

**En Bloc Amendments to  
H.R. 4310  
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013  
Wednesday, May 9, 2012**

Seapower and Projection Forces

En Bloc # 1

<b>Log #</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Description</b>
055	Rep. Palazzo	This amendment would state a sense of Congress encouraging the Navy to prioritize early engineering in large ship construction.
080r2	Rep. Speier	This amendment would require a GAO review of the Littoral Combat Ship program's quality and a review of the Navy's operational and sustainment support strategy for the program.
116	Rep. Akin	This amendment would fence some funds available to the Navy until the annual shipbuilding plan has been submitted to Congress.
160r1	Rep. Palazzo	This amendment would state a sense of Congress on Amphibious Lift and Presence Requirements
163	Rep. Akin and McIntyre	This amendment would modify section 211 with regard to Air Force long-range strike.
192r1	Rep. Johnson	This amendment would require a report on the two Littoral Combat Ship designs for comparative cost and effectiveness.
203	Rep. Akin	Amends section 1021 regarding nuclear surface combatants

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PALAZZO OF MISSISSIPPI**

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

1 **SEC. 1\_\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF ENGI-**  
2 **NEERING IN EARLY STAGES OF SHIP-**  
3 **BUILDING.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) placing a priority on engineering dollars in  
6 the early stages of shipbuilding programs is a vital  
7 component of keeping cost down; and

8 (2) therefore, the Secretary of the Navy should  
9 take appropriate steps to prioritize early engineering  
10 in large ship construction including amphibious class  
11 ships beginning with the LHA-8.



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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310**

**OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA**

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

**SEC. 1\_\_ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEWS OF LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP PROGRAM.**

(a) ACCEPTANCE OF LCS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of the compliance of the Secretary of the Navy with part 246 of title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations and Subpart 46.5 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation in accepting the LCS.

(2) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The review under paragraph (1) shall include a discussion of the knowledge of, and determinations by, the LCS program office and contractors with respect to the following:

(A) Potential for cracks in the LCS hull and deckhouse and any corresponding potential design risks.

(B) Chargeable equipment failures.

(C) Potential for engine failures or breakdowns.

(D) Meeting key performance parameters, including speed.

(E) Review of the quality of seals and welds.

(G) Review of water jet corrosion.

(H) Completeness of records to support acceptance of the LCS.

(I) How the LCS risk and problems compare to lead ships in comparable programs.

(J) Security of the ship and systems, including any known lapses.

(K) Manning analysis, including how it would affect key performance parameters.

(L) Strategies for balancing cost, schedule, and performance trade-offs as required by section 201 of the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–23; 123 Stat. 1719).

(b) OPERATIONAL SUPPORT.—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 operational support and sustainment strategy for the Littoral Combat Ship program, including modernization and logistics support.

(c) COOPERATION.—For purposes of conducting the reviews under subsection (a)(1) and (b), the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the Comptroller General has access to—

(1) all relevant records of the Department; and

(2) all relevant communications between Department officials, whether such communications occurred inside or outside the Federal Government.

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AKIN OF MISSOURI**

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

1 **SEC. 10\_\_\_ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**  
2 **DELAYED ANNUAL NAVAL VESSEL CON-**  
3 **STRUCTION PLAN.**

4       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 231 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6           (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-  
7 section (f); and

8           (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-  
9 lowing new subsection (e):

10       “(e)(1) If the Secretary of Defense does not include  
11 with the defense budget materials for a fiscal year the plan  
12 and certification under subsection (a), the Secretary of the  
13 Navy may not use more than 50 percent of the funds de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (2) during the fiscal year in which  
15 such materials are submitted until the date on which such  
16 plan and certification are submitted to the congressional  
17 defense committees.

18       “(2) The funds described in this paragraph are funds  
19 made available to the Secretary of the Navy for operation

1 and maintenance, Navy, for emergencies and extraor-  
2 dinary expenses.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 12304b(i)  
4 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking  
5 “231(e)(2)” and inserting “section 231(f)(2)”.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310**

**OFFERED BY MR. PALAZZO OF MISSISSIPPI**

**& Mr COFFMAN OF COLORADO**

At the appropriate place in title I, insert the fol-

lowing:

1 **SEC. 1\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON MARINE CORPS AM-**  
2 **PHIBIOUS LIFT AND PRESENCE REQUIRE-**  
3 **MENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of Congress that—

5 (1) the United States Marine Corps is a combat  
6 force which leverages maneuver from the sea as a  
7 force multiplier allowing for a variety of operational  
8 tasks ranging from major combat operations to hu-  
9 manitarian assistance;

10 (2) the United States Marine Corps is unique  
11 in that, while embarked upon Naval vessels, they  
12 bring all the logistic support necessary for the full  
13 range of military operations, operating “from the  
14 sea” they require no third party host nation permis-  
15 sion to conduct military operations;

16 (3) the Department of the Navy has a require-  
17 ment for 38 amphibious assault ships to meet this  
18 full range of military operations;

1 (4) for budgetary reasons only that requirement  
2 of 38 vessels was reduced to 33 vessels, which adds  
3 military risk to future operations;

4 (5) the Department of the Navy has been un-  
5 able to meet even the minimal requirement of 33  
6 operationally available vessels and has submitted a  
7 shipbuilding and ship retirement plan to the Con-  
8 gress which will reduce the force to 28 vessels; and

9 (6) experience has shown that early engineering  
10 and design of naval vessels has significantly reduced  
11 the acquisition costs and life-cycle costs of those ves-  
12 sels.

13 (b) NEXT GENERATION OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS.—In  
14 light of subsection (a), it is the sense of Congress that—

15 (1) the Navy should consider prioritization of  
16 investment in and procurement of the next genera-  
17 tion of amphibious assault ships;

18 (2) the next generation amphibious assault  
19 ships should maintain survivability protection level  
20 II in accordance with current Navy ship require-  
21 ments;

22 (3) commonality in hull form design could be a  
23 desirable element to reduce acquisition and life cycle  
24 cost; and

1           (4) maintaining a robust amphibious ship-  
2           building industrial base is vital for future national  
3           security.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310****OFFERED BY MR. AKIN OF MISSOURI**

(Amendment Offered for Himself and Mr. McIntyre of North  
Carolina)

Strike section 211 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 211. NEXT-GENERATION LONG-RANGE STRIKE BOMB-**  
2 **ER AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR CERTIFICATION RE-**  
3 **QUIREMENT.**

4 The Secretary of the Air Force shall ensure that the  
5 next-generation long-range strike bomber is—

6 (1) capable of carrying strategic nuclear weap-  
7 ons as of the date on which such aircraft achieves  
8 initial operating capability; and

9 (2) certified to use such weapons by not later  
10 than two years after such date.



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**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JOHNSON OF GEORGIA**

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

1 **SEC. 1\_\_\_ . REPORT ON LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP DESIGNS.**

2       Not later than December 31, 2013, the Secretary of  
3 the Navy shall submit to the congressional defense com-  
4 mittees a report on the designs of the Littoral Combat  
5 Ship, including comparative cost and performance infor-  
6 mation for both designs of such ship.



**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4310**  
**OFFERED BY MR. AKIN OF MISSOURI**

Strike section 1021 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1021. POLICY RELATING TO MAJOR COMBATANT VES-**  
2 **SELS OF THE STRIKE FORCES OF THE**  
3 **UNITED STATES NAVY.**

4 Section 1012 of the National Defense Authorization  
5 Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat.  
6 303), as most recently amended by section 1015 of the  
7 Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for  
8 Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417; 122 Stat. 4586),  
9 is amended by striking "Secretary of Defense" and all  
10 that follows through the period and inserting the fol-  
11 lowing: "Secretary the Navy notifies the congressional de-  
12 fense committees that, as a result of a cost-benefit anal-  
13 ysis, it would not be practical for the Navy to design the  
14 class of ships with an integrated nuclear power system."

