances in which an alien not lawfully present in the United States—

(1) attempted to enter a military installation in the United States; or
 (2) gained entry to such an installation.

31. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS RELATING TO EXPENDITURES FOR CERTAIN MILITARY HOUSING.

It is the sense of Congress that the United States should not be spending more money to house illegal immigrants than on housing for America's military families.

32. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 9. INCLUSION OF MEXICO IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall—

- (1) remove Mexico from the area of responsibility of the United States Northern Command; and
- (2) include Mexico in the area of responsibility of the United States Southern Command.

33. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CREN-SHAW OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OPERATIONAL PLANNING TO DEFEAT MEXICAN DRUG CARTELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of such other departments and agencies as the Secretary determines appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on Department of Defense operational planning to defeat Mexican drug cartels. Such report shall include the following elements:

- (1) A history of Mexican military operations against transnational criminal organizations, including—
 - (A) areas of operations;
 - (B) operations against high value targets; and,
 - (C) after-action reviews of operations.
- (2) An assessment of Mexican military assets and capabilities, including—
 - (A) unit-specific leadership assessments;
 - (B) unit-specific strengths;
 - (C) unit-specific weaknesses;
 - (D) unit-specific readiness; and,

(E) unit-specific susceptibility to corruption or cooperation with transnational criminal organizations.

(3) An identification of any gaps in Mexican military assets and capabilities for which the United States Armed Forces could provide additional resources to assist in the defeat of Mexican drug cartels.

(4) A description of operational plans to militarily defeat Mexican drug cartels with varying levels of coordination and cooperation with the Mexican military.

(5) An assessment of additional steps that would be necessary to secure a military victory after the military defeat of such cartels.

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

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

(1) the congressional defense committee;

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and

(3) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

34. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CREN-SHAW OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. SALE OR DONATION OF EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR DRUG SURVEILLANCE AND INTERDICTION.

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

(1) by striking “the highest” and inserting “a high”; and

(2) by striking “In considering” and inserting “(1) In considering applications for the transfer of personal property under this section, the Secretary shall give the highest preference to applications indicating that the transferred property will be used in counterdrug surveillance and interdiction by local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies within 100 miles of the United States-Mexico border that have an annual budget of not more than \$200,000,000.”

“(2) In considering”.

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

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

SEC. 17. STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING FEDERAL EQUIPMENT.

(a) UNENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS UNLESS ENACTED INTO LAW.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—No regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or recommendation issued on or after May 15, 2015, that limits the sale, donation, or transfer of property of the Federal Government pursuant to Executive Order 13688 (entitled “Federal

Support for Local Law Enforcement Equipment Acquisition") or Executive Order 14074 (entitled "Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices To Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety"), including excess property of the Department of Defense, to State and local agencies for law enforcement activities (whether pursuant to section 2576a of title 10, United States Code, or any other provision of law, or as a condition on the use of Federal funds) shall have any force or effect after the date of the enactment of this Act unless enacted into law by Congress.

(2) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS.—No agency or instrumentality of the Federal Government may use any Federal funds, fees, or resources to implement or carry out a regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or recommendation issued as described in paragraph (1) that is not enacted into law by Congress.

(3) LIMITATIONS ON SUBSEQUENT EXECUTIVE ORDERS.—In accordance with this subsection, the President may not reinstate any section of the Executive orders listed in paragraph (1) nor establish any substantially similar Executive order regarding the transfer of equipment to law enforcement under section 2576a of title 10, United States Code.

(b) RETURN OR REISSUE OF EQUIPMENT RECALLED OR SEIZED PURSUANT TO REGULATIONS.—Any property recalled or seized on or after May 15, 2015, pursuant to a regulation, rule, guidance, policy, or recommendation issued as described in subsection (a)(1) shall be returned, replaced, or re-issued to the agency from which recalled or seized, at no cost to such agency, as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this Act, if—

(1) such agency requests that the property be returned, replaced, or re-issued;

(2) such agency satisfies the conditions set forth under 2576a of title 10, United States Code, authorizing transfer and use of such property, if applicable; and

(3) the property is in stock and available for transfer to the agency to be used for law enforcement activities at the time the agency submits a request referred to in paragraph (1).

36. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BIGGS OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1236. LIMITATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION.

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be made available for any project or activity relating to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) until the date on which the Secretary of Defense certifies to the congressional defense committees that each member country of NATO has spent two percent of the respective gross domestic product on defense expenditures.

**37. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE
OF GEORGIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

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

SEC. 12. PROHIBITION ON ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE.

None of the funds made available by this Act may be used for assistance to Ukraine.

**38. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON
OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES**

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

SEC. 12. REPORT AND STRATEGY FOR UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN UKRAINE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, shall develop and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains a strategy for United States involvement in Ukraine.

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

(1) define the United States national interests at stake with respect to the conflict between the Russian Federation and Ukraine;

(2) identify specific objectives the President believes must be achieved in Ukraine in order to protect the United States national interests defined in paragraph (1), and for each objective—

(A) an estimate of the amount of time required to achieve the objective, with an explanation;

(B) benchmarks to be used by the President to determine whether an objective has been met, is in the progress of being met, or cannot be met in the time estimated to be required in subparagraph (A); and

(C) estimates of the amount of resources, including United States personnel, materiel, and funding, required to achieve the objective; and

(3) list the expected contribution for security assistance made by European member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization within the next fiscal year.

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

(d) BRIEFING.—Not later than 45 days after the date of the submission of the report required by subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees, and other Members of Congress that wish to participate, a briefing on the United States strategy with respect to Ukraine and plans for the implementation of such strategy.

(e) LIMITATION ON FUNDS.—None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, or the Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024 (division B of Public Law 118–50) may be made available for Ukraine until the report required by subsection (a) is submitted to the appro-

priate congressional committees and the briefing required by subsection (d) is held.

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

- (1) the congressional defense committees; and
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

39. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSAR OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR UKRAINE.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for construction of covered military unaccompanied housing (as defined in section 2856 of title 10, United States Code) for fiscal year 2025 or any fiscal year thereafter are authorized to be transferred or otherwise made available to Ukraine or to provide any form of assistance to Ukraine.

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

Page 549, after line 15, insert the following new section:

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON SALE OR TRANSFER OF CLUSTER MUNITIONS OR MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Defense may be made available to furnish cluster munitions, to facilitate any export license for cluster munitions, or to otherwise sell or transfer any cluster munitions or cluster munitions technology.

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

Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

SEC. 11. LIMITATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION POSITIONS; HIRING FREEZE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense may not—

- (1) establish any new positions within the Department of Defense with responsibility for matters relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion; or
- (2) fill any vacancies in positions in the Department with responsibility for such matters.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed to prevent the Secretary from reducing the number of positions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion or from eliminating specific positions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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

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

SEC. 5. ELIMINATION OF OFFICES OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AND PERSONNEL OF SUCH OFFICES.

Every office of the Armed Forces and of the Department of Defense established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion is eliminated and the employment of all personnel of each such office is terminated.

43. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 9. ELIMINATION OF THE CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) REPEAL OF POSITION.—Section 147 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

(b) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 913 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 8 U.S.C. 147 note) is repealed.

(c) PROHIBITION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SIMILAR POSITIONS.—No Federal funds may be obligated or expended to establish a position within the Department of Defense that is the same as or substantially similar to—

(1) the position of Chief Diversity Officer, as described in section 147 of title 10, United States Code, as such section was in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act; or

(2) the position of Senior Advisor for Diversity and Inclusion, as described in section 913(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 147 note), as such section was in effect before the date of the enactment of this Act.

44. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE OF GEORGIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. RELOCATION OF RECONCILIATION MEMORIAL TO ORIGINAL LOCATION IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

The Secretary of the Army shall relocate the Reconciliation Memorial, also known as the Reconciliation Monument, to its original location in Arlington National Cemetery. The Reconciliation Memorial shall not be given any designation or name other than “Reconciliation Memorial” or “Reconciliation Monument” upon its relocation to Arlington National Cemetery.

45. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS OR OTHER ENTITIES THAT ENGAGE IN COVERED BEHAVIOR.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 may be used to contract with or grant awards to—

- (1) a covered entity; or
- (2) a nonprofit organization or other entity that engages in covered behavior.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) The term “covered entity” means—
 - (A) NewsGuard Technologies, Inc. (doing business as “NewsGuard”); or
 - (B) Disinformation Index, Inc., Disinformation Index, Ltd., or Global Disinformation Index gUG (collectively doing business as “Global Disinformation Index”).
- (2) The term “covered behavior” means operations, activities, or products, the function of which is to demonetize or rate the credibility of a domestic entity (including news and information outlets) based on lawful speech of such domestic entity under the stated function of “fact-checking” misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation.
- (3) The term “nonprofit organization” means an organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

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

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

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS IN SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY.

(a) PROHIBITION ON PORNOGRAPHY AND RADICAL GENDER IDEOLOGY.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 or any fiscal year thereafter for the Department of Defense Education Activity may be obligated or expended to purchase, maintain, or display in a school library or classroom—

- (1) any material that contains, depicts, or otherwise includes pornographic content; or
- (2) any material that espouses, advocates, or promotes radical gender ideology.

(b) DEADLINE FOR REMOVAL.—The Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity shall ensure that any material described in subsection (a) that this is in a library or classroom of a school operated by the Activity is removed not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) The term “pornographic content” means any virtual-reality technology, video, image, drawing, sound, instruction, reading material, writing material, presented via any medium in a classroom, school library, on school grounds, or as part of

a school-sponsored or school-affiliated event that depicts, describes, or presents, in whole or in part—

- (A) nudity, sex organs, or sexual acts;
- (B) obscenity;
- (C) indecent material (as defined by the Secretary of Defense taking into consideration applicable Federal regulations); or
- (D) lewd or sexual acts in a manner intended to cause sexual arousal.

(2) The term “radical gender ideology” means any concept, teaching, instruction, or curriculum that—

- (A) states or suggests biological sex is a social construct;
- (B) states or suggests biological sex is fluid, interchangeable, or exists beyond the binary of male and female;
- (C) states or suggests that an individual can be trapped in the wrong body or have a different identity than that of their biological sex;
- (D) encourages, promotes, or advocates the use of personal pronouns unaligned with an individual’s biological sex; or
- (E) encourages, promotes, or advocates hormone replacement, puberty blockers, or gender reassignment surgery as a safe, necessary, or optional treatment for an individual.

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

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

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON PROMOTION OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND ASSOCIATED RACE-BASED THEORIES.

(a) PROTECTION FROM CRITICAL RACE THEORY INDOCTRINATION.—No employee of the Department of Defense or member of the Armed Forces acting in their official capacity may promote, endorse, or advocate for critical race theory or associated race-based theories described in subsection (b) or may compel or train any member of the Armed Forces or employee of the Department of Defense to believe or profess belief in such theories.

(b) ASSOCIATED RACE-BASED THEORIES DESCRIBED.—In this section, the term “associated race-based theories” includes the following principles:

- (1) That any race, ethnicity, color, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior to any other race, ethnicity, color, or national origin.
- (2) That the United States is a fundamentally racist country.
- (3) That the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, or the Federalist Papers are fundamentally racist documents.
- (4) That an individual’s moral character or worth is determined by the individual’s race, ethnicity, color, or national origin.
- (5) That an individual, by virtue of the individual’s race, is inherently racist or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously.
- (6) That an individual, by virtue of race, bears collective guilt and is inherently responsible for actions committed in the past

by other members of the individual's race, ethnicity, color, or national origin.

(7) That an individual, by virtue of the individual's race, should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment to achieve diversity, equity, or inclusion.

(8) That an individual should feel discomfort, guilt, or any other form of psychological distress on account of the individual's race, color, or national origin.

(9) That virtues such as merit, excellence, hard work, fairness, neutrality, objectivity, and racial colorblindness are racist or in any way discriminatory, or were created by members of a particular race, color, or national origin to oppress members of another race, color, or national origin.

(10) That to be "antiracist" requires explicitly or implicitly promoting racial discrimination to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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

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

SEC. 17. PROHIBITION ON FUNDING FOR THE COUNTERING EXTREMIST ACTIVITY WORKING GROUP.

No Federal funds are authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Countering Extremist Activity Working Group or to implement any recommendations of such group.

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

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

SEC. 10. ELIMINATION OF DISCRETION OF MILITARY CHAIN OF COMMAND AND SENIOR CIVILIAN LEADERSHIP WITH RESPECT TO DISPLAY OF FLAGS.

Section 1052(d)(1)(N) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 10 U.S.C. 2661 note) is amended by striking subparagraph (N).

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

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

SEC. 5. EXPANSIONS OF INCREASED FITNESS STANDARDS FOR ARMY CLOSE COMBAT FORCE MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTIES.

Section 577 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 10 U.S.C. 7013 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking "Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall implement increased minimum fitness standards as part of the Army Combat Fitness Test" and inserting "Not

later than 14 months after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the Secretary of the Army shall implement sex-neutral fitness standards that are enhanced in each test category”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new paragraphs: “(21) 25C assigned to infantry, cavalry, and engineer line companies or troops in brigade combat teams and infantry battalions.

“(22) 68W assigned to infantry, cavalry, and engineer line companies or troops in brigade combat teams and infantry battalions.”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “Not later than 365 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army” and inserting “Not later than 13 months after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the Secretary of the Army shall”.

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

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

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION OF REQUIREMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO WEAR A MASK TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

The Secretary of Defense may not require an individual to wear a mask while on a military installation in the United States to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

52. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSENDALE OF MONTANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 714. PROHIBITION ON COVERAGE OF CERTAIN GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES AND RELATED SERVICES UNDER TRICARE PROGRAM.

Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1076f the following new section (and conforming the table of sections at the beginning of such chapter accordingly):

“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: prohibition on coverage and furnishment of certain gender transition surgeries and related services

“(a) PROHIBITION.—The medical care to which individuals are entitled to under this chapter does not include the services described in subsection (b) and the Secretary of Defense may not furnish any such service.

“(b) SERVICES DESCRIBED.—The services described in this subsection are the following:

“(1) Gender transition surgeries furnished for the purpose of the gender alteration of an individual who identifies as transgender.

“(2) Hormone treatments furnished for the purpose of the gender alteration of an individual who identifies as transgender.”.

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

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

SEC. 5. PROHIBITIONS ON PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION SERVICES THROUGH AN EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—No gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, may be provided to a minor dependent child through an EFMP.

(b) **REFERRALS.**—No referral for procedures described in subsection (a) may be provided to a minor dependent child through an EFMP.

(c) **REASSIGNMENT.**—No change of duty station may be approved through an EFMP for the purpose of providing a minor dependent child with access to procedures described in subsection (a).

(d) **EFMP DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “EFMP” means the program referred to as the Exceptional Family Member Program under section 1781c(d)(4)(I) of title 10, United States Code.

54. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BRECHEEN OF OKLAHOMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. LIMITATION ON FUNDING ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY PERSONS IN DRAG.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be obligated or expended for a drag show, drag queen story hour, or similar event.

55. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE VAN DUYNE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 7. PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF EXPENSES RELATING TO ABORTION SERVICES.

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

(1) consistent with section 1093 of title 10, United States Code, the Department of Defense may not use any funds for abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or in a case in which the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest;

(2) the Secretary of Defense has no legal authority to implement any policies in which funds are to be used for such purpose; and

(3) the Department of Defense Memorandum titled “Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care”, dated October 20, 2022, is therefore unlawful and must be rescinded.

(b) REPEAL OF MEMORANDUM.—

(1) REPEAL.—The Department of Defense memorandum titled “Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care”, dated October 20, 2022, shall have no force or effect.

(2) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT MEMORANDUM.—No funds may be obligated or expended to carry out the memorandum specified in paragraph (1) or any successor to such memorandum.

(c) PROHIBITION.—Section 1093 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(c) PROHIBITION ON PAYMENT OR REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTAIN FEES.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may not pay for or reimburse any fees or expenses, including travel expenses, relating to a health-care professional gaining a license in a State if the purpose of gaining such license is to provide abortion services.

“(2) In this subsection:

“(A) The term ‘health-care professional’ means a member of the armed forces, civilian employee of the Department of Defense, personal services contractor under section 1091 of this title, or other individual who provides health care at a military medical treatment facility.

“(B) The term ‘license’ has the meaning given that term in section 1094 of this title.”.

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

Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

SEC. 11. REPORT ON USE OF TAXPAYER-FUNDED OFFICIAL TIME.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report describing the use of taxpayer-funded official time, as authorized by section 7131 of title 5, United States Code.

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

(A) The total aggregate number of hours spent on official time by Department of Defense employees for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, as well as the overall cost to the Department of official time use during each of those periods.

(B) The total number of Department of Commerce employees who used official time, in any amount, during fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

(C) For those Department of Defense employees who used official time during fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023, the total number who used 100 percent official time.

(D) A description of how many employees utilized official time during fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 in the following amounts:

(i) 99–75 percent of total work hours.

- (ii) 74–50 percent of total work hours.
- (iii) 49–25 percent of total work hours.
- (iv) Less than 25 percent of total work hours.

(E) The salaries and benefits of all Department of Defense employees using 100 percent official time.

(F) The total value of free or discounted use of Department of Defense government property by individuals on taxpayer-funded official time.

(b) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in an unclassified form and made available on a public website hosted by the Department of Defense.

57. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSENDALE OF MONTANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10____. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF ARMED FORCES TO DETAIN CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Section 1021(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112–81; 10 U.S.C. 801 note) is amended, in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “, other than a citizen of the United States,” after “any person”.

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

Strike section 565 and insert the following:

SEC. 565. TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR AND PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall carry out a pilot program to be known as the “Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program”. The pilot program shall supplement the program under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code.

(b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program under this section, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall—

(1) seek to enter into contracts with public, private, and non-profit entities under which such entities provide individualized employment counseling for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses;

(2) prioritize entering into contracts with qualified private entities that have experience providing instruction to members of the Armed Forces eligible for assistance under the pilot program carried out under this section on—

- (A) private sector culture, resume writing, career networking, and training on job search technologies;
- (B) academic readiness and educational opportunities; or
- (C) other relevant topics, as determined by the Secretary;

(3) prioritize entering into a contract with a qualified private entity that is an existing Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program partner with experience integrating members of the Armed Forces into local communities across the entire nation, to:

- (A) Lead the program in clause (2) and, following person-to-person interactions and discussions with the individuals seeking assistance, provide referrals to the organizations under contract with the Secretary based on the Armed Forces member or veterans preferences, geographic location, and other factors;
- (B) Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to the those individuals receiving assistance under this title, to include services with other matters related to transition, and remain in contact with the individuals through person-to-person engagements throughout the process;
- (iii) Provide close coordination with contracted organizations and follow-up communications with those enrolled in the Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program to ensure a smooth transition;
- (iv) Ensure the Secretary is provided with appropriate data on referrals, outcomes, and issues that arise to enable proper oversight of the program;

(4) give a preference to any private entity that—

- (A) has a national or international geographical area of service;
- (B) provides multiple forms of career assistance and placement services to—
 - (i) active duty members of the Armed Forces;
 - (ii) spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces;
 - (iii) veterans; and
 - (iv) spouses of veterans;
- (C) provides services to at least 1,000 individuals who are—
 - (i) active duty members of the Armed Forces;
 - (ii) spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces;
 - (iii) veterans; or
 - (iv) spouses of veterans;
- (D) has continuously, for at least the three-year period immediately preceding the date of the contract, provided services to individuals who are—
 - (i) active duty members of the Armed Forces;
 - (ii) spouses of active duty members of the Armed Forces;
 - (iii) veterans; and
 - (iv) spouses of veterans; and
- (E) has a demonstrated record of success in providing assistance with employment services, as indicated by—

- (i) the average wages or earnings of people who receive employment services provided by the entity;
- (ii) prior completion of Federal grants or contracts;
- (iii) having at least 75 percent of its participants find full-time employment within six months of initially receiving employment services provided by the entity; and
- (iv) other employment performance indicators, as determined by the Secretary; and
- (5) seek to enter into contracts with not fewer than 10, but not more than 60, private entities under which each such entity is compensated at a rate agreed upon between the Secretary and the entity for each individual who receives employment services provided by the entity and is in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program; and
- (6) conduct such other activities as may be necessary for the delivery of individualized employment counseling and other employment services under this section.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than October 1 of each year during the term of the pilot program, the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the pilot program under this section, including the employment outcomes for members of the Armed Forces and their spouses who receive employment services under the program on the following indicators of performance—

- (1) the percentage of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program;
- (2) the percentage of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the fourth quarter after exit from the program; and
- (3) the median earnings of program participants who are in unsubsidized employment during the second quarter after exit from the program.

(d) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate five years after the date on which the Secretary of Labor begins to carry out the pilot program.

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

At the appropriate place in subtitle B of title XVII:

SEC. _____. EXTENSION OF REPORT ON ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS-AFFILIATED OPERATIVES ABROAD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for a period of 4 years, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes a detailed description of—

(1) all Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-affiliated operatives serving in diplomatic or consular roles abroad; and
 (2) the ways in which the Department of State and the Department of Defense are working with partner countries to inform them of the threat posed by Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps-affiliated officials serving in diplomatic or consular roles in third party countries.

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

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

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

60. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRAVES OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle D of title XII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 12. AUTHORITY TO BUILD CAPACITY OF FOREIGN SECURITY FORCES.

Section 333(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(10) Counter-illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing operations.”.

61. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REQUIREMENT TO USE “TAIWAN”.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Defense may not use “Chinese Taipei” and shall use “Taiwan”, except—

(1) in historical context explaining the People’s Republic of China’s attempt to control Taiwan through persuasion and coercion; or

(2) in the formal title of a Federal document.

(b) REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE WEBSITE.—Not later than 14 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure the website of the Department of Defense meets the requirements of this section.

62. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUCHIN OF INDIANA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. PARENTAL RIGHT TO NOTICE OF STUDENT NONPROFICIENCY IN READING OR LANGUAGE ARTS.

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each elementary school operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity

notifies the parents of any student enrolled in such school when the student does not score as grade-level proficient in reading or language arts at the end of the third grade based on the reading or language arts assessments administered under section 1111(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(aa) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(v)(I)(aa)) or another assessment administered to all third grade students by such school.

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

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following new section:

SEC. 31. DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION AS TECHNICAL NUCLEAR FORENSICS LEAD.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3211(b) of the National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2401(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) To lead the technical nuclear forensics efforts of the United States.”

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The amendment made by this section may not be construed to alter the functions vested in any department or agency of the Federal Government by statute other than the National Nuclear Security Administration pursuant to such amendment.

64. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOSAR OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle D of title XII, add the following new section:

SEC. 17. REPORT ON TRAINING OF UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES.

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 an unclassified report on the presence of members of the Ukrainian armed forces within the geographic boundaries of the United States during and after fiscal year 2022. Such report shall also include the following information:

- (1) The total number of Ukrainian service members trained, including pilots, disaggregated by fiscal year.
- (2) The total number of funds expended to furnish goods and services to Ukrainian service members, disaggregated by fiscal year.
- (3) The specific goods and services provided to Ukrainian service members by the Department of Defense while in the United States.
- (4) The outcomes and any evaluation records of Ukrainian service members who completed such training.

65. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE VAN DUYNE OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON USE OF SPACE-AVAILABLE TRAVEL FOR DONATED HUMAN ORGANS.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a feasibility study regarding the transport of human organs, by organ procurement organizations, under the space-available travel program under section 2641b of title 10, United States Code.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than September 30, 2025, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding such study, including the determinations of the Secretary.

(c) ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “organ procurement organization” has the meaning given such term in section 6 of the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Gift of Life Medal Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-413; 42 U.S.C. 274i-4).

66. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOEBERT OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. REPORT ON RECEIPT OF FUNDING FROM CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on United States institutions of higher education that host Confucius Institutes and have received funding from the Department of Defense.

67. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _____. BUY AMERICA REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIPYARD MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Section 53733 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) BUY AMERICA.—Section 54101(d)(2) shall apply to any funds obligated by the Administrator under this section.”.

SEC. _____. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

(a) CHAPTER 537.—The analysis for chapter 537 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to section 53703 and inserting the following:

“53703. Application and administration.”.

(b) CHAPTER 541.—The analysis for chapter 541 of title 46, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“CHAPTER 541—MISCELLANEOUS

“Sec.

“54101. Assistance for small shipyards.”.

68. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARAMENDI OF CALIFORNIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle B of title IX the following:

SEC. 9. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

(a) **MEMBERSHIP ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.**—Section 151(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) The Commandant of the Coast Guard.”.

(b) **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN; GRADE AND RANK.**—Section 152 of such title is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1)(B) by striking “or the Commandant of the Marine Corps” and inserting “the Commandant of the Marine Corps, or the Commandant of the Coast Guard”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “Navy” and inserting “Navy or Coast Guard”.

(c) **VICE CHAIRMAN.**—Section 154(f) of such title is amended by striking “Navy” and inserting “Navy or Coast Guard”.

(d) **INCLUSION ON THE JOINT STAFF.**—Section 155(a) of such title is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “(other than the Coast Guard)”;.

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “and” at the end;

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

“(D) the Coast Guard.”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “Secretary of the military department having jurisdiction over that armed force” and inserting “Secretary concerned”.

(e) **DUTIES AS MEMBER OF JOINT STAFF.**—Section 302 of title 14, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “The President may” and inserting the following:

“(a) The President may”; and

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

“(b)(1) The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall also perform the duties prescribed for the Commandant as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under section 151 of title 10.

“(2) To the extent that such action does not impair the independence of the Commandant in the performance of the Commandant’s duties as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Commandant shall inform the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating regarding military advice rendered by members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on matters affecting such department.

“(3) Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, the Commandant shall keep the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating fully informed of significant military operations affecting the duties and responsibilities of such Secretary.”.

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

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

SEC. 12. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE BY NATO MEMBER STATES.

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

70. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BACON OF NEBRASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. COPYRIGHT PROTECTION FOR CERTAIN LITERARY WORKS OF MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY OF CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.

Section 105(d) of title 17, United States Code, is amended—
 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “civilian”; and
 (2) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the following:
 “(O) Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.”.

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

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

SEC. 17. REVOCATION OF SECURITY CLEARANCES FOR CERTAIN PERSONS.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense shall suspend or revoke a security clearance or access to classified information for any retired or separated member of the uniformed service or civilian employee of the Department of Defense who engages in the activities described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—The activities described in this subsection are lobbying activities or lobbying contacts for or on behalf of any entity that is—

(1) identified by the Secretary of Defense in the most recent report submitted under section 1260H(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note) as a Chinese military company;

(2) included in the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List published by the Department of the Treasury;

(3) owned by or controlled by an agency or instrumentality of any person described in paragraphs (1) or (2); or

(4) an agency or instrumentality of any person described in paragraphs (1) or (2).

(c) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may, for periods not to exceed 180 days, waive the application of the prohibition in subsection (a) for an individual if the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees that doing so is in the national security interest of the United States.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “lobbying activities” has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602).

(2) The term “lobbying contact” has the meaning given such term in section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1602) except that clause (iv) of paragraph (8)(B)(iv) of such section shall not apply.

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

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

SEC. 17. REPORT ON IRANIAN OIL SALES PROCEEDS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes each of the following:

(1) An assessment of how proceeds from illicit Iranian oil sales support Iran’s military and security budget.

(2) An assessment of the extent to which the funds described in paragraph (1) have been used directly or indirectly by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, Hamas, Hizballah, or other Iranian proxies.

(3) An overview of efforts undertaken to enforce sanctions against Iran’s energy sector, including interdictions of tankers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 31. LIST OF POTENTIAL ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a list of at least 30 potential opportunities to deploy advanced nuclear technology to bolster the operational energy, installation energy, and expeditionary energy capabilities of the Department of Defense.

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

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

SEC. 3 _____. FUNDING FOR BASE SUPPORT.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for operating forces, line 090 as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301 for Operations and Maintenance, for base support, is hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Administration and Service-Wide Activities for line 410 as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for Administration is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

75. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CASE OF HAWAII OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _____. STUDY AND REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO NET METERING.

Not later than 180 days the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) shall carry out a study and submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes—

- (1) a summary of the policies and procedures of the Department of the Navy in effect as of the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to net metering;
- (2) a list of each military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Navy that uses net metering as of such date;
- (3) a summary of best practices developed by each such military installation with respect to encouraging the use of net metering;
- (4) recommendations of the Secretary of the Navy with respect to potential regulatory and statutory actions to assist the Navy utilize the full benefits of net metering.

76. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BACON OF NEBRASKA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5 _____. AIR FORCE RAPID RESPONSE LANGUAGE PILOT PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall establish a pilot program to enable—

- (1) agile response to sudden requirements for skills in new languages where capability is limited or non-existent;
- (2) agile response to surge for any language required due to responses to conflict, humanitarian disaster, or other military requirements; and
- (3) development of innovative language learning technologies for delivering synchronous and asynchronous language training for Air Force linguists and other Air Force language enabled personnel.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, on the results of the pilot program, including the number of courses developed, the number of personnel trained, the languages taught, the proficiency levels attained, response time to develop courses and train personnel, and availability for training personnel while on the job.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than July 1, 2025, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives on implementation of this section and plans regarding continuing language education described in subsection (a).

(d) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall expire on September 30, 2028.

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

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

SEC. _____. REPORT ON WAR IN UKRAINE.

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

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

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

SEC. 6_____. MWR RETAIL FACILITIES: USE BY CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 54 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 1067. MWR facilities: civilian employees

“(a) CURRENT EMPLOYEES.—Subject to subsection (c) of this section and section 1066 of this title, a civilian employee of the Department of Defense or department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall be permitted to use MWR retail facilities on the same basis as members of the armed forces on active duty.

“(b) RETIRED EMPLOYEES.—Subject to subsection (c), a retired civilian employee of the Department of Defense or department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall be permitted to use MWR retail facilities on the same basis as members of the armed forces on active duty.

“(c) LIMITATION.—A civilian employee or retired civilian employee may not purchase tobacco or a military uniform at MWR retail facilities.

“(d) MWR RETAIL FACILITIES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘MWR retail facilities’ has the meaning given such term in section 1063 of this title.”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations under section 1067 of such title, as added by this section, not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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

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

SEC. 12. REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WITH THE LIMITATION ON MILITARY-TO-MILITARY EXCHANGE OR CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report that describes compliance by the Department of Defense with the limitation on military-to-military exchange or contact with representatives of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China under section 1201 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (10 U.S.C. 168 note).

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a description of measures the Department of Defense is taking to mitigate the risk of the People's Liberation Army gaining indirect knowledge of United States Armed Forces' equipment and operational tactics, techniques, and products through interaction with the militaries of United States allies and partners; and

(2) an identification of any obstacles to ensuring United States allies and partners are sufficiently aware of the risk described in paragraph (1) and on conducting the necessary follow-up and end-use monitoring to ensure compliance by such allies and partners.

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

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

SEC. _____. FUNDING FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for basic research, National Defense Education Program, line 6, is hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 4301 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide, for Washington Headquarters Services, line 480, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

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

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

SEC. 7. REQUIREMENTS STUDY AND STRATEGY FOR COMBAT MEDICAL SUPPORT DURING CRISIS OR CONFLICT IN THE INDO-PACIFIC.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness shall conduct a study to determine the requirements for combat medical support during a crisis or conflict in the Indo-Pacific and in support of the objectives of the national defense strategy. Such study shall include the following:

(1) Identification of anticipated medical requirements necessary to support a most likely conflict scenario in the Indo-Pacific, including—

(A) requirements for short-term, mid-term, and long-term contingency and steady-state medical operations against adversaries;

(B) requirements for medical equipment, facilities, and personnel, to include anticipated medical specialties needed;

(C) timelines associated with activating or mobilizing total force medical personnel and equipment; and

(D) the role of the Integrated CONUS Medical Operations Plan.

(2) An assessment of the ideal posture of medical personnel and equipment, including—

(A) locations ideal for pre-positioning medical personnel, equipment, and assets, to include hospital ships and expeditionary medical facilities;

(B) the role of fixed military medical treatment facilities and their personnel in Hawaii and elsewhere in the Indo-Pacific;

(C) infrastructure requirements or considerations in Hawaii, Guam, and other U.S. installations in the Indo-Pacific; and

(D) current or potential partner nation support capabilities or agreements.

(3) An assessment of the rotary, tilt, and fixed wing aircraft and key medical evacuation enabling capabilities that—

(A) are needed to meet the requirements identified under paragraph (1);

(B) have been accounted for in the budget as of the date of the study; or

(C) that are being considered or in development and the projected timeline to meet full operational capability.

(4) Identification of any medical care or support capability gaps, including an assessment of—

(A) whether and to what extent such gaps may affect the ability of the joint force to provide medical support and care during a conflict; and

(B) any capability gaps attributable to unfunded requirements.

(5) Identification and assessment of key current, emerging, and future technologies with potential applications to the combat medical support and medical evacuation mission.

(b) **STRATEGY REQUIRED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Based on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall develop a strategy to meet the requirements identified under such study.

(2) **ELEMENTS.**—The strategy under paragraph (1) shall include—

- (A) a prioritized list of capabilities, equipment and infrastructure needed to meet the requirements identified under subsection (a);
- (B) the estimated costs of such capabilities, equipment, and infrastructure; and
- (C) the roles of each service component in contributing to combat medical support from point of injury to recovery.

(3) **SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.**—

- (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than one year after the enactment of this Act, the Office of Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the strategy developed under paragraph (1).
- (B) **FORM.**—The report shall be submitted in unclassified form, by may include a classified annex.

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) An analysis of pharmacy access in rural areas under such contracts, including:
 - (A) The number of TRICARE beneficiaries and number of TRICARE network retail pharmacies located in rural areas.
 - (B) The average drive time to the nearest TRICARE network retail pharmacy for a beneficiary residing in rural areas.
 - (C) The number of beneficiaries who live farther than a 15-minute drive to a TRICARE retail network pharmacy.
 - (D) An assessment of medication compliance rates for beneficiaries residing in rural areas for the three years prior to October 24, 2022 compared to the period-to-date following October 24, 2022.
- (2) An analysis of TRICARE retail pharmacy network capabilities under such contracts, including the number of network pharmacies offering—

- (A) long-term care services;
- (B) prescription drug compounding services; and
- (C) home infusion therapy services.

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

- (A) Data on affected beneficiaries' use of MTF pharmacies, TRICARE mail order program, Accredo, departed retail pharmacies, network retail pharmacies.
- (B) An assessment of medication compliance rates for affected beneficiaries for the three years prior to October 24, 2022 compared to the period-to-date following October 24, 2022.
- (C) Data on affected beneficiaries' use of pharmacies that offer long-term care services, compound pharmacies, home infusion therapy.
- (D) The number of affected beneficiaries and number of total TRICARE beneficiaries by age group: Under age 18, 18–24, 25–44, 45–64, 65–79, 80 and older.

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

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

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

- (A) The number of beneficiaries who used a non-network pharmacy.
- (B) The number of non-network claims submitted.
- (C) For all non-network claims submitted—
 - (i) the average TRICARE allowed amount per prescription;
 - (ii) the average TRICARE amount paid per prescription; and
 - (iii) the average beneficiary out-of-pocket cost per prescription.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) The term “affected beneficiary” means a beneficiary who filled at least one prescription in the year preceding October 24, 2022 at a departed pharmacy.
- (2) The term “beneficiary” has the meaning given that term in section 1074g(i) of title 10, United States Code.
- (3) The term “departed retail pharmacy” means a retail pharmacy that participated in the TRICARE network in September, 2022 but left the network with the transition to the TPharm5 contract.

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

(5) The term “rural”—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

84. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE EDWARDS OF NORTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle E of title XXVIII, insert the following:

SEC. 28. SURVEY OF CERTAIN COUNTIES FOR PLACEMENT OF FACILITIES.

(a) **SURVEY REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress the results of a survey of the counties described in subsection (b) to assess potential placement of operational, training, or other facilities for use by the military departments in such counties.

(b) **COUNTIES DESCRIBED.**—The counties described in this subsection are located in the State of North Carolina and are as follows:

- (1) Buncombe County.
- (2) Cherokee County.
- (3) Clay County.
- (4) Graham County.
- (5) Haywood County.

- (6) Henderson County.
- (7) Jackson County.
- (8) Macon County.
- (9) Madison County.
- (10) McDowell County.
- (11) Polk County.
- (12) Rutherford County.
- (13) Swain County.
- (14) Transylvania County.
- (15) Yancey County.

(c) SURVEY REQUIREMENTS.—The survey required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

- (1) An assessment of the mountainous and varied terrains in the areas described in subsection (b) and the feasibility of programs that use this geography, including programs for basic survival skills, dam and reservoir exercises, whitewater rafting exercises, thick vegetation exercises, air drop exercises, and mountainous warfare exercises.
- (2) An evaluation of defense assets located in the State of North Carolina and the lack of defense assets in the area described in subsection (b).

(d) SURVEY CONSIDERATIONS.—The survey shall assesses the feasibility of the placement of operational, training, and other facilities as follows:

- (1) Consideration of relevant civilian assets in the area described in subsection (b).
- (2) Consideration of assets of Department of Defense contractors in such area.
- (3) Proximity of such to current defense assets, including Fort Liberty.
- (4) Consideration of the geographic similarities of such area to geographic regions critical to United States defense policy, including the Indo-Pacific region, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

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

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT FROM COMPANIES PROVIDING SEMICONDUCTORS AND SEMICONDUCTOR-RELATED PRODUCTS TO HUAWEI.

(a) PROHIBITION.—Beginning on the date that is 90 days after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall not enter into or renew a contract for the procurement of any covered semiconductor products and services for the Department of Defense with any entity that provides covered semiconductor products and services to Huawei.

(b) CERTIFICATION PROCESS.—The Secretary of Defense shall, not later than the date on which the prohibition in subsection (a) of this section takes effect, develop and implement a process requiring each entity seeking to provide covered semiconductor products and services to the Department of Defense to certify to the Department

of Defense that such entity does not provide covered semiconductor products and services to Huawei.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

- (1) the term “covered semiconductor products and services” means—
 - (A) semiconductors;
 - (B) equipment for manufacturing semiconductors; and
 - (C) tools for designing semiconductors; and
- (2) the term “Huawei” means—
 - (A) Huawei Technologies Company;
 - (B) any entity that is a subsidiary, owner, beneficial owner, affiliate, or successor of Huawei Technologies Company; and
 - (C) any entity that is directly or indirectly controlled by Huawei Technologies Company.

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

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

SEC. 5. MILITARY TRAINING AND COMPETENCY DATABASE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DATABASE.—

- (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish—
 - (A) a centralized database, to be known as the “Military Training and Competency Database” (referred to in this section as the “Database”), to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces; and
 - (B) a process to make the information in the database available to States and potential employers to assist in determining if the training provided to a member or former member of the Armed Forces satisfies civilian licensing and certification requirements.
- (2) CONTENTS.—The Database shall include following information for each member of the Armed Forces:
 - (A) Name, rank, and military service identification number.
 - (B) Branch of service and specialty.
 - (C) Details of completed training courses, certifications, and qualifications.
 - (D) Any other information the Secretary determines appropriate.

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

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

(b) COMPETENCY REPORTS.—

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

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

- (A) Relevant personal details about the member.
- (B) Description of training courses, certifications, and qualifications obtained.
- (C) Date and duration of each completed training.
- (D) Authorized signatures and other necessary authentication.

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

(c) IMPLEMENTATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish the necessary regulations, procedures, and timelines for the implementation of this section.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 5. MILITARY VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CURRICULUM.—

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

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

avoidance, defensive driving techniques, and vehicle recovery methods.

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

(b) CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.—

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

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

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

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

(c) DEADLINES.—

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 18. HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES ON HOUSING WAITLISTS.

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

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

- (1) installation-specific data on the number of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents on military housing waitlists;
- (2) an identification of the time spent by each such member and their dependents awaiting appropriate housing accommodations;
- (3) an analysis of the factors that are creating the need for such waitlists; and
- (4) an assessment of the causes of waitlist durations that exceed 10 days.

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

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

SEC. 10. UNIVERSITY CENTERS FOR ARCTIC NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) Investments in improving our understanding of the Arctic environment are critical to ensuring the national security of the United States.

(2) The Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies is vital to understanding and addressing the strategic implications of the current and emerging Arctic security challenge.

(3) The Arctic environment is rapidly changing and accurate and consistent data and analysis is needed to produce evidence-based policy.

(4) The academic community is well-positioned to support efforts to advance critical Arctic national security studies.

(b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Beginning not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish or designate one or more one or more University Centers

for Arctic National Security Studies at institutions of higher education.

(c) ACTIVITIES.—A University Center established or designated under subsection (b) shall carry out activities—

- (1) in collaboration with the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies and other relevant entities, to set mission priorities for the Department of Defense relating to the Arctic domain;
- (2) to support academic research to advance evidence-based policy making on matters relating to the Arctic;
- (3) to improve the Department's understanding of the ever-changing Arctic environment; and
- (4) to foster collaboration between researchers and students to advance Arctic national security studies.

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

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

SEC. 5 . MILITARY RECRUITER PHYSICAL ACCESS TO CAMPUSES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 2 of Part F of title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7901 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 8528 the following:

“SEC. 8528A. MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMPUSES.

“Each local educational agency receiving assistance under this Act shall provide military recruiters the same access to the campus of each secondary school served by the local educational agency for the purpose of recruiting students who are at least 17 years of age that is provided to any prospective employer, institution of higher education, or other recruiter.”

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING.—On an annual basis, the Secretary of Defense shall—

- (1) collect information from military recruiters regarding the compliance of local educational agencies with the requirements of section 8528A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (as added by subsection (a)); and
- (2) based on such information, prepare and submit to the Secretary of Education a report that—
 - (A) identifies each local educational agency that the Secretary of Defense determines to be in violation of such section; and
 - (B) explains the reasons for such determination.

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

Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

SEC. 11. GAO REPORT ON HOME-BASED BUSINESSES AT REMOTE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to address critical quality of life, morale, and welfare issues, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall assess and submit a report to the Secretary of Defense on the following:

(1) The average number of Home-Based Businesses operating at remote and isolated installations in the United States in comparison to Home-Based Businesses operating at other military installations. In carrying out this paragraph, the Comptroller General shall account for the differences in military population size.

(2) The average rate of approval for new Home-Based Businesses at remote and isolated United States installations in comparison to new approvals for new Home-Based Businesses operating at other military installations, by military service.

(3) The average number of days required for a Home-Based Business application to be approved at remote and isolated United States installations in comparison to similar Home-Based Business applications (to the greatest extent practicable) at other military installations, by military service.

(4) The effectiveness of each services' utilization and implementation of the Home-Based Business program.

(5) Any recommendations on—

(A) additional incentives for military personnel, Department of Defense civilian employees, and their family members to establish Home-Based Businesses at remote and isolated installations to more effectively ensure that the quality-of-life services provided through the program meet the mission of their applicable military installation;

(B) additional commercial products and services that are eligible to be provided through the Home-Based Businesses program; and

(C) ways to simplify, streamline, and generally improve the approval and application process for Home-Based Business applications.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “effectiveness” means the capability of increasing the quality of life for servicemembers and their families residing on a military installation; and

(2) the term “military installation” has the meaning given that term in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code.

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

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

SEC. 8. REPORT ON DOMESTIC SITES FOR RARE EARTH ELEMENT MINING.

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

- (1) that have a high potential for containing deposits of rare earth elements;
- (2) where new or additional mining operations for rare earth elements could be established; or
- (3) that are suitable for mining for rare earth elements, as determined by a feasibility study conducted by the Defense Logistics Agency.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) **COORDINATION.**—The Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness may request and utilize the support of other rel-

event government agencies, as appropriate, in conducting such study.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

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

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

SEC. 1. FUNDING FOR C-130 MODULAR AIRBORNE FIREFIGHTING SYSTEM.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 101 for aircraft procurement, Air Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4101, for other aircraft, C-130, line 049, is hereby increased by \$20,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be used for the modular airborne firefighting system).

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test and evaluation, Air Force, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for system development and demonstration, VC-25B, line 114, is hereby reduced by \$20,000,000.

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

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

SEC. 61. ASSIGNMENT INCENTIVE PAY FOR MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO CREECH AIR FORCE BASE AND NAVAL AIR STATION FALON.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned may designate the assignment of a member of the Armed Forces to Creech Air Force Base, Nevada, or Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada, as an assignment that makes the member eligible for assignment incentive pay under section 307a of title 37, United States Code.

(b) SECRETARY CONCERNED DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Secretary concerned” has the meaning given that term in section 101 of title 37, United States Code.

96. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETTERSEN OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

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

Not later than September 30, 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation of the Secretaries of the military departments, shall publish and post on the website of Military OneSource a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Forces may—

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

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

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

SEC. 7. REPORT ON COPAYMENTS FOR MENTAL OR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE UNDER TRICARE.

Not later than 90 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 House Representatives a report on cost sharing paid by beneficiaries under the TRICARE program for outpatient visits for mental health or behavioral health care. Such report shall include the following:

- (1) Efforts of the Secretary of Defense to ensure that such cost sharing is affordable for such beneficiaries.
- (2) A summary of such cost sharing during fiscal years 2019 through 2024, including—
 - (A) the total amount paid by beneficiaries;
 - (B) the number of visits per year; and
 - (C) the average amount paid per such visit.
- (3) Recommendations of the Secretary regarding how to limit minimize the burden of such cost sharing to such beneficiaries.

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

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

SEC. 7. PILOT PROGRAM TO TEST STANDALONE TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCIES IN SUPPLY-CHAIN MANAGEMENT, MEDICAL READINESS, AND MEDICAL PROCESSES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of the Act, the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Defense Health Agency, shall carry out a pilot program to test and evaluate existing standalone technology for the purposes of assessing whether such standalone technology—

- (1) improves efficiencies in medical supply-chain management and in military medical readiness;
- (2) streamlines medical processes;
- (3) improves recordation accuracy;
- (4) reduces rates of needlestick injury; and
- (5) enhances retention rates of military health care providers.

(b) LOCATIONS.—The pilot shall be conducted at medical facilities of the Department of Defense that the Secretary determines would enable a sufficiently thorough sample size to carry out the assessment under subsection (a).

(c) TERMINATION.—The pilot program shall terminate 36 months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the termination of the pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the assessment of the Secretary under subsection (a).

(e) STANDALONE TECHNOLOGY DEFINED.—In this section, the term “standalone technology” means a device that is capable of accomplishing the functions specified in subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 7. PILOT PROGRAM ON PRE-PROGRAMMING OF SUICIDE PREVENTION RESOURCES INTO SMART DEVICES ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall commence the conduct of a pilot program under which the Secretary—

(1) pre-downloads the Virtual Hope Box application of the Defense Health Agency, or such successor application, on the covered devices of members of the Armed Forces;

(2) pre-programs the National Suicide Hotline number and Veterans Crisis Line number into the contacts for such covered devices; and

(3) provides training, as part of the training on suicide awareness and prevention conducted throughout the Department of Defense, on the preventative resources described in paragraphs (1) and (2).

(b) DURATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out the pilot program under this section for a two-year period.

(c) SCOPE.—The Secretary of Defense shall determine the appropriate scope of individuals participating in the pilot program under this section to best represent each Armed Force and to ensure a relevant sample size.

(d) IDENTIFICATION OF OTHER RESOURCES.—In carrying out the pilot program under this section, the Secretary of Defense shall coordinate with the Director of the Defense Health Agency and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to identify other useful technology-related resources for use in the pilot program.

(e) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the pilot program under this section terminates, the Secretary of De-

fense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the pilot program, including recommendations by the Secretary relating to expanding the scope of future pilot programs to include members of the Armed Forces who do not possess covered devices.

(f) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered device” means a smart device (including a mobile phone) that is issued to an individual by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of an Armed Force.

(2) The term “Veterans Crisis Line” means the toll-free hotline for veterans established under section 1720F(h) of title 38, United States Code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) CPT Griffin's selfless devotion to duty, his extraordinary heroism, conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, and numerous risks of his life above and beyond the call of duty, are all in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army, and reflect great credit on himself, the Armed Forces, and the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the Presi-

dent is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 7271 of such title, to Thomas Helmut Griffin for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

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

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

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

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOLID ROCKET MOTOR MIXING TECHNOLOGY AND THE MISSILE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) Domestic production capabilities for solid rocket motors have inherent limitations due to the mixing technology that is currently in use, a technology that hasn't changed for over 60 years, for which there is a single supplier, and which is particularly vulnerable to foreign object debris.

(2) New, efficient, and ecologically friendly solid rocket motor mixing technologies have the potential to assist in ramping-up tactical missile production in anticipation of increased global instability.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Air Force should pursue efforts to research, develop, and demonstrate advanced propellant mixing technologies for solid rocket motor propulsion systems that can be inserted into current or planned production facilities in order to provide additional surge capabilities to meet near-term supply needs.

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

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

SEC. 12. KEY PARTNERS FOR MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL INTEGRATION MILITARY SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT EXCHANGE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, using existing authorities, including section 311 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable, and in consultation with the head of any other Federal agency, as appropriate, shall design and implement a foreign military officer subject matter expert exchange program to be known as the "Middle East Regional Integration Military Subject Matter Expert Exchange Program" (referred to in this section as the "exchange program").

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the exchange program shall be to facilitate interaction, cultural exchange, and mutual learning of members of participating militaries in support of Middle East regional integration in order to deepen and expand such integration.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) COMPOSITION.—The exchange program shall be composed of members of the armed forces of participating militaries in support of Middle East regional integration and members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(2) SUBJECT MATTER.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall select exchange program participants with a wide range of experiences collectively covering the tactical, operational, and strategic levels.

(B) PARTICIPANT PAY GRADE LEVELS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include in the exchange program participants at each of the following military pay grades, or equivalent foreign military pay grades:

- (i) E-7 through E-9.
- (ii) CW-3 through CW—5.
- (iii) O-3 through O-9.
- (iv) Such other pay grade levels at the discretion of the Secretary of Defense.

(C) EXPERTISE.—A participant in the exchange program shall have expertise in one or more of the following subject matter areas:

- (i) Strategic doctrine.
- (ii) Defense planning.
- (iii) Civilian and military relations.
- (iv) Military law.
- (v) Public affairs.
- (vi) Civil affairs.
- (vii) Military budgeting and acquisition.
- (viii) Integrated air and missile defense.
- (ix) Integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction.
- (x) Cyber resilience and defense.
- (xi) Counterterrorism.
- (xii) Defense information sharing.
- (xiii) Any other subject matter area that the Secretary of Defense determines to be appropriate.

(d) EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONTENT.—The exchange program—

(1) shall include learning modalities and methods, as determined by the Exchange Program Coordinator;

(2) may include separate agendas and experiences for participants in order to—

- (A) facilitate interaction on particular topics;
- (B) cater to participant backgrounds or rank levels; or
- (C) achieve other pedagogical ends as determined by the Exchange Program Coordinator; and

(3) may include discussion, comparison, and information regarding the development of—

- (A) defense doctrine;
- (B) exercise development;
- (C) budget planning;
- (D) military law and law of armed conflict;
- (E) military cooperation with civilian agencies;
- (F) standard operating procedures;
- (G) operational plans and the operational art;

(H) gaps and opportunities for improvement in existing procedures and plans;

(I) existing technical challenges;

(J) emerging technical challenges;

(K) the current and future threat environment;

(L) trust and capacity for multilateral sharing of information;

(M) additional mechanisms and ideas for integrated cooperation;

(N) ways to promote the meaningful participation of women in matters of peace and security; and

(O) other content, as appropriate, developed to advance integration and tactical, operational, and strategic proficiency.

(e) MEETINGS.—Participants in the exchange program shall meet in-person not less frequently than quarterly.

(f) EXCHANGE PROGRAM COORDINATOR.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall designate an Exchange Program Coordinator, who shall be assigned to a Department of Defense School, to oversee the exchange program.

(2) DUTIES.—(2) The Exchange Program Coordinator shall—

(A) design the exchange program;

(B) ensure that the exchange program complies with the requirements of this section;

(C) provide to the Secretary of Defense reports on developments, insights, and progress of the exchange program; and

(D) notify the Secretary of Defense of any failures of the exchange program to comply with the in-person requirements of subsection (e).

(3) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 15 days after receiving a notification under paragraph (2)(D), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report describing—

(A) the reasons an in-person meeting did not occur during such quarter; and

(B) any measures taken to ensure that an in-person meeting occurs during the following quarter.

(g) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(A) a summary of the activities of the exchange program during the prior year, including—

(i) the countries participating;

(ii) the subject matter covered;

(iii) developments, insights, and progress achieved through the program; and

(iv) any new topics added to the exchange as well as a justification for adding the new topic;

- (B) an assessment of the effectiveness of the exchange program; and
- (C) recommendations on further improvements to the exchange program.

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

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SCHOOL.—The term “Department of Defense school” means any institution listed in section 1595(c) or section 2162(d) of title 10, United States Code.
- (2) PARTICIPATING MILITARIES IN SUPPORT OF MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL INTEGRATION.—The term “participating militaries in support of Middle East regional integration” means military allies and partner forces of the United States working to advance regional integration in the Middle East.

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

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

SEC. 12. INCLUSION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES IN PLANNING AND STRATEGY RELATING TO THE ARCTIC REGION.

- (a) STRATEGY.—
 - (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of the United States Northern Command, shall develop and submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a Special Operations Forces Arctic Security Strategy, applicable across each component of the special operations forces and within each Armed Force (in this section referred to as the “strategy”).
 - (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The strategy shall—
 - (A) build upon the findings of the report under section 1090(a)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) and the 2022 National Defense Strategy;
 - (B) facilitate a consistent understanding of Arctic security priorities across the Department of Defense and a common understanding of the use and purpose of special operations forces for Arctic activities across the Armed Forces, combatant commands, and other relevant elements of the Department of Defense; and
 - (C) promote greater use and prioritization of special operations forces capabilities, particularly with respect to the special operations force of the Army, in Arctic security planning and coordination with Indigenous populations and High North allies and partners.
- (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy shall include the following:
 - (1) A plan for the leveraging of North American Indigenous Arctic populations, and the establishment of working defini-

tions and parameters for cooperation with such populations in the following areas:

- (A) Intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance gathering.
- (B) Improved Arctic training and operation tactics, techniques, and procedures.
- (C) Empowering local populations to create solutions to regional issues.
- (D) Building resilience against invasion and occupation and enhancing deterrence capabilities.
- (E) Improving the capacity of allies and partners to build capabilities in the region that produce advantages against adversaries.
- (F) Building United States credibility for combat operations in the region.
- (G) Demonstrating United States commitment to improving living standards in the region.
- (H) Any other area the of the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command determines appropriate.

(2) A requirement that special operations forces achieve readiness with respect to not more than two Arctic environments.

(3) With respect to terminology and working definitions of the Department—

- (A) a requirement that—
 - (i) the use of the terms “Arctic-capable” and “Arctic-ready” may no longer be used in any document or other material produced by the Department of Defense that outlines Arctic strategies;
 - (ii) the replacement terms “Arctic-trained” and “Arctic-proficient” shall be used in lieu of “Arctic-capable” and “Arctic-ready”, respectively; and
 - (iii) the Department shall provide clear definitions and readiness requirements for each replacement term under clause (ii).

(B) a review of terminology, and the use of such terminology, relating to military doctrinal readiness (such as the terms “trained” and “proficient”) in the Arctic context, to ensure that the Armed Forces meet operational expectations and may fully partake in joint-training exercises with allies and partners of the United States.

(4) A description of the conditions necessary to establish a standardized pathway for self-validation for each Armed Force that requires units to be Arctic capable, with such standardized pathway being tailored to each Armed Force but consistent with respect to shared terminology, an agreed upon list of Arctic environments, and agreed upon standards to become Arctic capable in each such environment.

(5) A requirement that the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Commander of the United States Northern Command, include in any future years plan for the Arctic Security Initiative required under section 1090(b)(2)(B)

of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) the following:

- (A) Updates on ongoing priorities for Arctic objectives of the special operations forces.
- (B) Assessments of the integration of Arctic operations of the special operations forces, including the use of Indigenous approaches to domain awareness.
- (C) A description of the activities and resources needed for the special operations forces to obtain readiness in the Arctic region, including manning, training, equipping, and funding requirements.
- (D) Any other matter the Commander of the United States Northern Command and the Secretary of Defense jointly determine appropriate.
- (6) A requirement that, on an annual basis, the Commander of the United States Special Operations Command submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a progress report (in unclassified form, but with the option of including a classified annex) on the implementation and use of the strategy, including—
 - (A) an assessment of the ability of the strategy to address new and ongoing concerns;
 - (B) areas relating to the strategy in need of improvement, including any new funding necessary;
 - (C) use of the strategy across each Armed Force; and
 - (D) an updated threat assessment with respect to the Arctic region.
- (c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the term “special operations forces” means forces described under section 167(j) of title 10, United States Code.

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

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 17. WORKING GROUP ON BLOCKCHAIN, SMART CONTRACTS, AND DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGIES.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT REQUIRED.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a working group to be known as the “Blockchain-Distributed Ledger Technologies-Smart Contracts Defense Applications Working Group” (referred to in this section as the “Working Group”).

(b) **DUTIES.**—The duties of the Working Group are to—

(1) identify whether blockchain, smart contracts, and distributed ledger technologies could be used by the Secretary of Defense for the purposes of improving the functions and efficiency of the Department of Defense; and

(2) not later than the date described in subsection (h), submit to the Secretary a report summarizing the findings of the Working Group under paragraph (1).

(c) **COMPOSITION.**—The Working Group shall be composed of the following members or their designees:

(1) A representative from the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

(2) Representatives of such organizations and elements of the Department of Defense as the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

(d) CHARTER.—Not later than April 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall develop a charter with respect to the functions of the Working Group.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the Secretary of Defense to provide any competitive advantage to any member of the Working Group.

(f) SUNSET.—The Working Group shall terminate on December 31, 2029.

105. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 12. REPORT ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE.

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

(1) section 1003 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Public Law 98-525; 63 Stat. 2241)—

(A) expresses that due to threats that are ever-changing, Congress must be informed with respect to allied contributions to the common defense to properly assess the readiness of the United States and the countries described in subsection (b)(2) for threats; and

(B) requires that the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress an annual report on the contributions of allies to the common defense;

(2) the threats facing the United States—

(A) extend beyond the global war on terror; and
(B) include near-peer threats; and

(3) the President should seek from each country described in subsection (b)(2) acceptance of international security responsibilities and agreements to make contributions to the common defense in accordance with the collective defense agreements or treaties to which such country is a party.

(b) REPORTS ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMON DEFENSE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 1 of each year, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the heads of other Federal agencies, as the Secretary determines to be necessary, shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing a description of—

(A) the annual defense spending by each country described in paragraph (2), including available data on nominal budget figures and defense spending as a percentage of the gross domestic products of each such country for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the report is submitted;

(B) the activities of each such country to contribute to military or stability operations in which the Armed Forces of the United States are a participant or may be called

upon in accordance with a cooperative defense agreement to which the United States is a party;

(C) any limitations placed by any such country on the use of such contributions; and

(D) any actions undertaken by the United States or by other countries to minimize such limitations.

(2) COUNTRIES DESCRIBED.—The countries described in this paragraph are the following:

(A) Each member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

(B) Each member country of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

(C) Each country party to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Treaty), done at Rio de Janeiro September 2, 1947, and entered into force December 3, 1948 (TIAS 1838).

(D) Australia.

(E) Japan.

(F) New Zealand.

(G) The Philippines.

(H) South Korea.

(I) Thailand.

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

(4) AVAILABILITY.—A report submitted under paragraph (1) shall be made available on request to any Member of Congress.

(c) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

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

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

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

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

SEC. 7. REPORT ON RATE OF MATERNAL MORTALITY AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, and with respect to members of the Coast Guard, the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating in any case in which such Department is not operating as a service in the Navy, shall submit to Congress a report on the rate of maternal mortality among members of the Armed Forces and the dependents of such members.

107. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE OF ALABAMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Subsection (c) of section 2214 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(c) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—(1) Not later than five days after the Secretary of Defense transfers amounts under such authority to transfer amounts, the Secretary shall provide to the congressional defense committees and the covered members of Congress notice of the transfer.

“(2) Notice under this subsection with respect to a transfer shall include—

“(A) a written description of the transfer; and

“(B) upon the request of a congressional defense committee or a covered member of Congress, a briefing on the transfer, which shall be provided not later than five days after the date on which the briefing is requested.

“(3) In this subsection, the term ‘covered member of Congress’ means, with respect to a transfer—

“(A) each Member of the House of Representatives who represents a district that would be affected by the transfer; and

“(B) both Senators from each State that would be affected by the transfer.”.

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

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

SEC. 10. BRIEFING ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAM TO PROTECT UNITED STATES STUDENTS AGAINST FOREIGN AGENTS.

Not later than 240 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on the program described in section 1277 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115–91), including an assessment on whether the program is beneficial to students interning, working part-time, or in a program that will result in employment post-graduation with Department of Defense components and contractors.

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

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

SEC. 5. SPEECH DISORDERS OF CADETS AND MIDSHIPMEN.

(a) TESTING.—The Superintendent of a military service academy shall provide testing for speech disorders to incoming cadets or midshipmen under the jurisdiction of that Superintendent.

(b) NO EFFECT ON ADMISSION.—The testing under subsection (a) may not have any affect on admission to a military service academy.

(c) RESULTS.—The Superintendent shall provide each cadet or midshipman under the jurisdiction of that Superintendent the result of the testing under subsection (a) and a list of warfare unre-

stricted line officer positions and occupation specialists that require successful performance on the speech test.

(d) THERAPY.—The Superintendent shall furnish speech therapy to a cadet or midshipman under the jurisdiction of that Superintendent at the election of the cadet or midshipman.

(e) RETAKING.—A cadet or midshipman whose testing indicate a speech disorder or impediment may elect to retake the testing once each academic year while enrolled at the military service academy.

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

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

SEC. 7. ANNUAL REVIEW AND UPDATE OF ONLINE INFORMATION RELATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION.

Not later than June 1, 2026, each Secretary of a military department shall—

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 10. TRI-SERVICE ARCTIC MARITIME STRATEGY.

Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Navy, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate a report on a Tri-Service Arctic Maritime Strategy outlining areas of cooperation and alignment within the Arctic region to combat current and potential threats, and provide guidance on how the 3 branches can deepen integration and pursue joint modernization efforts in this cold-weather landscape.

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

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

SEC. 10. STUDY RELATED TO RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF APPRENTICES AT PUBLIC SHIPYARDS.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander of United States Naval Sea Systems Command shall conduct a study to—

(1) summarize data relating to the recruitment and retention of apprentices across the four public shipyards, disaggregated by shipyard, including—

- (A) demographic information on applicants for apprenticeships;
- (B) recruiting incentives offered to the applicants;
- (C) apprenticeship completion rates for accepted applicants;
- (D) the average duration of service for graduates of an apprenticeship; and
- (E) reasons why individuals voluntarily left the apprenticeship program or the Navy after completing the apprenticeship program; and

(2) determine the feasibility of—

- (A) sharing apprenticeship application data across all four public shipyards;
- (B) allowing an apprentice to start an apprenticeship program in one such shipyard and finish the in another such shipyard;
- (C) allowing an apprentice to enter and complete an apprenticeship program in one such shipyard but serve in another such shipyard upon completion of the four year training program; and
- (D) allowing such a shipyard to train an individual who, upon completion of the training, would be required to serve in another such shipyard but would have the right to return to the shipyard where they received such training after serving for 4 years at the other shipyard.

113. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE EZELL OF MISSISSIPPI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 35. STUDY ON THE MOVEMENT OF CRITICAL CARGO THROUGH MARINE TERMINALS AND PORTS.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and in consultation with the head of each relevant Federal agency, shall conduct a study on the movement of critical cargo through marine terminals and ports, including an examination of—

- (1) efforts to expedite the movement of critical cargo through ports and marine terminals; and
- (2) methodologies, practices, and processes for—
 - (A) moving such cargo during an event for which an emergency is declared by the President or a Federal agency;
 - (B) identifying critical cargo and expediting the movement of such cargo through the marine terminals and ports;
 - (C) expediting the movement of critical cargo across all modes of transportation after leaving marine terminals and ports;
 - (D) improving the readiness of the Armed Forces through the expedited movement of critical cargo; and

(E) mitigating the impact on the movement of other cargo that is not critical.

(b) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Transportation shall issue a request for information in the Federal Register seeking public comment on the matters to be considered in the study under subsection (a).

(c) VOLUNTARY PILOT PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the study under subsection (a), the Secretary may establish one or more voluntary pilot programs to test the effectiveness of any methodology, practice, or process for expediting the movement of critical cargo through ports and marine terminals.

(2) LIMITATIONS.—In carrying out any pilot program under paragraph (1), the Secretary—

(A) may not purchase any fully automated cargo handling equipment that is remotely operated or remotely monitored, with or without human intervention or control; and

(B) shall ensure any such pilot program does not result in a net loss of jobs within a marine terminal or port.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report containing—

(1) the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a); and

(2) recommendations with respect to the methodologies, practices, and processes examined in such study, including recommendations for using data from commercial and governmental data tracking initiatives to—

(A) determine when cargo is critical and needs to be expedited;

(B) identify such cargo at port and marine terminals; and

(C) expedite the movement and distribution of such cargo to end users.

(e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with or supersede any agreement regarding port labor.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

(C) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

(2) The term “relevant Federal agency” means—

(A) the Department of Health and Human Services; and

(B) any other Federal agency determined relevant by the Secretary of Transportation.

114. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL COOPERATION ON SPACE MATTERS.

Congress expresses support for cooperation between the United States and Israel on space matters, including—

- (1) between National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the Israel Space Agency; and
- (2) between the United States Air Force and the Israeli Air Force's newly created Space Force in the areas of research, development, test, and evaluation.

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

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

SEC. 10. MODIFICATION TO TYPES OF SUPPORT FOR COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES AND ACTIVITIES TO COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME.

Section 284(b)(6)(A) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or within the joint operating area of Joint Interagency Task Force South” after “United States”.

116. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _____. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND IRAN IN CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNUAL REPORT.

Section 1202(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65; 10 U.S.C. 113 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

- “(9) Information on the burgeoning relationship between the People’s Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran.”

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

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

SEC. 28. STUDY ON CERTAIN GRANTS AWARDED TO SUPPORT INVESTMENTS IN CERTAIN CHILD CARE FACILITIES UNDER THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study on each grant awarded under the defense community infrastructure program established under section 2391(d) of title 10, United States Code for supporting investments in child care facilities in areas in close proximity to military installations (as defined in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code).

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

- (1) a description and total value of each grant awarded under such program to support investments in child care facilities in areas in close proximity to military installations;
- (2) a list of best practices learned from grants awarded before the date of the enactment of this Act under such program for investments in child care facilities;
- (3) a description of barriers, if any, that prevent the Secretary from awarding grants under the program to support investments in child care facilities in areas in close proximity to military installations on a more frequent basis; and
- (4) recommendations to increase the number of grants awarded under such program to support investments in child care facilities in areas in close proximity to military installations.

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

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

SEC. 15. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE USE OF LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense, shall coordinate and accelerate the adoption of large language models by the Department of Defense by improving the access and quality of the existing structured and unstructured data of the Department to ensure such data is immediately ready to use in conjunction with machine learning applications being developed, tested, or in production by the Armed Forces.

(b) DUTIES OF CHIEF DATA AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER.—The Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer shall—

(1) develop a list of large language model use cases for defense and intelligence applications, including cases that have the potential to support personnel and manpower, operations, intelligence, logistics, strategic planning, command and control, joint force development, and force structure, transform business processes, and improve non-mission capable rates;

(2) develop and make available to the Secretary tooling to ingest and transform natural language, and other types of unstructured data, into formats compatible with commercially available large language models; and

(3) provide access to capabilities, such as data preparation, for elements within the Department of Defense that are necessary for use with large language models.

(c) CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer may enter into contracts with private-sector entities, as appropriate, to carry out the requirements of subsection (b)(2).

(2) LIMITATION.—The Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer may coordinate with other elements of the Department

of Defense with contracting authority as required to carry out the duties described in subsection (b).

(d) SEMIANNUAL BRIEFINGS.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and not less frequently than semiannually thereafter, the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the implementation of this section.

119. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STRATEGY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, the Chief of Engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Assistant Secretary of the Office of Nuclear Energy of the Department of Energy, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Reactor Fleet and Advanced Reactor Deployment of the Department of Energy, develop a national strategy to utilize microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 2 years thereafter, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive national strategy developed under subsection (a).

(c) CONTENTS OF NATIONAL STRATEGY.—A national strategy developed under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) EVALUATION OF EXISTING DIESEL DEPLOYMENT EFFORTS.—

An assessment of the effectiveness of utilizing diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts, which such assessment shall include—

(A) information on the current use of diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including—

(i) the prevalence of deploying diesel generators around the United States as the sole power source to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(ii) the average number of diesel generators deployed in natural disaster response efforts based on the type of natural disaster, the severity of the natural disaster, and the location of the natural disaster;

(iii) where Federal, State, and local governments store diesel generators;

(iv) how diesel generators are transported to areas affected by a natural disaster;

(v) any logistical concerns with refueling diesel generators over an extended period of time;

(vi) the potential to utilize accessory equipment that is traditionally connected to diesel generators to help provide electricity to the area in need; and

(vii) any other information that is necessary to understand the role of diesel generators used to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(B) how the effect on the environment of utilizing diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts compares to the estimated effect on the environment of utilizing microreactors to assist with the same natural disaster response efforts; and

(C) the concerns to public safety when deploying diesel generators in natural disaster response efforts.

(2) GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRIORITIES.—A comprehensive, research-based, and long-term discussion of goals, objectives, and priorities for utilizing microreactors instead of diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(3) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANALYSIS.—An analysis of—

(A) how the efforts of the Department of Defense to develop microreactor technology for operational uses could be used to inform the development of microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including any recommendations and additional direction that may be necessary for such expedited deployment;

(B) how the Department of Defense can most effectively translate and implement the lessons learned from its operations in the field to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including how operations in the field related to microreactors can be used to answer broad questions for the nuclear industry and for future issues relating to fuel reliability, energy supply chain issues, reducing diesel convoy causalities, and supporting other global humanitarian needs; and

(C) whether a demonstration program for microreactors is needed prior to deploying microreactors for natural disaster response efforts, based on the analysis provided by subparagraphs (A) and (B).

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION.—Recommendations on how the Nuclear Regulatory Commission can work with other Federal agencies to expedite—

(A) the approval of designs for microreactors; and

(B) issuing licenses for the utilization, transportation, and operation of microreactors in rapid deployment scenarios, such as natural disaster response efforts.

(5) UTILIZING FEASIBILITY STUDIES.—An analysis of available academic literature and studies, including site feasibility studies, to identify high risk areas that are prone to natural disasters that should be prioritized during emergency planning.

(6) STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DEPLOYING MICROREACTORS.—An assessment of various strategic considerations to improve the efficiency, timeliness, and cost-effectiveness of deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including—

(A) whether the Department of Defense, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or any other government entity should build, own, or operate microreactors that are used to assist with natural disaster response efforts, in-

cluding whether it would be viable to lease microreactors from private industry and whether it would be viable to facilitate public-private partnerships to find cost effective options to utilize microreactors for natural disaster response efforts;

(B) the recommended number of individuals charged with the usage, maintenance, and upkeep of the microreactors, including the recommended qualifications, training requirements, availability requirements, and oversight responsibility of such individuals;

(C) the number of microreactors needed, initially and in the long-term, to effectively respond to a natural disaster based on past natural disaster trends and the specific geographic location of the area;

(D) where microreactors used to assist with natural disaster response efforts would be stored, including information on—

(i) how different microreactor storage locations may affect swift and economically feasible natural disaster response efforts;

(ii) the feasibility of utilizing already-built facilities instead of constructing new microreactor storage facilities;

(iii) the cost of constructing new microreactor storage facilities;

(iv) how to properly store the microreactor when not being utilized for natural disaster response efforts; and

(v) potential storage locations, such as—

(I) the Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response locations in Memphis, Tennessee and Phoenix, Arizona; and

(II) Department of Defense bases;

(E) how to maintain a microreactor and replace, store, and dispose of fuel used by a microreactor, including whether public-private partnerships may be used to assist with such maintenance, replacement, storage, and disposal;

(F) when a diesel generator will suffice in the event of a natural disaster of limited proportions, in comparison to utilizing microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(G) which States and territories and possessions of the United States that are prone to natural disasters, such as hurricanes, should be prioritized when initially selecting locations to deploy microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(H) the methods, capabilities, and costs associated with transporting microreactors that were or may be impacted by natural disasters, including considerations about transporting new microreactors, in addition to microreactors that have been put to use, and any regulatory or legal issues that may arise during the transportation;

(I) any other strategic considerations that should be taken into account before deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(J) how to integrate microreactors into existing electrical grids in emergency situations, including how grid connection points, microgrid limits, site load limits, existing infrastructure, and the standard process for grid interconnections may impact the integration of microreactors into existing electrical grid;

(K) whether microreactors will be susceptible to cyberattacks, including whether autonomous control will impact the microreactor's cyberattack susceptibility and what systems or microreactor designs would be ideal for combating such cyberattacks during a natural disaster response effort; and

(L) how the weight of a microreactor, compared to the weight of a diesel generator, affects deploying microreactors and diesel generators to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(7) DEPLOYMENT CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS.—An assessment of—

(A) the challenges and barriers to deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts; and

(B) solutions to address each such challenge and barrier.

(8) REVIEW OF AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION.—

(A) REVIEW.—A review of existing law that can be used to ease the burden of utilizing microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15801 et seq.), the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.), the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (42 U.S.C. 2215 note), and any other relevant law.

(B) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Recommendations for legislation to—

(i) assist with—

(I) deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(II) the maintenance and upkeep of such microreactors; and

(III) the initial and long-term storage of such microreactors; and

(ii) pay for the activities described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (i).

(9) PARTNERSHIPS TO ENHANCE NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORTS.—An assessment about—

(A) the current status of any collaboration between the National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Army Corps of Engineers during natural disaster response efforts;

(B) the specific roles of each entity specified in subparagraph (A) (disaggregated, in the case of the National Guard, by State and by military department) during a nat-

ural disaster response effort, and their respective roles when participating in natural disaster response efforts;

(C) the current emergency responsibilities of the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission that relate to deploying microreactors during natural disaster response efforts;

(D) the potential opportunity to set up an annual listening group session or consortium to provide all the necessary information needed to deploy microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts and to ensure a smooth transition from the use of diesel generators to the use of microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts;

(E) how the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, consented to by Congress in the joint resolution entitled “Joint resolution granting the consent of Congress to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact” (Public Law 104–321), can be utilized to allow States to allocate their unused microreactors to other States that are in need of microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts; and

(F) how to improve the collaboration between Federal, State, and local government entities and private entities when deploying microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(10) UTILIZING MICROREACTORS TO CHARGE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.—Recommendations on how to utilize microreactors as charging stations for electric vehicles in the event of a mass evacuation resulting from a natural disaster, including recommendations on—

(A) how to deploy microreactors to charge electric vehicles before an evacuation;

(B) the primary transportation corridors that would be used for such a mass evacuation;

(C) how many microreactors would be needed to charge electric vehicles during such a mass evacuation, based on the size and population of the State in which the mass evacuation occurs;

(D) the best placement of microreactors throughout the primary transportation corridors to ensure a smooth electric vehicle charging process and subsequent evacuation;

(E) any potential public-private partnerships that would be useful in utilizing microreactors to charge electric vehicles during a mass evacuation, including an estimate of the costs that would be associated with establishing these partnerships;

(F) how to—

(i) transport microreactors to mass evacuation locations along primary transportation corridors for purposes of charging electric vehicles; and

(ii) pay for such transportation; and

(G) any other topic related to subparagraphs (A) through (F).

(11) DEPLOYING MICROREACTORS TO UNITED STATES TERRITORIES AND POSSESSIONS.—Recommendations on deploying

microreactors to territories and possessions of the United States to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(12) USING MILITARY EQUIPMENT WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES.—Recommendations on how to, in the event of a natural disaster and when the deployment of a microreactor is not timely or ideal for the circumstance, deploy military equipment of the United States with nuclear capabilities, such as nuclear aircraft carriers and nuclear submarines, to provide temporary electricity to an area severely impacted by a natural disaster.

(13) BUDGET PRIORITIES.—A multiyear budget plan that identifies the necessary resources to successfully carry out the recommendations and implement any lessons learned from the assessments and other analysis under this subsection.

(14) TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS.—An analysis of current and developing ways to leverage existing and innovative technology to improve the effectiveness of efforts to deploy microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

(15) USING INNOVATIVE TOOLS TO PREDICT NATURAL DISASTERS.—A description of how to utilize innovative technology, such as artificial intelligence and predictive meteorological tools, to prepare for the utilization of microreactors before a natural disaster.

(16) FLOATING NUCLEAR BARGES.—An assessment of how floating nuclear barges compare to using portable microreactors, including—

(A) the advantages and disadvantages of using a portable microreactor compared to a floating nuclear barge; and

(B) an identification of scenarios during which a floating nuclear barge would be preferred over a portable microreactor.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

(A) the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The term “local government” has the meaning given such term in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122).

(3) MICROREACTOR.—The term “microreactor” means a nuclear reactor, including a portable nuclear reactor, that has an electricity generating capacity of not more than 20 megawatts of thermal energy.

(4) NATURAL DISASTER.—The term “natural disaster” has the meaning given the term “Major disaster” in section 102 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5122), except that the term “natural disaster” does not include a wildfire.

(5) NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE EFFORT.—The term “natural disaster response effort” means a circumstance in which a State or local government requests assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.), including assistance to address the loss of primary electrical capacity as a result of a natural disaster.

(6) STATE.—The term “State” means a State of the United States and the District of Columbia.

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

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

SEC. 12. GENERAL THADDEUS KOSCIUSZKO MEMORIAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR POLISH-AMERICAN DEFENSE CO-OPERATION.

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Commander of United States Army Special Operations Command shall seek to carry out a training program pursuant to section 322 of title 10, United States Code, between special operations forces under the jurisdiction of the Commander and special forces of the Polish Army. Such program shall be known as the “General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Memorial Exchange Program for Polish-American Defense Cooperation”.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—Officers and enlisted members of such special operations forces may participate in the program under this section.

(c) PROGRESS REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Commander shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report regarding progress of the Commander in carrying out the program under this section.

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

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

SEC. 1236. REPORT ON MULTILATERAL EXERCISES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on multilateral exercises in the eastern Mediterranean.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall contain the following elements:

(A) An assessment of the effectiveness of multilateral military exercises hosted by United States allies and partners in the eastern Mediterranean in bolstering maritime energy security and counterterrorism in the region.

(B) Individual assessments of the potential benefits of including the following countries in future exercises and their readiness to participate based on interoperability:

(i) Bahrain.

- (ii) Egypt.
- (iii) Jordan.
- (iv) United Arab Emirates
- (v) Saudi Arabia

(b) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be transmitted in an unclassified form and may contain a classified annex.

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

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

SEC. 12. STUDY AND REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES ON THE BORDER BETWEEN GAZA AND EGYPT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, shall conduct a study on steps that Israel, Egypt, and the United States can take to enhance international security measures on the border between Gaza and Egypt to ensure Hamas and other actors do not use tunnels or methods via the Mediterranean Sea to smuggle weapons and illicit goods.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that contains the results of the study.

(2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required by this subsection shall include a description and map indicating existing tunnels on the border between Gaza and Egypt.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING OF NAVAL VESSEL AFTER LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICHARD E. CAREY.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel of the United States Navy that has been ordered (Hull Number T-EPF-16) in honor of Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are as follows:

(1) Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey participated in the Inchon Landing, captured communist forces, and led his rifle platoon to Seoul. Three months later, on East Hill at the

Chosin Reservoir, Carey hurled grenades at Chinese forces. Carey and his fellow Marines were outnumbered eight to one. They held their ground and broke through the Chinese trap to the sea.

(2) Carey remained in the fight until March 1951. While commanding a platoon of machine gunners, Carey was badly wounded. He continued leading his troops and initially refused to get aid for his injuries. Carey's wounds required hospitalization. During 189 days in Korea, Carey had seven near-death experiences. As a result of his actions in Korea, Carey received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

(3) Returning to the United States, Carey earned a flight training slot and became a fighter pilot. In the early 1960s Carey scouted Marine airfield sites in Vietnam. He returned to Vietnam in the summer of 1967 and served during the Tet offensive. Carey flew 204 combat sorties earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and 16 Air Medals.

124. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1538. REPORT ON STATE NATIONAL GUARD CYBER UNITS.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the feasibility of establishing a cyber unit in every National Guard of a State to ensure the ability of a State to quickly respond to cyber-attacks in such State.

125. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FROST OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ANNUAL REPORT ON OVERSIGHT OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, and each fiscal year thereafter, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to Congress and the Comptroller General of the United States, and make publicly available, a report containing, for each fiscal year—

(1) a description of the budget of the Department of Defense, the total amount and dollar value of oversight investigations into fraud, waste, and abuse conducted by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, and the total amount and dollar value of oversight investigations into fraud, waste, and abuse conducted by the Inspectors General of each military department;

(2) statistical tables showing—

(A) the total number and dollar value of oversight investigations completed and pending, set forth separately by type of oversight investigation;

(B) the priority given to each type of oversight investigation;

- (C) the length of time taken for each type of oversight investigation, from the date of receipt of a qualified incurred cost submission (as such term is defined in section 3842 of title 10, United States Code) and from the date on which the oversight investigation begins;
- (D) the aggregate cost of performing oversight investigations, set forth separately by type of oversight investigation; and
- (E) the total number and dollar value of oversight investigations that are pending for a period longer than one year at the end of the fiscal year covered by the report, and the fiscal year in which the qualified incurred cost submission was received, set forth separately by type of oversight investigation;
- (3) a summary of any recommendations of actions or resources needed to improve the oversight investigation process; and
- (4) any other matters the Inspector General considers appropriate.

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

Page 244, insert after line 21 the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 5. CORRECTION OF CERTAIN CITATIONS IN TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE, RELATING TO SEXUAL OFFENSES.

Part I of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in section 2241(c)—
 - (A) in the second sentence, by inserting “or an offense under the Uniform Code of Military Justice” after “State offense”; and
 - (B) by striking “either such provision” and inserting “any such provision”;
- (2) in section 2251(e), by striking “section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or under” each place it appears and inserting “the Uniform Code of Military Justice or”;
- (3) in section 2252(b)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uniform Code of Military Justice or”; and
 - (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uniform Code of Military Justice or”; and
- (4) in section 2252A(b)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or under” and inserting “the Uniform Code of Military Justice or”; and
 - (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “section 920 of title 10 (article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), or

under" and inserting "the Uniform Code of Military Justice or";

(5) in section 2426(b)(1)(B), by inserting "or the Uniform Code of Military Justice" after "State law"; and

(6) in section 3559(e)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking "State sex offense" and inserting "State or Military sex offense"; and

(ii) by inserting "or the Uniform Code of Military Justice" after "State law"; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "or Military" after "State".

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

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

SEC. 28. REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN ACCESS TO CATEGORY 3 SUBTERRANEAN TRAINING FACILITY.

(a) REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN ACCESS.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Department of Defense maintains access to a covered category 3 subterranean training facility on a continuing basis.

(b) AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO LEASE.—The Secretary of Defense may enter into a short-term lease with a provider of a covered category 3 subterranean training facility for purposes of compliance with subsection (a).

(c) COVERED CATEGORY 3 SUBTERRANEAN TRAINING FACILITY DEFINED.—In this section, the term "covered category 3 subterranean training facility" means a category 3 subterranean training facility (as defined in section 2869 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263)) that is—

(1) operational on or before the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(2) deemed safe for use on such date.

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

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

SEC. 12. PROHIBITION ON PROVIDING FUNDING TO IRANIAN ENTITIES.

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

(1) the Government of Iran;

(2) any person owned or controlled by the Government of Iran;

(3) any person that is on the List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury and the

property and interests in property of which are blocked pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act; or
 (4) any person owned or controlled by a person described in paragraph (3).

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

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

Add at the end of title IV, the following:

Subtitle D—Reports

SEC. 431. ANNUAL DEFENSE MANPOWER PROFILE REPORT: EXPANSION OF JUSTIFICATIONS FOR END STRENGTHS.

Section 115a of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “Congress” and inserting “to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and furnish to any Member of Congress upon request;”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”; and

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

“(2) The justification and explanation required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

“(A) An assessment of the most important threats facing the United States, disaggregated by geographic combatant command.

“(B) An explanation of how personnel end strength level requests address threats described in subparagraph (A).

“(C) The rationale for recommended increases or decreases in active, reserve, and civilian personnel for each component of the Department of Defense.

“(D) The rationale for recommended increases or decreases in active, reserve, and civilian personnel for each of the geographic combatant commands.

“(E) The primary functions or missions of active, reserve, and civilian personnel in each geographic combatant command.

“(F) An assessment of any areas in which decreases in active, reserve, or civilian personnel would not result in a decrease in readiness.

“(G) The actual end strength number for each armed force for the prior fiscal year, compared to authorized end strength levels.

“(H) The shortfall in recruiting by each armed force as a percentage, as the Secretary determines appropriate.

“(I) The number of applicants who were found to be ineligible for service in the Department of Defense during the prior fiscal year as a result of current enlistment standards, disaggregated by armed force and reason for disqualification.”.

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

At the end of subtitle B of title VIII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 8. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO COMBAT FOOTWEAR OF MEMBERS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall issue regulations prohibiting any member of the Armed Forces from wearing optional combat boots as part of a required uniform unless the optional combat boots are entirely manufactured in the United States and entirely made of—

- (1) materials grown, reprocessed, reused, or produced in the United States; and
- (2) components that are manufactured entirely in the United States and entirely made of materials described in paragraph (1).

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “optional combat boots”, with respect to a member of the Armed Forces, combat boots not furnished to such member of the Armed Forces by the Secretary of Defense.

(2) The term “required uniform” means a uniform a member of the Armed Forces is required to wear as a member of the Armed Forces.

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

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

SEC. 28. SCREENING AND REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM UNSAFE HOUSING UNITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 2895. Screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units

“(a) SCREENING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with appropriate scientific agencies as determined by the Secretary, shall ensure that all military medical treatment facilities screen eligible individuals for covered conditions.

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The Secretary may establish procedures through which screening under paragraph (1) may allow an eligible individual to be included in the registry under subsection (b).

“(b) REGISTRY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish and maintain a registry of eligible individuals who have a covered condition.

“(2) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall include any information in the registry under paragraph (1) that the Secretary determines necessary to ascertain and monitor the health of eligible individuals and the connection between the health of such individuals and an unsafe housing unit.

“(3) PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.—The Secretary shall develop a public information campaign to inform eligible individuals about the registry under paragraph (1), including how to register and the benefits of registering.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered condition’ means a medical condition that is determined by the Secretary of Defense to have resulted from residing in an unsafe housing unit.

“(2) The term ‘eligible individual’ means a member of the armed forces or a family member of a member of the armed forces who has resided in an unsafe housing unit.

“(3) The term ‘unsafe housing unit’ means a dwelling unit that—

“(A) does not meet the housing quality standards established under section 8(o)(8)(B) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(8)(B)); or

“(B) is not free from dangerous air pollution levels from mold.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2894a the following new item:

“2895. Screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units.”.

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

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

SEC. 3. STUDY ON USE AND PRESENCE OF TOXIC CHEMICALS IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than December 31, 2025, the Armed Forces Pest Management Board shall conduct a study on the use and presence of herbicide agents and toxic chemicals by the Department in the Panama Canal Zone during the period beginning on January 1, 1958, and ending on December 31, 1999.

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

(1) An assessment to determine the degree to which herbicide agents, including those known as “rainbow herbicides”, and other toxic chemicals were used, tested, stored, or otherwise dispensed within the Panama Canal Zone while members of the United States Armed Forces were stationed there.

(2) An assessment of how many members of the United States Armed Forces may have been affected by the usage of herbicide agents and other toxic chemicals.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “herbicide agent” means a chemical in an herbicide.

(2) The term “rainbow herbicide” means herbicides known as Agent Pink, Agent Purple, Agent Blue, Agent Green, Agent White, and Agent Orange.

(3) The term “toxic chemicals” means persistent organic pollutants, as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

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

SEC. 17. STATEMENT OF POLICY RELATING TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF CHINA'S MARITIME SAFETY ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—It is the policy of the United States to reject as a violation of international law and United States sovereignty any attempt by China's Maritime Safety Administration to compel United States vessels to adhere to any reporting requirements listed within China's Maritime Traffic Safety Law, including any requirements to require a vessel to declare—

- (1) the vessel's name and number;
- (2) the vessel's satellite telephone number;
- (3) the vessel's position and recent locations; and
- (4) the vessel's cargo.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) applies to all maritime claims made by the People's Republic of China that the United States has rejected, to include virtually all of China's claims within the Nine-Dash Line.

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

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

SEC. 8. REVIEW PANEL ON FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICING AND CONTRACT OVERSIGHT.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a review panel on fair and reasonable pricing and contract oversight of sole-source contracts for munitions and weapons systems contracts, including related contracts for services and spare parts.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The review panel shall be composed of the following six members:

(A) The Director Price, Cost, and Finance of the Office of Defense Pricing and Contracting of the Department of Defense.

(B) The Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency.

(C) The Director of the Defense Contract Management Agency.

(D) An individual from the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

(E) Two individuals appointed by the Secretary of Defense with expertise in contract pricing, contract negotiations, and contract oversight.

(2) EXPERT APPOINTMENT CRITERIA.—When appointing individuals described in paragraph (1)(E) to the review panel, the Secretary of Defense shall appoint only individuals—

(A) that have extensive experience in both the public and private (including defense and commercial experience) sectors; and

(B) who, in the three-year period immediately preceding such appointment—

(i) have not been employed by a contractor of the Department of Defense; or

(ii) undertaken any actions on behalf of such a contractor for which the individual was compensated in any way.

(3) MEMBER EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS.—In addition to any other restriction imposed by law, during the period beginning on the date an individual is appointed as a member of the review panel and ending on the date that is 3 years after such individual ceases to be a member of the review panel, such individual may not be employed by a contractor of the Department of Defense or undertake any actions on behalf of such a contractor for which the individual is compensated in any way.

(c) DUTIES.—The review panel shall do the following:

(1) Identify an extensive and representative sample of all fixed price contracts and subcontracts, including delivery and task orders, in excess of \$10,000,000 awarded during a period determined by the review panel, except that—

(A) the period determined by the review panel shall include the 15-year period immediately preceding the date of the enactment of this Act; and

(B) the sample shall include contracts the performance of which is at least 75 percent complete.

(2) Provide to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a comparison between negotiated contract prices and actual cost outcomes on the contracts and subcontracts included in the sample identified under paragraph (1).

(3) Provide to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an analysis of the sample identified under paragraph (1) to determine if the pricing for the contracting in such sample exceeded fair and reasonable prices and, if so, whether excessive pricing is widespread or unique to certain weapons systems, sectors, or companies.

(4) Provide to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an analysis of the sample identified under paragraph (1) that compares initial price submitted by the contractor and subcontractor in the proposal to actual cost outcomes in order to determine the accuracy of contractor estimating systems.

(5) Provide to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an analysis of the degree of competition on spare parts contracts determined to be a commercial product (as defined in section 103 of title 41, United States Code).

(6) Conduct a review and provide an analysis to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives that determines the degree to which contract prices for contracts and subcontracts for spare parts that are subject to the submission of certified cost and pricing data exceed fair and reasonable prices in comparison to contracts and subcontracts for spare parts that do not require the submission of certified cost and pricing data.

(7) Provide to the Secretary of Defense and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an analysis of the adequacy and degree of contractor oversight by the Department of Defense, including the sufficiency of post-contract award audits for compliance with chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code.

(d) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide the review panel with timely access to appropriate information, data, resources, and analysis so that the review panel may conduct a thorough and independent assessment as required by this section.

(2) SUBPOENA POWERS.—To the degree that any company who has entered into a contract or subcontract subject to the chapter 271 of title 10, United States Code, and refuses to provide actual cost information to include all internal estimates to complete for unfinished work, the Inspector General shall use its subpoena powers to compel the delivery of the requested information.

(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the review panel.

(e) REPORT.—

(1) REVIEW PANEL REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date on which the Secretary of Defense establishes the review panel, the panel shall transmit a final report to the Secretary.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The final report shall contain a detailed statement of the findings and conclusions of the review panel, including all analyses required by this section as well as recommendations regarding the adherence to fair and reasonable pricing for contracts and subcontracts and improvements related to contractor oversight.

(3) INTERIM REPORTS.—(A) Not later than 8 months and 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to, or brief, the congressional defense committees on the interim findings of the review panel with respect to the elements set forth in paragraph (2).

(B) Not later than 4 months after the Secretary submits a report to or briefs the congressional defense committees under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of Defense shall submit a second report to, or provide a second briefing to, the congressional defense committees on the interim findings of the review panel with respect to the elements set forth in paragraph (2).

(C) The panel shall provide regular updates to the Secretary of Defense for purposes of providing the interim reports required under this paragraph.

(4) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after receiving the final report of the review panel under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall transmit such final report, together with such comments as the Secretary determines appropriate, to the congressional defense committees.

(f) DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND SUPPORT.—The Secretary of Defense may use amounts available in the Department of Defense Acquisition Workforce Development Account established under section 1705 of title 10, United States Code, to support activities of the review panel under this section.

(g) REVIEW PANEL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “review panel” means the review panel established under subsection (a).

135. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BOWMAN OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. IMPROVING OVERSIGHT OF MILITARY RECRUITMENT PRACTICES IN PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees an annual report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools during calendar year 2024 and each subsequent calendar year. Each such report shall include, for the year covered by the report—

- (1) the zip codes of public secondary schools visited by military recruiters;
- (2) the number of recruits from public secondary schools by zip code and local education agency; and
- (3) a demographic analysis, including race, ethnicity, and gender, of recruits from public secondary schools by zip code.

136. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PAPPAS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. COLLABORATE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REPORT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development of the Small Business Administration and the Director of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the memorandum of understanding (referred to in this section as the ‘MOU’) between the Small Business Administration and the Department of Defense entered into on December 2, 2022. Such report shall include the following:

- (1) The status of activities specified in clause (1) of part III of the MOU.
- (2) A summary of the lessons learned specified in clause (1)(b) of part III of the MOU.
- (3) An analysis of the activities and efficacy of those activities specified in clause (3) of part III of the MOU, including any nexus related to small business certifications and use of contracting authorities at the Department of Defense.

(4) A description of the training and events specified in clause (5) of part III of the MOU.

(5) A summary of how the MOU prevents small business concerns from receiving duplicative assistance or contradictory or confusing information from covered centers.

(6) A discussion of the sufficiency of the MOU to achieve the goals to promote entrepreneurship and small business development nationally and locally and maximize participation in government contracting.

(7) Any recommended changes to existing laws or regulations that would enhance the Parties' ability to reach the MOU's goals.

(8) Any additional information the Parties deem necessary.

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

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

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

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

In subtitle C of title XXVIII, add at the end the following:

SEC. 28. PROHIBITION ON USE BY AIR FORCE OF CORPORATE STRUCTURE IN CONDUCTING CERTAIN BASING DECISIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Air Force may not make any basing decision during the resource allocation plan or program objective memorandum process of the Department of the Air Force (commonly known as a “programmatic basing decision”) through the use of the DAF Corporate Structure set forth under chapters 3.2 and 7.1 of the Department of the Air Force Instruction 10–503, dated June 12, 2023, relating to strategic basing.

(b) UPDATE OF INSTRUCTION AND OTHER POLICY.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Air Force shall update any instruction or other policy of the Department of the Air Force to include the prohibition under subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 13. INVITATION TO TAIWAN TO THE RIM OF THE PACIFIC EXERCISE.

The Secretary of Defense is directed to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to any Rim of the Pacific Exercise that is to take place following the date of enactment of this Act.

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

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

SEC. 13. MODIFICATION OF PROHIBITION ON PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN RIM OF THE PACIFIC EXERCISES.

Section 1259(a)(1) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (10 U.S.C. 321 note) is amended—

- (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and”;
- (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
- (3) by adding at the end the following:
“(E) held an internationally recognized free and fair presidential election.”.

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

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

SEC. 7. REPORT ON EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA CARE FOR CIVILIANS AT MILITARY TREATMENT FACILITIES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Director of the Defense Health Agency, in collaboration with military treatment facilities engaged in emergency and trauma care to civilian patients, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes the following:

- (1) A summary of any challenges that military treatment facilities have encountered in providing emergency and trauma care to civilian patients, including challenges related to the transportation of such patients to and from such facilities, and steps the Director has taken to overcome such challenges.
- (2) An assessment of the effectiveness of the coordination of military treatment facilities with local emergency medical services and any barrier faced by such facilities and services related to providing timely emergency medical care to civilians, including any barrier caused by installation access.
- (3) A summary of efforts the Director has taken to address the issues identified in the report of the Comptroller General of the United States titled “Defense Health Care: Actions Needed to Improve Billing and Collection of Debt for Civilian Emergency Care”, published on July 7, 2022 (GAO-22-104770), including such issues related to inconsistent use of financial relief for civilian emergency patients and the lack of guidance to ensure accurate accounting of billing and collections efforts.
- (4) Any recommendations to improve civilian emergency care at Department of Defense medical treatment facilities, including any recommendations for additional legislation.

141. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HIMES OF CONNECTICUT OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 16. REPORT ON CAPABILITIES IN CISLUNAR SPACE.

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that there is a need for comprehensive cislunar space domain awareness capabilities to ensure the safety of flight of civil and commercial missions in cislunar space.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Chief of Space Operations shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes a description of—

(1) requirements for cislunar space domain awareness capabilities;

(2) the plan of Department of Defense for researching and developing technologies for cislunar space domain awareness; and

(3) the progress of the Department in coordinating with the Cislunar Technology Strategy Interagency Working Group to achieve the objectives set forth in the publication of the Working Group titled “National Cislunar Science and Technology Strategy” and dated November 2022.

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

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

SEC. 10. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SPENDING REDUCTIONS IN ABSENCE OF SUBMITTED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OR FAILURE TO ACHIEVE UNQUALIFIED OR QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT AUDIT OPINION.

(a) **APPLICABILITY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), this section applies to the Department of Defense, including military departments and Defense Agencies thereof.

(2) **SEPARATE APPLICABILITY.**—If a military department or Defense Agency is identified by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget as required to have its own audited financial statement under section 3515 of title 31, United States Code, that military department and Defense Agency shall be treated separately from the Department of Defense for purposes of application of this section.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The terms “financial statement” and “external independent auditor” have the meanings given those terms in section 3521(e) of title 31, United States Code.

(3) The term “unqualified”, with respect to the audit status of a financial statement, includes the characterizations clean and unmodified.

(2) The term “qualified”, with respect to the audit status of a financial statement, includes the characterization modified.

(c) **ADJUSTMENTS FOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY.**—

(1) IN GENERAL.—On March 2 of each fiscal year, the discretionary budget authority available for the Department of Defense (or a military department or Defense Agency covered by subsection (a)(2)) for such fiscal year shall be adjusted as provided in paragraph (2).

(2) ADJUSTMENT.—If the Department of Defense (or a military department or Defense Agency covered by subsection (a)(2)) has not submitted a financial statement for the previous fiscal year, or if such financial statement has not received either an unqualified or a qualified audit opinion by an independent external auditor, the discretionary budget authority available for the Department of Defense, the military department, or the Defense Agency (as the case may be) shall be reduced by .5 percent, with the reduction applied proportionately to each account (other than an account listed in subsection (d) or an account for which a waiver is made under subsection (e)).

(3) MINIMIZES NATIONAL SECURITY EFFECTS.—Consistent with applicable laws, the Secretary of Defense may make any reduction under paragraph (2) in a manner that minimizes any effect on national security.

(4) DEFICIT REDUCTION.—An amount equal to the total amount of any reduction under paragraph (2) shall be retained in the general fund of the Treasury for the purposes of deficit reduction.

(d) ACCOUNTS EXCLUDED.—The following accounts are excluded from any reductions referred to in subsection (c)(2):

(1) Military personnel, reserve personnel, and National Guard personnel accounts of the Department of Defense.

(2) The Defense Health Program account of the Department of Defense.

(e) WAIVER.—The President may waive subsection (c)(2) with respect to an account if the President certifies that applying the subsection to that account would harm national security or members of the Armed Forces who are deployed in combat zones.

(f) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after an adjustment under subsection (c), the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall submit to Congress a report describing the amount and account of each adjustment.

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

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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON BLOOD WORK OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES REGARDING COVID-19.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—Not later than September 30, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to test the blood of members of the Armed Forces relating to COVID-19.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The study under this section shall include the following elements:

(1) Testing to detect nucleocapsid protein immunoglobin-G antibodies relating to COVID-19.

(2) Testing to detect T-cell immune response to COVID-19.

- (3) An assessment of the efficacy of each vaccine for COVID-19 in comparison to—
 - (A) each other such vaccine; and
 - (B) infection-acquired immunity.
- (4) An accounting of adverse events (including hyperimmune response), disaggregated by—
 - (A) each vaccine described in paragraph (3); and
 - (B) history of infection.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after completing the study, the Secretary shall submit a report on such study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 1214. REPORT ON AGREEMENTS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES WITH THE TALIBAN.

(a) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW OF AGREEMENTS MADE WITH THE TALIBAN.—The Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees the following:

(1) Any agreement made and entered into by the United States and the Taliban. Submission thereof shall occur not later than 30 days prior to entry absent notification to the appropriate congressional committees, in which case submission thereof shall occur not later than 10 days prior to taking effect.

(2) Any agreement made and entered into by third parties and the Taliban or notice of any such agreement. Submission of any such agreement or notice thereof shall occur not later than 30 days after custody by the United States.

(b) REPORT ON PRIOR AGREEMENTS WITH THE TALIBAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees any agreements made and entered into by the United States or third parties and the Taliban from August 1, 2021, until such date of enactment.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) AGREEMENT.—The term “agreement” includes memoranda of understanding and other manifestations of mutual assent.

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

(3) THIRD PARTIES.—The term “third parties” means organizations or entities in receipt of United States Government funding, including sub-recipients thereof.

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

Page 599, line 15, insert “classified or” before “unclassified”.

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

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

SEC. 1. REQUIREMENT FOR MINIMUM NUMBER OF AIR LOGISTICS COMPLEXES.

Section 9062 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 154(a)(3) of this Act, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) The Secretary of the Air Force shall continuously operate not fewer than three air logistics complexes. For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘air logistics complex’ means an air logistics complex operated by the Air Force as of January 1, 2024.”

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

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

SEC. 2. DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS PERFORMING RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- “(1) The percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding.
- “(2) The dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program.
- “(3) The percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.”.

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

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

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

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

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

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

149. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ADERHOLT OF ALABAMA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. UPDATED GUIDANCE ON PLANNING FOR GLOBAL DEMAND.

(a) PROGRAM GUIDANCE ON PLANNING FOR GLOBAL DEMAND.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall ensure that the program guidance for major defense acquisition programs (as defined in section 4201 of title 10, United States

Code), and for acquisition programs and projects that are carried out using the rapid fielding or rapid prototyping acquisition pathway under section 804 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114–92; 10 U.S.C. 3201 note prec.) is revised to integrate planning for global demand under foreign military sales, direct commercial sales, and other relevant transfer authorities to capture and plan for international demand under section 25 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2765), including—

(1) for major defense acquisition programs, an assessment of such programs to identify global demand; and

(2) for technologies under an acquisition program or project carried out using the rapid fielding or rapid prototyping acquisition pathway that are transitioned to a major capability acquisition program, an assessment of potential global demand needs of such technologies not later than one year after the date of such transition.

(b) ASSESSMENT OF GLOBAL DEMAND.—The Under Secretary shall consult with the heads of relevant Federal agencies and existing databases, including any databases administered by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls of the Department of State, to issue the guidance required under subsection (a).

(c) REVISION OF GUIDANCE FOR PROGRAM PROTECTION PLANS.—Not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall revise the guidance for program protection plans to integrate a requirement to determine global demand for the programs covered by such plans.

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

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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON LIFTING OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION THERAPY MAXIMUMS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of lifting outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for active-duty members of covered armed forces who are TRICARE beneficiaries and have suffered a brain injury in the course of performing active duty. The study shall also examine a range of therapy services such as restorative therapies and therapies intended to improve cognitive and functional capabilities.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Congress a report setting forth the findings and conclusions of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.

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

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

SEC. 7. REPORT ON APPROVING CERTAIN TRANSITIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL BRAIN INJURY TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs that are approved by non-governmental accreditation bodies solely to provide services to members of covered Armed Forces who sustained a brain injury in the course of performing active duty.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report setting forth the findings and conclusions of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a).

(c) COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.

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

Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVII the following:

SEC. 17. GAO REPORT ON SETTLEMENTS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS BY MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the rates at which Department of Defense awards settlements in medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services under part 45 of title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, including—

(1) a comparison of such rates to the rates at which settlements are awarded in similar civilian medical malpractice claims;

(2) recommendations for improvements to the system for medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services.

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

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

SEC. 7. TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY OVERSIGHT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN.

(a) STRATEGY AND PLAN REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall develop and implement a Traumatic Brain Injury Oversight Strategy and Action Plan that includes at a minimum the following:

(1) Standardized monitoring, treatment, and referral guidelines for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) programs across all covered armed forces.

(2) A review and update of the current brain injury diagnostic tools used by such programs.

(3) Standardized, 72-hour follow-up requirements for all TBI patients, including protocols for the treatment and observation during such follow-up appointments.

(4) Oversight and documentation standards to aid in identification, treatment, tracking, and data collection.

(b) **IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE.**—The oversight strategy and action plan required by subsection (a) shall be completed and in use not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL REPORT.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report setting forth the findings and conclusions of a full review and update on the implementation of the Brain Injury Oversight Strategy and Action Plan required by subsection (a).

(d) **COVERED ARMED FORCES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “covered Armed Forces” means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Title 10, United States Code, is amended—

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 12. MODIFICATION OF REPORT ON THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF IRAN AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Section 1227 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by inserting “all branches of” before “the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps”; and

(II) by inserting “including” before “the Quds Force”; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “, and technologies as described in the Missile Technology Control Regime” before “, including”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end before the period the following: “, and on the proliferation, procurement, and production networks of Iran’s drone program”;

(ii) in subparagraph (F), by adding at the end before the period the following: “, and the effect of its expiration on these Iranian proliferation activities”;

(iii) in subparagraph (H)—

(I) in clause (ii), by inserting “, and any of their precursors,” after “narcotics”;

(II) in clause (iv), by inserting “and the Ministry of Intelligence and Security (MOIS)” after “IRGC”; and

(III) in clause (v), by adding at the end before the period the following: “and MOIS”; and

- (iv) in subparagraph (I)—
 - (I) by inserting “and MOIS agents” after “operatives”; and
 - (II) by adding at the end before the period the following: “, including disinformation operations, recruitment of local assets, and targeting United States nationals and foreign dissidents”; and
- (2) in subsection (c)—
 - (A) by inserting “and annually thereafter for a period not to exceed 4 years” after “2024”; and
 - (B) by striking “in June 2022” inserting “on the day after the previous report was submitted”.

158. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE HIGGINS OF LOUISIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH SHIPYARDS CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may not enter into any contract or other agreement with a shipyard controlled by a foreign adversary.
- (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
 - (1) The term “controlled by a foreign adversary” means, with respect to a shipyard, that such shipyard is—
 - (A) a foreign person that is domiciled in, is headquartered in, has its principal place of business in, or is organized under the laws of a foreign adversary country;
 - (B) an entity with respect to which a foreign person or combination of foreign persons described in subparagraph (A) directly or indirectly own at least a 20 percent stake; or
 - (C) a person subject to the direction or control of a foreign person or entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B).
 - (2) The term “foreign adversary country” means a country specified in section 4872(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

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

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

SEC. 7. STUDY AND REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR PILOTS AND AVIATORS.

- (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall collaborate on a study on the barriers to mental health care for military pilots, aviators, and military air traffic controllers. The study shall include the development of a set of recommendations to ensure that pilots and aviators who need mental health care have—
 - (1) no more barriers to care;
 - (2) no more consequences for seeking care; and
 - (3) no less scientifically-robust bases for being treated and re-cleared for duty than pilots and aviators who need physical health care.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall jointly submit to Congress a report that contains the results of the study required under subsection (a).

160. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RADEWAGEN OF AMERICAN SAMOA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A UNIT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN AMERICAN SAMOA AND IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

(a) DETERMINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense shall determine the feasibility of establishing—

- (1) a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa; and
- (2) a unit of the National Guard in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(b) FORCE STRUCTURE ELEMENTS.—In making the feasibility determination under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense shall consider the following:

(1) The allocation of National Guard force structure and manpower to American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in the event of the establishment of a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the impact of this allocation on existing National Guard units in the 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia.

(2) The Federal funding that would be required to support pay, benefits, training operations, and missions of members of a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, based on the allocation derived from paragraph (1), and the equipment, including maintenance, required to support such force structure.

(3) The presence of existing infrastructure to support a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the requirement for additional infrastructure, including information technology infrastructure, to support such force structure, based on the allocation derived from paragraph (1).

(4) How a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island would accommodate the National Guard Bureau's "Essential Ten" homeland defense capabilities (i.e., aviation, engineering, civil support teams, security, medical, transportation, maintenance, logistics, joint force headquarters, and communications) and reflect regional needs.

(5) The manpower cadre, both military personnel and fulltime support, including National Guard technicians, required to establish, maintain, and sustain a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the ability of American Samoa and of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-

lands to support demographically a unit of the National Guard at each location.

(6) The ability of a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to maintain unit readiness and the logistical challenges associated with transportation, communications, supply/ resupply, and training operations and missions.

(c) SUBMISSION OF CONCLUSION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall notify the congressional defense committees of the results of the feasibility determination made under subsection (a). If the Secretary determines that establishment of a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (or both) is feasible, the Secretary shall include in the notification the following:

(1) A determination of whether the executive branch of American Samoa and of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has enacted and implemented statutory authorization for an organized militia as a prerequisite for establishing a unit of the National Guard, and a description of any other steps that such executive branches must take to request and carry out the establishment of a National Guard unit.

(2) A list of any amendments to titles 10, 32, and 37, United States Code, that would have to be enacted by Congress to provide for the establishment of a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(3) A description of any required Department of Defense actions to establish a unit of the National Guard in American Samoa and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(4) A suggested timeline for completion of the steps and actions described in the preceding paragraphs.

161. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 6. ADOPTION OR GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS.

Section 1052 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “qualifying adoption expenses” each place it appears and inserting “qualifying expenses”;

(2) by striking the section heading and inserting “**Adoption or guardianship expenses**”;

(3) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “TO REIMBURSE”;

(B) by striking “carry out a program under which a member of the armed forces may be reimbursed” and inserting “pay”; and

(C) by striking “adoption of a child” and inserting “adoption or guardianship of a child”;

(4) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the heading, by inserting “AND GUARDIANSHIPS” after “ADOPTIONS”;

- (B) by striking "adoption" each place it appears and inserting "adoption or guardianship"; and
- (C) by striking "reimbursed" and inserting "paid";
- (5) in subsection (d), by striking "adoption benefits" and inserting "adoption or guardianship";
- (6) in subsection (e)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) by striking "\$2,000" and inserting "\$5,000"; and
 - (ii) by striking "adoption of a child" and inserting "adoption or guardianship of a child"; and
 - (B) in paragraph (2)—
 - (i) by striking "\$5,000" and inserting "\$10,000"; and
 - (ii) by striking "adoptions" and inserting "adoptions or guardianships";
- (7) in subsection (g)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1), by striking "adoption" each place it appears and inserting "adoption or guardianship";
 - (B) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking "adoption" each place it appears and inserting "adoption or guardianship";
 - (C) in paragraph (3), by striking "adoption" each place it appears and inserting "adoption or guardianship"; and
 - (D) by adding at the end the following new paragraph: "4) The term 'guardianship' means a legal guardianship, as such term is defined in section 475 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675)."; and
- (8) by striking subsection (c) and redesignating subsections (d), (e), (f), and (g) as subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f), respectively.

162. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PASCRELL JR. OF NEW JERSEY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON TOOLS TO DIAGNOSE TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY IN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) **STUDY REQUIRED; ELEMENTS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study of commercially available diagnostic tools that screen for traumatic brain injury (in this section referred to as "TBI") and may be used by forward-deployed units and in combat zones. Such study shall include the following elements:

(1) Whether such tools can distinguish mild traumatic brain injury from moderate or severe TBI.

(2) How such tools could be used with other approved diagnostics (including neuroimaging biomarkers used in computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging, blood-based biomarkers, electrophysiological biomarkers, oculomotor tracking systems, and integrated measures of physiological deficits), to enhance the health, survival, and long-term conditions of members and former members of the Armed Forces.

(3) How such tools would improve military readiness and address concerns regarding the growing medical burden of TBI.

(b) **REPORT.**—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 containing the following:

- (1) The results of the study.
- (2) Determinations of the Secretary regarding whether to procure and use such tools in addition to other tools already used in the Department of Defense to screen for TBI.
- (3) Recommendations of the Secretary regarding legislation that may be necessary to action regarding such tools.

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

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH-PRESSURE WATERJET CUT AND CAPTURE SYSTEM TO DEMILITARIZE UNDERWATER MUNITIONS.

(a) **INCREASE.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test and evaluation, Army, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for advanced component development and prototypes, environmental quality technology—DEM/VAL, line 060 (PE 0603779A) is hereby increased by \$5,000,000 (to be available for the demonstration of high-pressure waterjet cut and capture system to demilitarize underwater munitions).

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for basic research, defense research sciences, line 002 (PE 0601101E) is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

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

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

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

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

(b) REPORTS.—

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

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

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

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

SEC. 8. MODIFICATION TO INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES IN THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE.

Section 861 of William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 4901 note; Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3775) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by inserting “the Secretary of Defense” before “shall update”; and

(ii) by inserting “, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate” after “congressional defense committees”; and

(B) in paragraph (2)(A)—

(i) by striking “biennially” and inserting “annually”; and

(ii) by inserting “, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate” after “congressional defense committees”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

“(3) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate a report that includes the following for the year covered by the report:

“(A) A description of activities undertaken pursuant to this section.

“(B) An analysis of effect on the participation of small businesses in Department of Defense contracts as a result of implementation of the small business strategy required under section 4901 of title 10, United States Code.

“(C) A description of efforts by the Secretary of Defense to increase participation of small businesses in Department of Defense contracts through the small business strategy.

“(4) SMALL BUSINESS STRATEGY REPORT.—Beginning with the report due October 1, 2029, and every four years thereafter, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate a report on overall efficacy of the small business strategy required under such section 4901, including trends and data analysis for the period covered by the report relating to implementation and outcomes of the strategy.”.

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

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

SEC. 11. EXPAND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that, to the extent practicable, each commercial position in the Department of Defense or an element of the Department is—

- (1) filled by a civilian employee of the Department; or
- (2) performed by a contractor of the Department.

(b) COMMERCIAL POSITION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “commercial position” means a position the functions of which are determined by the Department of Defense to be commercial pursuant to Department of Defense Instruction 1100.22 (or any successor instruction).

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

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

SEC. 8. IMPLEMENTATION OF GAO RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO SPARE PARTS IN GLOBAL SPARES POOL RELATING TO F-35 PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, shall take such actions as may be necessary to implement the recommendations of the Comptroller General of the United States contained in the report entitled, “F-35 Program: DOD Needs Better Accountability for Global Spare Parts and Reporting of Losses Worth Millions”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the progress of the implementation required by subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO CUT SERVICES PROVIDED AT CERTAIN COMBAT TRAINING READINESS CENTERS.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2025 may be used to cut any service provided by a combat training readiness center operated by the Air Force National Guard at any of the following locations:

- (1) Savannah, Georgia.
- (2) Gulfport, Mississippi.
- (3) Alpena, Michigan.
- (4) Volk Field, Wisconsin.

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

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

SEC. 7. CLARIFICATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING THE INTEGRATED DISABILITY EVALUATION SYSTEM.

(a) CLARIFICATION.—Subsection (h) of section 1073c of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “SECRETARIES CONCERNED AND MEDICAL EVALUATION BOARDS” and inserting “AUTHORITY OVER MEMBERS”;

(2) by inserting “(1)” before “Nothing”; and

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

“(2) Notwithstanding the responsibilities and authorities of the Defense Health Agency with respect to the administration of military medical treatment facilities as set forth in this section (including medical evaluations of members of the armed forces under the jurisdiction of the military department concerned), the Secretary of each military department shall maintain personnel authority over, and responsibility for, any member of the armed forces under the jurisdiction of the military department concerned while the member is being considered by a medical evaluation board or is otherwise subject to the integrated disability evaluation system. Such responsibility shall include the following:

“(A) Responsibility for administering the morale and welfare of the member.

“(B) Responsibility for determinations of fitness for duty of the member under chapter 61 of this title.

“(3) Notwithstanding the responsibilities and authorities of the Defense Health Agency with respect to the administration of the integrated disability evaluation system, a commander shall, at all times, maintain absolute responsibility for, and authority over, a member of the armed forces referred to the integrated disability evaluation system. Such responsibility and authority include the following:

“(A) The authority to pause any process of the integrated disability evaluation system regarding the member.

“(B) The authority to withdraw the member from the integrated disability evaluation system if the commander determines that any policy, procedure, regulation, or other guidance has not been followed in the member’s case.

“(4) Pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, a member referred to the integrated disability evaluation system may file an appeal of such referral with the Secretary of the military department concerned. Such an appeal—

“(A) shall be in addition to any appeals process established as part of the integrated disability evaluation system;

“(B) shall include a hearing before an officer who may convene a general court-martial and who is in the chain of command of the member; and

“(C) shall be adjudicated not later than 90 days after such filing.”.

(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to carry out paragraphs (2) through (4) of such subsection,

as added by this section, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than February 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of such paragraphs.

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

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

SEC. 8. STUDY ON USE OF OFF-THE-SHELF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARY COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall carry out a study on the use by the Department of Defense of off-the-shelf information technology products that were manufactured, produced, or assembled by a covered company, including goods used by the Department that contain such an off-the-shelf information technology product.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the study required by subsection (a).

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “commercially available off-the-shelf item” has the meaning given such term in section 104 of title 41, United States Code.

(2) The term “covered company” means—

(A) an entity that is organized under the laws of or located in a foreign adversary country;

(B) a parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of an entity described in subparagraph (A); and

(C) an entity otherwise directly or indirectly owned by or subject to the control of an entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B), as determined by the Secretary of Defense.

(3) The term “foreign adversary country” has the meaning given the term “covered nation” in section 4872(d) of title 10, United States Code.

(4) The term “off-the-shelf information technology product” means a commercially available off-the-shelf item that can process, store, or transmit digital data.

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

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

SEC. 8. BOOTS TO BUSINESS PROGRAM.

Section 32 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 657b) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(h) BOOTS TO BUSINESS PROGRAM.—

“(1) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered individual’ means—

“(A) a member of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserves;

“(B) an individual who is participating in the Transition Assistance Program established under section 1144 of title 10, United States Code;

“(C) an individual who—

“(i) served on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserves; and

“(ii) was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable; and

“(D) a spouse or dependent of an individual described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C).

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT.—During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this subsection and ending on September 30, 2028, the Administrator shall carry out a program to be known as the ‘Boots to Business Program’ to provide entrepreneurship training to covered individuals.

“(3) GOALS.—The goals of the Boots to Business Program are to—

“(A) provide assistance and in-depth training to covered individuals interested in business ownership; and

“(B) provide covered individuals with the tools, skills, and knowledge necessary to identify a business opportunity, draft a business plan, identify sources of capital, connect with local resources for small business concerns, and start up a small business concern.

“(4) PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Boots to Business Program may include—

“(i) a presentation providing exposure to the considerations involved in self-employment and ownership of a small business concern;

“(ii) an online, self-study course focused on the basic skills of entrepreneurship, the language of business, and the considerations involved in self-employment and ownership of a small business concern;

“(iii) an in-person classroom instruction component providing an introduction to the foundations of self-employment and ownership of a small business concern; and

“(iv) in-depth training delivered through online instruction, including an online course that leads to the creation of a business plan.

“(B) COLLABORATION.—The Administrator may—

“(i) collaborate with public and private entities to develop course curricula for the Boots to Business Program; and

“(ii) modify program components in coordination with entities participating in a Warriors in Transition program, as defined in section 738(e) of the National

Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

(C) USE OF RESOURCE PARTNERS AND DISTRICT OFFICES.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall—

“(I) ensure that Veteran Business Outreach Centers regularly participate, on a nationwide basis, in the Boots to Business Program; and

“(II) to the maximum extent practicable, use district offices of the Administration and a variety of other resource partners and entities in administering the Boots to Business Program.

“(ii) GRANT AUTHORITY.—In carrying out clause (i), the Administrator may make grants, subject to the availability of appropriations in advance, to Veteran Business Outreach Centers, other resource partners, or other entities to carry out components of the Boots to Business Program.

(D) AVAILABILITY TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.—The Administrator shall make available to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor information regarding the Boots to Business Program, including all course materials and outreach materials related to the Boots to Business Program, for inclusion on the websites of the Department of Defense and the Department of Labor relating to the Transition Assistance Program, in the Transition Assistance Program manual, and in other relevant materials available for distribution from the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Labor.

(E) AVAILABILITY TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—In consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Administrator shall make available for distribution and display on the website of the Department of Veterans Affairs and at local facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs outreach materials regarding the Boots to Business Program, which shall, at a minimum—

“(i) describe the Boots to Business Program and the services provided; and

“(ii) include eligibility requirements for participating in the Boots to Business Program.

(F) AVAILABILITY TO OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES.—The Administrator shall ensure information regarding the Boots to Business program, including all course materials and outreach materials related to the Boots to Business Program, is made available to other participating agencies in the Transition Assistance Program and upon request of other agencies.

(5) COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES.—The Administration shall use relevant competitive bidding procedures with respect to any contract or cooperative agreement executed by the Administration under the Boots to Business Program.

(6) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY.—Not later than 30 days before the deadline for submitting applications for any funding opportunity under the Boots to Business

Program, the Administration shall publish a notice of the funding opportunity.

“(7) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate and the Committee on Small Business of the House of Representatives a report on the performance and effectiveness of the Boots to Business Program, which—

“(A) may be included as part of another report submitted to such committees by the Administrator related to the Office of Veterans Business Development; and

“(B) shall summarize available information relating to—

“(i) grants awarded under paragraph (4)(C);

“(ii) the total cost of the Boots to Business Program;

“(iii) the number of program participants using each component of the Boots to Business Program;

“(iv) the completion rates for each component of the Boots to Business Program;

“(v) to the extent possible—

“(I) the demographics of program participants, to include gender, age, race, ethnicity, and relationship to military;

“(II) the number of program participants that connect with a district office of the Administration, a Veteran Business Outreach Center, or another resource partner of the Administration;

“(III) the number of program participants that start a small business concern;

“(IV) the results of the Boots to Business and Boots to Business Reboot course quality surveys conducted by the Office of Veterans Business Development before and after attending each of those courses, including a summary of any comments received from program participants;

“(V) the results of the Boots to Business Program outcome surveys conducted by the Office of Veterans Business Development, including a summary of any comments received from program participants; and

“(VI) the results of other germane participant satisfaction surveys;

“(C) an evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the Boots to Business Program based on each geographic region covered by the Administration during the most recent fiscal year;

“(D) an assessment of additional performance outcome measures for the Boots to Business Program, as identified by the Administrator;

“(E) any recommendations of the Administrator for improvement of the Boots to Business Program, which may include expansion of the types of individuals who are covered individuals;

“(F) an explanation of how the Boots to Business Program has been integrated with other transition programs

and related resources of the Administration and other Federal agencies; and

“(G) any additional information the Administrator determines necessary.”.

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

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

SEC. 5. INSTRUCTION IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING IN SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity, shall require that each student of a high school operated by the Activity receives instruction in artificial intelligence and machine learning, including instruction in—

- (1) the foundational concepts of artificial intelligence and machine learning;
- (2) definitions of artificial intelligence and machine learning;
- (3) the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence and machine learning applications; and
- (4) such other topics relating to artificial intelligence and machine learning as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(b) **FORM OF INSTRUCTION.**—The instruction required under subsection (a) may be incorporated into one or more existing courses taught at high schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity.

(c) **APPLICABILITY.**—The requirement to provide the instruction described in subsection (a) shall apply beginning with the first school year that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section, the term “high school” has the meaning given that term in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).

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

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

SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING NAMING A NAVAL VESSEL AFTER WILLIAM B. GOULD.

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name a commissioned naval vessel after formerly enslaved sailor and Civil War veteran, William B. Gould, to honor his strength of character and faithful service to the United States.

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

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

SEC. 2. MODIFICATION TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EDUCATION STRATEGY.

Section 256 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116–92; 133 Stat. 1290) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING EDUCATION PLATFORMS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, each Secretary of a military department shall provide personnel in that Secretary’s department with distance education courses on—

“(A) the foundational concepts of artificial intelligence and machine learning; and

“(B) the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence and machine learning applications.

“(2) REPORT.—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the progress of the Secretaries of the military departments in implementing paragraph (1).”.

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

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

SEC. 3. INVESTMENT PLAN FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPOTS AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

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

(1) the current state of Department of Defense depots and industrial facilities is concerning;

(2) charged with maintaining critical equipment and complex weapons systems, these Government-owned, Government-operated installations are vital to supporting military readiness and conflict deterrence;

(3) robust funding should be provided for sustained facilities modernization; and

(4) facilities and equipment modernization will cost hundreds of billions and require sustained management attention over many years.

(b) INVESTMENT PLAN.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of each of the military departments, shall submit to the congressional defense committees an investment plan that includes detailed information about the minimum annual investment in Department of Defense depots and industrial facilities that is needed to prevent further infrastructure deterioration. The minimum investment level included in the plan shall reflect a percentage of the 3-year rolling average of maintenance, repair, and overhaul workload funded at all Department depots and industrial facilities. Modernization efforts addressed in the plan shall account for future technological demands, labor needs, and threats to facil-

ity security including those posed by extreme weather and natural disasters.

176. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 599C. REPORT ON NATIONAL GUARD SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RESPONSE PREVENTION TRAINING.

The Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives containing the number of national guard members, aggregated by State, that received sexual assault and response prevention training in the preceding calendar year—

- (1) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act; and
- (2) annually, beginning in 2026, by not later than March 30 of each year.

177. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PORTER OF CALIFORNIA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. OPEN INTERFACE STANDARDS FOR CONTRACTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall make publicly available the open interface standards for contracts awarded by the Secretary, unless the service acquisition executive (as defined in section 101 of title 10, United States Code) with respect to a specific contract submits to the Secretary a request to not disclose such standards.

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

Page 448, after line 17, insert the following new section:

SEC. 8. ASSESSMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH GLOBAL HOUSEHOLD GOODS CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) ASSESSMENT.—The Commander of the United States Transportation Command shall carry out an assessment of the performance of contractors under the Global Household Goods Contract in meeting the applicable requirements for capacity and quality in such contract during the period beginning on May 1, 2025, and ending on August 31, 2025.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 11 months after the date of the enactment of this section, the Commander of the United States Transportation Command shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the assessment required under subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 2. MODIFICATION TO INNOVATORS INFORMATION REPOSITORY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Section 220 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 10 U.S.C. 2364 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by inserting “Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office, Defense Innovation Unit, and” before “Defense Technical Information Center”;

(2) in subsection (b), by inserting “in accordance with subsection (e)” before the period at the end;

(3) in subsection (c)—

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

“(1) be coordinated across the Department of Defense enterprise to focus on small business innovators that are small, independent United States businesses, including—

“(A) those participating in the Small Business Innovation Research program or the Small Business Technology Transfer program;

“(B) those participating in the Pilot Program to Accelerate the Procurement and Fielding of Innovative Technologies and the Rapid Defense Enterprise Research program; and

“(C) nontraditional defense companies that are working with research, innovation, and advanced project entities; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(E) the date of the initial award to the participant from the Department of Defense; and

“(F) the dates of any additional awards made to the participant, including the dates of any contracts or other agreements entered into between the participant the Department of Defense; and”;

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

(e) UPDATES REQUIRED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not less frequently than once each fiscal quarter, the head of the Defense Technical Information Center, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, shall update the innovators information repository established under this section.

“(2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days after making an update to the innovators information repository under paragraph (1), the head of the Defense Technical Information Center shall submit to the congressional defense com-

mittees notice of such update together with instructions for electronically accessing the updated repository.”.

180. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10____. REPORT ON TRAINING AND SAFETY PROGRAM FOR OPERATION OF ASSAULT AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLES.

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 the feasibility, advisability, and potential benefits of establishing a training and safety program for the operation of assault amphibious vehicles.

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

Add at the end of subtitle B of title I the following:

SEC. 113. REPORT ON BLACK HAWK HELICOPTER PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the budget of the President for fiscal year 2026 is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on Modernization of the Black Hawk helicopter program of the Army.

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

(1) Identification of the program elements and level of funding requested for the Black Hawk Modernization program for the period of fiscal years 2026 through 2030 set forth separately by fiscal year and appropriations account.

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

(3) A program acquisition strategy for Black Hawk Modernization.

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

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

SEC. 10____. UPDATES TO NATIONAL BIODEFENSE STRATEGY.

(a) UPDATES REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall revise and update the most recent version of the national biodefense strategy and associated implementation plan required under section 1086 of the Na-

tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114–328; 6 U.S.C. 104). In revising and updating the strategy and implementation plan, the Secretaries shall address—

- (1) current and potential biological threats against the United States, both naturally occurring and man-made, either accidental or deliberate;
- (2) the potential for catastrophic biological threats; and
- (3) such other matters as the Secretaries determine appropriate.

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

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

183. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. EXPANSION OF REPORT ON FUTURE SERVICEMEMBER PREPARATORY COURSE.

Section 546(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 10 U.S.C. 520 note) is amended—

- (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (6); and
- (2) by inserting, after paragraph (3), the following new paragraphs:

“(4) The determination of the Secretary regarding the effectiveness of the preparatory course.

“(5) Recommendations of the Secretary regarding—

- “(A) how to improve the preparatory course;
- “(B) whether to expand the preparatory course.”.

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

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

SEC. 2. REPORT ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKFORCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(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 that includes—

- (1) an assessment of the effectiveness of the artificial intelligence workforce of the Department of Defense;
- (2) identification of any gaps in the skills and training of such workforce; and

(3) a description of any actions that may be carried out to preserve and enhance such workforce to ensure the global technological competitiveness of the United States.

(b) ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKFORCE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “artificial intelligence workforce” means members of the Armed Forces and civilian personnel of the Department Defense with responsibilities relating to the research, development, procurement, or operational use of artificial intelligence technology.

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

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

SEC. 5. TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION REGARDING MEMBER'S OPIOID USE DISORDER TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Section 1142(d) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in the heading, by striking “TRANSMITTAL” and inserting “TRANSMISSION”;
- (2) by inserting “(1)” before “In the case”; and
- (3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) In the case of a member whom the Secretary concerned knows has a history of opioid use disorder, such Secretary concerned shall notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of such history within 60 days of the separation, retirement, or discharge of such member.”

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

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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON ACCESSIBILITY OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND SERVICES FOR ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study determine whether and to what extent members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty have adequate access to mental health care providers and services.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 6. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON INCREASE TO THE FAMILY SEPARATION ALLOWANCE.

It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should raise the family separation allowance to the maximum allowable amount of \$400 per month as authorized under section 427 of title 37, United States Code (as amended by section 626 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 137 Stat. 294)).

188. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 7. REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN PRESCRIPTION DROP BOXES AT MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that each military installation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary has one or more prescription drop boxes to facilitate the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including opioids.

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

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

SEC. 1. PLAN FOR PROVIDING CERTAIN AIRCRAFT TO THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

(a) PLAN REQUIRED.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for providing the aircraft described in subsection (b) to relevant aviation units of the Army National Guard in a manner that is concurrent with and in proportion to the manner in which such aircraft are provided to active duty Army aviation units.

(b) AIRCRAFT DESCRIBED.—The aircraft described in this subsection are the following:

- (1) AH-64E aircraft.
- (2) MQ-1C M25 aircraft.
- (3) CH-47 aircraft.
- (4) UH-60M aircraft.
- (5) Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft.

190. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BERGMAN OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR OPERATION CATTLE DRIVE.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for Information Technology Development, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Operation Cattle Drive, line 121, is hereby increased by \$25,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the office of the Secretary of Defense, line 470, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$25,000,000.

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

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

SEC. 17. REPORT ON SECURITY COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House Representatives a report on security cooperation with the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the treatment of detained Americans on Turks and Caicos Islands, including—

(1) the efforts of such Departments to counter threats from transnational criminal organizations, violent extremist organizations, and malign regional and external state actors in co-operation with the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands;

(2) United States taxpayer assistance made available for the Turks and Caicos Islands since October 1, 2014; and

(3) efforts by such Departments to address the treatment of and human rights abuses committed against United States individuals and others detained by the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands and to advocate for changes in policy related to their detention of Americans, during fiscal years 2022 through 2024.

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

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

SEC. 5. GAO STUDY ON CHILD CARE SERVICES PROVIDED OR PAID FOR BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall carry out a study to assess the child care programs of the Department of Defense, including military child development centers, family home day care, Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood, and Child Care in Your Home.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding the results of the study under subsection (a). Such report shall include the following information, disaggregated by covered Armed Force:

(1) The period of time military families in each priority category are on a waiting list from the time of submitting a request on militarychildcare.com until the time of final approval.

(2) The percentage of military families that submitted a request for child care services through militarychildcare.com and did not receive an offer within three months of the date requested.

(3) The average percentage of annual income a military family spends on child care per child.

(4) The percentage of military families that require more than one such child care program to meet child care needs.

(5) The current amount allocated to each covered Armed Force for the Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood and Child Care in Your Home programs.

(6) How much of the amount described in paragraph (5) is spent on—

(A) administration;

(B) child care services for military families.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “covered Armed Force” means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.

(2) The terms “military child development center” and “family home day care” have the meanings given such terms in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.

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

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

SEC. _____. QUARTERLY REPORT ON INFILTRATIONS OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROPERTY BY FOREIGN ACTORS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not less frequently than quarterly, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on instances of infiltration, or attempted infiltration, of a military installation, facility, or real property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense by a foreign actor during the period covered by the report.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—Each report required by subsection (a) shall include—

(1) a summary of each instance of infiltration or attempted infiltration;

(2) an identification of the foreign actor the Secretary determines is responsible for such infiltration or attempted infiltration; and

(3) with respect to each foreign actor included in such report, an statement of—

(A) immigration status, if any;

(B) country of origin;

(C) method and date of entry into the United States, if known;

(D) criminal background, if known; and

(E) any other information obtained during the applicable Department of Defense investigation that the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

- (1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—
 - (A) the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate
 - (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;
 - (C) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
 - (D) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives;
 - (E) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Relations of the Senate;
 - (F) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;
 - (G) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and
 - (H) the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives.
- (2) The term “foreign actor” means an individual who is not a citizen or national of the United States.
- (3) The term “infiltration” includes, with respect to a military installation, facility, or real property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense, unauthorized photo or video recording.

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

Page 571, after line 11, insert the following:

SEC. 12 _____. ASSESSMENT, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES.

Section 383(d)(1)(B) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, including a description of challenges in executing the program,” after “lessons learned”.

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

Page 803, line 9, insert “(including in-person, remote, and hybrid fellowships)” after “fellowships”.

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

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

SEC. 1236. REPORT ON CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE.

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

cally detail the countries, entities, and individuals who received such assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 3. REPORT ON WILDFIRE FIGHTING CAPABILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN HAWAII.

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

(1) an assessment of the wildfire fighting capabilities of the Department of Defense in Hawaii, including any shortfalls in firefighting equipment, facilities, training, plans, or personnel;

(2) a determination of the feasibility of establishing a wildfire training institute on O'ahu;

(3) an identification of any additional authorities or resources required to integrate the capabilities of the Department of Defense with the capabilities of other Federal, State, and local emergency responders; and

(4) an identification of any memoranda or other agreements between the Department and State, local, Federal, or other disaster response organizations regarding wildland fire mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery.

198. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CROCKETT OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XVII of division A the following:

SEC. _____. REPORT ON MILITARY SPOUSE SECURITY CLEARANCE.

Not later than May 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, shall provide a report to Congress on the technical, operational, human resources, and legal challenges that would result from accelerating security clearance reviews of military spouses by using information, including address verification, from the spousal review of their connected service member's security clearance, as well as the anticipated benefits of such a change.

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

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

SEC. _____. DESIGNATION OF CREECH AIR FORCE BASE, NEVADA, AS REMOTE OR ISOLATED INSTALLATION.

The Secretary of Defense shall designate Creech Air Force Base located at Indian Springs Nevada, as a remote or isolated installation.

200. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 6 _____. EXPANSION OF BEREAVEMENT LEAVE.

Section 701(l)(1)(A) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “two weeks” and inserting “12 weeks”.

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

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

SEC. 17 _____. ASSESSMENT OF THE ACCURACY OF GAZA MINISTRY OF HEALTH CASUALTY REPORTING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report assessing the accuracy of the reporting of the Gaza Ministry of Health regarding—

- (1) the total casualty figures reported by the Ministry; and
- (2) the information disseminated by the Ministry of casualties grouped by age and gender.

(b) FORM.—The assessment required by paragraph (1) shall be transmitted in an unclassified manner, and any supporting documentation may be transmitted in a classified annex.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the submission of the report required by subsection (a), the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the contents of the report.

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

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

SEC. 5. REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF VETERANS WHO HAVE THEIR MILITARY ACQUIRED CREDENTIALS RECOGNIZED AT THE STATE-LEVEL FOR THE CIVILIAN WORKFORCE.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Labor, shall submit to Congress a report that builds on the data reported in the “DoD Credentialing Utilization” report from 2018 (3-BB02A16) to better assess the effectiveness of the Credentialing Programs for post-military civilian employment.

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

(1) An assessment of the number of veterans who successfully transfer their eligible professional credentials to civilian jobs.

(2) An assessment of which certifications were most commonly used for post-military civilian employment, such as airplane mechanics.

(3) An assessment on any other barriers veterans face to transferring military mechanical skills to State certifications.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “applicable licensing authority” means the licensing authority by a State for a given vocation in which the veteran works or would like to work.

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

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

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

203. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR BLUE GRASS CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT.

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

(1) The Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) directed the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army, to conduct a feasibility study to assess potential missions, plants, or industries feasible for Army or Department of Defense needs at the Blue Grass Army Depot following the completion of the mission at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant.

(2) House Report 118-301 to accompany the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31) directed the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Commanding General, Army Materiel Command and the

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology to provide a briefing on the costs and estimated funding profile associated with the organic industrial base modernization strategy and the efforts required to support opportunities for augmenting the organic industrial base at Blue Grass Army Depot.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense and the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, should work with Congress and the local community near the Blue Grass Army Depot to build upon the findings of the feasibility study and House Report referred to in subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 1. MODIFICATION TO MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL MINERALS.

Section 152 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 137 Stat. 180; 50 U.S.C. 98e-2) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by inserting “**STRATEGIC AND**” after “**DOMESTICALLY PROCESSED**”;

(2) in subsection (a), by striking “the procurement of” and all that follows and inserting the following: “the procurement of strategic and critical materials that are mined, processed, or produced in the United States.”;

(3) in subsection (c), by striking “the domestically processed critical minerals” and inserting “the strategic and critical materials”;

(4) by redesignating subsection (e) as subsection (f);

(5) by inserting after subsection (d) the following new subsection:

“(e) PRIORITY.—In carrying out the activities described in this section, the Secretary may give priority to the procurement of strategic and critical materials that are derived from recycled and reused minerals and metals to the maximum extent practicable, and from terrestrial mines that do not cause harm to the natural or cultural resources of Tribal communities or sovereign nations or result in degraded ground or surface water.”; and

(6) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

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

“(1) The term ‘strategic and critical material’ means a material determined to be a strategic or critical material under section 3(a) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98b(a)).”; and

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

“(4) The term ‘produced’ means formed, assembled, manufactured, or systems integrated.”

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

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

SEC. 1004. OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT REMEDIATION PLAN.

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

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

(2) in paragraph (2)—

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

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

“(C) Not later than June 30, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall provide to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate a briefing on the status of the corrective action plan. Such briefing shall include an assessment of the progress of the Secretary of Defense in achieving an unqualified audit opinion as described in subsection (a)(2)(iv)”.

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

Page 370, insert after line 6 the following:

SEC. 734. WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON HEALTH CONDITIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ON ACTIVE DUTY DEVELOPED AFTER ADMINISTRATION OF COVID-19 VACCINE.

(a) **WITHHOLDING.**—Section 725(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 137 Stat. 309) is amended—

(1) by striking “Not later than” and inserting “(1) Not later than”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(2) If the Secretary fails to submit a report required under paragraph (1) prior to the deadline applicable under such paragraph, the amount otherwise authorized to be appropriated for the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the next fiscal year which begins after the deadline shall be reduced by 5 percent.”.

(b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enactment of National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

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

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

SEC. 7. EXPANSION OF RECOGNITION BY THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY OF CERTIFYING BODIES FOR PHYSICIANS.

(a) EXPANSION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall revise the policy of the Defense Health Agency regarding the credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of certifying bodies for physicians under such policy to a wide range of additional board certifications in medical specialties and subspecialties. The following certifying bodies shall be so recognized:

- (1) The member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- (2) The Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists of the American Osteopathic Association.
- (3) The American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery.
- (4) The American Board of Podiatric Medicine.
- (5) The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

(b) STANDARDS FOR RECOGNITION OF OTHER CERTIFYING BODIES.—To be recognized under subsection (a), a certifying body shall—

- (1) be an organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code;
- (2) maintain a process to define, periodically review, enforce, and update specific standards regarding knowledge and skills of the specialty or subspecialty;
- (3) administer a psychometrically valid assessment to determine whether a physician meets standards for initial certification, recertification, or continuing certification;
- (4) establish and enforce a code of professional conduct; and
- (5) require that, in order to be considered a board certified specialty physician, a physician must satisfy—
 - (A) the certifying body's applicable requirements for initial certification; and
 - (B) any applicable recertification or continuing certification requirements of the certifying body that granted the initial certification.

208. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 1. DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIREMENT FOR SHIPPING CONTAINER PRODUCTION FACILITY AT DOMESTIC ARMY INSTALLATION.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

- (1) House Report 118-301 accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31) directed the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Commanding General, Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology to provide a briefing on the costs and estimated funding profile as it relates to the organic industrial base modernization strategy, and facility efforts required to support op-

portunities for organic industrial base augmentation at Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky.

(2) The briefing was directed to explore Blue Grass Army Depot as a potential site for the production of metal shipping containers.

(3) Limited domestic production, coupled with the concentration of global shipping container manufacturing in and around China, is a strategic deployment and sustainment risk for United States forces.

(4) China produces most shipping containers and the Department of Defense sources nearly all containers from Asia or assembles container kits in the United States from foreign-producers.

(5) Establishing a domestic source for metal shipping containers would reduce reliance on foreign sources.

(b) **SHIPPING CONTAINER REQUIREMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, the Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command, and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, shall develop a requirement for the establishment of a shipping container production facility within the United States at an Army installation found to meet feasibility and readiness goals.

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

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

SEC. 5. TRAINING AND INTERNSHIPS FOR TRANSITIONING MEMBERS THROUGH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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

(b) **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “institution of higher education” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

210. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETTERSEN OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 7. HEALTH CARE STRATEGY FOR MEMBERS WHO PERFORM DUTY IN A COLD WEATHER LOCATION.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs shall convene a working group of subject matter experts from the extramural community and military health system to develop a strategy and the medical research and development requirements to deliver pre-hospital, life-saving interventions for

members of the Armed Forces who perform duty in cold weather locations. Not later than July 1, 2025, the Assistant Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees such strategy and associated requirements, which shall include the following:

- (1) An overarching plan addressing unique pre-hospital life-saving and sustainment interventions required in cold weather locations and research required to advance medical care in cold weather locations.
- (2) A review of laboratory and medical product development capabilities of the Department of Defense to conduct research and development and support the transition and fielding of medical products for cold weather locations.
- (3) Identification of and recommendations to amend clinical practice guidelines to treat combat casualties in cold weather locations.
- (4) Initial capabilities documents identifying gaps and requirements to support pre-hospital, life-saving interventions during operations in cold weather locations.
- (5) A recommended investment plan to address clinical and medical research and development capability gaps identified in initial capabilities documents.
- (6) Engagement of academic medical centers and institutions to support public-private partnerships for research and development to address the pre-hospital needs of members following injury in cold weather locations.

(b) COLD WEATHER LOCATION DEFINED.—In this section, the term “cold weather location” means a location for which a member may receive special duty pay—

- (1) under section 352 of title 37, United States Code; and
- (2) pursuant to section 315 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31; 37 U.S.C. 352 note).

211. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CISCOMANI OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 915, after line 12, insert the following new section:

SEC. 28. LAND CONVEYANCE, FORT HUACHUCA, SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Army may convey, without consideration, to the City of Sierra Vista, Arizona (in this section referred to as the “City”), all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to a parcel of real property, including any improvements thereon, consisting of approximately 203 acres, comprising a portion of Fort Huachuca, Arizona, for the purpose of compatible development of the municipal airport located in the City.

(2) CONTINUATION OF EXISTING EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND COVENANTS.—The conveyance of the property under paragraph (1) shall be subject to any easement, restriction, or covenant of record applicable to the property and in existence on the date of the enactment of this section.

(b) REVISIONARY INTEREST.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the Army determines at any time that the real property conveyed under subsection (a) is not being used in accordance with the purpose of the conveyance specified in such subsection, all right, title, and interest in and to the property, including any improvements thereto, may, at the option of the Secretary, revert to and become the property of the United States, and the United States may have the right of immediate entry onto such property.

(2) DETERMINATION.—A determination by the Secretary of the Army under paragraph (1) shall be made on the record after an opportunity for a hearing.

(c) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—

(1) PAYMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the Army shall require the City to cover all costs (except costs for environmental remediation of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), including costs for environmental and real estate due diligence and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance.

(2) REFUND OF EXCESS AMOUNTS.—If amounts collected by the Secretary of the Army from the City under paragraph (1) in advance exceed the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out the conveyance under subsection (a), the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the City.

(d) LIMITATION ON SOURCE OF FUNDS.—The City may not use Federal funds to cover any portion of the costs required to be paid by the City under this section.

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

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

212. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETTERSEN OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 780, insert after line 7 the following:

SEC. 1818. BRIEFING ON ACCESS OF MEMBERS OF NATIONAL GUARD TO CHILD CARE SERVICES AT MILITARY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

(a) BRIEFING REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Army and Air Force, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a briefing regarding the access of members of the Army National Guard and the Air Force National Guard to child care services at military child development centers.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing under this section shall include the following elements:

(1) The number of families in the Army National Guard and the Air Force National Guard with children under 12 years of age.

(2) The number of families in the Army National Guard and the Air Force National Guard with children under 12 years in which both parents are members of either the Army National Guard or the Air Force National Guard.

(3) The number of single parent households in which the parent is a member of the Army National Guard or the Air Force National Guard.

(4) The average number of days during the year in which a member of the Army National Guard or the Air Force National Guard who has a child under 12 years of age is on active duty.

(5) The number of members of the Army National Guard or the Air Force National Guard Number who have a child under 12 years of age who live within the following distance of a military child development center:

- (A) 10 miles.
- (B) 25 miles.
- (C) 50 miles.
- (D) Over 100 miles.

(6) The number of Army National Guard armories and Air Force National Guard armories within the following distance of a military child development center:

- (A) 10 miles.
- (B) 25 miles.
- (C) 50 miles.
- (D) Over 100 miles.

(7) The number of Army National Guard families who have successfully obtained a voucher for child care funding cost assistance though the Childcare Aware and Upwards programs.

(8) The number of Air Force National Guard families who have successfully obtained a voucher for child care funding cost assistance though the Childcare Aware and Upwards programs.

(9) The amount of funds currently spent on vouchers under the Childcare Aware program for Army National Guard families and Air Force National Guard families, and the amount of funds currently spent on vouchers for Army National Guard families and Air Force National Guard families under the Upwards program.

(10) An overview of State laws that affect the ability of military child development centers to provide 24-hour and overnight child care services.

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “military child development center” has the meaning given such term in section 1800 of title 10, United States Code.

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

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

SEC. 10. PSYCHOLOGICAL PERFORMANCE TRAINING IN PERFORMANCE MINDSET.

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that long-term exposure to high-stress environments leaves many individuals in a suboptimal performance state, creating an environment for maladaptive coping mechanisms, compromised performance abilities, and a potential increase in anxiety, depression, suicide, domestic violence, and substance abuse.

(b) REQUIRED TRAINING.—All training provided to a member of the Armed Forces, including at a Service Academy (as defined section 347 of title 10, United States Code), or a school operated under chapter 107 or 108 of title 10, United States Code, shall include training on the development of proactive psychological performance skills and strategies for psychological flexibility and mental strength. Such training shall include each of the following:

(1) Training in scientifically researched and evidence-based mindset skills designed to prepare members of the Armed Forces for the physical and mental stressors associated with service in the Armed Forces.

(2) Performance mindset training designed to create psychological flexibility and mental strength to reduce the effects of potential trauma.

(3) Interactive and contextualized training provided by specialized training teams with expert knowledge of psychological performance and how to apply the skills covered by the training across the phases of a career of a member of the Armed Forces.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the implementation of this section. Each such report shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may contain a classified annex.

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

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

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR HIGH-HYPersonic DETONATION PROPULSION RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for RDT&E, Air Force for Aerospace Propulsion, line 008 as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for high-hypersonic detonation propulsion research and technology is hereby increased by \$5,000,000; and

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for O&M, Air Force for Administration, line 410, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for program decrease is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

215. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. COMMERCIAL TRANSITION FOR MILITARY AVIATION MECHANICS.

The Secretary of Defense shall create a strategy to support the transition of military aviation mechanics to commercial aviation mechanics after active duty service.

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

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

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR ADAPTIVE AND INTELLIGENT ADVERSARY-THREAT MODELS.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for RDT&E, Army for Soldier Lethality Technology, line 010 as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for adaptive and intelligent adversary-threat models is hereby increased by \$5,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for O&M, Army for Other Personnel Support, line 470 as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, for program decrease is hereby reduced by \$5,000,000.

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

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON MODIFICATIONS OF EXPEDITIONARY TRANSFER DOCK SHIPS.

Not later than March 1, 2025, the Chief of Naval Operations, in consultation with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report on recommended modifications to the Expeditionary Transfer Dock Ships that will best enable at-sea sustainment of Joint Interagency Task Force South partner nation patrol vessels and United States Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters.

218. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON MILITARY AND WEAPONS LOST DURING WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes an accounting of all the military equipment and weapons lost to the Taliban during the withdrawal of the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan.

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

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

SEC. 12. BRIEFING ON IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR NON-STATE ACTORS IN NORTH AFRICA.

(a) **BRIEFING REQUIRED.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide the appropriate congressional committees a briefing on—

- (1) Iran's material support for non-state actors in North Africa;
- (2) threats to the security of United States allies in the region posed by this Iranian support; and
- (3) recommendations for actions the United States may take to deter Iran from providing this support.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 10. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING COOPERATION WITH THE PHILIPPINES ON MARITIME SECURITY.

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) the United States should remain committed to helping the Philippines maintain the safety and security of the Philippines, including helping the Philippines to defend against threats to such safety and security from China; and
- (2) to help the Philippines defend against such threats, the United States should expand cooperation between the United States and the Philippines with respect to maritime security.

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

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

SEC. 10. ASSESSMENT OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM SUPPORTING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE R-2508 AIR-SPACE.

(a) ASSESSMENT REQUIRED.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments concerned, shall develop an assessment of the health care system supporting the military installations within the R-2508 Airspace to ensure adequate health care for the civilian and military workforce.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the assessment conducted under subsection (a). Such report shall include an explanation of—

- (1) any challenges to the health care system covered by the report within the private and public sector—
 - (A) including any challenges relating to funding and authorization;
 - (B) including any potential obstacles to access health care services for both civilian and military populations;
 - (C) whether there exists a provider shortage for emergency care personnel and certain other specialties; and
 - (D) including consideration of the potential impacts on the mission of the military installations covered by the report;
- (2) recommendations with respect to legislative proposals to improve such health care system; and
- (3) the plans of the Secretary to address the issues identified under paragraphs (1) through (2).

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

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

SEC. 17. REWARDS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING LEADERS OF HAMAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Secretary of Defense shall advocate in their respective roles on the Foreign Threat Intelligence Committee to request the Rewards for Justice Program to offer \$25,000,000 each in incentives for information regarding Hamas terrorists Yahya Sinwar and Mohammed Deif.

(b) OTHER REWARDS.—The Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Secretary of Defense should advocate for significant rewards for information regarding other leaders Iran-backed entities designated as Foreign Terrorist Organizations under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189) or Specially Designated Global Terrorists under section 594.310 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations.

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

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

SEC. 7. STUDY ON INCREASED TELEHEALTH SERVICES OF THE DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY.

Not later than September 30, 2025, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of a study to determine how to increase access of TRICARE beneficiaries to telehealth services of the Defense Health Agency.

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

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

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

(a) **REVIEW.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of research conducted during the period beginning on January 1, 1945, and ending on December 31, 1972, by the Department of Defense, including by the Department of Defense in consultation with the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Agriculture, or any other Federal agency on—

- (1) the use of ticks as hosts or delivery mechanisms for biological warfare agents, including experiments involving Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales; and
- (2) any efforts to improve the effectiveness and viability of Spirochaetales and Rickettsiales as biological weapons through combination with other diseases or viruses.

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

(c) INFORMATION TO BE REVIEWED.—

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

(2) **DOCUMENTS FOR REVIEW.**—In conducting the review under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall review, among other sources, the following documents:

(A) Technical Reports related to The Summary of Major Events and Problems, US Army Chemical Corps, FY 1951 – FY1969.

(B) Site Holding: CB DT DW 48158 Title: Virus and Rickettsia Waste Disposal Study. Technical Report No. 103, January 1969. Corp Author Name: FORT DETRICK FREDERICK MD Report Number: SMUFD-TR-103 Publish Date: 19690101.

(C) Site Holding: CB DT DW 60538 Title: A Plaque Assay System for Several Species of Rickettsia. Corp Author Name: FORT DETRICK FREDERICK MD Report Number: SMUFD-TM-538 Publish Date: 19690601.

(D) Site Holding: CB DW 531493 Title: Progress Report for Ecology and Epidemiology and Biological Field Test Technology, Third Quarter FY 1967. Corp Author Name:

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19670508.

(d) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report that includes the following:

(A) The scope of any research described in subsection (a).

(B) Whether any ticks used in such research were released outside of any facility (including any ticks that were released unintentionally).

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

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

225. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BARR OF KENTUCKY OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. ASSESSMENT OF INFLUENCE OF CHINA IN PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section, and each year thereafter, the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency shall publish in the annual China military power report required by section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65), or other relevant publication, an assessment of the following:

(1) Investments and influence of China in Pacific Island nations.

(2) How China's activities have or have not impacted United States military strategy in the Pacific region, as it relates to Pacific Island nations.

226. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALBERG OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. ANNUAL REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE TO U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ON NORTHERN BORDER SECURITY.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress an annual report on the assistance the Department of Defense provides to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Department of Homeland Security to secure the northern border of the United States.

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

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

SEC. 8. REPORTS ON NATIONAL SECURITY RISKS.(a) **GAO REPORT.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report containing the results of a study on the national security risks posed by consulting firms who simultaneously contract with the Federal Government and the Chinese government or its proxies or affiliates.

(2) **CONTENTS.**—In performing the study under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General shall—

(A) assess the extent to which Federal agencies collect information on contracts performed on behalf of the Chinese government or its proxies or affiliates by consulting firms that hold or have held contracts with the Federal Government, and whether such information includes specific projects and deliverables of such contracts;

(B) evaluate the extent to which selected Federal agencies, to include at a minimum the Department of Defense and elements of the Intelligence Community, have assessed the risks posed by American consulting firms' work for the Chinese government and its proxies or affiliates, including an assessment of risk of deliberate or inadvertent sharing of Federal Government information that may be used for Chinese economic or military advantage;

(C) identify relevant contract clauses, procedures, and information used by Federal agencies to identify, evaluate and resolve organizational conflicts of interest when awarding consulting contracts;

(D) assess the extent to which agencies experience challenges when identifying, evaluating and resolving organizational conflicts of interest, including determining whether the offeror or potential contractor also performs work for China; and

(E) identify steps federal agencies take to monitor contractor compliance with any contract clauses, terms or conditions intended to resolve identified conflicts of interest.

(b) **REPORT ON CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**—The Secretary of Defense shall annually submit to Congress a report on—

(1) the implementation of section 812 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 4501 note prec.); and

(2) how the Department of Defense is defining the term “entities related to the Chinese or Russian governments” and whether, and to what extent, the Secretary is investigating conflicts of interest between prime contractors of the Department of Defense and subsidiary companies of such contractors.

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

Amend section 1725 to read as follows:

SEC. 1725. CERTIFICATION AND REPORTS ON SOUTH AFRICA.(a) **PRESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATION.—**

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense, shall certify

to the appropriate congressional committees and release publicly an unclassified determination explicitly stating whether South Africa has engaged in activities that undermine United States national security or foreign policy interests.

(2) REPORT.—The certification required under paragraph (1) shall be accompanied by an unclassified report, with a classified annex if the President considers such as necessary, providing a justification for the determination made pursuant to such paragraph.

(b) REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.—

(1) FULL REVIEW.—The President, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, the United States Ambassador to South Africa, and the heads of such other Federal departments and agencies that play a substantial role in United States relations with South Africa, shall conduct a review of the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Africa.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report that includes the findings of the review required by paragraph (1).

(c) SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on United States defense cooperation with the Government of South Africa.

(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall also include the following:

(A) An overview of United States defense cooperation with the Government of South Africa, including military exercises, arms sales, and international military education and training.

(B) An assessment of defense cooperation between the Government of South Africa and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Government of the People's Republic of China, and the Government of the Russian Federation.

(3) FORM.—The report required under paragraph (1) shall be transmitted in an unclassified form and may contain a classified annex.

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

229. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURLISON OF MISSOURI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO GREGORY McMANUS FOR ACTS OF VALOR.

(a) **WAIVER OF TIME LIMITATIONS.**—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 7271 of such title, to Gregory McManus for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) **ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.**—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the following:

(1) Chief Warrant Officer Gregory McManus distinguished himself for his brave acts of valor while serving in the United States Army by risking his life to save the lives of his fellow servicemembers.

(2) Chief Warrant Officer McManus deserves recognition for his acts of valor while serving as the commander of a single helicopter gunship on an important mission north of Chai Duc.

(3) Discovering an envoy of hundreds of enemy troops along the Cambodian border, Chief Warrant Officer McManus attacked the enemy without hesitation.

(4) Chief Warrant Officer McManus disregarded the tracers that rose to meet him, firing rockets the entire length of the convoy, confusing the enemy, and scattering the troop column.

(5) Chief Warrant Officer McManus then attacked an armored vehicle with a mounted machine gun, destroying it and a large artillery piece which it was towing.

(6) Over and over, Chief Warrant Officer McManus flew through heavy automatic weapons and machine gun fire to attack the enemy, only deciding to return when his ordinance was expended, and his ship had taken so much damage that further flight was inadvisable.

(7) With this noble deed, Chief Warrant Officer McManus was able to destroy the enemy unit and scattered the rest in disorder with a single ship.

(8) Disregarding the size and scope of the enemy troop's convoy, Chief Warrant Officer McManus put his own life in danger, all in the service of his country and members of the Armed Forces.

(9) Because of the heroic actions of Chief Warrant Officer McManus, countless American soldier's lives were saved.

(10) These actions of heroism by Chief Warrant Officer McManus deserves recognition and demonstrates this hero of the United States more than deserve the medal of honor.

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

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

SEC. . MILITARY COOPERATION WITH MOROCCO.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States recognizes the 20th anniversary of the African Lion exercise hosted by Morocco, a key United States ally in Africa and the Middle East.

(2) The African Lion exercise is United States Africa Command's largest annual combined joint exercise.

(3) African Lion builds and maintains interoperability with our African and North Atlantic Treaty Organization partners and improves our ability to meet security related challenges together to address the growing threats from nation states, private military corporations, militias, non-state armed groups and violent extremist organizations, given the increasing presence of malign actors in Africa, including the Iranian regime and its proxies, particularly in North Africa and the Sahel.

(b) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It is the policy of the United States to—

(1) support strengthening security cooperation with Morocco given increasing instability in Africa and the Middle East and provide for close cooperation between the United States and Morocco in order to contribute to the region's broader security; and

(2) provide for the continuation of the African Lion exercise in future years will support the crucial efforts to address security challenges facing NATO's southern flank.

(c) **REPORT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report detailing how the United States can improve its interoperability and cooperation with Morocco through the African Lion exercise to continue to address the growing threats in Africa, including the Iranian regime and its proxies, particularly in North Africa and the Sahel.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. _____. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLAN TO CONSTRUCT MEMORIAL AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY IN COMMEMORATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES KILLED IN CERTAIN ATTACK AT HAMID KARZAI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KABUL, AFGHANISTAN.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a plan and strategy to construct a memorial in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia, to commemorate the thirteen members of the Armed Forces killed in the attack at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, in August of 2021.

232. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GOLDEN OF MAINE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. OPT-OUT SHARING OF INFORMATION ON MEMBERS RETIRING OR SEPARATING FROM THE ARMED FORCES WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND RELATED ENTITIES.

Section 570F of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92; 10 U.S.C. 1142 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking “out the form to indicate an email address” and inserting the following: “out the form to indicate—

“(1) an email address; and”; and

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

“(2) if the individual would like to opt-out of the transmittal of the individual’s information to and through a State veterans agency as described in subsection (a).”; and

(2) by amending subsection (d) to read as follows:

“(d) OPT-OUT OF INFORMATION SHARING.—Information on an individual shall be transmitted to and through a State veterans agency as described in subsection (a) unless the individual indicates pursuant to subsection (c)(2) that the individual would like to opt out of such transmittal.”.

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

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

SEC. 28. REMOVAL OF USE CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONS ON REVERSION FOR THE FORMER ARMY AND NAVY GENERAL HOSPITAL, HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

(a) **REMOVAL OF USE CONDITIONS.**—Section 3(a) of Public Law 86-323 (73 Stat. 594; Sept. 21, 1959) is amended by striking “as a vocational rehabilitation center or for other public health or educational purposes” and inserting “for appropriate purposes, as determined by the Governor of the State of Arkansas”.

(b) **CONDITIONS ON REVERSION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding the provisions contained in section 3 of Public Law 86-323 (73 Stat. 594; Sept. 21, 1959) any reversionary interest retained by the United States in the Covered Property may be extinguished by occurrence of the following conditions:

(A) Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Governor of the State of Arkansas submits to the Secretary of the Army a written request to extinguish any reversionary or other future interest in the surface rights held by the United States in the covered property.

(B) The Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Administrator of the General Services Administration and

the Secretary of the Interior, concurs in writing with the said request.

(2) QUITCLAIM DEED.—If the conditions described in paragraph (1) are met, the Secretary of the Army shall extinguish by quitclaim deed any reversionary or other future interest in the surface rights held by the United States in the covered property.

(3) RIGHTS AND INTERESTS RESERVED TO THE UNITED STATES.—In exercising the authority under this section, the Secretary of the Army may not convey or extinguish any interests reserved to the United States—

(A) pursuant to section 2 of Public Law 86-323 (73 Stat. 594; Sept. 21, 1959) in—

(i) all mineral rights (including gas and oil), together with necessary rights of ingress, egress, and surface use; or

(ii) thermal waters or other hot waters, together with necessary rights of ingress, egress, and surface use; and

(B) relating to the location, installation, and relocation of utility facilities for such mineral rights, thermal waters, or other hot waters; and

(C) in the conditions set forth in paragraphs (2) and (3) of the Deed of Conveyance.

(4) REVERSION.—If the Governor of the State of Arkansas does not submit a request described in subsection (b)(2) before the deadline in such subsection, all right, title and interest held by the State of Arkansas in the covered property shall revert to the United States in accordance with section 3 of Public Law 86-323 (73 Stat. 594; Sept. 21, 1959).

(c) DEFINITION.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered property” means the real property conveyed by the Deed of Conveyance pursuant to Public Law 86-323 (73 Stat. 594; Sept. 21, 1959).

(2) The term “Deed of Conveyance” means the quitclaim deed between the United States of America and the State of Arkansas dated March 10, 1960, recorded in the land records of the County of Garland, State of Arkansas, at book 480, page 77.

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

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

SEC. 7. IMPROVEMENTS TO TRICARE PROVIDER DIRECTORIES.

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

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

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

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

Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

SEC. 11. OMB EMPLOYMENT FORM REQUIREMENT FOR DOD CONTRACTORS.

The Secretary shall require all individuals hired to Department of Defense contracts to use Declaration for Federal Employment Form OMB No. 3206-0812.

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

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

SEC. 3. BRIEFING ON ARMY ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT USED IN COLD AND EXTREME COLD WEATHER ENVIRONMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than March 31, 2025, the Secretary of the Army shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the modernization and sustainment plans of the Army for organizational clothing and equipment used in cold and extreme cold weather environments. The briefing shall include the following topics:

(1) The planned requirement of the Army for organizational clothing and equipment used in cold and extreme cold weather environments.

(2) The current inventory of the Army of such clothing and equipment.

(3) The modernization plan of the Army with respect to such clothing and equipment.

(4) Any relevant investments currently programmed for such clothing and equipment in the Future Years Defense Program.

(5) The cost and timeline associated with implementing such plan, including any additional outlays by Congress necessary to fulfil the plan.

(6) Such other matters as the Secretary finds appropriate.

(b) ORGANIZATIONAL CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT USED IN COLD AND EXTREME COLD WEATHER ENVIRONMENTS.—In this section, the term “organizational clothing and equipment used in cold and extreme cold weather environments” includes extreme cold weather clothing, footwear, handwear, shelters, sleep systems, sleep mats, snowshoes, and skis.

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

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

SEC. 17. REPORT ON THE USE OF MAJOR NON-NATO ALLY STATUS FOR KENYA.

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

- (1) the designation of a country as a major non-NATO ally is intended to facilitate an increased security relationship between the United States and the designated country and is not intended to be merely a symbolic gesture;
- (2) Kenya is an increasingly important security partner in East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean; and
- (3) major non-NATO ally status for Kenya should be utilized to facilitate increased security cooperation with Kenya to advance our shared security priorities.

(b) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit a classified report, along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate congressional committees, which shall—

- (1) identify all opportunities to increase security cooperation with Kenya as a result of its major non-NATO ally designation;
- (2) assess the feasibility of implementing the identified opportunities, including cost, timeline, and availability of defense articles as applicable; and
- (3) assess the priority of identified opportunities based on the Kenyan government's requests and input and the impact on advancing the national security interests of the United States.

(c) SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS.—On the date that is 180 days after the report required under subsection (b) is submitted, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit a classified annex, along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate congressional committees containing a report that identifies all requests by the Kenyan government on cooperation on activities covered under the major non-NATO ally status, including—

- (1) a detailed summary of each request, including cost and the defense articles requested;
- (2) whether those requests were approved or denied; and
- (3) an explanation for why each request was approved or denied.

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

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

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

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

SEC. 13. REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING AND DEPLOYING ASYMMETRIC NAVAL ASSETS IN DEFENSE OF TAIWAN.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the

heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, shall submit a classified report, along with an unclassified summary, to the appropriate congressional committees that contains an assessment of—

(1) the feasibility of developing and deploying asymmetric naval assets for a potential defense of Taiwan;

(2) whether Taiwan's ability to deter, or in the alternative confront, a maritime invasion by the People's Republic of China would be enhanced by deployment of small, high-speed, long-range (200 or more nautical miles), extreme-weather-capable, reduced-radar-signature boats with the capacity for launching missiles, addressing subsurface threats or delivering and recovering small troop units to coastal and littoral locations in the vicinity of the Taiwan Strait, and, if so, in what number and in what configurations;

(3) whether existing and planned Tuo Chiang class catamaran-hulled corvettes are naval assets capable of fully meeting the needs of an effective asymmetric naval defense strategy; and

(4) the vulnerability of Taiwan's existing larger-platform surface naval fleet, including Keelung-class destroyers, Cheung Kung-class frigates, Chi Yang-class frigates, Kang Ding-class frigates.

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 10. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON USE OF UNMANNED VEHICLES TO REDUCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXPENSES.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to assess ways unmanned vehicles can reduce overall operating expenses and costs at the Department of Defense. Such study shall include—

(1) an analysis of unmanned ground and air systems and a comparison of the capability, capacity, and operating cost tradeoffs associated with each such system and those associated with similar manned technologies or systems;

(2) recommendations regarding new areas in which unmanned technology could supplant or complement manned systems in order to reduce overall force operating costs; and

(3) such other matters as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.

(b) BRIEFING AND REPORT.—Not later than March 31, 2025, the Comptroller General shall—

(1) provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the preliminary findings of the study required under subsection (a); and

(2) agree to a format and timeline for providing to such committees a final report on the study.

240. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARBARINO OF NEW YORK OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTER-MEASURES.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test and evaluation, Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for advanced component development and prototypes, surface and shallow water mine countermeasures, line 035 (PE 0603502N), is hereby increased by \$9,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test and evaluation, Navy, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for advanced component development and prototypes, chalk coral, line 063 (PE 0603734N), is hereby reduced by \$9,000,000.

241. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CARAVEO OF COLORADO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. REPORT ON SEPARATING MEMBERS WHO HAVE HEALTH CARE EXPERIENCE AND MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS.

By not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the process by which members of the Armed Forces with health care experience transition to civilian life and the number such members who join the Medical Reserve Corps.

242. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE AMODEI OF NEVADA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 28. TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO MAP REFERENCE IN THE MILITARY LAND WITHDRAWALS ACT OF 2013.

Subtitle G of the Military Land Withdrawals Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–66; 127 Stat. 1025; 136 Stat. 3027) is amended by striking “November 30, 2022” each place it appears and inserting “May 22, 2024”.

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

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

SEC. 17. LIMITATION ON DISPLAYING IN CERTAIN PUBLIC AREAS CUT FLOWERS OR GREENS NOT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—A cut flower or a cut green may not be officially displayed in any public area of a building of the Executive Office of the President or of the Department of State or of the Department of Defense unless the cut flower or cut green is produced in the United States.

(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The limitation in subsection (a) may not be construed to apply to any cut flower or cut green used by a Federal officer or employee for personal display.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “cut flower” means a flower removed from a living plant for decorative use.

(2) The term “cut green” means a green, foliage, or branch removed from a living plant for decorative use.

(3) The term “produced in the United States” means grown in—

(A) any of the several States;

(B) the District of Columbia;

(C) a territory or possession of the United States; or

(D) an area subject to the jurisdiction of a federally recognized Indian Tribe.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this section.

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

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

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

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing the results of an assessment of the implementation by the Department of Defense of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions that could improve risk management, agility, and capabilities for strategic defense purposes.

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

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

SEC. 5. POSTHUMOUS COMMISSION AS CAPTAIN IN THE REGULAR ARMY FOR MILTON HOLLAND.

(a) POSTHUMOUS COMMISSION.—Milton Holland, who, while sergeant major of the 5th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry,

was awarded the Medal of Honor in recognition of his action on September 29, 1864, during the Battle of Chapin's Farm, Virginia, when, as the citation for the medal states, he "took command of Company C, after all the officers had been killed or wounded, and gallantly led it", shall be deemed for all purposes to have held the grade of captain in the regular Army, effective as of that date and continuing until his separation from the Army.

(b) PROHIBITION OF BENEFITS.—Section 1523 of title 10, United States Code, applies in the case of the posthumous commission described in subsection (a).

246. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GARCIA OF TEXAS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. ANNUAL TRAINING ON THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL ABUSE FOR STUDENTS IN THE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

Chapter 102 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 2037. Training on prevention of sexual abuse

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall establish training for students enrolled in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps regarding prevention of sexual abuse.

“(b) ELEMENTS.—The training established under this section shall—

- “(1) be age-appropriate;
- “(2) be evidence-based in polyvictimization research;
- “(3) be comprehensive, including elements regarding—
 - “(A) grooming;
 - “(B) bullying, including cyberbullying;
 - “(C) appropriate relationships and interactions between such students and instructors;
 - “(D) signs of inappropriate behavior between adults and adolescents; and
 - “(E) digital abuse; and

“(4) provide such students with the contact information of local resources through which a student may report alleged sexual abuse or receive treatment and support for such abuse.

“(c) PROVISION.—The Secretary shall ensure that each such student receives training established under this section—

- “(1) from an entity other than an administrator or instructor of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps; and
- “(2) once each year.

“(d) METRICS.—The Secretary shall establish and maintain metrics regarding the effectiveness of the training established under this section.

“(e) SEXUAL ABUSE DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘sexual abuse’ means an offense covered by section 920, 920b, 920c, or 930 of this title (article 120, 120b, 120c, or 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice).”

247. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE STANSBURY OF NEW MEXICO OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS UNDER NATIVE AMERICAN LANDS ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION PROGRAM.

Section 2713(c)(3) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “two calendar years” and inserting “five calendar years”.

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

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

SEC. 17. PROJECT SPECTRUM.

Chapter 19 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting before section 399 the following new section:

“§ 398b. Project Spectrum

“(a) PROJECT SPECTRUM; PURPOSE.—There is within the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense a program known as ‘Project Spectrum’, the purpose of which is to provide to covered entities, through an online platform, digital resources and services that increase awareness about cybersecurity risks and help such covered entities to comply with the cybersecurity requirements of the defense acquisition system.

“(b) ELIGIBILITY.—The Director of the Office of Small Business Programs may establish eligibility requirements for the receipt by a covered entity of a given resource or service made available through Project Spectrum.

“(c) APPLICATION.—To receive through Project Spectrum a resource or service for which the Director has established an eligibility requirement under subsection (b), a covered entity shall submit to the Director an application at such time, in such form, and containing such information as the Director determines appropriate.

“(d) FUNCTIONS.—In carrying out Project Spectrum, the Director shall maintain an online platform through which the Director shall make available to each covered entity that the Director determines to be eligible under subsection (b) with respect to a given resource or service, the following:

“(1) Educational materials regarding cybersecurity, including cybersecurity training courses and workforce development training.

“(2) Guidance regarding best practices for cybersecurity matters, including guidance for developing internal cybersecurity policies and suggestions for procedures for reviewing any violation of such policies.

“(3) Assessments of the cybersecurity practices and cybersecurity systems used by a covered entity.

“(4) A review and feasibility assessment of products, software, and data security tools available in the commercial marketplace.

“(5) Cybersecurity services, including dashboard monitoring services, continuous threat monitoring services, software patching services, and patch testing services.

“(6) Cybersecurity readiness checks.

“(7) A platform for secure data collaboration between two or more employees of a covered entity and between multiple covered entities.

“(8) Any additional resources or services, as determined by the Director.

“(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered entity’ means a supplier of the Department of Defense that is a small or medium business and registers to access the online platform of Project Spectrum.

“(2) The term ‘defense acquisition system’ has the meaning given to such term in section 3001 of this title.”.

249. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS FOR BADR ORGANIZATION.

None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2025 may be made available, directly or indirectly, to the Badr Organization.

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

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

SEC. 17. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL EMERGING TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES COOPERATION.

Subtitle G of title XII of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 is amended by inserting after section 1279 (22 U.S.C. 8606 note) the following:

“SEC. 1279A. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL EMERGING TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES COOPERATION.

“(a) **STATEMENT OF POLICY.**—It is the policy of the United States to support and encourage further defense collaboration with Israel in areas of emerging technologies capable of enabling the warfare capabilities of both the United States and Israel to meet emerging defense challenges, including but not limited to the areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, quantum and automation.

“(b) **AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH EMERGING DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES PROGRAM WITH ISRAEL.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense, upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel and in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, is authorized to carry out research, development, test, and evaluation, on a joint basis with Israel, in areas of emerging technologies capable of enabling the warfare capabilities of both the United States and Israel to meet emerging defense chal-

lenges, including the areas of artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, quantum and automation. Any activities carried out pursuant to such authority shall be conducted in a manner that appropriately protects sensitive information and United States and Israel national security interests.

“(2) REPORT.—The activities described in paragraph (1) and subsection (c) may be carried out after the Secretary of Defense submits to the appropriate committees of Congress a report setting forth the following:

“(A) A memorandum of agreement between the United States and Israel regarding sharing of research and development costs for the capabilities described in paragraph (1), and any supporting documents.

“(B) A certification that the memorandum of agreement—

“(i) requires sharing of costs of projects, including in-kind support, between the United States and Israel;

“(ii) establishes a framework to negotiate the rights to any intellectual property developed under the memorandum of agreement; and

“(iii) requires the United States Government to receive semiannual reports on expenditure of funds, if any, by the Government of Israel, including a description of what the funds have been used for, when funds were expended, and an identification of entities that expended the funds.

“(c) ANNUAL LIMITATION ON AMOUNT.—The amount of support provided under this section in any year may not exceed \$47,500,000.

“(d) LEAD AGENCY.—The Secretary of Defense shall designate the Irregular Warfare Technology Support Directorate as the lead agency of the Department of Defense in carrying out this section.

“(e) SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress on a semiannual basis a report that contains a copy of the most recent semiannual report provided by the Government of Israel to the Department of Defense pursuant to subsection (b)(2)(B)(iii).

“(f) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.—In this section, the term ‘appropriate committees of Congress’ means—

“(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, 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 Homeland Security, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

“(g) SUNSET.—The authority in this section to carry out activities described in subsection (b), and to provide support described in subsection (c), shall expire on the date that is 5 years after the date of the enactment of this section.”.

251. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 2. REPORT ON POTENTIAL INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN THE NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE.

(a) ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary of Defense shall assess the feasibility and advisability of including Israel in the national technology and industrial base.

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

(1) A detailed assessment of the potential benefit to the national security of the United States of including Israel in the national technology and industrial base.

(2) An assessment of how Israel's inclusion in the national technology and industrial base may affect research and development projects on which Israel and the United States are collaborating.

(3) Detailed delineation of the specific steps Israel must take to facilitate eligibility for inclusion in the national technology and industrial base.

(4) An analysis of the progress Israel has made, as of the date of the assessment, with respect to the steps described in paragraph (3).

(5) Analysis of how Israel's potential inclusion in the national technology and industrial base could aid United States strategic competitiveness with China.

(6) An assessment of any barriers—

(A) to expansion of the national technology and industrial base generally; and

(B) to Israel's inclusion in the national technology and industrial base specifically.

(c) REPORT.—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 on the results of the assessment conducted under subsection (a).

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

(e) NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INDUSTRIAL BASE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “national technology and industrial base” has the meaning given that term in section 4801 of title 10, United States Code.

252. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REPORT ON THREAT OF RIFLE-TOTING ROBOT DOGS USED BY CHINA TO THE NATIONAL SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on—

(1) the use of rifle-toting robot dogs by China; and

(2) the threat such use poses to the national security of the United States.

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

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

SEC. 9. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OVERSIGHT OFFICIAL.

Subchapter I of chapter 21 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“§ 430c. Senior Intelligence Oversight Official

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense, or a designee of the Secretary determined by regulations prescribed by the Secretary, shall designate a civilian employee of the Department of Defense in the Senior Executive Service to serve as the Senior Intelligence Oversight Official.

“(b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Senior Intelligence Oversight Official shall exercise independent oversight of all intelligence, intelligence-related, and sensitive activities of the Department of Defense, including activities involving—

- “(1) tradecraft;
- “(2) the operational use of an individual; or
- “(3) clandestine operational tactics, techniques, and procedures.

“(c) ACCESS.—The Senior Intelligence Oversight Official shall have—

“(1) complete and unrestricted access to all information concerning any intelligence, intelligence-related, or sensitive activity of the Department of Defense regardless of classification or compartmentalization, including special access programs, from any personnel or organizational entity of the Department of Defense, to the extent necessary to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the Senior Intelligence Oversight Official; and

“(2) direct access to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, as circumstances require in the determination of the Senior Intelligence Oversight Official.

“(d) REVIEW OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall review and update Department of Defense Directive 5148.13, and any associated or successor regulation or directive, to conform to this section.”.

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

Page 272, lines 22–23, strike “located within the continental United States” and insert “located within a State, the District of Columbia, or a territory or possession of the United States”.

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

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

SEC. 31. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF STORAGE FACILITIES FOR PERMANENT STORAGE OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL WITHIN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN.

It is the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States and the government of Canada should not develop storage facilities for the permanent storage of spent nuclear fuel, low-level or high-level nuclear waste, or military-grade nuclear material within the Great Lakes Basin.

256. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 13. REPORT ON IMPACT OF THE MALIGN INFLUENCE OF CHINA AND RUSSIA.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies as necessary, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that includes a detailed assessment of the impact of the malign influence of China and Russia in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean on the national security and economic interests of the United States.

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

(1) A detailed description of the—

(A) current political, economic, and social stability of Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean;

(B) economic investments of Russia and China in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean, and the collateral conditions;

(C) impact of the presence of Russia and China in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean on democracy and diplomacy; and

(D) use of private military companies by Russia and China to advance political, economic, and military interests.

(2) An assessment of the—

(A) direct and indirect impacts of Russia and China's presence in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean on the national and regional security interests of the United States;

(B) current United States military and diplomatic strategies in response to the expansion of Chinese and Russian influence in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean;

(C) assets and resources available to counter threats from Russia and China, and protect the security interests of the United States; and

(D) United States military force posture in Africa, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean.

(c) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form without any designation relating to dissemination control, but may include a classified annex.

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

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

SEC. 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF MANUFACTURING INNOVATION INSTITUTES ON THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of the impact of continued investment in Department of Defense sponsored manufacturing innovation institutes on the defense industrial base in the United States.

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

At the end of subtitle F of title XVIII, add the following

SEC. 17. REPORT ON REDUCING MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND SECURITY CLEARANCE ELIGIBILITY.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the Department's activities to inform members of the Armed Forces about how mental health affects security clearance eligibility. The report required under this section shall include the following topics:

(1) The Department's outreach and education activities to inform members of the Armed Forces that seeking mental health care will not affect their security clearance status or eligibility.

(2) The Department's outreach and education activities to ensure that health care providers in the military health system, non-medical counselors, TRICARE providers, and other relevant personnel convey accurate information to members of the Armed Forces regarding mental health and security clearance eligibility, making clear that seeking mental health care will not affect their security clearance status or eligibility.

259. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RADEWAGEN OF AMERICAN SAMOA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 28. ASSESSMENT OF WORKFORCE NEEDS IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES TO SUPPORT FUTURE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment shall conduct a study and submit a report to the congressional defense committees—

- (1) summarizing planned military major and minor construction in the Freely Associated States (“FAS”) over the next 5 fiscal years;
- (2) assessing the ability of the local workforce in the FAS to support future military construction; and
- (3) detailing options for the Department of Defense to cooperate with the Department of Labor, the Department of the Interior, and the FAS to develop plans to help address any construction workforce shortages.

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

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

SEC. 5. ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN THE TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE SOLID START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 1142(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in paragraph (5), by inserting “(11),” before “and (16);” and
- (2) by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the following:
 - “(11) Information concerning mental health, including—
 - “(A) the availability of mental health services furnished by the Secretary concerned, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or a non-profit entity;
 - “(B) the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, anxiety disorders, depression, chronic pain, sleep disorders, suicidal ideation, or other mental health conditions associated with service in the armed forces;
 - “(C) the risk of suicide, including signs, symptoms, and risk factors (including adverse childhood experiences, depression, bipolar disorder, homelessness, unemployment, and relationship strain);
 - “(D) the availability of treatment options and resources to address substance abuse, including alcohol, prescription drug, and opioid abuse;
 - “(E) the potential effects of the loss of community and support systems experienced by a member separating from the armed forces;
 - “(F) isolation from family, friends, or society; and
 - “(G) the potential stressors associated with separation from the armed forces.”.

(b) SOLID START PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.—Section 6320(b)(1) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (G) and (H) as subparagraphs (I) and (J), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the following new subparagraphs:

“(G) assisting eligible veterans who elect to enroll in the system of patient enrollment under section 1705(a) of this title;

“(H) educating veterans about mental health and counseling services available through the Veterans Health Administration.”.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the information and materials developed pursuant to the amendments made by this section.

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

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on

Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on

Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 7. COMBATING OBESITY IN CERTAIN ARMED FORCES.

(a) STRATEGY AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.—

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

(A) develop a strategy to align the obesity-related programs of the Department of Defense with the classification of obesity as a medically accepted disease; and

(B) conduct an educational campaign to promote awareness, diagnosis, and treatment of obesity as a disease in the covered Armed Forces.

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR STRATEGY.—The strategy developed under paragraph (1)(A) shall include the following:

(A) A plan to coordinate obesity-related programs across the Department of Defense to treat obesity as a disease and reduce the prevalence of obesity in the covered Armed Forces.

(B) An assessment of the effectiveness of health programs of the Department of Defense that are intended to educate, prevent, or treat obesity among members of the covered Armed Forces, and a plan to modify or update such programs to treat obesity as a disease.

(C) An assessment of the adequacy of nutrition education for physicians and other health care practitioners in the military health system to evaluate and treat obesity as a disease, including the need for any additional education or guidelines for such physicians and other health care practitioners.

(D) A strategy to work toward members of the covered Armed Forces with obesity receiving appropriate treatment.

(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN.—The educational campaign conducted under paragraph (1)(B) shall include the following:

(A) Information to educate members of the covered Armed Forces regarding best practices to prevent, reduce, or mitigate obesity, and available resources to address the root causes of obesity.

(B) Information targeted to physicians and other health care practitioners in the military health system to promote diagnosis and treatment of obesity as a disease.

(4) CONSULTATION.—In developing the strategy and educational campaign required by paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and other Health and Human Services agencies, as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(b) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION REGARDING UNMET WEIGHT STANDARDS IN CERTAIN REPORTS.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall include information regarding unmet weight standards in any report submitted by the Secretary to Congress regarding disqualifications for enlistment in, disability incurred in, or medical discharges from, the covered Armed Forces.

(c) ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORTS.—

(1) EFFECTS OF OBESITY ON READINESS OF COVERED ARMED FORCES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report regarding the effects of obesity on the readiness of the covered Armed Forces. Such report shall include legislative recommendations of the Secretary to address such effects.

(2) EFFECTIVENESS OF OBESITY, FOOD, AND NUTRITION-RELATED PROGRAMS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the effectiveness of the obesity, food, and nutrition-related programs of the Department of Defense in reducing obesity and improving military readiness.

(d) GAO REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report analyzing the existing obesity, food, and nutrition-related programs of the Department of Defense.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) An assessment of programs directed to members of the covered Armed Forces.

(B) An assessment of programs directed to health care providers in the military health system.

(C) An assessment of the effectiveness of such programs in reducing obesity and the impact of obesity on military readiness.

(D) Recommendations to coordinate and improve existing programs to reduce obesity and the impact of obesity on military readiness.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “appropriate congressional committees” means the following:

(A) The Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(B) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(C) The Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives.

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

(E) The Committee on Armed Services of the Senate.

(F) The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate.

(G) The Committee on Finance of the Senate.

(H) The Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

(2) The term “covered Armed Force” means the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.

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

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

SEC. 17. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY AND REPORT ON ANTAGONISTIC USE OF SATELLITES.

(a) **STUDY.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to assess threats to the interests of the United States posed by antagonistic use of satellites by adversarial foreign states, including—

(A) use of a satellite for combat;

(B) damage, destruction, or incapacitation of a satellite that is owned, operated, controlled, or used by—

(i) the United States Government;

(ii) a commercial entity organized under the laws of the United States or any jurisdiction within the United States; or

(iii) a country that is a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization; and

(C) conducting or attempting to conduct espionage or surveillance of, or a cyber intrusion that affects—

(i) a physical resource of the Department of Defense, including a Department of Defense installation; or

(ii) critical infrastructure (as defined in section 1016(e) of the USA PATRIOT Act (42 U.S.C. 5195c(e))), including—

- (I) an electricity transmission system or network;
- (II) a water management system or resource;
- (III) a telecommunications facility or network;
- (IV) a nuclear facility;
- (V) an airport;
- (VI) a railway; or
- (VII) a sea port.

(2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under this subsection, the Comptroller General shall consult with—

- (A) the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
- (B) the Chair of the Federal Communications Commission;
- (C) the Secretary of Defense;
- (D) the Secretary of Homeland Security; and
- (E) specialists who—
 - (i) are affiliated with an institution of higher education or research organization; and
 - (ii) have expertise in satellite technology, satellite warfare, cybersecurity, or another relevant subject related to warfare and communications.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Secretary of Defense, the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report that—

- (1) includes operational, policy, and legislative recommendations to protect against and respond to threats identified by the study required under subsection (a); and
- (2) may include recommendations for—
 - (A) preventive, preparatory, and emergency response actions by municipal governments, State governments, and private sector entities; and
 - (B) educational curricula and workforce development programs to address the need for trained professionals who are able to implement the recommendations described in such report.

(c) ADVERSARIAL FOREIGN STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term “adversarial foreign state” means—

- (1) the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- (2) the People’s Republic of China;
- (3) the Russian Federation; and
- (4) any foreign state designated by the Secretary of State as an adversarial foreign state for purposes of this section.

263. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE CREN-SHAW OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 12. REPORT ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL GUARD AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA.

(a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than February 15, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional

committees a report on the feasibility and advisability of enhanced cooperation between the National Guard and the Republic of India. Such report shall include the following elements:

- (1) A description of the cooperation between the National Guard and India during the 10 preceding calendar years, including mutual visits, exercises, training, and equipment opportunities.
- (2) An evaluation of the feasibility and advisability of enhancing cooperation between the National Guard and India on a range of activities, including—
 - (A) disaster and emergency response;
 - (B) cyber defense and communications security;
 - (C) military medical cooperation;
 - (D) mountain warfare;
 - (E) jungle warfare;
 - (F) counterinsurgency;
 - (G) counterterrorism;
 - (H) cultural exchange and education of members of the National Guard in Hindi; and
 - (I) programs for National Guard advisors to assist in training the reserve components of the military forces of India.
- (3) Recommendations to enhance such cooperation and improve interoperability, including through familiarization visits, cooperative training and exercises, and co-deployments.
- (4) Identification of States that may serve as potential partners with India through a State partnership under section 341 of title 10, United States Code.
- (5) Any other matter the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

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

- (1) the congressional defense committees;
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (3) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION FOR LAST SERVICEMEMBER STANDING MEDAL.

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

- (1) by redesignating sections 1135 and 1136 as sections 1136 and section 1137, respectively; and
- (2) by inserting after section 1134 the following new section:

“§ 1135. Last Servicemember Standing medal

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

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

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

- “(1) served on active duty;
- “(2) was deployed during war or overseas contingency operation;
- “(3) as a result of a combat instance during such war or overseas contingency, was the last surviving member of a unit;
- “(4) demonstrated extraordinary heroism in defense of the United States during such combat instance; and
- “(5) whose character is recommended for recognition by their commanding officer and at least two peers.

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

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

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

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

- (1) the design of the Last Servicemember Standing medal provided for by section 1136 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a); and
- (2) the establishment and implementation of mechanisms to facilitate the issuance of the Last Servicemember Standing Medal to persons eligible for the issuance of the medal under such section.

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

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

SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY OF VETERANS OF OPERATION END SWEEP FOR VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL.

The Secretary of the military department concerned may, upon the application of an individual who is a veteran who participated in Operation End Sweep, award that individual the Vietnam Service Medal.

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

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO COVERED DISTRIBUTED LEDGER TECHNOLOGY AND BLOCKCHAIN EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES.

(a) PROHIBITION ON ACQUISITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not acquire, or enter into, extend, or renew a contract or other agreement for, any equipment, system, or service that uses covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services as—

- (1) a substantial or essential component of such equipment, system, or service; or
- (2) critical technology as part of such equipment, system, or service.

(b) PROHIBITION ON LOAN AND GRANT FUNDS.—

(1) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not obligate or expend loan or grant funds to acquire, or to enter into, extend, or renew a contract or other agreement for, any equipment, system, or service described in subsection (a).

(2) PRIORITIZATION.—In implementing the prohibition under paragraph (1), the Secretary of Defense, in administering a loan, grant, or subsidy program, shall prioritize available funding and technical support to assist affected entities as is reasonably necessary for those affected entities to cease use of covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services, to acquire replacement equipment and services, and to ensure that communications service to users and customers is sustained.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subsection (a) or (b) shall be construed to—

(1) prohibit the Secretary of Defense from acquiring from an entity, or entering into, extending, or renewing a contract or other agreement with an entity for, a service that connects to the facilities of a third party, such as blockchain protocols or interconnection arrangements; or

(2) apply to wireless telecommunications equipment or third-party validators that cannot route or redirect user data traffic or permit visibility into any user data or packets that such equipment transmits or otherwise handles.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The prohibitions under subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that is two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(e) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), beginning on the effective date under subsection (d), the Secretary of Defense may, upon request of an entity, issue a waiver of the requirements under subsection (a) with respect to such entity for a period of not more than two years.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may only provide a waiver under this subsection if the entity seeking the waiver—

(A) provides a compelling justification for the additional time to implement the requirements of this section; and

(B) submits to the Secretary, who shall not later than 30 days thereafter submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, a full and complete description of the presence of covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services in the entity's supply chain and a phase-out plan to

eliminate such covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services.

(3) ELEMENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.—Beginning on the effective date under subsection (d), each head of an element of the intelligence community may waive the requirements under subsection (a) if such head determines the waiver is in the national security interests of the United States.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

(1) The term “covered distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services” means distributed ledger technology and blockchain equipment or services of or originating from a foreign adversary, including any of the following companies or subsidiaries thereof:

- (A) The Blockchain-based Services Network.
- (B) The Spartan Network.
- (C) The Conflux Network.
- (D) iFinex, Inc.
- (E) Red Date Technology Co., Ltd.

(2) The term “executive agency” has the meaning given the term in section 133 of title 41, United States Code.

(3) The term “foreign adversary” has the meaning given such term in section 7.2 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations.

(4) The term “intelligence community” has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003).

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

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

SEC. 1. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT OF DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR AUKUS PARTNERSHIP.

(a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) researching, producing, and procuring defense articles for the AUKUS partnership from within the United States boosts local economies and improves national security by enhancing domestic defense article production capabilities; and

(2) therefore, the Secretary of Defense should promote and prioritize domestic manufacturing, supply chains, and research for defense articles intended for use by members of the AUKUS partnership.

(b) AUKUS PARTNERSHIP DEFINED.—In this section, the term “AUKUS partnership” means the enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States announced in September 2021.

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

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

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

(a) PROGRAM REQUIRED.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consulta-

tion with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, shall develop and implement a centralized program to monitor and provide assistance to members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged from health care, as outlined in Recommendation 6.29 of the final report issued by the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC. 5. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO DETAIL MEMBERS TO LAW EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

(a) EXPANSION.—Section 2004 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary”;

(B) by striking the second sentence; and

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

“(2)(A) The Secretary of the military department concerned may pay expenses incident to the detail, under this subsection, of an officer or enlisted member for a period of training described in paragraph (1).

“(B) Not more than 25 officers and enlisted members from each military department may, in any single fiscal year, begin a period of training described in paragraph (1) for which the Secretary of the military department concerned pays expenses under this paragraph.

“(3) The Secretary of the military department concerned may detail an officer or enlisted member under paragraph (1) without paying expenses under paragraph (2).”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “either” and inserting “in the case of a member for whose training the Secretary of the military department concerned pays expenses under subsection (a)(2), either”;

(B) in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “period of two years” and all that follows and inserting an em dash; and

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

“(i) in the case of a member for whose training the Secretary of the military department concerned pays expenses under subsection (a)(2), two years; or

“(ii) in the case of a member described in subsection (a)(3), one year for each year or part thereof of legal training under subsection (a).”;

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively;

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

“(2) in the case of a member described in subsection (a)(3), either—

“(A) have served on active duty for a period of not less than two years nor more than eight years and be an officer in the grade of O-3 or below as of the time the training is to begin; or

“(B) have served on active duty for a period of not less than four years nor more than ten years and be an enlisted member in the grade of E-5, E-6, or E-7 as of the time the training is to begin;”;

(E) in subsection (d), by striking “under this section” and inserting “paid under subsection (a)(2) of”.

(b) BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING DURING DETAIL.—

(1) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Section 403 of title 37, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (q) as subsection (r); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (p) the following new subsection (q):

“(q) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN DETAIL.—A member of the armed forces may not be denied an allowance under this section solely on the basis that such member has been detailed for a period of training under section 2004 of title 10.”

(2) RETROACTIVE EFFECT.—A member of the Armed Forces who, on or after August 1, 2023, the Secretary of the military department concerned determined, under section 502 of title 37, United States Code, was absent for a period that is longer than the leave authorized by section 701 of title 10, United States Code, because the member was detailed or assigned by the Secretary of the military department concerned as a full-time student to a civilian institution to pursue a program of education, is entitled to the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United States Code, to which the member would have been entitled if the member were not so absent.

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

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

SEC. 5. ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM FOR SERVICEMEMBERS.

The Secretary of Defense shall study the feasibility of establishing a mentoring program for members of the Armed Forces who are interested in becoming entrepreneurs or founding start-up businesses after their active duty service.

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

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

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CANINE AND FELINE RESEARCH.

(a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to conduct biomedical research or testing using canines or felines.

(b) WAIVER.—The Secretary of Defense may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary—

(1) determines that the waiver is in the national security interest of the United States; and

(2) not later than the date on which the waiver is invoked, submits a notification of the waiver and a justification of the reason for seeking the waiver to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 31. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR POWER.

It is the sense of Congress that in order to achieve geopolitical energy leadership and secure American energy security in the years to come, Congress urges the Department of Defense to embrace and accept nuclear power as a clean baseload energy source that is easily compatible with other intermittent energy sources to ultimately achieve a reliable, secure, and resilient energy apparatus within the Department of Defense.

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

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

SEC. 12. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ON DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL PRIORITIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL.

The Secretary of Defense shall seek to establish a partnership between the Defense Innovation Unit of the Department of Defense and appropriate counterparts of Israel in order to—

- (1) enhance market opportunities for United States-based and Israeli-based defense technology companies;
- (2) bolster Israel's defense industrial base;
- (3) harmonize global security posture through emerging technology;
- (4) counter Iran and Iran-aligned adversarial proxy group development of dual-use defense technologies; and
- (5) in coordination with appropriate counterpart offices of the Israeli ministry of defense—
 - (A) enable coordination on defense industrial priorities;
 - (B) streamline emerging defense technology research and development;
 - (C) create more pathways to market for defense technology startups; and
 - (D) collaborate on the development of dual-use defense capabilities through coordination.

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

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

SEC. 16. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VERY LOW EARTH ORBIT SPACECRAFT.

It is the sense of Congress that—

- (1) the Space Force has demonstrated its commitment to building a resilient, safe, and secure space architecture and incorporating transformational commercially developed space technologies in order to accelerate the fielding of capabilities, including in very low earth orbit;
- (2) advancements in propulsion systems, materials science, affordable launch costs, and orbital management techniques have opened up new possibilities for utilizing very low earth orbit for various purposes, including ultra-high-resolution reconnaissance, low latency communication, and improved space domain awareness;
- (3) Congress and the Department of Defense should continue to pursue the efforts described in paragraph (1) in support of the National Defense Strategy and the Commercial Space Strategy of the Space Force to accelerate the purposeful pursuit of hybrid space architectures; and
- (4) the Space Force should continue to scale up those efforts and further explore the benefits of very low earth orbit space-craft development to improve responsiveness, enhance image resolution, generate orbital diversity, and increase resilience against space debris and other threats.

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

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

SEC. 2 _____. PLAN ON HACKING FOR DEFENSE EXPANSION.

(a) **PLAN 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 plan for the expansion of the Hacking for Defense program of the Department of Defense over the period of three fiscal years following the date of the plan.

(b) **ELEMENTS.**—The plan required under subsection (a) shall include measures—

(1) to increase the number of institutions of higher education participating in Hacking for Defense programs;

(2) to expand support for certain elite teams after Hacking for Defense course completion;

(3) to expand opportunities after Hacking for Defense course completion in countries that are members of—

(A) the AUKUS partnership;

(B) the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue; or

(C) the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(4) to partner with other organizations and elements of the Department of Defense to expand the Hacking for Defense curriculum to a second semester prototyping course; and

(5) to support the development of professional military education programs in the National Defense University system that are similar to the Hacking for Defense program.

(c) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “AUKUS partnership” means the enhanced trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States announced in September 2021.

(2) The term “Quadrilateral Security Dialogue” means the strategic security dialogue between—

(A) India;

(B) Japan;

(C) Australia; and

(D) the United States.

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

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

SEC. 2 _____. REPORT ON POTENTIAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT AND THE TAIWAN MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing a strategic partnership between the Defense Innovation Unit and the Taiwan Ministry of National Defense, pursuant to which the Unit and the Ministry would—

(1) coordinate on defense industrial priorities;

(2) collaborate on the development of dual-use defense capabilities.

(3) establish mechanisms to streamline emerging defense technology research and development and microchip supply chain security;

(4) create additional pathways to market for relevant defense technology startups; and

(5) carry out other activities to—

(A) enhance market opportunities for United States-based and Taiwan-based defense technology companies;

(B) bolster Taiwan's defense industrial base;

(C) harmonize global security posture through emerging technology; and

(D) counter the development of dual-use defense technologies by the Chinese Communist Party.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the assessment conducted under subsection (a).

277. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BANKS OF INDIANA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 17. REPORTING ON IRANIAN CENTRIFUGE INSTALLATION.

(a) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a report to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate with the content described in paragraph (2).

(2) CONTENT DESCRIBED.—The content described for the report in paragraph (1) includes the following:

(A) An assessment of the types and numbers of centrifuges installed in declared and undeclared nuclear facilities in Iran since May 2021.

(B) An assessment of the timeline required by Iran to produce weapons-grade uranium in May 2021.

(C) An assessment of the current timeline required by Iran to produce weapons-grade uranium.

(D) An assessment of whether Iran has moved advanced centrifuges to facilities other than its safeguarded enrichment plants, including where and how many, if applicable.

(E) An assessment of how many advanced centrifuges Iran would need of each type to enrich to weapons-grade.

(F) An assessment of whether a heavily fortified nuclear facility Iran is building near the Natanz site contains or will contain an enrichment plant.

(3) FORM.—This report shall be transmitted in unclassified form and may contain a classified annex.

278. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE CONTINUING NEED FOR INNOVATION IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that Congress encourages the Armed Forces to continue innovating, including by using technological methods that incorporate artificial intelligence, quantum information science, advanced air mobility, and counter-UAS systems to ultimately maintain, bolster, and augment military readiness, wartime preparedness, and ensure the overall national security of the United States.

(b) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “advanced air mobility” means a transportation system that transports people and property by air between two points in the United States using aircraft with advanced technologies, including electric aircraft or electric vertical take-off and landing aircraft, in both controlled and uncontrolled air space.

(2) The term “artificial intelligence” has the meaning given such term in section 5002 of the National Artificial Intelligence Initiative Act of 2020 (15 U.S.C. 9401).

(3) The term “counter-UAS system” has the meaning given such term in section 44801(5) of title 49, United States Code.

(4) The term “quantum information science” has the meaning given such term in section 2 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (15 U.S.C. 8801).

279. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALBERG OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. STUDY ON TESTING OF FOREIGN ADVERSARY HIGHLY AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the relevant Federal agencies, shall conduct a study on the effects on the national security of the United States of highly automated vehicles (as such term is defined in section 503(c)(6) of title 23, United States Code) associated with foreign adversary countries operating or testing in the United States.

(b) **MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.**—The study required by subsection (a) shall also include the following:

(1) An evaluation of the technology used by highly automated vehicles and their capabilities.

(2) A list of entities—

(A) domiciled in or directly or indirectly owned, controlled, or directed by a foreign adversary country;

(B) that manufacture highly automated vehicles; and

(C) are currently operating highly automated vehicles in the United States.

(3) The number of highly automated vehicles currently operating in the United States that are owned or operated by such entities.

(4) An evaluation whether any such entity has contracted with or supplied any technology to the military of a foreign adversary country.

(5) The locations where highly automated vehicles owned or operated by such entities are operating in the United States.

(6) Potential vulnerabilities posed by the operation of such highly automated vehicles in the United States.

(c) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit the results of the study conducted pursuant to subsection (a) to—

(1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 16. REPORT ON SPACE FORCE USE OF NUCLEAR THERMAL PROPULSION AND NUCLEAR ELECTRIC PROPULSION SPACE VEHICLES.

The Chief of the Space Force shall submit to Congress a report on the use by the Space Force of nuclear thermal propulsion and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles. Such report shall include—

(1) a description of how the Space Force uses such vehicles;

(2) a description of how the Space Force plans to use such vehicles in the future; and

(3) an identification of any potential benefits that such vehicles can provide to bolster the national security of the United States.

281. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

Add at the end of subtitle C of title XXXI, add the following new section:

SEC. 31. SENSE OF CONGRESS SUPPORTING PROJECT PELE.

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) Congress supports Project Pele, which seeks to develop, demonstrate, and deploy an advanced portable nuclear micro-reactor at Idaho National Laboratory by 2025; and

(2) Project Pele will be critical in maintaining and bolstering United States national security by providing firm, reliable, clean, and dense baseload energy to power United States mili-

tary bases and other distributed military operations, both domestically and abroad.

282. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLY OF ILLINOIS OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 6. EXPANSION OF PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY OF MILITARY ONE SOURCE PROGRAM FOR RETIRED AND DISCHARGED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the period of eligibility for the Military OneSource program of the Department of Defense of an eligible individual retired, discharged, or otherwise released from the Armed Forces, and for the eligible immediate family members of such an individual, shall be the 18-month period beginning on the date of the retirement, discharge, or release, as applicable, of such individual.

(b) **INFORMATION TO FAMILIES.**—The Secretary shall, in such manner as the Secretary considers appropriate, inform military families and families of veterans of the Armed Forces of the wide range of benefits available through the Military OneSource program.

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

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

SEC. 8. BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT OF PRIORITY ITEMS.

(a) **RECOMMENDATION.**—Along with the budget materials submitted to Congress in support of the annual budget request of the President (submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code), for fiscal year 2026 and for each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Comptroller General of the United States, shall include an annex with recommendations to Congress—

(1) contracts for priority items that could be considered under a covered multiyear contract that were not considered as such in the budget materials submitted, and the rationale for exclusion of such priority items from such materials;

(2) the cost of implementation of such contracts for priority items under a covered multiyear contract;

(3) any challenges to implementing such contracts for priority items under a covered multiyear contract; and

(4) any technical assistance required to include contracts for such priority items under a covered multiyear contract in a subsequent fiscal year.

(b) **PRIORITIZATION.**—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the covered officials, shall designate any contracts for priority items based on need that will best serve the commanders of the geographic combatant commands for contingency planning and execution.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) The term “contract for priority items” means a contract for goods for any of the following:
 - (A) Shipbuilding.
 - (B) Fighter aircraft.
 - (C) Submarines.
 - (D) Ground vehicle systems.
 - (E) Unmanned aerial systems.
 - (F) Hypersonics.
 - (G) Any goods needed to address supply chain disruptions and constraints for the Department of Defense.
- (2) The term “covered officials” means—
 - (A) the Secretary of the Army;
 - (B) the Secretary of the Navy;
 - (C) the Secretary of the Air Force; and
 - (D) the Director of the National Guard Bureau.
- (3) The term “covered multiyear procurement” means a multiyear contract described under section 3501 of title 10, United States Code, except that—
 - (A) such contract shall be for a term of greater than one but less than three years;
 - (B) performance of such contract during the second or subsequent year of such term may be contingent upon the appropriation of funds and may provide for a cancellation payment to be made to the contractor if such appropriations are not made.

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

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

SEC. 28. RESEARCH, STANDARDS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD.

(b) RESEARCH ON HEALTH IMPACTS OF INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD.—

(1) RESEARCH.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—As soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the President of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences shall conduct a comprehensive study of the health effects of indoor residential mold growth in barracks or other housing on military installations, using the most up-to-date scientific peer-reviewed medical literature.

(B) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under subparagraph (A) shall ascertain—

- (i) detailed information about harmful or toxigenic mold that may impact the services and those living on

military installations, as well as any toxin or toxic compound such mold can produce;

(ii) the most accurate research-based methods of detecting harmful or toxigenic mold;

(iii) potential dangers of prolonged or chronic exposure to indoor residential mold growth in residential areas on military installations;

(iv) the hazards involved with inadequate mold inspections on military installations and improper indoor residential mold remediation in barracks on military installations;

(v) the estimated current public health burden of new or exacerbated physical illness resulting from exposure to indoor residential mold on the military services and its effect on quality of life as it impacts readiness, including its impact on children in military families;

(vi) improved understanding of the different health symptomology that can result from exposure to mold in indoor residential environments on military installations, including military barracks;

(vii) ongoing surveillance of the prevalence of idiopathic pulmonary hemorrhage in infants living on military installations; and

(viii) longitudinal studies on the effects of indoor mold exposure in early childhood on the development of asthma and other respiratory illnesses of children living on military installations.

(C) AVAILABILITY.—Not later than the expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the results of the study conducted under subparagraph (A) shall be submitted to Congress and the President and made available to the general public.

(c) HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HABITABILITY STANDARDS AND MODEL STANDARDS.—

(1) MODEL STANDARDS FOR PREVENTING, DETECTING, AND REMEDIATING INDOOR RESIDENTIAL MOLD GROWTH.—Based on the results of the interagency health study conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Secretary of Energy, the Executive Director of the National Institute of Building Sciences, and the President of the National Academy of Sciences shall, in accordance with section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note; Public Law 104-113), jointly issue model health, safety, and habitability standards for preventing, detecting, and remediating indoor residential mold growth on military installations, including—

(A) model residential mold inspection standards for military barracks;

(B) model indoor residential mold remediation standards for military installations;

(C) standards for testing the toxicity of indoor residential mold and any toxin or toxic compound produced by indoor residential mold on military installations;

(D) health and safety standards for the protection of those inspecting for and remediating mold in housing on military installations;

(E) standards for indoor residential mold testing labs that serve military installations;

(F) model ventilation standards for the design, installation, and maintenance of air ventilation or air-conditioning systems in housing on military installations to prevent indoor residential mold growth or the creation of conditions that foster indoor mold growth in housing on military installations; and

(G) model building code standards for housing on military installations to control moisture and prevent mold growth.

(2) CONSULTATION.—To the maximum extent possible, model standards issued under this subsection shall be developed with the assistance of—

(A) organizations that develop mold and water damage standards and work with military installations;

(B) organizations involved in establishing national building construction standards and work with military installations;

(C) organizations involved in improving indoor air quality;

(D) public health advocates that serve the military community; and

(E) health and medical professionals that serve military servicemembers and their families, including practitioners that care for children of servicemembers.

(3) RESILIENCY.—Model standards issued under this subsection shall take into account geographic diversity, propensity for extreme weather or flooding, and other resiliency metrics impacting military housing.

(4) DEADLINES.—

(A) PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT.—The officers identified in paragraph (1) shall make draft standards issued under this section available for public review and comment at least 90 days prior to publication of the final standards or model standards pursuant to subparagraph (B).

(B) PUBLICATION.—Not later than years after the results of the study conducted under subsection (a) are submitted to Congress in accordance with such section, the officers identified in subsection (a) shall issue, and make available to the public, final standards and model standards under this section.

(5) REVIEW AND UPDATES.—The officers identified in paragraph (1) shall—

(A) review the model standards issued under this subsection at least once every 5 years based on latest sci-

entific advances and published studies relating to indoor residential mold growth; and

(B) update such standards and model standards as necessary to preserve and improve the quality of housing on military installations, and prevent the displacement of those currently living on military installations.

(d) CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW HOUSING ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—

(1) MODEL CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Executive Director of the National Institute of Building Sciences, and the President of the National Academy of Sciences, to the extent such Director and President agree to participate, shall develop model construction standards and techniques for preventing and controlling indoor residential mold in new residential properties on military installations.

(B) CONTENTS.—The model standards and techniques shall provide for geographic differences in construction types and materials, geology, weather, and other variables that may affect indoor residential mold levels in new buildings and on various military installations.

(C) CONSULTATION.—To the maximum extent possible, such standards and techniques shall be developed with—

(i) the assistance of organizations involved in establishing national building construction standards and techniques, especially those who do this work on military installations;

(ii) the assistance of organizations that develop mold and water damage standards on military installations; and

(iii) public health advocates that serve the military community.

(D) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall make a draft of the document containing the model standards and techniques available for public review and comment. The Secretary shall make final model standards and techniques available to the public not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(E) APPLICABILITY TO NEW CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION.—Within 1 year of the publication of the final model standards and techniques required by subparagraph (D), the Secretary of Defense shall include such model standards and techniques as a requirement for residential rehabilitation or new construction projects funded with Federal appropriations made available by such agencies.

(e) EDUCATION FOR MILITARY HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.—The Secretary of Defense shall include education for military health professions on mold-related illness, including signs and symptoms of toxigenic mold exposure, in recurring training received by military health practitioners at such time and in such manner as the Secretary chooses.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “indoor residential mold” means any form of multi-cellular fungi in indoor environments, including cladosporium, penicillium, alternaria, aspergillus, fusarium, trichoderma, memnoniella, mucor, stachybotrys chartarum, streptomyces, and epicoccum often found in water-damaged indoor environments and building materials.

(2) The term “toxigenic mold” means any indoor mold growth that may be capable of producing a toxin or toxic compound, including mycotoxins and mVOCs, that can cause pulmonary, respiratory, neurological, gastrointestinal, or dermatological illnesses, or other major adverse health impacts, as determined by the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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

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

SEC. 8. REPORT ON CONTRACT GOAL FOR THE ABILITYONE PROGRAM.

The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on—

(1) the progress of the Department of Defense in achieving the goal for the Department to acquire products and services from qualified nonprofit agencies for the blind and qualified nonprofit agencies for the other severely disabled (as such terms are defined, respectively, in section 8501 of title 41, United States Code) pursuant to chapter 85 of title 41, United States Code, in an amount equal to one percent of the total funds obligated or expended by the Department for procurement for a fiscal year; and

(2) any obstacles faced by the Secretary in achieving the goal described in paragraph (1).

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

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN CHINESE E-COMMERCE PURCHASES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to acquire any good from Temu or Shein or through a service operated by either such entity except as provided by subsection (b).

(b) WAIVER.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to the acquisition of a good to the extent that the Secretary of Defense determines that such acquisition of such good from Temu or Shein or

through a service operated by either such entity is in the interest of national security.

287. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE MOOLENAAR OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 599, lines 1 and 2, strike “(d)(1)(A) of such section is amended” and insert “(d)(1) of such section is amended—”.

Page 599, line 2, strike “by” and insert the following:

(1) in subparagraph (A), by

Page 599, line 3, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

After page 599, line 3, add the following:

(2) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end the following:

“(viii) An identification of performance goals and measures to advance the lines of effort of the Initiative relative to the operational requirements of the Initiative, determined in coordination with the Secretary of each military department.”.

Page 599, line 5, insert an em dash after “amended”.

Page 599, line 2, strike “by” and insert the following:

(1) by

Page 599, line 6, strike the period at the end and insert “; and”.

After page 599, line 6, add the following:

(2) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) A detailed description of the progress made toward achieving the performance goals and measures identified pursuant to subsection (d)(1)(B)(viii).”.

288. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WALBERG OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. PROHIBITION OF TIKTOK.

The Director of the Department of Defense Education Activity shall publish guidance prohibiting the use of TikTok for instructional purposes at schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity.

289. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BUCHANAN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF THE OPTIMIZING THE HUMAN WEAPON SYSTEM PROGRAM.

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

(1) an analysis of the effectiveness of the Optimizing the Human Weapon System Program of the Army; and

(2) recommendations for improving and expanding the Program.

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

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

SEC. 17. AMENDMENTS TO PATHWAYS FOR COUNSELING IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

Section 1142(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subparagraph (M) as subparagraph (R); and

(2) by inserting after subparagraph (L) the following:

“(M) Child care requirements of the member (including whether a dependent of the member is enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program).

“(N) The employment status of other adults in the household of the member.

“(O) The location of the duty station of the member (including whether the member was separated from family while on duty).

“(P) The effects of operating tempo and personnel tempo on the member and the household of the member.

“(Q) Whether the member is an Indian or urban Indian, as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (Public Law 94-437; 25 U.S.C. 1603).”

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

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

SEC. 7. PODIATRISTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) **QUALIFICATION OF DOCTORS OF PODIATRY FOR ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.**—Section 532(b)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting “podiatry,” after “osteopathy.”.

(b) **MEMBERS OF MEDICAL CORPS.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that podiatrists are assigned to the Medical Corps of each military department. The Secretary shall notify the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives in writing upon carrying out this subsection.

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

At the end of subtitle B of title VIII, insert the following new section:

SEC. 8. ADDITION OF DOMESTICALLY PRODUCED STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE TO THE REQUIREMENT TO BUY CERTAIN ARTICLES FROM AMERICAN SOURCES.

(a) **ADDITION TO COVERED ITEMS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4862(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(A) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3) Stainless steel flatware.”; and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (4)

(2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on October 1, 2025.

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

Page 920, after line 5, insert the following new section:

SEC. 28. FEASIBILITY STUDY BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON REPLICATING THE ARMY FUTURE SOLDIER PREP COURSE THROUGH THE OTHER SERVICE BRANCHES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a feasibility study on replicating the Army Future Soldier Prep Course through the other services that contains the following:

(1) A cost estimate for each of the services including—

(A) Any military construction or facilities sustainment, restoration and modernization costs;

(B) Additional personnel costs; and

(C) Additional operations and maintenance costs.

(2) Existing bases for each service that could host such a program.

294. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE McCaul OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 7. REPORT ON MEDICAL INSTRUMENT STERILIZATION.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Inspector General of the Defense Health Agency shall conduct a study on the adequacy of sterilization of medical instruments at medical facilities of the Defense Health Agency.

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

(A) A description of the processes or checks used to ensure medical instruments are sterilized prior to use on patients at medical facilities of the Defense Health Agency.

(B) A description of the policies and processes used to identify and mitigate the use of insufficiently sterilized medical instruments at such medical facilities and the processes and timelines for informing patients of any such near-miss (if any disclosure is required).

(C) An identification of the aggregate number of adverse events or near-misses as a result of insufficiently sterilized medical instruments at such medical facilities during the period beginning on January 1, 2022, and ending on January 1, 2024.

(D) A determination of primary factors that result in insufficiently sterilized medical instruments at such medical facilities.

(E) A description of the extent to which unsterilized medical instruments have impacted the operation of such medical facilities.

(F) An assessment of whether such medical facilities have sufficient—

- (i) medical instruments;
- (ii) medical devices to timely clean and sterilize medical instruments; and
- (iii) staff to sterilize medical instruments.

(G) An assessment of whether staff at such medical facilities are properly trained to sterilize medical instruments.

(H) A determination of the number of surgeries at such medical facilities that were delayed or rescheduled as a result of unsterilized medical instruments.

(I) Recommendations to improve the sterilization of medical instruments at such medical facilities, including an identification and evaluation of existing options, such as mobile sterilization units and coordinating with community medical centers to expand surgical capacity.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Health Agency shall submit to Congress a report on the study required by subsection (a), which shall include an action plan to consider and implement the recommendations included in such study.

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

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

SEC. _____. AUTHORIZATION OF ASSISTANCE TO EXPEDITE CERTAIN MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS LOCATED IN GUAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—To expedite military construction projects in Guam intended to improve the defense of Guam and the Indo-Pacific region, each Secretary of a military department may provide grants, conclude cooperative agreements, and supplement other Federal funds to regulatory agencies located in Guam that such Secretary determines appropriate, including—

- (1) the Guam Environmental Protection Agency; and
- (2) the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(b) ELEMENTS.—Each agreement under subsection (a) may include—

(1) the provision of Department of Defense technical assistance to regulatory agencies responsible for the timely completion of military construction projects; and

(2) the use of Department of Defense personnel to perform conservation activities for which the regulatory agency is responsible.

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

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

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

SEC. 5. AMENDMENT TO EXTEND TIME PERIOD FOR TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN ARMY AND AIR FORCE RESERVE COMPONENT GENERAL OFFICERS.

Section 14314 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3), and (4) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D), respectively;

(B) by striking “Within” and inserting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), within”; and

(C) by inserting at the end the following new paragraph (2):

“(2) For any general officer covered by paragraph (1) who is released from a joint duty assignment or other non-joint active-duty assignment, the Secretary concerned shall complete the transfer or discharge required by paragraph (1) not later than 60 days after the officer’s release.”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “subsection (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (a)(1)(C)”.

297. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ OF WASHINGTON OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. REPORT ON COMPETITION AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that it is integral that the military be able to fix its own equipment, and that efforts deliberately designed to prevent the military end user from fixing equipment in the field harm our nation’s military readiness.

(b) REPORT AND PLAN.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Chair of the White House Competition Council the report required under clause (iii) of section 5(s) of Executive Order 14036 titled “Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy”.

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

Page 288, insert after line 10 the following:

SEC. 597. DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION; REPORT.

Not later than October 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and

House of Representatives a report regarding the Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (DACODAI). The report shall contain the following items:

- (1) An overview of the appointment process used to select individuals currently serving as members of the DACODAI, including the nominating source for each individual currently serving as a DACODAI member.
- (2) An explanation of how the Department ensures individuals selected to serve as members of DACODAI comprise points of view that are "fairly balanced" as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
- (3) A complete listing of all recommendations made by the DACODAI since September 23, 2022.
- (4) A complete listing of all studies initiated by the DACODAI since September 23, 2022.
- (5) The cost associated with operating the DACODAI since September 23, 2022.

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

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

SEC. 8. REPORT ON SMALL PURCHASES OF CRITICAL MINERALS AND MAGNETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the enactment of this section, the Director of the Defense Contract Management Agency shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report detailing the dollar amount of covered materials manufactured in China and Russia and acquired by the Department of Defense through contracts valued at or below the simplified acquisition threshold during the period beginning on January 1, 2020, and ending on the date of the submission of such report to the congressional defense committees.

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

- (1) the total value of contracts under which covered materials were acquired by the Department of Defense during the period covered by the report;
- (2) the total value of contracts under which covered materials manufactured in China or Russia were acquired by the Department of Defense during the period covered by the report;
- (3) the total value of contracts under which covered materials were acquired by the Department of Defense during the period covered by the report for which the Director could not determine whether the covered materials were manufactured in China or Russia;
- (4) for each covered material, the value of the covered material acquired by the Department of Defense during the period covered by the report that was manufactured in China or Russia; and
- (5) any recommendations from the Director for improving the ability of the Department of Defense to track the manufacturer of covered materials.

(c) ACQUISITIONS BY THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY.—Each value described in subsection (b) contained in the report required by subsection (a) shall be disaggregated by acquisitions made by the Defense Logistics Agency and acquisitions made by other elements of the Department of Defense.

(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For the purposes of this section, the Director shall regard “manufacturing” as being the main value-add step in the supply chain in which raw minerals are initially combined into a metallic, alloyed, or magnetic form and shall not count late-stage cutting and finishing processes or distribution as the critical manufacturing step.

(e) COVERED MATERIAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered material” means—

- (1) samarium-cobalt magnets;
- (2) neodymium-iron-boron magnets;
- (3) tungsten metal powder;
- (4) tungsten heavy alloy;
- (5) tantalum metals and alloys;
- (6) aluminum-nickel-cobalt magnets; or
- (7) any other metals listed in section 4863(l) of title 10, United States Code.

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

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

SEC. 10. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON DREDGING CAPACITY AND PORT READINESS.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study to assess the capability and capacity of Department of Defense to complete harbor and channel dredging at seaports that require such dredging.

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

(1) identification of any dredging work required by the Department of Defense to ensure deep water access at seaports, set forth separately by seaport;

(2) a review of the capacity of the domestic dredging industry to complete the dredging work identified under paragraph (1);

(3) an assessment of time required to complete outstanding dredging work at seaports in the Strategic Seaport Program; and

(4) development of recommendations for Federal policies, including contracting policies, that may be implemented to support domestic manufacturers of critical components used in the manufacturing of United States dredging vessels, including critical components such as cranes, spring couplings, torque limiters, diesel engine clutches, clutch couplings, wet brakes, and combination gearboxes.

(c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall consult with—

- (1) the National Port Readiness Network;
- (2) entities in the United States dredging industry;
- (3) domestic critical component manufacturers; and

(4) such other individuals and entities as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.

(d) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 17. REPORT ON SYSTEM DEPENDENCIES, UPTIME, AND KEY FACTORS OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the electronic health record system and other system dependencies, uptime, and key factors that affect the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

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

(2) A list of instances of electronic health record system and associated system downtime, performance degradations, outages, or incidents of the Department of Defense during fiscal year 2024, including, for each such instance each of the following:

- (A) The duration.
- (B) The results of a root cause analysis.
- (C) Any after action reporting.
- (D) The accountable office within the Department.
- (E) An indication of whether the Department of Veterans Affairs was also affected.

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

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

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

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

(1) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate; and
 (2) the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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

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

SEC. 1. STUDY TO IDENTIFY SOURCES OF SECURE PARTS FOR UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS.

(a) **STUDY.**—The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall conduct a study to identify sources of secure parts for unmanned aircraft systems. For purposes of the study, a part shall be considered secure if it—

- (1) is not produced or sold by a Chinese military company (as defined in section 1260H of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 10 U.S.C. 113 note));
- (2) will not be used for a sensitive platform, such as the F–35 aircraft;
- (3) does not connect to wireless or other data networks; and
- (4) meets such other criteria as may be established by the Under Secretary.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

303. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DONALDS OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE OR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. REPORT ON USE OF NUCLEAR POWER FOR MILITARY AND SOFT POWER PURPOSES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State shall jointly submit a report to Congress on Russian and Chinese efforts relating to transportable nuclear power that specifically evaluates the manner and extent to which both Russia and China are using transportable nuclear power for direct military purposes and as a soft power tool globally.

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

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

SEC. _____. BRIEFING ON INSTANCES OF ATTEMPTED BREACHES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS REQUIRED.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall provide to Congress a briefing on any instance of an attempted breach of a military installation under the jurisdiction of the Department of Defense during the period beginning on January 1, 2021, and ending on the date of the provision of such briefing.

(b) ELEMENTS.—Each briefing under subsection shall include, with respect to each perpetrator of an attempted breach described in such subsection, a statement of the applicable immigration status and citizenship status.

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

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

SEC. 3 _____. AVAILABILITY OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR SOFTWARE.

Section 2241(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) Acquisition, development, modification, and sustainment of software.”

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

At the end of subtitle I of title 5, insert the following new section:

SEC. 5 _____. AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO JOSEPH M. PEREZ FOR ACTS OF VALOR AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

(a) RECOGNITION OF ACTS OF VALOR.—Congress recognizes the following acts of valor by Joseph M. Perez:

(1) Joseph M. Perez distinguished himself by valorous actions against overwhelming odds while serving as a Sergeant in the Army, with Company C, 3rd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, in South Vietnam.

(2) On May 26, 1967, during the Vietnam War, Sergeant Perez acted as the fire team leader with the Commanding Officer of Company C and led an infantry unit conducting a search and destroy task near the Cambodian border. When the unit reached the top of a hill, they were suddenly under attack from a concealed sniper.

(3) During the initial phase of battle, Sergeant Perez and the unit took cover to assess and decide the strength of the enemy and determine the direction of where the attack was coming from. When the enemy launched a hand-grenade, the fire team returned fire. Without hesitation or concern for his personal safety, Sergeant Perez absorbed the full lethal explosion of the grenade and shielded his fellow soldiers from the blast. The explosion caused Sergeant Perez to lose his right eye and severed his right hand.

(4) The fire team moved to relocate to a safer area, leaving Sergeant Perez alone. Once Sergeant Perez regained conscious-

ness, he crawled twenty meters to safe ground to be treated by medics.

(5) Sergeant Perez's personal leadership in intense close combat resulted in a major win for his battalion against overwhelming odds, though he lost his eye and hand and nearly lost his life, he saved the lives of three of his fire team members from death and serious injuries from the explosion.

(6) Sergeant Perez's selfless devotion to duty, his extraordinary heroism, conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, and numerous risks of his life above and beyond the call of duty are all in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army, and reflect great credit on himself, the Armed Forces, and the United States.

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

(1) When awarding him the distinguished-service cross, Sergeant Perez's chain of command was unaware of the full extent of his valorous actions and the numerous risks he took for his soldiers, all above and beyond the call of duty.

(2) Although Sergeant Perez absorbed the lethal explosion of a hand grenade, once he regained consciousness, he continued to move with his battalion against devastating and overwhelming enemy fire.

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

(d) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of Joseph M. Perez on May 26, 1967, while serving as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the distinguished-service cross.

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

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

SEC. 28. STUDY ON CONSTRUCTION OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS.

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

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

Page 949, beginning on line 19, strike "means" and all that follows through the second period on line 21 and insert "means—".

Page 949, after line 19, insert the following:

“(1) a government owned vessel disposed of in accordance with this part and section 548 of title 40;

“(2) a vessel seized or forfeited pursuant to any law, and auctioned by the Federal Government, including a vessel seized or forfeited pursuant to section 7301 or 7302 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

“(3) a fishing vessel seized or forfeited pursuant to section 310 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1860).”.

309. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROSE OF TENNESSEE OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON RED FLAGS MISSED IN JANET YAMANAKA MELLO FRAUD SCHEME.

(a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the fraud scheme perpetrated by Janet Yamanaka Mello, a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, who was indicted and pleaded guilty to stealing over \$100 million in Army funds.

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

(1) Breakdown in supervision of Mello, including any failures of management or oversight that contributed to the ability of Mello to carry out the fraud scheme undetected.

(2) Breakdown in accountability, including any failures to ensure that funds were actually being spent for their intended purposes.

(3) Failure to ensure that financial program managers, such as Mello, cannot funnel money to themselves or their own entities.

(4) Any other red flags or warning signs that were missed or ignored, including any instances of whistleblower retaliation or suppression of concerns.

(5) An assessment of the current policies and procedures in place to prevent similar fraud schemes from occurring in the future.

(6) Recommendations for improvements to policies, procedures, and oversight to prevent similar fraud schemes from occurring in the future.

(7) A description of any disciplinary or administrative actions taken against any individuals or entities found to have contributed to the ability of Mello to carry out the fraud scheme.

(8) A description of any changes made or planned to be made to the Army’s financial management and oversight processes as a result of this incident.

(9) An assessment of the impact of the fraud scheme on the Army’s programs and operations.

(10) Any other information the Secretary of Defense determines relevant to understanding the fraud scheme and preventing similar incidents in the future.

(c) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The report required under subsection (a) shall be posted publicly on the website of the Department of Defense

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

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

SEC. 13. REPORT ON SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S MILITARY PREPAREDNESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on deterrence in the Taiwan Strait.

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

(1) An assessment on the feasibility of economic tools to deter the People's Republic of China from conducting covered contingencies.

(2) An assessment by the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, on how covered countries would likely respond to various covered contingencies.

(3) A description of the policy changes the Secretary of State would recommend in response to covered contingencies.

(4) A description of the messaging the Secretary of State would employ to in response to covered contingencies.

(c) FORM.—The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in classified form with an unclassified summary.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Armed Services, and the Committee on Banking of the Senate;

(2) the term “covered contingencies” include—

(A) a military strike or invasion of one or more of Taiwan's off-shore islands, including Kinmen, Matsu, Wuciou, and Taiping Island;

(B) a military strike against the Island of Taiwan or Penghu;

(C) a commercial blockade of Taiwan in which international vessels are subjected to search or seizure by the People's Liberation Army;

(D) a major cyber-attack against the critical infrastructure of Taiwan; and

(E) a seizure of one or several of Taiwan's outlining islands or territorial claims; and

(3) the term “covered countries” means Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, and Vietnam, and any other country the Secretary of State determines to be relevant.

311. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUNN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 28. REPORT ON LAND USE PRACTICES AROUND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes the following:

(1) An assessment of land use policies and encroachment risks near military installations (as defined in section 2801 of title 10, United States Code) located in the Freely Associated States, real property located in the Freely Associated States used to support the Armed Forces, and real property located in the Freely Associated States that may be used to support the Armed Forces during the five-year period following the date of submission of the report.

(2) An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of establishing a coalition to include representatives from Federal agencies, the governments of the Freely Associated States, nongovernmental organizations, and landowners and land managers in the Freely Associated States to advance sustainable land use practices around military installations that would assist in efforts to prevent encroachment and promote conservation.

312. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DUNN OF FLORIDA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 17. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR POLICY STUDY AND REPORT ON EXPANSION OF NATIONAL GUARD STATE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) STUDY.—The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, shall conduct a study to assess the feasibility and benefits of expanding the National Guard State Partnership Program to additional countries in the First Island Chain and the Second Island Chain, including—

- (1) Brunei Darussalam;
- (2) the Federated States of Micronesia;
- (3) the Republic of Kiribati;
- (4) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
- (5) the Republic of Nauru; and
- (6) the Republic of Vanuatu.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the results of the study conducted under subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. 2____. EXPANSION OF PARTICIPATION IN THE DIGITAL ON-DEMAND PROGRAM.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary—

- (1) to expand participation in the Digital On-Demand Program to—
 - (A) all organizations and elements of the Department of Defense; and
 - (B) all members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department; and
- (2) to actively promote the Program throughout the Department.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on an annual basis thereafter through 2029, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the progress of the Secretary in expanding and promoting the Digital On-Demand Program as described in subsection (a).

(c) **DIGITAL ON DEMAND PROGRAM DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “Digital On-Demand Program” means the program overseen by the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer pursuant to which educational resources on artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, data literacy, and related topics are made available to personnel of the Department of Defense through a digital platform on an on-demand basis.

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

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

SEC. 10____. ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTILATERAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WORKING GROUP.

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a working group, which shall be known as the “Multilateral Artificial Intelligence Working Group”, to develop and coordinate an artificial intelligence initiative among the allies and partners of the United States.

(b) **ORGANIZATION.**—

(1) **DESIGNATION OF HEAD.**—The Secretary shall designate a senior civilian officer of the Department of Defense or senior military officer with experience leading relevant efforts, as determined by the Secretary, to serve as the head of the Working Group.

(2) **PARTICIPATION BY OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES.**—The Secretary shall determine which allies and partners of the United States shall be asked to participate as member countries in the Working Group.

(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The responsibilities of the Working Group shall be to develop and coordinate efforts to implement an artificial

intelligence initiative between the Department of Defense and allies and partners of the United States, including by—

(1) comparing—

(A) the various artificial intelligence systems and the elements thereof (including machine learning and generative artificial intelligence such as large language models) used for covered operational uses by member countries; and

(B) the respective practices associated with the employment of such systems for covered operational uses by member countries;

(2) identifying (including by experimenting, testing, and evaluating) potential solutions to advance and accelerate the interoperability of artificial intelligence systems used for intelligence sharing, battlespace awareness, and other covered operational uses;

(3) testing and evaluating the effects of artificial intelligence model redundancy, including the risks and safety measures associated with operating multiple artificial intelligence systems, including in tandem with one another;

(4) developing a shared strategy for the research, development, test, evaluation, and employment of artificial intelligence systems for covered operational uses carried out jointly by the member countries;

(5) developing a shared strategy for—

(A) managing data-informed artificial intelligence systems; and

(B) testing and evaluating artificial intelligence systems with combined data sets at the unclassified and classified levels;

(6) testing and evaluating the capabilities of the defense industrial base of the member countries to incorporate artificial intelligence systems into systems used for covered operational uses;

(7) comparing and using ethical frameworks to accelerate technological advancements with respect to artificial intelligence systems;

(8) expanding innovation efforts by the member countries and share among such countries best practices for the accelerated procurement and adoption of artificial intelligence technologies for covered operational uses;

(9) leveraging commercially available artificial intelligence technologies to advance near-term jointness between the armed forces of the member countries;

(10) jointly identifying and sourcing artificial intelligence systems, as practicable, and advising member countries with respect to export controls applicable to such systems; and

(11) carrying out such other activities as the Secretary determines to be relevant to such responsibilities.

(d) CONTROL OF KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNICAL DATA.—The Secretary shall seek to ensure that any knowledge or technical data produced by a member country under any cooperative project carried out by the Working Group shall be controlled by that country under the export control laws and regulations of that country and

shall not be subject to the jurisdiction or control of any other member country.

(e) PLAN AND REPORTS.—

(1) PLAN.—

(A) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan for the establishment and activities of the Working Group.

(B) ELEMENTS.—The plan under subparagraph (A) shall include—

(i) a plan for the establishment of the Working Group;

(ii) a description of any funding requirements or administrative support necessary to carry out this section;

(iii) a description of any additional statutory authorities necessary to carry out this section;

(iv) a plan for the fulfilment of responsibilities under subsection (c) by the Working Group;

(v) an evaluation of existing multilateral artificial intelligence efforts;

(vi) a plan for the integration of the artificial intelligence initiative developed and coordinated by the Working Group with other programs and initiatives of the elements of the Department of Defense with responsibilities relating to mutual security and artificial intelligence efforts among the member countries;

(vii) performance indicators by which the activities of the Working Group will be assessed; and

(viii) a description of how efforts of the commanders of the combatant commands relating to military interoperability and test and evaluation of artificial intelligence systems will be tasked and executed by and through the Working Group.

(2) SEMIANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and on a semiannual basis thereafter until the date of termination under subsection (f), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the activities and milestones of the Working Group. Each such report shall include, with respect to the period covered by the report—

(A) an assessment of the activities of the Working Group based on the performance indicators set forth in the plan under paragraph (1)(B)(vii); and

(B) a description of any efforts of the commanders of the combatant commands taken in support of the responsibilities of the Working Group.

(f) TERMINATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Working Group shall terminate on September 30, 2028.

(2) AUTHORITY TO EXTEND.—The Secretary may extend the termination date under paragraph (1) if the Secretary determines such extension to be in the national security interests of the United States.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “battlespace awareness” has the meaning given that term in the Joint Publication 1–02 of the Department of Defense, titled “Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms”, or successor publication.

(2) The term “covered operational use” means use by a government for operations in a defense context.

(3) The term “member country” means a member country of the Working Group.

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

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

SEC. 8. REPORT ON BUNDLED CONTRACTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

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

(1) the effects of awarding bundled contracts (as defined in section 3 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632)) on the Department of Defense and small business concerns (as defined under such section); and

(2) the potential effects of reducing the number of bundled contracts awarded.

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

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

SEC. 10. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTAIN PERMISSIONS TO ACCESS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall suspend or revoke a security clearance held by a covered individual if such individual has expressed support for a terrorist organization or engaged in a demonstration supporting a terrorist organization.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered individual” means any—

(A) retired or active member of the Armed Forces; or
(B) employee of the Department of Defense.

(2) The term “terrorist organization” means any foreign terrorist organization designated by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189), as amended, or those designated by Executive Order 13224.

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

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

SEC. 10. **DECLASSIFICATION REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INVOLVEMENT OF UNITED STATES IN 1973 COUP IN CHILE.**

The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, shall conduct a declassification review of documents relating to the involvement of the United States in the 1973 coup in Chile, including—

- (1) any record of financial support provided by the United States Government to any organization or other entity, whether private or public, that supported the coup;
- (2) any record of communication between an officer or employee of the United States Government and a senior military or intelligence officer of the Government of Chile during the period beginning on September 11, 1972, and ending on September 11, 1974; and
- (3) any other document containing information relating to the involvement of the United States Government in the coup.

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

At the end of subtitle D of title XV, insert the following new section:

SEC. 15. **REPORT ON USER ACTIVITY MONITORING PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on user activity monitoring programs of the Department of Defense. The report shall include—

- (1) a description of the implementation and enforcement of the requirements of section 1537 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 2224 note; Public Law 118-31; 137 Stat. 570);
- (2) a detailed description of the status of user activity monitoring on the Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network;
- (3) a comprehensive accounting of the funds made available for user activity monitoring on the Non-classified Internet Protocol Router Network in fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024; and
- (4) information on how any such user activity monitoring programs might deviate from the minimum standards outlined in—
 - (A) the National Insider Threat Policy and Minimum Standards for Executive Branch Insider Threat Programs;
 - (B) the Committee on National Security Systems Directive 504 (issued on February 4, 2014, relating to the protection of national security systems from insider threats); or
 - (C) the Department of Defense Directive 5205.16 (issued on September 30, 2014, relating to the insider threat program of the Department of Defense).

319. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE RADEWAGEN OF AMERICAN SAMOA OR HER DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. REPORT ON INTEGRATION OF CHAPLAINS INTO ACTIVITIES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.

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 assessing the use of chaplains and the Chaplain Corps during campaigning efforts in the Indo-Pacific, that also includes the following:

- (1) A summary of the manner and extent to which chaplains are deliberately integrated into campaigning events in the Indo-Pacific to build relationships and partnerships with partners and host countries.
- (2) A description of the deployment and exercise events chaplains are integrated into.
- (3) A list of host country or partner outreach events that chaplains hosted or supported.
- (4) An assessment of future integration planned for chaplains in the Indo-Pacific area of responsibility.

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

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

SEC. 17. BRIEFING ON INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING OF COUNTRIES WITHIN UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

- (a) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Congress that—
 - (1) Africa is a theater of strategic competition where the People's Republic of China and Russia continue to increase their presence through economic and military relations;
 - (2) stability in the region has suffered, resulting in 8 military coups in the Sahel region of Africa in just the last 4 years;
 - (3) this region serves as an important training ground for violent extremist organizations whose attacks spread across the African continent and the globe; and
 - (4) United States Africa Command faces challenges in building strategic partnerships with African countries and bolstering stability on the continent.
- (b) **BRIEFING REQUIRED.**—Not later than March 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall offer to all members of Congress a briefing on the adequacy of institutional capacity building in countries within the area of responsibility of the United States Africa Command to strengthen governance in the defense sectors of such countries. Such briefing shall also include, at a minimum, an analysis of programs and efforts of the Department of Defense focused on—
 - (1) strategy and policy development;
 - (2) budget development and execution;
 - (3) human resource management systems;
 - (4) logistics processes; and

(5) recommendations to counter the influence of the People's Republic of China, Russia, and non-state violent extremist organizations through additional institutional capacity building in such countries by the Department.

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

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE DOMESTIC SOURCE C-130J IRSS.

(a) **INCREASE.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for operational system development, Aviation Systems, line 281 (PE 1160403BB) is hereby increased by \$6,000,000 (with the amount of such increase to be made available for Alternative Domestic Source C-130J IRSS).

(b) **OFFSET.**—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for operational system development, industrial base analysis and sustainment support, line 214 (PE 0607210D8Z) is hereby reduced by \$6,000,000.

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

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

SEC. 5. DIVE SCHOOL REQUIRED ELEMENT OF QUALIFICATION AS A COMBAT CONTROLLER OF THE AIR FORCE.

The Secretary of the Air Force shall require that training to qualify as a combat controller of the Air Force includes dive school.

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

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

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF MEMBERS AWARDED CERTAIN DECORATIONS TO WEAR THE UNIFORM WHEN NOT ON ACTIVE DUTY.

Section 772 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(k)(1) A member awarded a decoration specified in paragraph (2) may wear the uniform prescribed by the Secretary concerned on the same basis as a retired officer under subsection (c) while such member attends a special event (including a wedding).

“(2) The decorations specified in this paragraph are the following:

- “(A) The Purple Heart.
- “(B) The Medal of Honor.
- “(C) The Distinguished Service Cross.
- “(D) The Navy Cross.

- “(E) The Air Force Cross.
- “(F) The Coast Guard Cross.
- “(G) The Bronze Star.”.

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

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

SEC. 5. RECORDS OF A SEPARATING MEMBER: PROVISION OF ELECTRONIC COPIES.

Section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) in subsection (d)—

(A) by inserting “(1)” before “In the case”; and

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

“(2) The Secretary concerned shall provide to a member described in subsection (a) an electronic copy of the member’s service medical record not later than 30 days before the member separates, retires, or is discharged.”; and

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

“(f) SEPARATION DOCUMENTS.—The Secretary concerned shall provide to a member described in subsection (a) an electronic copy of the member’s separation documents (including a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214)) not later than 15 days after such member separates, retires, or is discharged.”.

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

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

SEC. 12. REPORT ON MILITARY ACTIVITIES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE ARCTIC REGION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the following:

- (1) Any military activities of the Russian Federation in the Arctic region.

- (2) Any military activities of the People’s Republic of China in the Arctic region.

(b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The report under subsection (a) shall include, with respect to the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of China, as applicable, the following:

- (1) A description of military activities of such country in the Arctic region, including—

(A) the placement of military infrastructure, equipment, or forces;

(B) any exercises or other military activities; and

(C) activities that are ostensibly non-military in nature but are considered to have military or other strategic implications.

(2) An assessment of—
(A) the intentions of such activities by each such country;
(B) the extent to which such activities affect or threaten the interests of the United States and allies in the Arctic region; and
(C) any response to such activities by the United States or allies.

(3) A description of future plans and requirements with respect to such activities.

(4) A detailed description of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China's cooperation in the Arctic region.

(5) A description of how the Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and the resulting damage to its military forces have impacted the Russian Federation's posture, activities, and policy in the Arctic region.

(6) A description of how the Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, has impacted the People's Republic of China's posture, activity and policy in the Arctic region.

(7) A description of how the United States and its allies in the Arctic region have adjusted their posture in response to any recent changes by the Russian Federation or the People's Republic of China.

(8) A description of the activities of the Arctic Council and other Arctic fora of which the United States is a member over the preceding 3-year period, including—
(A) a description of how the U.S. Ambassador-at-large for the Arctic region would engage with the Arctic Council and other established Arctic fora;
(B) a description of the United States current role in the Arctic Council and what steps are being taken to ensure that the involvement of the Russian Federation does not detract from continued engagement with regional partners;
(C) a detailing of all meetings, round tables, working groups, and other official activities of the Arctic Council and other Arctic fora, including a description of which such events in which the Russian Federation did and did not participate; and
(D) a description of how the United States is utilizing current Arctic fora to develop and implement regional security strategies.

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

(d) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—
(1) 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; and
(2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Committee on Appropriations, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

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

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

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

SEC. 17. GAO STUDY ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY DISABILITY EMPHASIS PROGRAM.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on—

- (1) the effectiveness of the Department of Defense Education Activity Disability Emphasis Program; and
- (2) how such program supports the employment, retention, and career advancement of individuals with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report containing the study conducted under subsection (a).

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

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

SEC. _____. LAND CONVEYANCE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERIM LEASE, DEFENSE FUEL SUPPORT POINT SAN PEDRO, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

(a) CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the Navy (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”), may convey to the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita, at a cost less than fair market value, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to parcels of real property, including any improvements therein and thereon, known as the ballfields and the firing range at Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Defense Fuel Support Point, San Pedro, California, as further described in subsection (b), for the purposes of permitting the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate) to use such conveyed parcel of real property for park and recreational activities or law enforcement affiliated purposes. A conveyance under this subsection is subject to valid existing rights.

(b) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY.—The parcels of real property that may be conveyed under subsection (a) consists of the following:

- (1) The City of Lomita Ballfield Parcel consisting of approximately 5.7 acres.
- (2) The City of Los Angeles Ballfield Parcels consisting of approximately 15.3 acres.
- (3) The firing range located at 2981 North Gaffey Street, San Pedro, California, consisting of approximately 3.2 acres.

(c) INTERIM LEASE.—Until such time as any parcel of real property described in subsection (b) is conveyed to the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate), the Secretary of the Navy may lease such parcel or a portion of such parcel to either the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita at no cost for a term up to three years. If fee conveyance described in subsection (a) is not completed within the period of the lease term with respect to such parcel, the Secretary shall have no further obligation to make any part of such parcel available for use by the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita.

(d) CONSIDERATION.—

(1) CONSIDERATION REQUIRED.—As consideration for a conveyance under subsection (a), the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate) shall pay to the Secretary of the Navy an amount determined by the Secretary, which may consist of cash payment, in-kind consideration as described under paragraph (2), or a combination thereof.

(2) IN-KIND CONSIDERATION.—In-kind consideration provided by the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate) under this subsection may include—

(A) the acquisition, construction, provision, improvement, maintenance, repair, or restoration (including environmental restoration), or combination thereof, of any property, facilities, or infrastructure with proximity to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, that the Secretary considers acceptable; or

(B) the delivery of services relating to the needs of Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach that the Secretary considers acceptable.

(3) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED FOR CONVEYANCE.—Cash payments received under paragraph (1) as reimbursement for costs incurred by the Secretary to carry out a conveyance under subsection (a) shall be credited to the fund or account used to cover the costs incurred by the Secretary in carrying out the conveyance or to an appropriate fund or account currently available to the Secretary for the purposes for which the costs were paid. Amounts so credited shall be merged with amounts in such fund or account and shall be available for the same purposes, and to the same conditions and limitations, as amounts in such fund or account.

(4) PAYMENT OF COSTS OF CONVEYANCE.—The Secretary shall require the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate) to cover costs (except costs for environmental remediation of the property) to be incurred by the Secretary, or to reimburse the Secretary for such costs incurred by the Secretary, to carry out a conveyance under subsection (a), including costs for environmental and real estate due diligence and any other administrative costs related to the conveyance and lease execution.

(5) REFUND OF EXCESS AMOUNTS.—If amounts are collected from the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita under paragraph (4) in advance of the Secretary incurring the actual costs, and the amount collected exceeds the costs actually incurred by the Secretary to carry out a conveyance under sub-

section (a), the Secretary shall refund the excess amount to the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate).

(e) **VALUATION.**—The values of the property interests to be conveyed by the Secretary described in subsection (a) shall be determined by an independent appraiser selected by the Secretary and in accordance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice.

(f) **CONDITION OF CONVEYANCE.**—A conveyance under subsection (a) shall be subject to all existing easements, restrictions, and covenants of record and conditioned upon the following:

(1) The parcels of real property described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b) shall be used solely for park and recreational activities, which may include ancillary uses such as vending and restrooms.

(2) The parcel of real property described in subsection (b)(3) shall be used solely for law enforcement affiliated purposes.

(3) The city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate) may not use Federal funds to cover any portion of the amounts required by subsection (d) to be paid.

(g) **EXCLUSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIOR SCREENING.**—Section 2696(b) of title 10, United States Code, and the requirements under title V of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 101-645; 41 U.S.C. 11411) relating to prior screenings shall not apply to a conveyance under subsection (a) or the grant of interim lease authorized under subsection (c).

(h) **REVERSIONARY INTEREST.**—If the Secretary determines at any time that a parcel of real property conveyed under subsection (a) is not being used in accordance with the purpose of the conveyance specified in this section, all right, title, and interest in and to the land, including the improvements thereto, shall, at the option of the Secretary, revert to and become the property of the United States, and the United States shall have the right of immediate entry onto such real property. A determination by the Secretary under this subsection shall be made on the record after an opportunity for a hearing.

(i) **CONVEYANCE AGREEMENT.**—A conveyance of land under subsection (a) shall be accomplished using a quitclaim deed or other legal instrument and upon terms and conditions mutually satisfactory to the Secretary and the city of Los Angeles or the city of Lomita (as appropriate), including such additional terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

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

(k) **SAVINGS CLAUSE.**—Nothing in this section affects the application of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

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

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

SEC. 12. REPORT ON COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO STOP UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the status of co-operation between the United States and Israel on efforts to counter threats by Iran in the form of unmanned aerial systems, including loitering munitions otherwise known as “suicide” or “kamikaze” drones.

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

- (1) the congressional defense committees;
- (2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and
- (3) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate

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

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

SEC. 18. BRIEFING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF QUALITY OF LIFE PANEL.

Not later than March 1, 2025, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, shall provide, to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, a briefing on the implementation of the recommendations in the report, dated April, 2024, of the Quality of Life Panel of such Committee. Such briefing shall include—

- (1) updates to pay and compensation of members of the uniformed services, including—
 - (A) the basic allowance for housing under section 403 of title 37, United States Code; and
 - (B) implementation of any increase to the family separation allowance under section 427 of such title, as authorized by section 626 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Public Law 118-31);
- (2) improvements to child care accessibility and affordability;
- (3) increased transparency on the condition and funding of unaccompanied and privatized family housing;
- (4) improvements in access to health care; and
- (5) expansion of support programs for military spouses.

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

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

SEC. 5. REPORT ON EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM.

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report that includes—

- (1) the results of a study of the effectiveness of the Exceptional Family Member program authorized under section 1781c(e) of title 10, United States Code, with respect to the manner by which it currently supports individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
- (2) recommendations to improve the program.

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

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

SEC. 7. ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION.

Section 706 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 1090 note) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this subsection and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation and effectiveness of naloxone distribution to members of the Armed Forces pursuant to this section to reverse opioid overdoses.”

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

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

SEC. 10. REPORT ON NAVY USE OF IMMERSIVE LEARNING CAPABILITIES.

Not later than December 1, 2024, the Secretary of the Navy shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

- (1) an identification of any immersive learning capabilities, including augmented, virtual and mixed reality, have been, or potentially could be, integrated into training across the Navy;
- (2) a description of any efforts of the Navy to coordinate with the Air Force on lessons learned in the development of the Headquarters Air Force HAF/A4L Air Force Maintenance and Logistics Extended Reality (XR) Strategy and what elements of that strategy might be applicable to the Navy;
- (3) an identification of the status of any activities of the Navy to build a comprehensive and executable strategy to invest, deploy, and sustain immersive learning training capabilities across the Navy; and
- (4) a description of any limitations or barriers to integrating immersive learning capabilities into the Navy, including ensuring compliance with relevant cybersecurity requirements.

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

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

SEC. 5. SKILLBRIDGE FOR THE SUBMARINE INDUSTRIAL BASE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2025, the Secretary concerned shall—

(1) conduct a survey to determine which such employers in the submarine industrial base are experiencing workforce shortages; and

(2) use the Skillbridge program to provide members training under such program with such employers.

(b) PREFERENCE.—In selecting an employer under subsection (a), the Secretary concerned shall give preference to smaller employers.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on implementation of this section.

334. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWEIKERT OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. USE OF TECHNOLOGY USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO FACILITATE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

(a) USE OF AI TECHNOLOGY FOR AUDITS.—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force shall encourage, to the greatest extent practicable, the use of technology that uses artificial intelligence or machine learning for the purpose of facilitating audits of the financial statements of the Department of Defense.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION OF AI TECHNOLOGY FOR AUDITS.—The Director of the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office of the Department, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the Inspector General of the Department, shall oversee the adoption of artificial intelligence and machine learning technologies in support of financial management and enterprise business operations.

(c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 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 House of Representatives a briefing that includes a description of the use of artificial intelligence or machine learning technologies as described in (a) and (b), including an update on the implementation of the strategy titled “2023 Data, Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence Adoption Strategy” and dated June 27, 2023.

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

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

SEC. 5. STUDY ON HIGH-IMPACT TUTORING IN DODEA SCHOOLS.

Not later than September 30, 2025, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing the results of a study on—

- (1) the current usage of tutoring programs in Department of Defense Education Activity elementary and secondary schools;
- (2) the extent to which current tutoring programs in Department of Defense Education Activity elementary and secondary schools incorporate elements of high-impact tutoring, including tutoring that—
 - (A) is in math, reading, or both subjects for at least 30 minutes during the school day and for at least 3 days per week during the school year;
 - (B) is taught by a licensed Department of Defense Education Activity elementary or secondary school teacher or paraprofessional with a student-to-tutor ratio of no more than 3-to-1;
 - (C) is on a set schedule and with the same tutor each week;
 - (D) in the case of tutoring that takes place during a regular class, occurs in a classroom or area that is separate from such regular class; and
 - (E) with respect to a student, is related to and aligned with the classwork in the student's regular classes;
- (3) how to increase the participation of students enrolled in Department of Defense Education Activity elementary and secondary schools in tutoring programs, particularly those tutoring programs with the elements described in paragraph (2), while not reducing funds available for existing Department of Defense Education Activity programs and teacher and staff compensation; and
- (4) how to develop a licensed tutoring workforce for Department of Defense Education Activity elementary and secondary schools.

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

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

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO JUAN OGO BLAZ FOR ACTS OF VALOR WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

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

(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of Juan Ogo Blaz on January 18, 1969, while serving as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

337. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BURLISON OF MISSOURI OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. PROHIBITION AND REPORT ON CONTRACTS FOR ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES.

(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may not enter into a contract for online tutoring services which could result in personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People's Republic of China

(b) REPORT.—The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the risks of personal data of citizens of the United States being transferred to the control of the People's Republic of China pursuant to any contracts for online tutoring services of the Department of Defense in progress.

338. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WENSTRUP OF OHIO OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. _____. FUNDING FOR DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, (1) the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 1405 for Defense Health Program specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4501, for Education and Training is hereby increased by \$25,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 1405 for Defense Health Programs, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4501, for Base Operations/ Communications is hereby reduced by \$25,000,000.

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

At the end of title XI, insert the following:

SEC. 11. SUFFICIENT FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL COVERED INSTALLATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that—

(1) a minimum number of firefighter personnel are on duty at each covered installation to maintain optimum manning and optimum level of service to safeguard life and property at such covered installation; and

(2) a risk assessment may not be used to limit the number of firefighter personnel at a covered installation.

(b) COVERED INSTALLATION DEFINED.—The term “covered installation” means a military installation under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Space Operations of the United States Space Force with a space launch facility.

340. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BERGMAN OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR VIRTUAL ENGINEERING FOR ARMY READINESS AND SUSTAINMENT.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Next-Generation Combat Vehicle Advanced Technology, line 43, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Virtual Engineering for Army Readiness and Sustainment, is hereby increased by \$7,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the office of the Secretary of Defense, line 470, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$7,000,000.

341. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SELF OF TEXAS OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 5. REVIEW OF ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST A CHAPLAIN WHO REQUESTED EXEMPTION FROM THE COVID-19 VACCINATION MANDATE.

(a) REVIEW REQUIRED.—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary concerned shall establish a board under section 1552 or 1553 of title 10, United States Code, as applicable, to review the military personnel record, or the characterization of a discharge or dismissal, of a current or former chaplain in an Armed Force who suffered an adverse personnel action as a result of, arising from, or in conjunction with, requesting a religious exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination mandate.

(b) SCOPE OF REVIEW.—A review under this section shall cover all adverse personnel actions against a chaplain on or after August 24, 2021.

(d) DIRECTED DETERMINATION.—A board established under this section shall consider any adverse personnel action against a chaplain to be the result of such request, unless there is evidence such chaplain—

(1) was disciplined for a reason other than a request described in subsection (a); or

(2) breached good order and discipline.

(e) PRIORITY.—A board shall consider a request under this section before any other request on the docket of such board.

(f) DODIG REPORT.—No later than one year after enactment of this Act, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the results of an investigation by the Inspector General during that one-year period regarding the compliance of the Secretaries concerned with the terms of this section.

(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

- (1) The term “adverse personnel action” includes—
 - (A) discrimination;
 - (B) a denial of promotion, schooling, training, or assignment;
 - (C) discharge;
 - (D) dismissal;
 - (E) separation;
 - (F) a lowered or noncompetitive performance report;
 - (G) revocation of permanent change of station;
 - (H) revocation of temporary duty travel orders; and
 - (I) any other restriction or negative consequence.
- (2) The term “performance report” means a report of an Armed Force (including an officer efficiency report)—
 - (A) that measures the efficiency, leadership, and effectiveness of an officer; and
 - (B) is used as a basis for promotion selections.

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

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

SEC. 17. COMMON COALITION KEY WITHIN THE BALTIC STATES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a common coalition key within the Baltic states for purposes of sharing ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) among such states for training and operational purposes.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Baltic states” means—

- (1) Estonia;
- (2) Lithuania; and
- (3) Latvia.

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

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR HUMANITARIAN AIRBORNE MOBILE INFRASTRUCTURE CAPABILITY.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army for Ground Advanced Technology, line 38, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Humanitarian Airborne Mobile Infrastructure Capability, is hereby increased by \$4,200,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the office of the Secretary of Defense, line 470, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$4,200,000.

344. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE BERGMAN OF MICHIGAN OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR FUEL CELL MULTI-MODULAR USE UTILIZING HYDROGEN.

(a) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army for Ground Advanced Technology, line 38, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4201, for Fuel Cell Multi-Modular Use (FC-MMU) Utilizing Hydrogen, is hereby increased by \$10,000,000.

(b) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 301 for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, for the office of the Secretary of Defense, line 470, as specified in the corresponding funding table in section 4301, is hereby reduced by \$10,000,000.

345. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATALE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR INSTALLATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Defense may be used to for a contract for the installation of photovoltaic modules at any facility or real property of the Department of Defense unless the contract contains a provision prohibiting the procurement of such photovoltaic modules from a foreign entity of concern (as defined in section 9901(8) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (15 U.S.C. 4651(8))).

(b) STUDY.—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 on the expected amount to be obligated fiscal year 2025 to install photovoltaic modules at Department of Defense facilities.

(c) LIMITATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations and except as explicitly provided in a provision of law enacted after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary

of Defense may not obligate or expend from amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2025 for the purpose of installing photovoltaic modules at any facility or real property of the Department of Defense more than the amount certified in the report required under subsection (b) for such purpose during fiscal year 2025.

(2) LIMITATION ON TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, amounts are not authorized to be transferred or reprogrammed pursuant to any authority of the Secretary of Defense for fiscal year 2025 to exceed the amount certified in the report required under subsection (b).

346. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON OF SOUTH DAKOTA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 8. STUDY AND REPORT ON SHIPPING CONTAINERS AND SPECIALTY SHIPPING CONTAINERS.

(a) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Transportation, shall submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report that contains the results of a study on—

(1) the national security implications of reliance on shipping containers and specialty shipping containers produced by foreign adversary countries to meet national defense requirements; and

(2) the feasibility and advisability of production of shipping containers and specialty shipping containers by covered countries for procurement by the Department of Defense.

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

(1) an assessment of the ability of the Secretary of Defense to procure shipping containers and specialty shipping containers from sources other than foreign adversary countries, including—

(A) any barriers faced by the Secretary for such procurement, along with recommendations to mitigate such barriers; and

(B) a timetable for such procurement;

(2) in coordination with entities in the domestic defense industrial base, an assessment of requirements for shipping containers and specialty shipping containers that could be produced in a covered country or which could be acquired from allied or partner countries, including an assessment of the capabilities and capacities of the workforce of the domestic defense industrial base, supply chain considerations, and the impact on the economy of the United States;

(3) an assessment how an alternative source for procurement of specialty shipping containers would affect defense systems

requiring specialty shipping containers, particularly in the event of a crisis; and

(4) any other relevant considerations, as jointly determined by the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Transportation.

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

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “covered country” means the United States or an ally or partner country.

(2) The term “foreign adversary country” means a country specified in section 4872(d)(2) of title 10, United States Code.

(3) The term “shipping container” has the meaning given the term “container” in section 80501 of title 46, United States Code.

(4) The term “specialty shipping container” means a shipping container that is uniquely configured to support and protect items contained during handling, storage, unpacking, and forward and return shipment, or to protect personnel and equipment from hazardous contents.

347. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHWEIKERT OF ARIZONA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

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

SEC. 10. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPORT ON POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS FROM USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Not later than 90 days the date of the enactment of this Act, the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the potential cost-saving measures of incorporating artificial intelligence and multi-domain, attributable autonomous, semi-autonomous, unmanned systems, capabilities and processes into military department and the civilian workforce of the Department of Defense.

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

Page 625, insert after line 16 the following:

SEC. 1413. CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF CERTAIN PROJECTS RELATING TO AVAILABILITY OF STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS FOR ACQUISITION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a covered project that will result in an increase in the availability of strategic and critical materials for acquisition for the Stockpile, the Secretary shall consult with the head of any cooperating agency or participating agency responsible for the environmental review for the project.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) FAST ACT TERMS.—The terms “cooperating agencies”, “covered project”, “environmental review”, and “participating agency” have the meanings given those terms section 41001 of the FAST Act (42 U.S.C. 4370m).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Defense.

(3) STOCKPILE.—The term “Stockpile” means the National Defense Stockpile established under section 3 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98b).

(4) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIALS.—The term “strategic and critical materials” means materials, including rare earth elements, that are necessary to meet national defense and national security requirements, including requirements relating to supply chain resiliency, and for the economic security of the United States.

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

Add at the end of title XI of division A the following:

SEC. _____. MILITARY TECHNICIAN MODERNIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 709 of title 32, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“§ 709. Military technicians (dual status): employment, use, status

“(a) Under regulations prescribed in accordance with section 10503(9) of title 10, persons may be appointed, employed, administered, detailed, assigned, and disciplined by the adjutants general as military technicians (dual status) in—

“(1) the organizing, administering, instructing, or training of Army National Guard or Air National Guard units or personnel to meet Federal readiness standards set by the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force;

“(2) the maintenance and repair of supplies issued to the National Guard or the armed forces; and

“(3) the performance of the following additional duties to the extent that the performance of those duties does not interfere with the performance of the duties described by paragraphs (1) and (2):

“(A) Support of any operation or mission undertaken by the technician’s unit at the request of the President or the Secretary of Defense.

“(B) Support of Federal training operations or Federal training missions assigned in whole or in part to the technician’s unit.

“(C) Instructing or training in the United States or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or possessions of the United States of—

“(i) active-duty members of the armed forces;

“(ii) members of foreign military forces (under the same authorities and restrictions applicable to active-duty members providing such instruction or training);

“(iii) Department of Defense contractor personnel; or

“(iv) Department of Defense civilian employees.

“(b) A person employed under this section must meet each of the following requirements:

“(1) Be a military technician (dual status) as defined in section 10216(a) of title 10.

“(2) Be a member of the Service component of the National Guard of the State, Commonwealth, Territory, or District in which the person is serving as a military technician (dual status).

“(3) Hold the military grade specified by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau for the military technician (dual status) position.

“(4) While performing duties as a military technician (dual status) wear the military uniform appropriate for the member's grade and component of the armed forces, conform to military grooming standards, display proper military customs and courtesies, and refrain from conduct that is prejudicial to the efficiency of the service or military good order and discipline.

“(c) A military technician (dual status) employed under this subsection is an employee of the National Guard and an employee of the United States. Notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (4) of section 101(c) of title 10, any act or omission by a military technician (dual-status) performing duty under this subsection or any member performing duties under sections 502 and 503 of this title, including the use of force in defense of Federal property taken pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Chief, National Guard Bureau, shall be considered an act by an employee of the United States Government under section 2671 of title 28.

“(d)(1) The military aspects of military technician (dual status) employment and service are paramount over all other aspects of employment.

“(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a military technician (dual status) who is involuntarily separated from the National Guard or ceases to hold the military grade specified for that position shall be promptly removed from technician employment by the adjutant general of the jurisdiction concerned. A technician who is involuntarily separated from technician employment under this paragraph, not as a result of misconduct or personal failure to maintain military fitness for duty standards and is certified in writing by the adjutant general as not pending investigation nor awaiting action for misconduct, shall, at the election of the technician concerned, be granted highest priority consideration then available for priority placement under Federal law.

“(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a military technician (dual status) who fails to meet the military security standards established for a member of a reserve component may be removed from employment as a technician and concurrently discharged from the National Guard by the adjutant general of the jurisdiction concerned.

“(4) A military technician (dual status) may, at any time, be separated from technician employment for cause by the adjutant general of the jurisdiction concerned. For cause includes conduct, committed at any time, that is prejudicial to the efficiency of the service or military good order and discipline.

“(5)(A) All personnel actions, discipline, or conditions of employment, including adverse actions pertaining to a military technician (dual status) shall be accomplished by the adjutant general of the jurisdiction concerned in accordance with the authorities and conditions set forth in section 10508(b)(3) of title 10.

“(B) A right of appeal by a military technician (dual-status), which may exist with respect to actions, including separations, based upon laws or regulations relating to military membership as a member of the National Guard of the jurisdiction concerned or relating to service as a member of the reserve component of the Army or Air Force, shall not extend beyond the adjutant general concerned.

“(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no appeal, complaint, grievance, claim, or action arising under the provisions of sections 2302, 7511, 7512, and 7513 of title 5; section 717 of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 (42 U.S.C. 2000e–16); or sections 7116 or 7121 of title 5; or under any other provision of law, shall extend to activity occurring while the member is in a military pay status or to actions, including separations, based upon laws or regulations relating to military membership as a member of the National Guard of the jurisdiction concerned or relating to service as a reserve of the Army or Air Force, or pertaining to actions undertaken under paragraph (2) or (3).

“(6) A technician shall be notified in writing of the termination of the technician’s employment as a technician and, unless the technician is serving under a temporary appointment, is serving in a trial or probationary period, or has voluntarily ceased to be a member of the National Guard when such membership is a condition of employment, such notification shall be given at least 30 days before the termination date of such employment.

“(7) Any administratively imposed civilian hiring controls or restrictions, including personnel ceilings, hiring freezes, administrative furloughs, grade restrictions, or reductions shall not apply to military technicians (dual status) unless such hiring controls are determined by the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to be a direct result of a reduction in military force structure. For the purposes of a furlough due to a lapse in appropriations, technicians shall be treated as uniformed members of the armed forces.

“(e) Except as provided in subsection (d), sections 3502, 7511, and 7512 of title 5 do not apply to a person employed under this section. Sections 2108, 4303, and 5102 of title 5; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (29 U.S.C. 621–634); the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701–796l); and section 1076d(a)(2) of title 10 do not apply to a person employed under this section. A person employed under this section who is performing Active Guard and Reserve duty (as that term is defined in section 101(d)(6) of title 10) may not use civilian employee leave under sections 6307 or 6323(a)(1) of title 5 during such duty.

“(f) Notwithstanding sections 5544(a) and 6101(a) of title 5 or any other provision of law, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau shall establish the hours of duties for military technicians (dual status). Notwithstanding sections 5542 and 5543 of title 5 or any other provision of law, technicians shall be granted an amount of compensatory time off from their scheduled tour of duty equal to the amount of any time spent by them in irregular or overtime work, and shall not be entitled to compensation for such work.

“(g) The Chief of the National Guard Bureau may not prescribe for purposes of eligibility for Federal recognition under section 301 of this title a qualification applicable to technicians employed under subsection (a) that is not applicable pursuant to that section

to the other members of the National Guard in the same grade, branch, position, and type of unit or organization involved.

“(h) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14506, 14507, or 14508 of title 10, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may, at the request of the adjutant general of the jurisdiction concerned, and with the officer’s consent, retain on the reserve active-status list an officer in the grade of major, lieutenant colonel, colonel, or brigadier general who is a reserve officer of the Army or Air Force and who, as a condition of continued employment as a National Guard military technician (dual status) is required to maintain membership in a Selected Reserve unit or organization.

“(i) In this section:

“(1) The term ‘military pay status’ means a period of military service under titles 10, 32, or State Active Duty, with respect to which the amount of pay payable to a technician for that service is based on rates of military pay provided for under title 37 or State law.

“(2) The term ‘fitness for duty in the reserve components’ refers only to military-unique requirements that attend to requirements for military service as a member of the Army National Guard or Air National Guard or as a reserve of the Army or Air Force or service on active duty, that are established by the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force and that pertain to requirements of law or policy relating to military membership as a member of the National Guard of the jurisdiction concerned.

“(j) For purposes of any administrative complaint, grievance, claim, or action arising from, or relating to, such a personnel action or condition of employment:

“(1) The adjutant general of the jurisdiction concerned shall be considered the head of the agency and the National Guard of the jurisdiction concerned shall be considered the employing agency of the individual and the sole defendant or respondent in any administrative action.

“(2) The National Guard of the jurisdiction concerned shall defend any administrative appeal, complaint, grievance, claim, or action, and shall promptly implement all aspects of any final administrative or judicial order, judgment, or decision that does not involve or concern any military aspect of the performance of technician duties under this section.

“(3) In any civil action or proceeding brought in any court arising from an action under this section, the United States shall be the sole defendant or respondent.

“(4) The Attorney General of the United States shall defend the United States in actions arising under this section.

“(5) Any settlement, judgment, or costs arising from an action described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) shall be paid from appropriated funds allocated to the National Guard of the jurisdiction concerned.

“(k) Nothing in this section shall reduce, limit, or eliminate, in any manner, any right or benefit, including any procedural right, provided by chapter 43 of title 38.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to section 709 in the table of sections for chapter 7 of title 32, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
“709. Military Technicians (dual status): employment, use, status.”.

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

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

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF MEDAL OF HONOR TO MARTIN A. MAGLONA FOR ACTS OF VALOR WHILE SERVING AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Notwithstanding the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, or any other time limitation with respect to the awarding of certain medals to persons who served in the Armed Forces, the President is authorized to award the Medal of Honor, under section 7271 of such title, to Martin A. Maglona for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

(b) ACTS OF VALOR DESCRIBED.—The acts of valor described in this subsection are the actions of Martin A. Maglona on February 23, 1969, while serving as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War, for which he was previously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.
