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6557	1	Crank, Jeff	CHM	Authorizes Service Academy superintendents to contract with affiliated nonprofit organizations for campus modernization projects.	EB 3
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6721	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Establishes a data sharing arrangement between the military departments to share information concerning substantiated allegations of sexual misconduct by members of that Armed Force.	EB 3
6823	0	Fallon, Pat	CHM	Lets National Guard JAGs provide legal support across state lines, removing red tape that hampers Guard readiness	EB 3
6651	2	Davis, Donald G.	CHM	To require a report from the Air Force on more advanced base security technology, specifically for domestic military installations.	EB 3
6766	1	Mills, Cory	CHM	Allows an exclusion of the 1-to-1 square footage provision for installations undergoing mission transition	EB 3

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6817	0	Jacobs, Sara	CHM	Prohibits a landlord from asking a tenant, former tenant, or prospective tenant of a military housing unit to sign a nondisclosure agreement.	EB 3
6639	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Directs SECNAV to rename the USNS Cesar Chavez in keeping with the naming conventions for that class of vessels and by naming the vessel after an individual, place, or concept that best reflects the values, ideals, and history of the United States and the Navy.	EB 3
5852	1	Stefanik, Elise	CHM	Ion-Trap Quantum Computer for Air Platform Applied Research: Accelerates Air Force applied research involving ion-trap quantum computing technologies supporting advanced sensing, mission planning, operational modeling, and secure communications capabilities.	EB 3
5854	1	Stefanik, Elise	CHM	Quantum Entanglement Distribution: Supports development and operational testing of quantum-enabled communications technologies designed to improve secure military networking, operational resilience, and next-generation information security capabilities.	EB 3
6416	1	Stefanik, Elise	CHM	Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Quantum System Demonstration: Provides an additional \$10 million for Space Force research and development activities to support demonstration of a quantum-enabled Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) system to improve resilience.	EB 3
6712	1	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Prohibits funds from being obligated or expended to carry out animal research in collaboration with, in a facility controlled by, or located in a foreign country of concern.	EB 3
5900	0	Davis, Donald G.	CHM	The attached language would add the Honor and Remember Flag to the list of those approved to display at covered facilities by broadening the definition in the FY24 NDAA.	EB 3
6446	0	McCormick, Richard	CHM	Establishes a policy of site-neutral payments for healthcare services reimbursed under TRICARE wherein a given service is reimbursed at the same rate regardless of the type of facility where the service was provided (e.g. hospital outpatient department, physician office).	EB 3
6799	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a briefing on domestic supply chain for infrared-absorbing quantum dot materials.	EB 3
5917	3	Turner, Michael	CHM	Request a briefing from the SecDef and Undersecretary for Acquisition and Sustainment concerning options to develop and field cost-effective and resilient IAMD architectures that complement existing capabilities.	EB 3
6854	1	Whitesides, George	CHM	Pilot program for in-space demonstrations and risk-reduction technology development activities of nuclear propulsion technologies, to include nuclear fission propulsion systems and nuclear fusion propulsion systems.	EB 3
5794	1	Wilson, Joe	CHM	SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION.	EB 3
5920	2	Turner, Michael	CHM	Directs the SecDef to review the Department's interpretation of the criteria for designation of the "specially designed" definition under the USML.	EB 3

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5964	1	Jackson, Ronny	CHM	Directs a briefing on the Department's strategy for developing and sustaining regional UAS training capabilities in support of partner forces across the AFRICOM AOR.	EB 3
6510	2	Wilson, Joe	CHM	Prohibition of transfers to the Badr Organization	EB 3
6075	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Requires the Department to implement uniform protocols on screening for experiences with unwanted sexual behavior.	EB 3
6560	1	Ryan, Patrick	CHM	Requires SECDEF, in coordination with CENTCOM, to conduct a study on force protection measures in the CENTCOM AOR.	EB 3
6572	1	Tran, Derek	CHM	To direct the DNI to create a report to Congress on the expanding foreign malign influence of the Chinese Communist Party and the risk it poses to the United States and our allies.	EB 3
6077	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Provides that the nationals of adversarial nations may not receive instruction at or otherwise attend a Service Academy.	EB 3
6591	3	Hamadeh, Abraham J.	CHM	Provides \$3 million for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools under Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, offset by a corresponding reduction to Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, Administration.	EB 3
6634	2	Scott, Austin	CHM	This amendment increases funding for Technology Experimentation and Demonstration for USSOUTHCOM, USAFRICOM, and USEUCOM and reduces funding for Army Administration, line 430.	EB 3
6642	1	Jacobs, Sara	CHM	Requires an FFRDC to do a 20 year assessment of US counterterrorism strategy and policy in Somalia.	EB 3
6871	1	Graves, Sam	CHM	DRL requiring the Navy to brief the committee on its preservation of WWII era aircraft	EB 3
6868	2	Gooden, Lance	CHM	Directs a briefing on the adoption and future plans for the Maven Smart System.	EB 3
6408	0	Van Orden, Derrick	CHM	This amendment would prevent the Selective Service System from registering deceased individuals for Selective Service	EB 3
6091	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Providing that legally available peptides may not be included on the prohibited dietary supplement ingredients list or any other similar list of substances that are prohibited for use without a medical exception if they a obtained or used lawfully.	EB 3

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6704	0	Mills, Cory	CHM	Increases servicemember leave accrual from 2.5 days to 3.5 days	EB 3
6466	1	Keating, William R.	CHM	Revises Section 1249(b) of the FY26 NDAA related to U.S. and allied deterrence of the Russian Federation	EB 3
6484	1	Wilson, Joe	CHM	Requires the Secretary of Defense to report on Russian and Chinese intelligence operations in the Republic of Georgia.	EB 3
6092	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Pilot program on the use of distributed ledger technology for inventory management.	EB 3
6887	0	Wilson, Joe	CHM	Requires a briefing on the risks the U.S. defense interests posed by radical Islamist terrorism in Mozambique.	EB 3
6672	0	Scott, Austin	CHM	This amendment prohibits the retirement, divestment, place in storage, transfer to nonoperational status, or preparation for retirement of the MQ-9 Reaper.	EB 3
6000	1	Wittman, Robert	CHM	Adds Indian tribes as eligible entities to apply for and receive Defense Community Infrastructure Program grants.	EB 3
6716	0	Mace, Nancy	CHM	Authorizes the death penalty for the offense of rape of a child under the UCMJ.	EB 3

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 10__.** **JOINT EXPERIMENTATION AND TRAINING**
2 **RANGE INNOVATION OFFICE.**

3 Chapter 307 of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

5 **“§ 4176. Joint Experimentation and Training Range**
6 **Innovation Office**

7 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall
8 establish within the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
9 fense for Research and Engineering a Joint Experimen-
10 tation and Training Range Innovation Office (in this sec-
11 tion referred to as the ‘Office’).

12 “(b) **DIRECTOR.**—The Office shall be headed by a Di-
13 rector who shall report directly to the Under Secretary of
14 Defense for Research and Engineering. The Director shall
15 be subject to the supervision of the Under Secretary with-
16 out the interposition of any other supervising official.

17 “(c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The Office shall be respon-
18 sible for the following:

1 “(1) Centralizing efforts relating to advocacy,
2 budgeting, operations, and sustainment of joint ex-
3 perimentation and training ranges (and capabilities
4 supporting such ranges) that are not facilities or re-
5 sources of the Major Range and Test Facility Base.

6 “(2) Accelerating modernization and integration
7 across such joint experimentation and training
8 ranges.

9 “(3) Serving as the primary authority for the
10 oversight, coordination, and conduct of activities of
11 the Eastern Range Regional Complex, including
12 such activities carried out in territories of the
13 United States located in the Caribbean region.

14 “(4) Fostering and accelerating innovation in
15 technologies that enable realistic experimentation
16 and training for multi-domain operations (including
17 integrated cyber, electronic warfare, and spectrum
18 operations) in contested and other environments, in-
19 cluding with respect to—

20 “(A) artificial intelligence, machine learn-
21 ing, and autonomous systems;

22 “(B) advanced modeling, digital twins, and
23 other simulations;

1 “(C) hypersonic systems, directed energy
2 capabilities, and other next-generation weapons;
3 and

4 “(D) integrated systems relating to com-
5 mand, control, computing, communications,
6 cyber, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance,
7 and targeting.

8 “(5) Establishing and deploying regionally
9 aligned support teams that provide to the Depart-
10 ment of Defense remote and on-site technical assist-
11 ance for joint multi-domain experimentation and
12 training exercises, prototype integration, and related
13 resource-sharing mechanisms, with a particular em-
14 phasis on the provision of such support with respect
15 to the Eastern Range Regional Complex.

16 “(6) Conducting objective, independent risk as-
17 sessments and other evaluations of the training pro-
18 grams, technologies and other capabilities, and ac-
19 quisition initiatives, of the joint forces, for the pur-
20 pose of informing the decision-making of senior offi-
21 cers of the Department of Defense and reducing
22 such risks.

23 “(7) Developing and regularly updating the
24 strategic plan under subsection (d).

1 “(d) STRATEGIC PLAN.—(1) Not less frequently than
2 once every two fiscal years, the Director of the Office (in
3 coordination with the Secretaries of the military depart-
4 ments, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and
5 Readiness, the Director of the Joint Staff, the Director
6 of Operational Test and Evaluation, the Director of the
7 Test Resource Management Center, and the heads of such
8 other Defense Agencies as the Director of the Office may
9 determine relevant) shall submit to the Secretary of De-
10 fense a strategic plan addressing the needs of the Depart-
11 ment for joint experimentation and training facilities and
12 resources.

13 “(2) Each strategic plan under paragraph (1) shall
14 include the following:

15 “(A) An assessment of the feasibility of, and
16 recommendations for, the conduct of a biennial joint
17 multi-domain experimentation and training exercise
18 across multiple States and ranges within the East-
19 ern Range Regional Complex to validate and inform
20 subsequent strategic plans.

21 “(B) An assessment of requirements for joint
22 experimentation and training (including require-
23 ments relating to information technology, network
24 infrastructure, and multi-level security) for the pe-
25 riod covered by the plan.

1 “(C) An assessment of the facilities and re-
2 sources, including advanced threat environments,
3 live-virtual constructive simulation capabilities, inter-
4 operability standards, networks, and data-sharing
5 mechanisms, of the Eastern Regional Range Com-
6 plex, including a summary of modernization prior-
7 ities for such matters during the subsequent two-
8 year period.

9 “(D) An itemization, disaggregated by location,
10 of improvements to joint experimentation and train-
11 ing ranges necessary to directly support the accel-
12 eration of experimentation and training involving
13 robotic and autonomous systems and the integration
14 of unmanned systems into joint multi-domain oper-
15 ations.

16 “(E) An assessment of the effectiveness of the
17 Office with respect to—

18 “(i) carrying out the responsibilities under
19 subsection (c);

20 “(ii) increasing regional access to, and fre-
21 quency of, joint multi-domain experimentation
22 and training exercises consistent with such re-
23 sponsibilities;

24 “(iii) enhancing military readiness; and

1 “(iv) strengthening the defense industrial
2 base.

3 “(F) With respect to the exercises specified in
4 subparagraph (E)(ii)—

5 “(i) an identification of the number of
6 such exercises carried out during the period
7 covered by the plan;

8 “(ii) an assessment of the extent to which
9 such exercises incorporated actors within pri-
10 vate industry and academia; and

11 “(iii) a description of lessons learned as a
12 result of such exercises, including any resulting
13 updates to risk assessments.

14 “(G) An executive summary of any joint multi-
15 domain experimentation and training exercise
16 planned to be carried out within the Eastern Range
17 Regional Complex during the subsequent two-year
18 period.

19 “(3) Not later than 90 days after the date on which
20 the Secretary of Defense receives a strategic plan under
21 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the congres-
22 sional defense committees a copy of such plan and any
23 comments of the Secretary regarding such plan.

24 “(e) COORDINATION.—In addition to the coordina-
25 tion required under subsection (d)(1), the Director of the

1 Office shall coordinate with the Secretaries of the military
2 departments, the Joint Staff, the Under Secretary of De-
3 fense for Personnel and Readiness, and the commanders
4 of relevant combatant commands, with respect to require-
5 ments for joint experimentation and training ranges and
6 plans for joint multi-domain experimentation and training
7 exercises under this section.

8 “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT.—The Secretary of
9 Defense shall provide to the Director of the Office admin-
10 istrative support sufficient to carry out the responsibilities
11 under this section. Such support shall be provided from
12 headquarters activities of the Department or from other
13 activities the Secretary determines appropriate.

14 “(g) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Defense may use
15 funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made
16 available for the Joint Electronic Advanced Technology
17 program (or any successor program) for the implementa-
18 tion of this section.

19 “(h) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
20 tion shall be construed to limit or otherwise modify the
21 authorities or responsibilities of the Director of the Test
22 Resource Management Center or the Director of Oper-
23 ational Test and Evaluation.

24 “(i) MAJOR RANGE AND TEST FACILITY BASE DE-
25 FINED.—In this section, the term ‘Major Range and Test

1 Facility Base' has the meaning given such term under sec-
2 tion 4173 of this title.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. DESJARLAIS OF TENNESSEE

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

1 **SEC. 28 ____ . REPEAL OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABLE FUNDS**
2 **FOR RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND**
3 **EVALUATION MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**
4 **PROJECTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2810(f)(5) of title 10,
6 United States Code, is repealed.

7 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-
8 section (a) shall apply with respect to amounts made avail-
9 able for research, development, test, and evaluation on or
10 after the date of the enactment of this section.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Tactical Officers at Senior Military Colleges.

The committee recognizes the value of Tactical Officers at senior military colleges and is encouraged by their role in developing future military leaders. TAC officers provide daily mentorship, reinforce discipline and accountability, and bridge academic instruction with practical leadership development within students. Their presence is central to maintaining the military character and leadership culture that distinguishes senior military colleges and contributes to the readiness of future officers.

However, the committee notes that the role of TAC officers has evolved significantly over time and now reflects a full-time student affairs and leadership development function rather than a collateral duty. The committee is concerned that senior military colleges continue to rely on state funding and reserve component personnel to support these positions, despite their recognized importance, and that budgetary constraints have created challenges in sustaining and resourcing TAC officer programs at the level required to meet current demands.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Personnel & Readiness, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 1, 2026, on the feasibility and implications of changing the authorization of officers serving as tactical officers from discretionary to mandatory. The briefing shall include an assessment of the impacts on active and reserve component force management; the current and projected requirements for TAC officers at senior military colleges; options for resourcing and funding such positions; and recommendations for ensuring consistent and sustainable support for TAC officer programs across all senior military colleges.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. ELFRETH OF MARYLAND

In section 805 [Log 84893], in the quoted matter adding a new section 3843 to title 10, United States Code, in subsection (a)(2), strike “standard surveillance system for reviewing contractors, and ensures that any reviews that are conducted are targeted and based on risks identified by standard surveillance activities” and insert “standard surveillance framework, and requires that any additional reviews be risk-based and informed by the results of those standard surveillance activities”.

In such section, in such quoted matter, amend subsection (c) to read as follows:

1 “(c) SURVEILLANCE AND REVIEW.—(1) Except as
2 provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), in implementing the
3 requirements of this section, the Secretary shall ensure
4 that the frequency of review of a contractor business sys-
5 tem shall be not more than once every three years, unless
6 the standard surveillance activities under subsection (a)(2)
7 indicate that the system has or may have a material weak-
8 ness.

1 “(2) In a case in which the contractor is a company
2 that is subject to the securities laws, if a registered public
3 accounting firm attests to the internal control assessment
4 of the contractor, pursuant to section 404(b) of the Sar-
5 banes-Oxley Act of 2002 (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)), and cer-
6 tified documentation from such registered public account-
7 ing firm reflects—

8 “(A) the unqualified opinion of such firm with
9 respect to the contractor business system, such doc-
10 umentation shall eliminate the need for further re-
11 view of the contractor business system by the Sec-
12 retary;

13 “(B) a qualified opinion of such firm with re-
14 spect to the contractor business system, the Sec-
15 retary shall review only those aspects of the con-
16 tractor business system as to which the opinion was
17 qualified rather than unqualified; and

18 “(C) an adverse opinion of such firm with re-
19 spect to the contractor business system, the Sec-
20 retary shall take action under paragraph (1) or (2),
21 or both, of subsection (d).

22 “(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Secretary
23 may establish a profit-based exemption for cases in which
24 the contractor is a company that is subject to the securi-
25 ties laws. Under the exemption, the contractor business

1 system of such a contractor may be exempt from further
2 review by the Secretary if the level of profit of the con-
3 tractor, taking into account all contracts of the contractor
4 with the Department, is below a threshold level established
5 by the Secretary.”.

In such section, in such quoted matter, in subsection (e), insert after “on the approach,” the following: “the requirements and limitations in subsection (e) that apply to companies that are subject to the securities laws,”.

In such section, in such quoted matter, in subsection (f)(1), strike “compliant with applicable requirements” and insert “compliant with clear and specific business system requirements that are identified and made publicly available”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Gooden

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Securing Strategic Radioisotope Supply Chains

The committee is aware that radioisotopes are key material components for several critical national security technologies, including radioisotope power systems, radiation detection equipment, and non-destructive material analysis. Therefore, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in consultation with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by March 15, 2027. The briefing shall include:

(1) an assessment of strategic radioisotope supply chains, including domestic production and availability across the full lifecycle from feedstock access through recovery, purification, processing, and preparation of radioisotopes, and an identification of existing vulnerabilities in such supply chains;

(2) a description of the development and deployment of radioisotope technologies by foreign adversaries, including an assessment of the strategic radioisotope supply chains that support such technologies;

(3) an evaluation of projected Department of Defense demand for strategic radioisotopes necessary to sustain existing capabilities and enable advanced energy and power technologies to support operations in austere environments; and

(4) recommendations to strengthen domestic strategic radioisotope supply chains, including recommendations regarding the use of existing authorities, investments (including through the Defense Industrial Base Fund), and legislative actions necessary to strengthen the supply chains of strategic radioisotopes for defense needs.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Messmer

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Advanced Combat Tracked Vehicle Transmissions and Drivetrain Architecture – Reciprocity, Industrial Base Resilience, and EMD Transparency

The committee notes that the Army's next-generation combat tracked vehicle programs, including the XM30 Mechanized Infantry Combat Vehicle, are in Engineering and Manufacturing Development (EMD) following Milestone B decisions. During EMD, the Army makes key subsystem architecture and supplier decisions that shape sustainment, depot integration, and surge capacity for decades. The committee further notes that sourcing decisions for transmissions and drivetrain systems, including cross-drive assemblies, final drives, drivetrain modules, and hybrid-electric drive modules that transfer power to the tracks, are typically made well in advance of Milestone C and low-rate initial production (LRIP). Accordingly, the committee views transparency and disciplined risk assessment during EMD as essential to long-term lifecycle readiness. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision addresses transmissions and drivetrain architecture only and excludes engines.

The committee is concerned that foreign government subsidization, and foreign ownership or control through ultimate parent entities headquartered abroad, can distort competition in the tracked-vehicle drivetrain supply chain even when manufacturing occurs in the United States. The committee believes that absent appropriate guardrails, these dynamics may embed foreign-controlled suppliers into critical drivetrain architecture for decades, create sustainment dependencies, and expose Army modernization programs to long-term geopolitical and supply chain risk.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, to submit a report to House Armed Services Committee not later than January 1, 2027 to assess and report on the health and resilience of the U.S. industrial base supporting advanced combat tracked vehicle transmissions and drivetrain systems, excluding engines.

The assessment shall evaluate:

- (1) the extent to which foreign government subsidization or foreign ownership or control affects competitive pricing, domestic investment incentives, and the ability of U.S. firms to compete on substantially equal terms;
- (2) the extent to which drivetrain-system sourcing decisions during EMD may create long-term sustainment dependencies, including depot-level maintenance and repair risks;
- (3) the implications for surge production capacity and lifecycle readiness if foreign government policy changes, subsidies are reduced or withdrawn, or foreign-controlled entities alter or curtail U.S. operations;
- (4) mitigation steps the Department can take to address identified risks while maintaining modernization timelines; and
- (5) the degree to which drivetrain sourcing decisions create exposure to future trade restrictions, export controls, subsidy withdrawals, industrial policy changes, or other governmental actions by either the United States or a foreign government that could disrupt production, sustainment, or surge capacity over the lifecycle of the platform.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Wilson of South Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

M240 and M249 operationally ready inventory

The committee's ongoing concerns regarding the Army's current efforts to sustain the M240 medium machine gun program of record and a viable operationally ready inventory continues to grow given the level of drawdown of the weapon system for Ukraine. Briefings to the committee to date have provided little insight into the known (but undefined) concerns with the operational status of the weapon systems in inventory. The Ukraine drawdown of the inventory has only further exasperated the problem. The Army's sustainment plan and industrial base approach remain unclear, and the Army has programmed little or no procurement funding for the M240 within the fiscal year 2027 budget. Further, as communicated in past legislation, the committee remains very concerned that the Army's lack of a sustainment strategy could result in a decline or elimination of industrial capacity to manufacture this critical weapons system. Finally, the committee was recently made aware of similar issues within the M249 program.

Therefore, given the level of concern communicated through past National Defense Authorization Acts and the Ukraine drawdown, the committee directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 15, 2026, detailing:

- (1) the data and inspections required to identify the current operational status of the M240 inventory to validate the quantity that are fully mission capable, or otherwise unavailable;
- (2) how the Army will address the average monthly demand for sustainment given the drawdowns have depleted the M240 inventory; and
- (3) the Army's plan to sustain the M240 into the future and assure the viability of our industrial base to produce the weapon system.

Similarly, the committee requests the Secretary of the Army provide the same information pursuant to the M249 weapon system not later than December 15, 2026, to the House Committee on Armed Services.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **GAIN OF FUNCTION RESEARCH.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
4 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
5 for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may
6 be obligated or expended—

7 (1) to conduct gain-of-function research on any
8 potential pandemic pathogen at any facility operated
9 by or on behalf of the Department; or

10 (2) to award contracts, grants, cooperative
11 agreements, or any other form of financial assist-
12 ance to any institution of higher education, non-
13 profit organization, private entity, or other research
14 institute that is conducting gain-of-function research
15 on potential pandemic pathogens.

16 (b) WAIVER.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
18 may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) on a
19 case-by-case basis, with respect to an individual re-

1 search project, grant, contract, or cooperative agree-
2 ment, if the Secretary determines that such a waiver
3 is in the national interests of the United States.

4 (2) CONGRESSIONAL NOTICE.—Not later than
5 30 days before the date on which an award is made,
6 a project is initiated, or an agreement entered into,
7 with respect to which a waiver is made under para-
8 graph (1), the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
9 the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate
10 and the House of Representatives notice of such
11 waiver.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “gain-of-function research” means
14 any research that may be reasonably anticipated to
15 confer an attribute to a pathogen such that the
16 pathogen would have enhanced pathogenicity or
17 transmissibility in mammals.

18 (2) The term “potential pandemic pathogen”
19 means a pathogen that, as a result of any gain-of-
20 function research—

21 (A) is likely more transmissible or likely
22 capable of wide and uncontrollable spread in
23 human populations;

1 (B) is likely more virulent or likely to
2 cause modest or greater morbidity or mortality
3 in humans; or

4 (C) is likely to pose a severe threat to pub-
5 lic health, the capacity of the public health sys-
6 tems to function, or national security.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OF E-3 AIRBORNE**
2 **WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM AIRCRAFT**
3 **AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO E-7 AIR-**
4 **CRAFT.**

5 (a) **EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF MINIMUM IN-**
6 **VENTORY REQUIREMENT.**—Section 149 of the National
7 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public
8 Law 119–60) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “below 16” each place it ap-
10 pears and inserting “below 15”; and

11 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “fiscal year
12 2026” and inserting “fiscal year 2026 or 2027”.

13 (b) **REQUIREMENT TO PLAN AND BUDGET FOR E-**
14 **7 PROGRAM OF RECORD.**—Not later than 180 days after
15 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
16 the Air Force shall submit to the congressional defense
17 committees—

1 (1) a detailed schedule for procurement, field-
2 ing, and achievement of initial and full operating ca-
3 pability for E-7 Wedgetail aircraft; and

4 (2) a funding profile across the period covered
5 by the Future Years Defense Program sufficient to
6 meet the requirements of paragraph (1).

7 (c) CAPABILITY ASSURANCE.—The Secretary of Air
8 Force shall certify to the congressional defense committees
9 that—

10 (1) the plan under subsection (b) will ensure
11 there is no degradation in the airborne early warn-
12 ing, battle management, and command and control
13 capabilities available to support combatant com-
14 mands; and

15 (2) any proposed retirement of E-3 aircraft will
16 not result in a gap in operational coverage, mission
17 availability, or responsiveness to the demands of the
18 combatant commands.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. LUTTRELL OF TEXAS

Insert at the appropriate place in title XIV the following:

1 **SEC. 14 ____ . CABLE SECURITY FLEET EXPANSION.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CABLE SECURITY
3 FLEET.—Section 53202(a)(2) of title 46, United States
4 Code, is amended by striking “two” and inserting “not
5 less than 6”.

6 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
7 53209 of title 46, United States Code, is amended by
8 striking “\$10,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2021
9 through 2035” and inserting “\$30,000,000 for each of the
10 fiscal years 2027 through 2040”.

In section 3501(a)【Log 85348】, redesignate paragraphs (7) through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (12), respectively, and insert after paragraph (6) the following:

11 (7) For expenses necessary to maintain a Cable
12 Security Fleet to serve the national security needs of
13 the United States under chapter 532 of title 46,
14 United States Code, \$30,000,000.

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In section 4101 of division D, relating to Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy, reduce the amount for TAGOS SURTASS SHIPS, line 031, by \$30,000,000.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . TEMPORARY UNAVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS**
2 **WARFARE SHIPS.**

3 Section 8062(b) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The naval”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘temporarily un-
9 available’, when used with respect to an amphibious war-
10 fare ship, means that the ship has not surpassed its
11 planned availability by a margin of—

12 “(A) greater than 100 percent of the nominal
13 duration of that availability in 2026 or 2027;

14 “(B) greater than 75 percent of the nominal
15 duration of that availability in 2028 or 2029;

16 “(C) greater than 50 percent of the nominal
17 duration of that availability in 2030 or 2031; and

1 “(D) greater than 25 percent of the nominal
2 duration of that availability in 2032 or any year
3 thereafter.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MOYLAN OF GUAM

In section 2101 of division B, relating to Military Construction, reduce the amount for Army, Joint Region Marianas by \$29,000,000.

In section 4601 of division D, relating to Military Construction, reduce the amount for Army, Joint Region Marianas PDI: Land Acquisition by \$29,000,000.

In section 4601 of division D, relating to Military Construction, increase the amount for Air Force, Unspecified Worldwide Locations, Design by \$29,000,000.



Amendment to H.R. 8800 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

Offered by: Mr. Davis of North Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Promoting American-made Textiles

The committee recognizes that untangling American supply chains from adversarial nations is a priority of Congress and the Department of Defense, specifically in the domain of goods used for the U.S. military. In service of supporting the domestic textile industrial base and leveraging partnerships with allied nations, section 865 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (P.L. 119-60) provides allowable investments for the Textile Automation to Enhance Domestic Military Production program and directly supports the domestic military production and industrial base for textiles and footwear.

To further expand efforts aimed at securing domestic supply chains and revitalizing American industries essential to national security and economic growth, the committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 1, 2027, which includes the following:

- (1) an assessment of the feasibility of narrowing the exception for Berry Amendment small purchases from \$150,000 to \$20,000, both broadly and specifically for textiles;
- (2) a status update on efforts by the Department of Defense to implement Section 865 of Public Law 119-60; and
- (3) any proposed strategies for strengthening the Berry Amendment and countering malign actors, including the People's Republic of China, as they seek to contaminate textile supply chains for U.S. military uniforms.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK OF NEW YORK

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . EXPANDED GOALS OF AUTHORIZED PROGRAM**
2 **REGARDING THE NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11**
3 **MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM.**

4 The Secretary of Defense shall seek to amend any
5 agreement entered into by the Secretary pursuant to sec-
6 tion 539 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
7 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159) to include promoting
9 security at the National September 11 Memorial and Mu-
10 seum.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Messmer

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Space Launch on-base land and facilities for critical parts and subsystems

The committee is aware that pursuant to 2667 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of the Air Force, is authorized to designate and make available on-base land or existing or facilities at Space Force Station launch sites, for the establishment and operation of manufacturing activities related to the production, testing, qualification, and sustainment of thermal protection materials for Department of Defense systems.

The committee supports exploring whether the development, scaling, and domestic production of advanced and smart thermal protection materials required for defense platforms operating in extreme thermal environments is feasible at on-base space launch facilities.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than February 28, 2027, on the feasibility of production of advanced and smart thermal protection materials at on-site space launch sites. This briefing shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) a list of facilities that could be designated to be made available for pilot-scale and production-representative manufacturing; materials processing, inspection, and quality assurance; testing and qualification activities; off-site installation or subsystem preparation activities; Inspection, refurbishment, and repair of reusable components; and workforce training and technology transition efforts related to thermal protection materials.
- (2) options to partner with private industry, federally funded research and development centers, or academic institutions, including through lease agreements, cooperative research and development agreements, or other authorities available to the Department could support implementation.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Moylan of Guam

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Economic Adjustment Committee in Guam

The committee supports activities undertaken by the Department of Defense in preparation for an Economic Adjustment Committee in Guam and encourages further Department of Defense collaboration with local partners. The committee is aware that the significant military buildup on Guam presents both opportunities and challenges for the local economy, workforce, and infrastructure, and that meaningful coordination with the Government of Guam and local stakeholders is essential to ensuring that defense-related growth benefits the broader community. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than April 1, 2027, on the status of activities supporting an Economic Adjustment Committee in Guam. The briefing should include the following information:

- (1) the current status of Department of Defense planning and coordination efforts in support of establishing an Economic Adjustment Committee in Guam, including any interagency or intergovernmental coordination undertaken to date;
- (2) an assessment of the anticipated economic impacts of the military buildup in Guam on local employment, housing, and infrastructure, and the extent to which those impacts have been communicated to the Government of Guam and local stakeholders; and
- (3) a description of planned or ongoing efforts to partner with local Guamanian businesses, workforce development programs, and community organizations to maximize economic benefit from defense-related construction and basing activities.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . PUNITIVE ARTICLE ON RETALIATION FOR RE-**
2 **PORTING OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER**
3 **THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter X of chapter 47 of
5 title 10, United States Code (the Uniform Code of Military
6 Justice), is amended by inserting after section 932 (article
7 132) the following new section (article):

8 **“§ 932a. Art. 132a. Retaliation for reporting of sexual**
9 **harassment**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Any person subject to this chap-
11 ter who, with the intent to retaliate against any person
12 for reporting or planning to report sexual harassment or
13 with the intent to discourage any person from reporting
14 sexual harassment—

15 “(1) wrongfully takes or threatens to take an
16 adverse personnel action against any person; or

17 “(2) wrongfully withholds or threatens to with-
18 hold a favorable personnel action with respect to any
19 person;

1 shall be punished as a court-martial may direct.

2 “(b) SEXUAL HARASSMENT DEFINED.—In this sec-
3 tion, the term ‘sexual harassment’ has the meaning given
4 that term in section 1561 of this title.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of sec-
6 tion 932 of title 10, United States Code (article 132 of
7 the Uniform Code of Military Justice) is amended by
8 striking “**Retaliation**” and inserting “**Retaliation**
9 **generally**”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Moylan

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Land Procurement in Guam

The committee notes that land procurement by the Department of Defense in Guam is of particular interest to local stakeholders and can affect community relations across the Indo-Pacific. The committee is concerned that adequate information has not been provided to Congress in support of planned land procurements in Guam for fiscal year 2027. The committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2027, on land procurement activities in Guam. The briefing should include the following information:

- (1) a description of any military construction projects requested for fiscal year 2027 that involve land procurement in Guam, including the acreage, location, proposed use, and estimated cost of each parcel;
- (2) a description of activities conducted by the Department of Defense to inform the Government of Guam of planned land procurements intended for fiscal year 2027, including any consultations with local elected officials or community representatives; and
- (3) the Department of Defense's procedures for notifying Congress and local stakeholders of future land procurement activities in Guam, and any planned improvements to those procedures.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Hamadeh

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Streamlining Low-Dollar Reserve Component Sustainment

The committee is concerned about recurring difficulties across all echelons of the Reserve Components in executing routine, low-dollar sustainment and administrative procurement actions, including Subsistence-in-Kind (SIK), Lodging-in-Kind (LIK), transportation, medical readiness services, training support services, and time sensitive non-programmatic requirements. These routine readiness enablers continue to face administrative delays disproportionate to their fiscal and operational risk.

The committee is further concerned that while the standard Micro-Purchase Threshold (MPT) has been adjusted for inflation, certain statutory and regulatory limitations may prevent broader acquisition reforms from benefiting routine unit-level training sustainment. As a result, layered approval processes and risk-averse contracting practices for routine, low-risk requirements often exceed those applied to higher-dollar or higher-risk acquisition activities, resulting in preventable readiness shortfalls, degraded training execution, avoidable out-of-pocket burdens on Reserve Component personnel, and unnecessary reliance on less suitable sustainment alternatives.

The committee believes that oversight of routine low-dollar sustainment should enable timely execution at the lowest appropriate echelon, rather than further centralizing low-dollar procurement authority at higher levels. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments and the Chiefs of the Reserve Components, to provide a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than December 15, 2026, assessing the systemic barriers to decentralized execution of low-dollar sustainment. The report should include:

(1) any administrative, regulatory, or statutory thresholds and limitations that may degrade readiness for the Reserve Components and an analysis of the impact on the execution of routine Reserve Component training sustainment, including SIK, LIK, facilities support, transportation, and other recurring training enablers;

(2) an assessment of the administrative lead-time added by navigating such thresholds and related approval requirements, including the extent to which such requirements delay execution despite the availability of funding;

(3) an evaluation of the frequency and operational impact of sustainment contracts or procurement actions that are awarded, modified, canceled, or substituted within 14 days of a scheduled training event;

(4) an assessment of instances in which units planned or were resourced for SIK, LIK, transportation, facilities support, medical readiness support, or other sustainment requirements but executed alternative methods due to administrative delay, contracting delay, funding lapse, vendor failure, or other execution breakdown;

(5) an assessment of the administrative layered approval chains required for routine sustainment, specifically identifying redundant reviews that do not materially reduce fiscal, compliance, or operational risk;

(6) an analysis of how current procurement bottlenecks impact the retention, morale, and out-of-pocket expenses of Reserve Component personnel;

(7) an assessment of whether existing automated oversight and data analytics can replace manual, pre-purchase approval layers to ensure compliance without degrading operational speed;

(8) specific consideration of whether existing incentive structures appropriately recognize and reward timely execution, administrative effectiveness, and responsible use of delegated authority in sustainment-related decision-making; and

(9) recommendations for policy, regulatory, or statutory changes that enable timely execution while remaining consistent with applicable worker protections and labor standards for low-dollar sustainment at the lowest appropriate echelon, explicitly prioritizing solutions that increase unit-level authority and autonomy rather than centralizing procurement functions at higher headquarters.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

In section 2802 (Log 85146), in the matter proposed to be inserted as section 2815b of title 10, United States Code, amend subsection (c) of such section to read as follows:

1 “(c) MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT DE-
2 SCRIBED.—A military construction project described in
3 this subsection is a military construction project that is—
4 “(1) specified in the military installation resil-
5 ience component of a military installation master
6 plan developed pursuant to section 2864(a);
7 “(2) identified as a potential military installa-
8 tion resilience project under section 2815 of this
9 title;
10 “(3) identified as a stormwater management
11 project under section 2815a of this title; or
12 “(4) identified as a suitable to preserve or en-
13 hance defense access roads in accordance with sec-
14 tion 210 of title 23.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. CRANK OF COLORADO

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

1 **SEC. 28** ____ . **AUTHORIZATION FOR CERTAIN PLANNING, DE-**
2 **SIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN**
3 **SUPPORT OF MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMIES.**

4 Subchapter I of chapter 134 of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended by inserting after section 2246 the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 2247. Authorization for certain planning, design,**
8 **and construction contracts in support of**
9 **military service academies**

10 “(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Subject to subsection (b) and
11 amounts made available in advance for such purpose, and
12 pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of Defense
13 may prescribe, the Superintendent of a Service Academy
14 may seek to enter into a contract with a covered founda-
15 tion for the planning, design, construction, equipping, and
16 maintenance of facilities and other projects that support
17 the mission of such Service Academy.

18 “(b) **LIMITATIONS.**—Contractual agreements under
19 subsection (a) may be provided only if such agreements—

1 “(1) are without any liability of the United
2 States to the covered foundation;

3 “(2) do not affect the ability of any official or
4 employee of the military department concerned to
5 carry out any responsibility or duty in a fair and ob-
6 jective manner;

7 “(3) do not compromise the integrity or appear-
8 ance of integrity of any program of the military de-
9 partment concerned, or any individual involved in
10 such a program;

11 “(4) comply with the Joint Ethics Regulation;
12 and

13 “(5) have been reviewed and approved by an at-
14 torney of the military department concerned.

15 “(c) BRIEFING.—In any fiscal year during which the
16 Superintendent of a Service Academy exercises the author-
17 ity under subsection (a), the Secretary of the military de-
18 partment concerned shall provide a briefing not later than
19 the last day of that fiscal year to the Committees on
20 Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representa-
21 tives regarding the campus improvement projects initiated
22 during such fiscal year.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) The term ‘covered foundation’ means a
25 charitable, educational, or civic nonprofit organiza-

1 tion under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986, that the Secretary concerned deter-
3 mines operates exclusively to support, with respect
4 to a Service Academy, any of the following:

5 “(A) Recruiting.

6 “(B) Parent or alumni development.

7 “(C) Academic, leadership, or character
8 development.

9 “(D) Institutional development.

10 “(E) Athletics.

11 “(2) The term ‘Service Academy’ has the mean-
12 ing given such term in section 347 of this title.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. BELL OF MISSOURI

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____. ARCTIC-FOCUSED FORECASTING, ICE MOD-**
2 **ELING, AND NAVAL READINESS ASSESSMENT.**

3 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than one year after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
5 Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of the Navy
6 and the Commander of Fleet Numerical Meteorology and
7 Oceanography Center, shall assess options to expand and
8 enhance Arctic-focused meteorological, oceanographic, and
9 ice-modeling capabilities to improve naval readiness, oper-
10 ational planning, and force posture in the Arctic region.

11 The Secretary shall seek carry out this subsection to—

12 (1) strengthen high-resolution Arctic weather
13 forecasting, sea ice analysis, and predictive ice mod-
14 eling in support of naval and joint operations;

15 (2) improve the integration of Arctic weather
16 data into operational decision-making, force employ-
17 ment, and logistics planning;

1 (3) support safe navigation, domain awareness,
2 and mission assurance for surface, subsurface, and
3 aviation forces operating in or transiting the Arctic;

4 (4) enhance the ability of the Navy to antici-
5 pate and adapt to long-term effects from weather af-
6 fecting Arctic operations; and

7 (5) align Department of Defense Arctic capa-
8 bilities with whole-of-government Arctic strategies
9 and priorities.

10 (b) REPORT ON EFFECTS OF EXTREME WEATHER
11 CONDITIONS ON NAVAL READINESS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary of the Navy shall submit to the congressional
15 defense committees a report that includes an assess-
16 ment of the effects of extreme weather conditions on
17 naval readiness and force posture in the Arctic re-
18 gion.

19 (2) CONTENTS.—Each such report shall in-
20 clude—

21 (A) an assessment of observed and pro-
22 jected Arctic weather trends affecting naval and
23 ground operations;

24 (B) an identification of the implications of
25 sea ice variability, permafrost degradation, and

1 extreme weather on naval infrastructure, mobil-
2 ity, and sustainment;

3 (C) a description of the effects of Arctic
4 weather trends on mission readiness, response
5 timelines, and operational risk;

6 (D) an evaluation of how enhanced fore-
7 casting and ice-modeling capabilities are being
8 used to mitigate such risks; and

9 (E) recommendations for additional capa-
10 bility development, posture adjustments, or pol-
11 icy actions to strengthen Arctic naval readiness.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. FALLON OF TEXAS

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

1 **SEC. 10 __ . NATIONAL GUARD ATTORNEY LICENSE PORT-**
2 **ABILITY.**

3 Chapter 3 of title 32, United States Code, is amended
4 by inserting after section 329 the following new section:

5 **“§ 330. Attorney license portability**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any law regard-
7 ing the licensure of attorneys, a judge advocate or techni-
8 cian attorney performing duties under this title may pro-
9 vide legal services in any jurisdiction in support of Na-
10 tional Guard training or operations, subject to such regu-
11 lations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Army
12 or the Secretary of the Air Force, as the case may be.

13 “(b) AUTHORIZED LEGAL SERVICES.—Such legal
14 services—

15 “(1) may be provided only by a judge advocate
16 or a technician attorney who is a member of the bar
17 of a Federal court or of the highest court of a State,
18 and

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1 “(2) must be within the scope of authorized du-
2 ties as prescribed by the Secretary concerned.”.



Amendment to H.R. 8800
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2027

Offered by: Mr. Davis of North Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

[Air Force Base Security]

The committee understands the increasing security risks facing domestic military installations from the ground, air, and sea. As the United States Air Force continues to emphasize Agile Combat Employment, homeland defense, Integrated Base Defense Security Systems modernization, and Joint All-Domain Command and Control (JADC2), the committee notes that many Air Force installations continue to rely upon fragmented, legacy emergency response systems that lack modern geolocation, real-time situational awareness, and integrated multimedia reporting capabilities.

The committee further notes the nature of domestic installation threats, including unauthorized drone incursions, insider threats, active shooter incidents, and coordinated disruptions targeting critical infrastructure and military personnel. These evolving security risks require modernized installation-level command-and-control capabilities capable of rapidly fusing data from multiple sources and improving decision-making for security forces personnel and installation leadership.

The committee notes the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center (AFIMSC) has piloted real-time, geolocated incident reporting and situational awareness capabilities at Joint Base Andrews, Maxwell Air Force Base (AFB), Tinker AFB and Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling to enhance installation situational awareness for Base Defense Operations Centers. The committee understands that such capabilities are designed to integrate with existing Air Force systems and contribute to installation resiliency, emergency response modernization, and Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) operations.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Chief of Staff of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than January 1, 2027, on:

- (1) The role base security technologies may play in supporting counter-UAS detection using a “whole-of-installation” approach to reporting and response at Air Force installations;
- (2) the Air Force’s assessment of installation-level modernization efforts of this nature to address current and emerging threats against military installations and the families who reside on them; and
- (3) the Air Force’s plan for integrating JADC2 capabilities at the installation level into existing platforms, including the strategy for programming and expanding such capabilities across the Future Years Defense Plan.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MILLS OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. 28 ____ . EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN MILITARY INSTALLA-**
2 **TIONS FROM GUIDANCE WITH RESPECT TO**
3 **AGGREGATE SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIRE-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 Section 2849(f) of the National Defense Authoriza-
6 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (Public Law 118–159; 10
7 U.S.C. 2802 note) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(5) Military installations undergoing a mission
10 transition as of the date of the enactment of this
11 paragraph.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 28** ____. **TREATMENT OF NONDISCLOSURE AGREE-**
2 **MENTS WITH RESPECT TO PRIVATIZED MILI-**
3 **TARY HOUSING.**

4 Section 2890(f) of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), in the first sentence—

7 (A) by striking “A tenant or prospective
8 tenant of a housing unit may not be required
9 to sign” and inserting “A landlord may not re-
10 quest that a tenant, former tenant, or prospec-
11 tive tenant of a housing unit sign”; and

12 (B) by inserting “or in connection with the
13 provision of services related to the housing
14 unit” before the period; and

15 (2) by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and in-
16 serting the following:

17 “(2) The prohibition under paragraph (1) shall apply
18 to all housing units, including military family housing and
19 military unaccompanied housing.

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1 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘tenant’ includes any
2 party (other than a landlord) to a lease for a housing
3 unit.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 SEC. 10 ____ . RENAMING OF USNS CESAR CHAVEZ.

2 The Secretary of the Navy shall rename the USNS
3 Cesar Chavez (T-AKE-14) in keeping with the naming
4 conventions for that class of vessels and by naming the
5 vessel after an individual, place, or concept that best re-
6 flects the values, ideals, and history of the United States
7 and the Navy.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800

OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK

(funding table amendment)

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, increase the amount for Dominant Information Sciences and Methods, Line 15, by \$5,000,000 for Ion-Trap Quantum Computer for Air Platform Applied Research Activities.

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Central Test and Evaluation Investment Development (CTEIP), Line 173, by \$5,000,000.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800

OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK

(funding table amendment)

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, increase the amount for Dominant Information Sciences and Methods, Line 15, by \$10,000,000 for quantum entanglement distribution research.

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Technology Innovation, Line 53, by \$5,000,000.

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Test & Evaluation Science & Technology, Line 76, by \$5,000,000.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800

OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK

(funding table amendment)

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Space Force, increase the amount for Space Technology, Line 4, by \$10,000,000 to support demonstration of a Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) Quantum System.

In section 4201 of division D, relating to Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide, reduce the amount for Chemical and Biological Defense Program, Line 22, by \$10,000,000.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR**
2 **ANIMAL RESEARCH IN COLLABORATION**
3 **WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF CONCERN.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds authorized to
5 be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available
6 for fiscal year 2027 for the Department of Defense may
7 be obligated or expended—

8 (1) to carry out research, development, test,
9 evaluation, or training activities involving animals—

10 (A) in collaboration with a foreign country
11 of concern; or

12 (B) at any facility located in, or owned or
13 controlled (directly or indirectly) by, a foreign
14 country of concern; or

15 (2) to enter into a contract or other agreement,
16 or make a grant, pursuant to which such activities
17 would be carried out.

18 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN DEFINED.—In
19 this section, the term “foreign country of concern” has

1 the meaning given that term in section 9901 of the Wil-
2 liam M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authoriza-
3 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 15
4 U.S.C. 4651).



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. DAVIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 10 __ . PROHIBITION ON DISPLAY OF UNAPPROVED**
2 **FLAGS.**

3 Section 1052(d)(1) of the National Defense Author-
4 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (10 U.S.C. 2661 note)
5 is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (H)
7 through (N) as subparagraphs (I) through (O), re-
8 spectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(H) The Honor and Remember flag.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MCCORMICK OF GEORGIA

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . RATES OF PAY FOR A PROVIDER OF CARE OR**
2 **SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER TRICARE PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) RATES.—Section 1097b(a) of title 10, United
5 States Code is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and para-
7 graph (3)(A)” after “Subject to paragraph (2)”; and

8 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “In estab-
9 lishing” and inserting the following

10 “(A) The Secretary shall establish rates for payments
11 to providers of care or services under the TRICARE pro-
12 gram that are specific with respect to the following sites
13 of service at which the care or service is actually provided
14 (regardless of the physical location of the headquarters of
15 the provider):

16 “(i) A hospital outpatient department.

17 “(ii) An ambulatory surgical center.

18 “(iii) The office of a physician.

1 “(iv) Such other sites as the Secretary deter-
2 mines appropriate in carrying out this paragraph.

3 “(B) The Secretary shall ensure that—

4 “(i) each site specified in subparagraph (A) ob-
5 tains a National Provider Identifier pursuant to sec-
6 tion 1833(t) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395l(t)(23)) that is separate and unique from such
8 identifier for such provider; and

9 “(ii) no payment for care or services under any
10 provision of this chapter may be made unless the
11 claim for such payment includes the National Pro-
12 vider Identifier for the site at which such hospital
13 care, medical services, or extended care services were
14 furnished.

15 “(C) In the case of covered OPD services (as defined
16 in section 1833(t)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42
17 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(1)(B)) that are provided by a provider
18 that is an off-campus outpatient department of a provider
19 (as defined in section 1833(t)(21)(B) of the Social Secu-
20 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(21)(B)), disregarding clauses
21 (ii) and (iv) thereof, as if such clauses did not exist), the
22 Secretary shall ensure that such department is treated as
23 a subpart of such provider and assigned a unique health
24 identifier pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this paragraph,
25 and that such provider includes such identifier on any

1 claim form it submits under this subsection, and that such
2 provider may not hold a member of the uniformed services
3 or covered beneficiary liable for such item or service unless
4 such care or services are billed using the separate unique
5 health identifier established for such department under
6 this paragraph.

7 “(D) Nothing in this paragraph may be construed
8 to—

9 “(i) prevent the Secretary from determining the
10 appropriate amount of a facility fee;

11 “(ii) require the Secretary to pay, for the same
12 item or service—

13 “(I) an independent physician the same
14 amount as the Secretary would pay a hospital-
15 based physician; or

16 “(II) a hospital-based physician less than
17 the Secretary would pay an independent physi-
18 cian; or

19 “(iii) affect the authority of the Secretary
20 under paragraph (2).

21 “(E) In establishing”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2028.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Ms. Mace of South Carolina

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Short-Wave Infrared Quantum Dot Materials for Defense Applications

The committee is concerned that the dominant commercial suppliers of short-wave infrared (SWIR) quantum dot materials are entities physically located in or owned by the People's Republic of China, and that the committee is not aware of any domestically owned producer operating at a scale sufficient to meet defense industrial base demand. The committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to prioritize U.S.-owned entities that have demonstrated synthesis and characterization capability for SWIR photodetector-grade infrared-absorbing quantum dot materials and have active or proposed manufacturing scale-up toward commercial production volumes. The committee directs the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment in coordination with the Principal Director, Microelectronics, to submit a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 31, 2027, on the domestic supply chain for infrared-absorbing quantum dot materials used, or anticipated for use, in short-wave infrared sensor systems for defense applications. The briefing shall include a recommended course of action for establishing sufficient domestically owned and domestically produced supply of infrared-absorbing quantum dot materials to meet projected demand by fiscal year 2030.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: MR. TURNER

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Resilient and Cost-Effective Integrated Air and Missile Defense Architectures

The committee notes the cost asymmetry between United States integrated air and missile defense (IAMD) systems and the low-cost offensive systems adversaries employ to challenge them. While these systems provide critical capabilities, over-reliance on a small number of high-end nodes and interceptors creates operational resilience and affordability risks.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than April 1, 2027, on options to develop and field cost-effective and resilient IAMD architectures that complement existing capabilities. The briefing shall also include:

- (1) an analysis of distributed and complementary missile tracking systems, including ground-based, maritime, airborne, and space-based sensors, that could improve network resilience and reduce single-point dependencies;
- (2) an assessment of lower-cost and complementary engagement systems, including kinetic and non-kinetic approaches, that could expand magazine depth, improve affordability, and provide scalable responses against massed or low-cost threats;
- (3) a cost-benefit analysis comparing distributed, lower-cost architectures against current architectures, including assessments of reconstitution timelines, attrition tolerance, interceptor expenditure rates, and lifecycle costs; and
- (4) recommended programmatic and budgetary actions to accelerate the fielding of resilient low cost, distributed architectures, including an assessment of domestic industrial base capacity to produce such systems at scale.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WHITESIDES OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 2 ____ . SPACE TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION OF AD-**
2 **VANCED NUCLEAR PROPULSION TECH-**
3 **NOLOGIES.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 the Air Force, acting through the Commander of the Air
7 Force Research Laboratory, may establish a pilot program
8 to conduct in-space technology demonstrations, and re-
9 lated risk reduction technology development activities,
10 with respect to both advanced nuclear fission propulsion
11 systems and advanced nuclear fusion propulsion systems.

12 (b) **PURPOSE.**—If the Secretary carries out the pilot
13 program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall carry
14 out the pilot program in a manner that reduces technical
15 risk and informs future development requirements relating
16 to nuclear propulsion for national security missions in
17 space, including potential operations beyond geosynchro-
18 nous orbit, including in cislunar orbit.

1 (c) SELECTION.—If the Secretary carries out the
2 pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall se-
3 lect entities to carry out activities under the pilot program.
4 In determining the criteria for making such selection, the
5 Secretary shall emphasize previous subcomponent and
6 prototype development and the ability to demonstrate
7 within reasonable timeframes.

8 (d) DEMONSTRATION REQUIRED.—If the Secretary
9 carries out the pilot program under subsection (a), not
10 later than three years after the date of the enactment of
11 this Act, the Secretary shall conduct in-space demonstra-
12 tions described in subsection (a), with oversight by the Air
13 Force Research Laboratory Rocket Propulsion Division at
14 Edwards Air Force Base, California.

15 (e) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pilot program
16 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall, at a minimum—

17 (1) establish technical objectives and success
18 criteria for the in-space demonstrations described in
19 subsection (a);

20 (2) develop a concept of operations and test and
21 evaluation approach for the demonstrations;

22 (3) conduct ground test activities necessary to
23 support the demonstrations;

24 (4) assist in the acquisition of launch services;

1 (5) plan for collection and analysis of on-orbit
2 data sufficient to assess propulsion performance,
3 operability, and reliability; and

4 (6) assess potential use cases for applications in
5 cislunar operations pending the conclusion of the
6 demonstrations.

7 (f) PLAN.—Before commencing the pilot program
8 under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the
9 congressional defense committees a plan on the pilot pro-
10 gram.

11 (g) REPORT.—If the Secretary carries out the pilot
12 program under subsection (a), not later than one year
13 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
15 port on the pilot program. The report shall include—

16 (1) a description of the activities carried out
17 under the pilot program, including the planned dem-
18 onstration concept of operations and the associated
19 timeline;

20 (2) the technical objectives and success criteria
21 established under subsection (e)(1);

22 (3) an assessment of major technical risks and
23 planned risk-mitigation activities; and

24 (4) an assessment of parallel efforts by the Peo-
25 ple’s Republic of China to develop and deploy ad-

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1 vanced space propulsion technologies for strategic
2 purposes.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . SENSE OF CONGRESS ON DEFENSE ALLIANCES**
2 **AND PARTNERSHIPS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**
3 **REGION.**

4 It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of De-
5 fense should continue efforts that strengthen United
6 States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pa-
7 cific region so as to further the comparative advantage of
8 the United States in strategic competition with the Peo-
9 ple's Republic of China, including by—

10 (1) enhancing cooperation with Japan, con-
11 sistent with the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and
12 Security Between the United States of America and
13 Japan, signed at Washington, January 19, 1960, in-
14 cluding by developing advanced military capabilities,
15 upgrading command and control relationships, fos-
16 tering interoperability across all domains, and im-
17 proving sharing of information and intelligence;

18 (2) reinforcing the United States alliance with
19 the Republic of Korea, including by maintaining the

1 presence of approximately 28,500 members of the
2 United States Armed Forces deployed to the Repub-
3 lic of Korea, enhancing mutual defense base co-
4 operation, and affirming the United States extended
5 deterrence commitment using the full range of
6 United States defense capabilities, consistent with
7 the Mutual Defense Treaty Between the United
8 States and the Republic of Korea, signed at Wash-
9 ington, October 1, 1953, in support of the shared
10 objective of a peaceful and stable Korean Peninsula;

11 (3) fostering bilateral and multilateral coopera-
12 tion with Australia, consistent with the Security
13 Treaty Between Australia, New Zealand, and the
14 United States of America, signed at San Francisco,
15 September 1, 1951, and through the partnership
16 among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the
17 United States to—

18 (A) advance shared security objectives;

19 (B) accelerate the fielding of advanced
20 military capabilities; and

21 (C) build the capacity of emerging part-
22 ners;

23 (4) advancing United States alliances with the
24 Philippines and Thailand and United States partner-
25 ships with other partners in the Association of

1 Southeast Asian Nations to enhance maritime do-
2 main awareness, promote sovereignty and territorial
3 integrity, leverage technology and promote innova-
4 tion, and support an open, inclusive, and rules-based
5 regional architecture;

6 (5) broadening United States engagement with
7 India, including through the Quadrilateral Security
8 Dialogue to—

9 (A) advance the shared objective of a free
10 and open Indo-Pacific region through bilateral
11 and multilateral engagements and participation
12 in military exercises, expanded defense trade,
13 and collaboration on humanitarian aid and dis-
14 aster response; and

15 (B) enable greater cooperation on maritime
16 security;

17 (6) strengthening the United States partnership
18 with Taiwan, consistent with the Three Commu-
19 niques, the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-
20 8; 22 U.S.C. 3301 et seq.), and the Six Assurances,
21 with the goal of improving Taiwan's defensive capa-
22 bilities and promoting peaceful cross-strait relations;

23 (7) reinforcing the status of Singapore as a
24 Major Security Cooperation Partner of the United
25 States and continuing to strengthen defense and se-

1 security cooperation between the military forces of
2 Singapore and the United States Armed Forces, in-
3 cluding through participation in combined exercises
4 and training;

5 (8) engaging with the Federated States of Mi-
6 cronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
7 Palau, and other Pacific island countries, with the
8 goal of strengthening regional security and address-
9 ing issues of mutual concern, including protecting
10 fisheries from illegal, unreported, and unregulated
11 fishing;

12 (9) collaborating with Canada, the United
13 Kingdom, France, and other members of the Euro-
14 pean Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
15 zation to build connectivity and advance a shared vi-
16 sion for the region that is principled, long-term, and
17 anchored in democratic resilience;

18 (10) investing in enhanced military posture and
19 capabilities in the area of responsibility of the
20 United States Indo-Pacific Command and strength-
21 ening cooperation in bilateral relationships, multilat-
22 eral partnerships, and other international fora to up-
23 hold global security and shared principles, with the
24 goal of ensuring the maintenance of a free and open
25 Indo-Pacific region;

1 (11) supporting efforts by the Republic of
2 Korea to strengthen deterrence and to deepen bilat-
3 eral defense cooperation between the United States
4 and the Republic of Korea; and

5 (12) expanding shipbuilding cooperation with
6 the Republic of Korea to bolster the shipbuilding ca-
7 pacity and workforce of the United States and to re-
8 inforce the defense industrial base of the United
9 States.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: MR. TURNER

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Strengthening American Defense Innovation and Commerciality

The committee notes military sales to allies and partners increase and expand domestic production capacity and, thus, can improve the resilience of the United States defense industrial base and work toward the committee's continued efforts to support the Department of Defense promoting innovation, commerciality, and competition by incentivizing new entrants and nontraditional defense companies.

Further, the committee is aware of examples in which the Defense Technology Security Administration classified certain dual-use commercial capabilities that could be used or modified for a defense purpose as defense articles under the "specially designed" definition in the United States Munitions List (USML). Such classification of dual-use systems as defense articles (unless, as a result of development, such systems have properties exclusively responsible for achieving or exceeding the controlled performance levels, characteristics, or functions of defense articles as described on the USML) potentially limits the possibility for such products — before they have been modified for military use — to be made available to allies and partners through commercial means. Advancements in technology, and the development of a new class of software-defined, dual-use technologies that have commercial capabilities at their baseline configuration, could further exacerbate the effects of such classification.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to review the Department's interpretation of the criteria for designation of the "specially designed" definition under the USML to determine the extent to which the Department defines systems that have predominant or equivalent civil applications as defense articles. Further, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing not later than December 1, 2026, to the House Committee on Armed Services and House Foreign Affairs Committee on the results of such review.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Jackson of Texas

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

United States Africa Command Unmanned Aerial Systems Training and Development

The committee recognizes the increasing importance of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) in modern defense, including their role in intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, and precision targeting, and notes the growing demand among United States partners for training and integration of these capabilities into military operations.

The committee further notes the recent announcement of plans by the Department of Defense to establish a regional drone training center in the Kingdom of Morocco, which is intended to serve as a central location for training partner nation forces, enhancing interoperability, and strengthening counterterrorism capabilities across the African continent. The committee acknowledges that this initiative, including initial training activities conducted during Exercise African Lion, is designed to build scalable and enduring UAS capabilities with African and international partners.

Furthermore, the committee emphasizes the strategic value of leveraging trusted regional partners to develop distributed training hubs that enable joint learning, asset development, improved interoperability, and partner-led security solutions in regions facing persistent security challenges.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander, United States Africa Command, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 27, 2027, on the Department's strategy for developing and sustaining regional UAS training capabilities in support of partner forces across the United States Africa Command Area of Responsibility. The briefing shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) an assessment of initial training activities, including effectiveness, scalability, and partner participation;
- (2) an analysis of the benefit of integrating commercial technology vendors with partner special operations forces and intelligence components to test battlefield systems, including a plan to expand these efforts into future regional exercises;
- (3) an evaluation of the feasibility of establishing additional regional UAS training centers across the United States Africa Command Area of Responsibility, including criteria for host nation selection;

- (4) an assessment of how UAS training could improve partner nation operational capabilities;
- (5) a plan to incorporate civilian harm mitigation and principles of the Law of Armed Conflict into UAS training; and
- (6) identification of any statutory, regulatory, or policy limitations that constrain the Department's ability to establish, expand, or sustain regional UAS training capabilities, including a description of gaps in existing authorities and recommendations for modifications necessary to enable future execution at scale.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 12 ___ . PROHIBITION ON TRANSFERS TO THE BADR**

2 **ORGANIZATION.**

3 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
4 this Act or otherwise made available to the Secretary of
5 Defense for fiscal year 2027 may be made available to the
6 Badr Organization or any affiliates or successors of the
7 Badr Organization.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . UNIFORM PROTOCOLS ON SCREENING FOR UN-**
2 **WANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOR.**

3 (a) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the De-
5 fense Health Agency, in coordination with the Assistant
6 Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs and the Under
7 Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, shall
8 develop comprehensive written guidance establishing uni-
9 form protocols for providing a screening for unwanted sex-
10 ual behavior to patients at military medical treatment fa-
11 cilities.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
13 on which the Director issues the guidance under sub-
14 section (a), the Director shall submit to the congressional
15 defense committees a report containing the following:

16 (1) An assessment of the extent to which each
17 military medical treatment facility has implemented
18 the guidance.

1 (2) Aggregate, de-identified data on screening
2 rates, positive-screen rates, and referral follow-
3 through.

4 (3) Any planned revisions to the guidance.

5 (c) SCREENING FOR UNWANTED SEXUAL BEHAVIOR
6 DEFINED.—In this section, the term “screening for un-
7 wanted sexual behavior” means the use of standardized,
8 evidence-based questions or instruments to detect whether
9 an individual has been subject to any sexual contact or
10 interaction to which the individual did not or could not
11 freely consent, including harassment, coercion, assault, or
12 abuse.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Ryan

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Study on Force Protection Measures in U.S. Central Command

The committee remains concerned about the increased threat to U.S. forces in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) area of responsibility posed by small unmanned aircraft systems (sUAS) and other aerial systems. The committee understands that during Operation Epic Fury, Iran has relied on its stockpile of sUAS, including one-way attack drones, which have been in production for decades.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander, U.S. Central Command, to conduct a study of force protection measures carried out in the CENTCOM area of responsibility from January 2025 through the present day. The committee directs the Secretary to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services, not later than March 1, 2027, on the study and its findings, including:

- (1) any improvements to counter-UAS systems or integrated air and missile defense systems at forward deployed locations;
- (2) any improvements to early warning systems or detection with respect to unmanned aircraft, including unmanned aircraft systems utilizing low-flying unmanned aircraft, or air-breathing or ballistic missile threats;
- (3) any efforts to harden facilities or provide adequate overhead protection for critical operational or living spaces;
- (4) any changes to force posture, dispersal, or basing strategies made to mitigate risks;
- (5) any coordination with partners to strengthen integrated air and missile defense in relevant regions; and
- (6) any lessons learned with respect to force protection measures as a result of the conflict that began on February 28, 2026.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Tran

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Combating Chinese Communist Party Influence

The Committee recognizes the threat of expanding foreign malign influence by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to the United States and its allies. Therefore, the Committee directs that the Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency and other relevant branches of the intelligence community, submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than June 30, 2027. Such report should address the following activities occurring during a three-year period beginning January 1, 2023: foreign malign influence activities undertaken outside the United States by the Chinese Communist Party at the expense of the United States and our allies; the effect of such foreign malign influence activities, including on United States alliances, perceptions of the United States, global and localized financial systems; trends in foreign malign influence activity by the Chinese Communist Party in key regions including Latin America, the Indo-Pacific, Europe, and the African continent; and any other national security implications of such increased foreign malign influence activities that affect interests of the United States and allies of the United States, as determined relevant by the Director.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . INELIGIBILITY OF A NATIONAL OF A NON-AL-**
2 **LIED FOREIGN NATION TO ATTEND A SERV-**
3 **ICE ACADEMY.**

4 Section 347 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

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

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

10 “(d) INELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN NATIONALS FROM
11 CERTAIN COUNTRIES.—(1) A person who is a foreign na-
12 tional of a covered nation may not receive instruction at
13 or otherwise attend a Service Academy pursuant to this
14 section.

15 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘covered nation’ has
16 the meaning given such term in section 4872 of this
17 title.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. HAMADEH
(funding table amendment)

In section 4501 of division D, relating to Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense, increase the amount for National Guard Counter-Drug Schools by \$3,000,000.

In section 4301 of division D, relating to Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, reduce the amount for Administration, Line 380, by \$3,000,000.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800

OFFERED BY MR. SCOTT

(funding table amendment)

In section 4301 of division D, relating to Operations and Maintenance, Army Operating Forces, increase the amount for US Southern Command Line 180, by \$3,000,000 for Technology Experimentation and Demonstration.

In section 4301 of division D, relating to Operations and Maintenance, Army Operating Forces, increase the amount for US Africa Command Line 160, by \$3,000,000 for Technology Experimentation and Demonstration.

In section 4301 of division D, relating to Operations and Maintenance, Army Operating Forces, increase the amount for US European Command Line 170, by \$3,000,000 for Technology Experimentation and Demonstration.

In section 4301 of division D, relating to Operation and Maintenance, Army reduce the amount for Administration Line 430, by \$9,000,000

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. JACOBS OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 12___ . STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF UNITED**
2 **STATES-SOMALIA POLICY.**

3 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
4 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall seek
5 to enter into a contract or other agreement with a feder-
6 ally funded research and development center under which
7 the center shall—

8 (1) conduct a study to assess the effectiveness
9 of the past 20 years of United States policy in So-
10 malia, including through United States security co-
11 operation and security assistance, military oper-
12 ations, and other forms of assistance provided to
13 and in Somalia, with respect to—

14 (A) addressing and reducing the threat of
15 violence posed by Al Shabaab and ISIS-Soma-
16 lia; and

17 (B) achieving other United States objec-
18 tives with respect to Somalia; and

1 (2) develop evidence-based options and rec-
2 ommendations for United States policy in Somalia to
3 reduce or resolve the threat of violence posed by Al
4 Shabaab and ISIS-Somalia.

5 (b) ELEMENTS.—The study required by subsection
6 (a) shall also discuss the following with respect to Somalia:

7 (1) Factors leading to initial United States in-
8 volvement in the conflict.

9 (2) The legal opinions that interpreted the 2001
10 Authorization to Use Military Force to apply to Al
11 Shabaab.

12 (3) A description of the threats posed by Al
13 Shabaab and ISIS-Somalia to the United States
14 homeland.

15 (4) The amount of funds spent on security, de-
16 velopment and humanitarian assistance, including
17 the estimated costs of Department of Defense oper-
18 ations.

19 (5) An assessment of the policy objectives iden-
20 tified by the United States with respect to such as-
21 sistance and operations and any United States Gov-
22 ernment efforts to assess whether those objectives
23 were met.

24 (6) A description of any efforts to push for a
25 political solution for the war, including internal

1 United States Government discussions and out-
2 comes, concerning whether or not to support dia-
3 logue with Al Shabaab.

4 (7) A description of all significant changes in
5 United States policy, practice, or other factors that
6 have contributed to an increase in the number of
7 United States airstrikes in Somalia since January
8 2025.

9 (8) A description of past and planned efforts to
10 engage with the Somali armed forces on civilian
11 harm mitigation and response issues.

12 (9) United States Government benchmarks for
13 disengaging from military operations in Somalia over
14 the course of United States military operations in
15 the country.

16 (c) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—The federally funded
17 research and development center that carries out the study
18 and analysis under subsection (a) shall submit to the Sec-
19 retary of Defense a report containing the results of such
20 study.

21 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30 days
22 after receiving the report required by subsection (c), the
23 Secretary of Defense shall submit an unaltered copy of
24 the report to the Committees on Armed Services of the
25 Senate and House of Representatives.

1 (e) FORM; PUBLICATION.—The submission required
2 by subsection (d) shall be in unclassified form and may
3 include a classified annex. The unclassified portion of the
4 report shall concurrently be made publicly available.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by Mr. Graves

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Preservation of World War II-era Aircraft in Department of The Department of the Navy Historic Collection and/ or World War II-era Aircraft Crash Wreckages

The committee recognizes the profound contributions of American naval aviators during World War II and the lasting importance of preserving the aircraft they flew. As the number of surviving veterans of that conflict continues to decline, the aircraft that remain in the Department of the Navy's possession serve as tangible, irreplaceable links to a defining era in American and world history.

The committee emphasizes that these aircraft are national assets and must be treated with the respect appropriate to their historical value. These aircraft are not only critical to honoring those who served but also to inspiring future generations with the legacy of service and sacrifice.

The committee is concerned that many of these historically significant aircraft, particularly those produced prior to December 31, 1945, are currently housed on external display and/ or are abandoned as wartime crash wreckages still under Department of the Navy ownership and control. These aircraft are at increasing risk of irreversible degradation due to environmental exposure. Without urgent action to relocate these aircraft into indoor, climate-controlled environments, their long-term preservation may no longer be viable.

The committee supports the Department of the Navy's stewardship of these artifacts to ensure their preservation for future generations.

Accordingly, the committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services by December 31, 2026 on the Secretary's plan to relocate, preserve, and sustain its World War II-era aircraft currently on external display,

while also seeking policy reforms that will allow properly qualified American museum entities to recover abandoned World War II era crash wreckages that are not deemed to be wartime aircrew graves. The briefing should address the following:

(1) A plan to initiate the phased relocation of historic aircraft produced prior to December 31, 1945, from external to indoor display facilities specifically including F4F and FM1/2 Wildcats, F6F Hellcats, F4U/ FG-1 Corsairs, SBD Dauntlesses, SB2C Helldivers, PBJs (B-25s), P2Bs (B-29s), JD-1s (A-26s), PBY Catalinas, PB4Y Privateers, R4Ds (C-47s), R5Cs (C-46s), SNBs (C-45s), and SNJs.

(2) A proposed prioritization framework for relocation, favoring institutions such as the National Naval Aviation Museum, National Museum of the Marine Corps, the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, National Naval Aviation Museum affiliated partner museums, National Museum of the Marine Corps-affiliated partner museums, other Department of Defense service museums, and national air museums of allied and partner nations;

(3) A plan for modifying or superseding existing loan agreements that only permit external display, in order to favor applicants with: (a) indoor, climate-controlled display capabilities; (b) demonstrated ability to conduct historical restoration and preservation; and (c) public access commitments;

(4) An assessment of opportunities for artifact trades to enhance the National Naval Aviation Museum and National Museum of the Marine Corps collections or broader Department of the Navy heritage efforts;

(5) A long-term framework for the de-accessioning of at-risk aircraft that cannot be preserved under these conditions within 5 years, including authority to: (a) offer such aircraft for sale with proceeds directed to National Naval Aviation Museum and/ or National Museum of the Marine Corps activities; (b) transfer aircraft on an as-is, where-is basis, with no cost or guarantee of condition to the Department of the Navy; and (c) remove end-use restrictions from de-accessioned assets;

(6) A plan for the Department of the Navy to revise its World War II era abandoned aircraft crash wreckage ownership policy to allow U.S. 501-C3 museum entities to gain ownership for such artifacts upon recovery, which will allow for preservation, restoration, and indoor display. Such plan should specifically exclude aircraft crash wreckages

that are known aircrew grave sites. It includes World War II-era crash wreckages on land, in lakes, and in the world's oceans.

(7) A determination as to whether aircraft produced prior to December 31, 1945, may be destroyed, scrapped, or otherwise damaged by the Department of the Navy; and

(8) A process for granting waivers for continued external display where environmental conditions, such as those in arid regions, significantly reduce the risk of corrosion and physical decay.

Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Gooden

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Maven Smart System Update

The committee recognizes that Maven Smart System (MSS) has been adopted across a range of mission areas and operational environments within the Department of Defense and has provided useful data integration and analysis. However, the committee seeks to better understand the extent of MSS adoption across the military services and combatant commands, as well as the Department's plans for further development and expansion of this capability.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services no later than June 4, 2027, on the adoption and future plans for the Maven Smart System. The briefing shall include:

- (1) a description of current MSS deployment and utilization across the Department of Defense;
- (2) an assessment of operational requirements or mission areas where additional MSS adoption could provide operational benefit;
- (3) any technical, security, infrastructure, data, policy, classification, or cost barriers that limit broader adoption or integration;
- (4) efforts to integrate MSS capabilities across multiple security domains, networks, and command-and-control systems;
- (5) estimated resource requirements and timelines associated with planned or proposed expansion efforts; and
- (6) recommendations for improving AI-enabled support capabilities across the joint force.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. VAN ORDEN OF WISCONSIN

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM: OMISSION OF DE-**
2 **CEASED PERSONS FROM REGISTRATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3 of the Military Selective
4 Service Act (50 U.S.C. 3802), as amended by section 535
5 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
6 2026 (Public Law 119–60), is further amended by adding
7 at the end the following new subsection:

8 “(c) In carrying out subsection (a), the Director shall
9 not register a person whose name appears in the Death
10 Master File (as such term is defined in section 203 of the
11 Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–167; 42
12 U.S.C. 1306c)).”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-
15 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 2026.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . REMOVAL OF PEPTIDES FROM PROHIBITED**
2 **PERFORMANCE ENHANCING SUBSTANCES**
3 **LIST.**

4 The Secretary of Defense may not include legally
5 available peptides on the prohibited dietary supplement in-
6 gredients list established pursuant to Department of De-
7 fense Instruction 6130.06, or any other similar list of sub-
8 stances that are prohibited for use by a member of the
9 Armed Forces without a medical exemption, if the member
10 of the Armed Forces obtains and uses such peptides in
11 a manner that is lawful in the location of the member.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. MILLS OF FLORIDA

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

1 **SEC. 6 ____ . ACCRUAL OF LEAVE FOR MEMBERS OF THE**
2 **ARMED FORCES.**

3 Section 701(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking “2½ calendar days” and inserting
5 “3½ calendar days”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the appropriate place in title XII insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12 ____ . MODIFICATION OF CERTIFICATION WITH RE-**
2 **SPECT TO OVERSIGHT OF UNITED STATES**
3 **MILITARY POSTURE IN EUROPE.**

4 Section 1249(b) of the National Defense Authoriza-
5 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law 119–60) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “; and”;

8 (2) in paragraph (2), by striking the period at
9 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(3) does not undermine United States or allied
12 deterrence of the Russian Federation; and

13 “(4) does not reduce the readiness of forces as-
14 signed to or stationed in the United States Euro-
15 pean Command to support global contingencies.”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 17__ . COUNTERING CHINA'S CONTROL OF THE**
2 **CAUCASUS.**

3 (a) REPORT ON RUSSIAN AND CHINESE INTEL-
4 LIGENCE ASSETS IN GEORGIA.—Not later than 180 days
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National
7 Intelligence and the Secretary of State, shall submit to
8 the relevant congressional committees a classified report
9 that—

10 (1) is prepared consistent with the protection of
11 sources and methods;

12 (2) examines the penetration of Russian and
13 Chinese intelligence elements and their assets in
14 Georgia; and

15 (3) examines the potential intersection of Rus-
16 sian and Chinese influence and cooperation in Geor-
17 gia.

18 (b) 5-YEAR UNITED STATES STRATEGY FOR BILAT-
19 ERAL RELATIONS WITH GEORGIA.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
3 retary of State shall submit to the relevant congress-
4 sional committees a detailed strategy that—

5 (A) outlines specific objectives for enhance-
6 ing bilateral ties which reflect the current do-
7 mestic political environment in Georgia;

8 (B) includes a determination of the tools,
9 resources, and funding that should be available
10 to achieve the objectives outlined pursuant to
11 subparagraph (A) and an assessment of wheth-
12 er Georgia should remain a top recipient of
13 United States funding in the Europe and Eur-
14 asia region;

15 (C) includes a determination of the extent
16 to which the United States should continue to
17 invest in its partnership with Georgia; and

18 (D) includes a determination of whether
19 the Government of Georgia remains committed
20 to expanding trade ties with the United States
21 and Europe and whether the United States
22 Government should continue to invest in Geor-
23 gian projects.

1 (2) FORM.—The report required under para-
2 graph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form,
3 with a classified annex.

4 (c) RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
5 FINED.—In this section, the term “relevant congressional
6 committees” means—

7 (1) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the
8 Senate;

9 (2) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the
10 Senate;

11 (3) the Committee on Armed Services of the
12 Senate;

13 (4) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the
14 House of Representatives;

15 (5) the Permanent Select Committee on Intel-
16 ligence of the House of Representatives; and

17 (6) the Committee on Armed Services of the
18 House of Representatives.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 10 ____ . PILOT PROGRAM FOR BLOCKCHAIN-ENABLED**
2 **INVENTORY MANAGEMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 may establish a pilot program under which the Depart-
6 ment of Defense shall use commercially available distrib-
7 uted ledger technology to seek to improve inventory man-
8 agement within the Department of Defense.

9 (b) OBJECTIVES.—Under the pilot program estab-
10 lished under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

11 (1) assess the feasibility and effectiveness of
12 using distributed ledger technology in improving in-
13 ventory management;

14 (2) assess the cost savings resulting from the
15 use of distributed ledger technology in inventory
16 management;

17 (3) assess whether the use of distributed ledger
18 technology in inventory management improves the
19 traceability of inventory;

1 (4) assess whether the use of distributed ledger
2 technology in inventory management reduces the
3 risk of waste, fraud, and abuse; and

4 (5) identify and mitigate potential challenges
5 and risks associated with the integration of distrib-
6 uted ledger technology for inventory management,
7 including cybersecurity concerns.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
11 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
12 activities performed under the pilot program established
13 under subsection (a).

14 (d) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out a
15 pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on Jan-
16 uary 1, 2029.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “distributed ledger” means a
19 ledger that—

20 (A) is shared across a set of distributed
21 nodes, which are devices or processes, that par-
22 ticipate in a network and store a complete or
23 partial replica of the ledger;

24 (B) is synchronized between the nodes; and

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1 (C) has data appended to it by following a
2 specified consensus mechanism.

3 (2) The term “distributed ledger technology”
4 means technology that enables the operation and use
5 of distributed ledgers.



Amendment to H.R. 8800

Offered by: Mr. Wilson

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 8800, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Mozambique Security Conditions

The committee notes with concern the rise of radical Islamist terrorism in the Cabo Delgado province of Mozambique that threatens the economic, security, and political interests of the United States and its partners in the region. Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander of United States Africa Command to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than February 1, 2027, on risks posed by radical Islamist terrorism in Mozambique to U.S. defense interests. The briefing shall include:

- (1) an assessment of the intent, operational capabilities, territorial influence, external support networks, financing mechanism, and freedom of movement of ISIS-Mozambique and associated violent extremist organizations operating in northern Mozambique;
- (2) a description of ongoing counterterrorism and stabilization operations conducted by the Government of Mozambique, the United States and its regional partners, and other international actors;
- (3) an assessment of the extent to which terrorist activity in Mozambique threatens regional stability in Africa;
- (4) an assessment of the extent to which terrorist organizations in Mozambique possess the capability or intent to conduct external operations;
- (5) an assessment of whether such terrorist organization in Mozambique possess the capability or intent to threaten the U.S. homeland or U.S. interests abroad; and
- (6) a description of current United States security cooperation, intelligence sharing, train-and-assist activities.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. AUSTIN SCOTT OF GEORGIA

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

1 **SEC. 1 ____ . LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OF MQ-9 REAPER**
2 **AIRCRAFT.**

3 (a) LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT OR DIVEST-
4 MENT.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated
5 by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year
6 2027 for the Department of the Air Force may be obli-
7 gated or expended to retire, divest, place in storage, trans-
8 fer to nonoperational status, or prepare for retirement any
9 MQ-9 Reaper aircraft.

10 (b) CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE RE-
11 TIREMENT OR DIVESTMENT.—Beginning after September
12 30, 2027, the Secretary of the Air Force may not retire,
13 divest, or transfer to nonoperational status any MQ-9
14 Reaper aircraft until the Secretary certifies in writing to
15 the congressional defense committees that—

16 (1) a replacement capability has achieved initial
17 operational capability;

18 (2) such replacement capability provides com-
19 parable or superior—

1 (A) persistent intelligence, surveillance,
2 and reconnaissance capability;

3 (B) strike capability;

4 (C) survivability in a dynamic and high-
5 threat environment;

6 (D) maritime surveillance capability;

7 (E) communications relay capability; and

8 (F) operational availability and sortie gen-
9 eration capacity;

10 (3) the replacement capability is available in
11 sufficient operational quantities to meet require-
12 ments of the combatant commands;

13 (4) the retirement or divestment will not in-
14 crease operational risk to ongoing contingency oper-
15 ations, homeland defense missions, maritime domain
16 awareness missions, or crisis response operations;

17 (5) the Secretary has conducted a force struc-
18 ture assessment evaluating the impact of such retire-
19 ment on—

20 (A) globally deployed operations;

21 (B) distributed operations in the Indo-Pa-
22 cific region;

23 (C) operations in the United States Cen-
24 tral Command area of responsibility;

1 (D) support to special operations forces;

2 and

3 (E) support to allied and partner nation

4 operations; and

5 (6) the Secretary has submitted the assess-
6 ments required under subsection (c).

7 (c) COMBATANT COMMANDER SUFFICIENCY ASSESS-
8 MENT.—Not later than 30 days prior to submitting a cer-
9 tification under subsection (b), the Secretary of the Air
10 Force shall submit to the congressional defense commit-
11 tees an assessment from—

12 (1) each of the commanders of the combatant
13 commands regarding the operational sufficiency of
14 the remaining remotely piloted aircraft force to exe-
15 cute approved operational plans and ongoing mis-
16 sions;

17 (2) the Commander of United States Special
18 Operations Command regarding the impact of such
19 retirement on support to special operations missions;

20 (3) the Commander of United States Indo-Pa-
21 cific Command regarding the impact on distributed
22 maritime surveillance and targeting operations in
23 the Indo-Pacific theater; and

24 (4) the Commander of United States Central
25 Command regarding the impact on ongoing counter-

1 terrorism, force protection, and crisis response oper-
2 ations.

3 (d) REPLACEMENT CAPABILITY DEFINED.—In this
4 section, the term “replacement capability” means a plat-
5 form, family of systems, or operational capability intended
6 to replace the operational functions currently performed
7 by the MQ–9 Reaper fleet, including—

- 8 (1) intelligence, surveillance, and reconnais-
9 sance;
- 10 (2) precision strike;
- 11 (3) maritime domain awareness;
- 12 (4) electronic warfare; and
- 13 (5) communications relay.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MR. WITTMAN OF VIRGINIA

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

1 **SEC. 28** ____. **INCLUSION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN DE-**
2 **FENSE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 Section 2391 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “ In-
8 dian tribes,” after “local governments,”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or
10 local government” each place such term appears
11 and inserting “government, local government,
12 or Indian tribe,”; and

13 (2) in subsection (e)—

14 (A) in paragraph (4)(A)(ii)(I), by striking
15 “or local government” and inserting “govern-
16 ment, local government, or Indian tribe”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

1 “(7) The term ‘Indian tribe’ has the meaning
2 given that term in section 4 of the Indian Self-De-
3 termination and Education Assistance Act (25
4 U.S.C. 5304).”.



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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

1 **SEC. 5 ____ . AUTHORIZATION OF DEATH PENALTY FOR OF-**
2 **FENSE OF RAPE OF A CHILD UNDER THE UNI-**
3 **FORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.**

4 Section 920b(a) of title 10, United States Code (arti-
5 cle 120b(a) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice), is
6 amended by inserting “by death, or such other punish-
7 ment” after “shall be punished”.

