



Amendments to H.R. 5515 — National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Rep. Thornberry, R-TX)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

Scheduled for consideration beginning on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, subject to a structured [rule](#). The rule makes in order amendments.

This Legislative Bulletin covers the amendments made in order by the Rules Committee.

Additional amendments are expected to be made in order by the Rules Committee. Those amendments will be included in future Legislative Bulletins.

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AMENDMENTS:

1. [Rep. Thornberry \(R-TX\) \(#531\)](#): would establish an innovators database within the Department of Defense to coordinate enterprise to focus on small business innovators that receive funds under the Small Business Innovation Research program or the Small Business Technology Transfer program include appropriate information about each participant, including a description of the need or requirement applicable to the participant; the participant's technology with appropriate technical detail and appropriate protections of proprietary information or data; any prior business of the participant with the Department; and whether the participant's technology was incorporated into a program of record. The Secretary of Defense would encourage program offices across the Department of Defense to consult the database before initiating a Request for Information or a Request for Proposal to determine whether an organic technology exists or is being developed currently by an entity supported by the Department (which may include a company, academic consortium, or other entity).
2. [Rep. Nolan \(D-MN\) \(#402\)](#): would strike title XV of the NDAA authorizing appropriations for Overseas Contingency Operations.

Many conservatives might have grave concern over the amendment which could disrupt ongoing military operations abroad including in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and the Horn of Africa.

3. [Rep. Gabbard \(D-HI\) \(#106\)](#): would strike section 1225 of the NDAA which would require a strategy with foreign partners to counter the destabilizing activities of Iran. Under such a strategy, partners and allies would commit to collaborating with the United States on a variety of efforts, including but not limited to investing in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance platforms, mine countermeasures resources, integrated air and missile defense, and cybersecurity; engaging in combined planning, defense education, and institution building; and sharing information.

Many conservatives might have grave concern over the amendment which would strike an extremely pertinent reporting requirement regarding a rogue regime that continues to develop illicit ballistic missile technology, destabilize many neighboring countries to include Iraq, Syria, Yemen, and Lebanon, persistently threaten Israel's security, and support numerous terrorist organizations like Hezbollah.

4. [Rep. Aguilar \(D-CA\) \(#300\)](#): would amend section 1648 of the NDAA regarding an annual report on the Plan for the Nuclear Weapons Stockpile, Nuclear Weapons Complex, Nuclear Weapons Delivery Systems, and Nuclear Weapons Command and Control System by adding an estimate of the projected future total lifecycle cost of each type of nuclear weapon and delivery platform for each five-year period occurring during the period beginning on the date of the report and ending on the date that is 20 years after the date of the report.
5. [Rep. Blumenauer \(D-OR\) \(#411\)](#): would limit 50 percent of funds for fiscal year 2019 for the W76 warhead modification program until the Secretary of Defense submits a report to Congress assessing the potential effects of the modification or development of a low-yield nuclear warhead for submarine-launched ballistic missiles on strategic stability; and assessing options to reduce the risk of miscalculation associated with adversaries being unable to distinguish between a submarine-launched ballistic missile carrying a low-yield warhead and such a missile carrying several high-yield warheads; and preserve the survivability and the second-strike capability of ballistic missile submarines without increasing risk.

Some conservatives might be concerned that the amendment would jeopardize modernization plans for the W76 warhead included as a recommendation in the [2018 Nuclear Posture Review](#).

6. [Rep. Russell \(R-OK\) \(#49\)](#): would expand expedited hiring authority within the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for college graduates and post-secondary graduates government-wide to fill critical-need jobs. The total number of employees that the head of an agency may appoint during a fiscal year would not exceed the number equal to 15 percent of the number of individuals that the agency head appointed during the previous fiscal year to a position in the competitive service classified in a professional or administrative occupational category, at the GS-11 level, or an equivalent level, or below, under a competitive examining procedure.
7. [Rep. Pearce \(R-NM\) \(#70\)](#): would amend the Development Test & Evaluation strategic plan to expand the period taken into account when assessing Department of Defense Test and Evaluation resources from a 10-year period to a 30-year period. The amendment would expand reporting requirements, including, the assessment of facility and resources requirements to analyze test and evaluations needs in Missile Defense, Cyberspace Operations, Direct Energy, and Hypersonics.

8. [Rep. Langevin \(D-RI\) \(#320\)](#): would increase funding by \$3 million for [divertor test tokamak research and development](#) under Department of Energy National Security Programs. The amendment would specifically increase funding for research, development, test, and evaluation, inertial confinement fusion ignition and high yield. The amendment would also reduce the authorized funding amount for procurement of flares for the Air Force by \$3 million.
9. [Rep. Sinema \(D-AZ\) \(#513\)](#): would express a sense of the Congress that government-owned mobile technologies remain at risk for targeting or data breaches placing at risk information that could harm national security; and further, these vulnerabilities exist because current technologies do not possess the necessary security features required to mitigate the threats of credential theft, active surveillance from microphones and cameras, and tracking of user movements and location. The amendment would further require a briefing to Congress on the topic.
10. [Rep. Wilson \(R-SC\) \(#31\)](#): would require a report describing the requirements for, and components of, a pilot program to provide resilience for critical national security infrastructure at Department of Defense and Department of Energy facilities by contracting with a commercial entity to site, construct, and operate at least one licensed micro-reactor at a facility. The report would include identification of potential locations to site, construct, and operate a micro-reactor at a Department of Defense or Department of Energy facility that contains critical national security infrastructure that the Secretary determines may not be energy resilient; assessments of different nuclear technologies to provide energy resiliency for critical national security infrastructure; a survey of potential commercial stakeholders with which to enter into a contract under the pilot program to construct and operate a licensed micro-reactor; options to enter into long-term contracting, including various financial mechanisms for such purpose; identification of requirements for micro-reactors to provide energy resilience to mission-critical functions; an estimate of the costs of the pilot program; a timeline with milestones for the pilot program; an analysis of the existing authority of the Department of Energy and Department of Defense to permit the siting, construction, and operation of a micro-reactor; and recommendations for any legislative changes to the authorities necessary for the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense to permit the siting, construction, and operation of a micro-reactor.
11. [Rep. Krishnamoorthi \(D-IL\) \(#144\)](#): would expand the Additive Manufacturing Centers of Excellence program to include on-the-job training to ensure participants are able to learn the skills necessary for successful careers in additive manufacturing.
12. [Rep. Cartwright \(D-PA\) \(#529\)](#): would require the Secretary of Defense, in conjunction with the military service secretaries and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to report to Congress and provide the percentage, as well as the dollar value and number of direct labor hours of depot maintenance that was performed in the public and the private sector by major commodity over the past five fiscal years for the Department of Defense, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Special Operations Command, and any other unified command identified by the Secretary; the projections for the upcoming future years defense program, including the distinction between the Navy and the Marine Corps for the Department of the Navy, as well as any unified command, including the Special Operations Command.

13. [Rep. Ruiz \(D-CA\) \(#304\)](#): would require the Department of Defense to submit a study to Congress on the feasibility of phasing out the use of open burn pits by using technology incinerators.
14. [Rep. Meng \(D-NY\) \(#85\)](#): would amend section 504 of the NDAA to allow any member of the armed services who gives birth to be exempt from deployment for 12 months after such birth unless they request deployment. Section 504 would standardize new mother deployment deferral policy across the military services, to include the Coast Guard and would apply to members of the armed services on active-duty. Under [current policy](#), new mothers are non-deployable for up to six months.
15. [Rep. Napolitano \(D-CA\) \(#48\)](#): would require the Secretary of Defense to evaluate the pilot [Jobs ChalleNGe](#) Programs and submit a report to Congress of findings and recommendations 120 days after the end of the fiscal year.
16. [Rep. Napolitano \(D-CA\) \(#132\)](#): would allow equipment and facilities of the United States, a State, county, or local government entity to be transferred to the National Guard for purposes of carrying out the [National Guard Youth Challenge Program](#).
17. [Rep. Pascrell \(D-NJ\) \(#497\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that blast exposure history is included in the service records of members of the Armed Forces in a manner that will assist in determining whether a future illness or injury is service connected.
18. [Rep. Gonzalez \(D-TX\) \(#111\)](#): would direct the Secretaries of the military departments to encourage the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps to include cybersecurity educational programs and awareness in the curriculum of the Corps, including lessons on cyber defense, risks of cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the military, and pursuing studies and careers in cybersecurity and related fields within the Department of Defense.
19. [Rep. Heck \(D-WA\) \(#129\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop and make publicly available guidance and information about the housing market around military installations in the continental United States. Such guidance and information would be designed to assist members of the Armed Forces in better using their basic allowance for housing. The amendment would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on a review of the Comptroller General of the rate setting procedure for basic allowance for housing.
20. [Rep. Welch \(D-VT\) \(#215\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to provide funding to States to carry out programs that provide deployment cycle information, services, and referrals to members of the Armed Forces, including members of the regular components and members of the reserve components, and the families of such members, throughout the deployment cycle. Such programs would include the provision of access to outreach services, including the following: employment counseling; behavioral health counseling; suicide prevention; housing advocacy; financial counseling; or referrals for the receipt of other related services.
21. [Rep. Soto \(D-FL\) \(#440\)](#): would direct each Service Secretary concerned to make the application for transfer, including determinations and actions regarding the application, confidential for students of military academies who are victims of sexual assault.

22. [Rep. Esty \(D-CT\) \(#135\)](#): would direct the Secretaries of Defense and Veterans Affairs to establish a joint definition of “military sexual trauma” for their respective Departments to use in all aspects of delivering care and benefits to members of the Armed Forces and veterans who have suffered that crime. The amendment would direct the secretaries to submit a report to Congress on their efforts, including legislative recommendations.
23. [Rep. Soto \(D-FL\) \(#250\)](#): would amend section 552 of the NDAA by requiring the inclusion of resources available to treat victims of military sexual trauma as part of the required service member pre-separation counseling.
24. [Rep. Meng \(D-NY\) \(#83\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish and implement policies and procedures that permit a military parent to take, if requested by the military parent, flexible and non-continuous maternity leave; and parental leave.
25. [Rep. Pocan \(D-WI\) \(#509\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the National Guard Bureau, to coordinate with the Secretary of Labor to obtain a prevailing wage determination for all contract workers under the following programs: Family Assistance Centers; Family Readiness and Support; Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program; Recruit Sustainment Program. The amendment would further require a report to Congress regarding the wage determinations and a cost estimate of transferring all of the programs named to direct Federal management.
26. [Rep. Schrader \(D-OR\) \(#205\)](#): would exempt members of the Armed Forces who voluntarily separated from active duty, are involuntarily recalled, and incur a 100 percent service-connected disability during that time from the requirement to repay voluntary separation pay.
27. [Rep. Pearce \(R-NM\) \(#69\)](#): would require the Secretary of the Air Force to establish a program under which a qualified wounded warrior who faces retirement or separation from the Armed Forces for physical disability may continue, in lieu of such retirement or separation, to serve in the Armed Forces as a remotely piloted aircraft pilot or remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator in the Air Force. In the case of a wounded warrior who is not a member of the Air Force, the Secretary of the Air Force shall cooperate with the Secretary concerned having jurisdiction over the wounded warrior to transfer the wounded warrior from the other Armed Force to the Air Force to permit the wounded warrior to be selected for the program.
28. [Rep. Davis, Rodney \(R-IL\) \(#112\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to revise the [Department of Defense Instruction 1300.18](#) to extend travel privileges via Invitational Travel Authorization to family members of members of the Armed Forces who die outside of the United States and whose remains are returned to the United States through the mortuary facility at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.
29. [Rep. DelBene \(D-WA\) \(#103\)](#): would remove the 25 percent cap on garnishment of military retirement pay to satisfy a judgement rendered for physically, sexually, or emotionally abusing a child.
30. [Rep. Jones \(R-NC\) \(#10\)](#): would allow the Secretary of Defense to enter into arrangements to provide for the elementary or secondary education of the dependents of retirees, if the Secretary determines that appropriate educational programs are not available through a

local educational agency for dependents of retirees residing on a military installation in the United States.

31. [Rep. Hudson \(R-NC\) \(#319\)](#): would require a report examining the current processes for awarding imminent danger pay and hostile fire pay to members of the Armed Forces.
32. [Rep. Coffman \(R-CO\) \(#377\)](#): would state a sense of Congress stating that under the special survivor indemnity allowance, surviving spouses and dependent children of members who die of a service-connected cause will not be subject to a full offset of survivor benefit plan payments by dependency and indemnity compensation, commonly referred to as the “widows’ tax”; and while the special survivor indemnity allowance alleviates the gap in benefits, the whole Congress must work together to find a way to eliminate the widows’ tax entirely.
33. [Rep. Donovan \(R-NY\) \(#217\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense, using the most recent data available to the Secretary, to reevaluate the basic housing allowance prescribed under [section 403\(b\) of title 37, United States Code](#), for the military housing area that includes Staten Island, New York.
34. [Rep. Lujan Grisham \(D-NM\) \(#343\)](#): would provide compensation and credit for retired pay purposes for maternity leave taken by members of the reserve components. Separate crediting of points would accrue to a member for each period of maternity leave taken by the member in connection with a childbirth event. Points would be credited in the year in which the period of maternity leave concerned commences.
35. [Rep. Rouzer \(R-NC\) \(#293\)](#): would allow terminally ill participants in the Survivor Benefit Plan to elect a new beneficiary as opposed to waiting for an Open Season. Any such beneficiary would be a natural person with an insurable interest in the participant. Such an election would be in writing, signed by the participant, and made in such form and manner as the Secretary concerned may prescribe.
36. [Rep. Graves \(R-LA\) \(#281\)](#): would require a report regarding the management of military commissaries and exchanges, to include a cost-benefit analysis with the goals of reducing the costs of operating military commissaries and exchanges by \$2 billion during fiscal years 2019 through 2023; and not raising costs for patrons of military commissaries and exchanges.
37. [Rep. Soto \(D-FL\) \(#248\)](#): would add universities to the list of entities authorized to partner with the Department of Defense’s pilot program on treatment of members of the armed forces for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) related to military sexual trauma.
38. [Rep. Carson \(D-IN\) \(#102\)](#): would make permanent the Department of Defense’s existing requirement to provide mental health assessments to service members during deployment. This requirement is set to expire on January 1, 2019,
39. [Rep. Kuster \(D-NH\) \(#448\)](#): would require health providers to provide transitioning service members information and referrals for counseling and treatment of substance use disorders and chronic pain management services.
40. [Rep. Meng \(D-NY\) \(#87\)](#): would authorize the Secretary of Defense to develop a burn patient transfer system, including any required hardware and software, that would provide a

platform for reporting immediate and surge bed availability and that would electronically match patient acuity with open beds at other military and civilian burn centers.

41. [Rep. Gonzalez-Colon \(R-PR\) \(#176\)](#): would require the Secretary of Defense, and with respect to members of the Coast Guard, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is not operating as a service in the Navy, to conduct a study on the feasibility and effect of extending the eligibility to enroll in, and the coverage of, TRICARE Prime to members of the Armed Forces and covered beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico to the same degree that a covered beneficiary who resides in any of the several States may enroll in TRICARE Prime.
42. [Rep. Velazquez \(D-NY\) \(#417\)](#): would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit a report to Congress containing a study of the health effects of the live-fire training at Vieques Naval Training Range conducted by the Navy before 2002 and other activities of the Armed Forces on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.
43. [Rep. Smucker \(R-PA\) \(#236\)](#): would require a report to Congress that describes the shortage of mental health providers of the Department of Defense; explains the reasons for such shortage; explains the effect of such shortage on members of the Armed Forces; and contains a strategy to better recruit and retain mental health providers, including with respect to psychiatrists, psychologists, mental health nurse practitioners, licensed social workers, and other licensed providers of the military health system.
44. [Rep. Jones \(R-NC\) \(#11\)](#): would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing partnerships between special operations forces, institutions of higher education, and health care systems if determined appropriate by the Secretary, through which special operations forces medics earn credit toward the master's degree of physician assistant for military operational work and training performed by the medics. The amendment would also require a report to Congress on the topic.
45. [Rep. Krishnamoorthi \(D-IL\) \(#525\)](#): would require a study on the effects of the anesthetic shortage on military healthcare and propose methods for mitigating any harm arising as a result of this shortage to determine if the quality or safety of military health care has been compromised by such shortages; to identify and examine supply chain issues related to the availability of drugs used for surgery and emergency care; and to identify and examine the impact of shortages on care for military patients. The amendment would require a report to Congress on the study.
46. [Rep. Kuster \(D-NH\) \(#467\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a report detailing lessons learned by the Secretary of Defense with respect to successfully remediating concerns found during the initial operational testing and evaluation of the electronic health record system known as MHS Genesis.
47. [Rep. Krishnamoorthi \(D-IL\) \(#145\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to prepare and submit a report to Congress regarding the actions the Department of Defense is taking to prevent and treat opioid use among the dependents of members of the Armed Forces. Such report shall include how information is shared between military medical treatment facilities across the country, what counseling services are available to dependents and how such services are publicized, and a plan for intervention strategies to prevent opioid use and abuse.

48. [Rep. Smucker \(R-PA\) \(#451\)](#): would require a report on the practices for prescribing medication during the period beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2017, that were inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder medication guidelines developed by the Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration. Based on the findings, the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force would each establish a monitoring program carried out with respect to such branch of the Armed Forces shall provide as follows: the monitoring program would provide for the conduct of periodic reviews, beginning October 1, 2019, of medication prescribing practices of its own providers; the monitoring program would provide for regular reports, beginning October 1, 2020, to the Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration, of the results of the periodic reviews; the monitoring program would establish internal procedures, not later than October 1, 2020, to address practices for prescribing medication that are inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder medication guidelines developed Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration.
49. [Rep. Banks \(R-IN\) \(#33\)](#): would mandate that not later than 30 days before reorganizing, restructuring, or eliminating any specified position or office, the Secretary of Defense would submit to Congress notice of such reorganization, restructuring, or elimination together with a plan to ensure that mission requirements are met and appropriate oversight is conducted in carrying out such reorganization, restructuring, or elimination. Such plan would address how user needs will be met and how associated roles and responsibilities will be accomplished for each position or office that the Secretary determines requiring reorganization, restructuring, or elimination.
50. [Rep. Mitchell \(R-MI\) \(#51\)](#): would require the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council to review each of its determinations, not to exempt contracts or subcontracts from laws which such contracts and subcontracts would otherwise be exempt; and propose revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to provide an exemption from each law subject to such determination unless the Council determines that there is a specific reason not to provide the exemptions or the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy determines there is a specific reason not to provide the exemption. If an executive agency issues a solicitation for one or more contracts for services to be acquired on an hourly rate basis and the executive agency intends to make a contract award to each qualifying offeror and the contract or contracts will feature individually competed task or delivery orders based on hourly rates the contracting officer need not consider price as an evaluation factor for contract award.
51. [Rep. Graves \(R-LA\) \(#527\)](#): would exempt an individual acquisition for commercial leasing services from enhanced competition requirements for the purchase of property and services by executive agencies if such individual acquisition is made on a no cost basis and pursuant to a multiple award contract in accordance with requirements for full and open competition. The amendment would require the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct biennial audits of the General Services Administration National Broker Contract to determine whether brokers selected under the program provide lower lease rental rates than rates negotiated by General Services Administration staff; and the impact of the program on the length of time of lease procurements.
52. [Rep. Adams \(D-NC\) \(#421\)](#): would reauthorize the [SCORE Program](#), require the development of strategic plans to better assist small businesses, require use of online platforms for outreach and education, and require studies and reports on the various SCORE Program activities. This amendment is substantive similar to [H.R. 1700, the SCORE for Small Business](#)

[Act of 2018](#), which had been scheduled for consideration under suspension earlier in May, but was not offered.

The amendment would authorize the Small Business Administration (SBA) to carry out the SCORE program of such sums as are necessary for the Administrator to make grants or enter into cooperative agreements in a total amount that does not exceed \$10.5 million in each of fiscal years 2018 and 2019. The amendment would direct the SCORE Association to carry out a study on the future role of the SCORE program and develop a strategic plan for how the SCORE program will evolve to meet the needs of small business concerns and potential future small business concerns over the course of the 5 years after the bill's enactment with markers and specific objectives for year 1, year 3, and year 5. The term 'SCORE Association' would mean the Service Corps of Retired Executives Association or any successor or other organization who receives a grant from the Administrator to operate the SCORE program.

Some conservatives may be concerned the amendment would reauthorize the program at a level higher than previously authorized -- \$10.5 million versus \$7 million annually. Some conservatives may believe that providing assistance to small businesses is not a federal responsibility, and should be left to the private sector. Some conservatives may be further concerned that this program has little to do with providing for the country's core national security needs.

53. [Rep. Espaillat \(D-NY\) \(#415\)](#): would mandate that Procurement Technical Assistance Centers are authorized to form an association to pursue matters of common concern. If more than half of the Procurement Technical Assistance Centers which are operating pursuant to agreements with the Department of Defense are members of such an association, the Secretary of Defense would recognize the existence and activities of such an association; and consult with it and develop documents announcing the annual scope of activities, requesting proposals to deliver assistance, and governing the general operations and administration of the Procurement Technical Assistance Program.

According to the already-existing [Association of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers](#), "The Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) was authorized by Congress in 1985 in an effort to expand the number of businesses capable of participating in the government marketplace. Administered by the Department of Defense, Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the program provides matching funds through cooperative agreements with state and local governments and non-profit organizations for the establishment of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs) to provide procurement assistance."

54. [Rep. Connolly \(D-VA\) \(#305\)](#): would direct the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to develop, make available for public comment, and finalize a definition of the term "Procurement administrative lead time" or "PALT", to be applied Government-wide, that describes the amount of time from the date on which a solicitation for a contract or task order is issued to the date of an initial award of the contract or task order; and a plan for measuring and publicly reporting data on PALT for Federal Government contracts and task orders in amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.
55. [Rep. Conaway \(R-TX\) \(#23\)](#): would make a technical correction that clarifies language to accurately include business systems, which are integral to the department's auditability efforts by striking in section 1004 of the NDAA, the term "financial system" and inserting "business system that contributes to financial information".

56. [Rep. Turner \(R-OH\) \(#42\)](#): would strike section 1076 regarding the reauthorization of the National Aviation Heritage Area in Ohio.
57. [Rep. Burgess \(R-TX\) \(#38\)](#): would require a report ranking all military departments and Defense Agencies in order of how advanced they are in achieving auditable financial statements as required by law.
58. [Rep. Ruiz \(D-CA\) \(#303\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out an annual education campaign to inform individuals who may be eligible to enroll in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry of such eligibility. Each such campaign would include at least one electronic method and one physical mailing method to provide such information.
59. [Rep. Esty \(D-CT\) \(#136\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Defense should coordinate to prevent the unauthorized flight of unmanned aircraft over Arlington National Cemetery.
60. [Rep. Young \(R-AK\) \(#45\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to report on an updated Arctic Strategy to improve and enhance joint operations. The report would include an assessment of Russia's aggressive buildup of military assets and infrastructure in the Arctic, as well as China's efforts to influence Arctic policy.
61. [Rep. Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#182\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Navy to submit report to Congress on the feasibility of applying desalinization technologies to provide drought relief in areas impacted by sharp declines in water availability for both military as well as civilian purposes.
62. [Rep. Young \(R-AK\) \(#1\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the expedited compliance of the Department of Defense with section 3001(d) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-458; [50 U.S.C. 3341\(d\)](#)) regarding compliance with requirements relating to the reciprocity of security clearance and access determinations.
63. [Rep. Gosar \(R-AZ\) \(#501\)](#): would direct the National Cancer Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to assess the application of probability of causation/assigned share ("PC/AS") to determine eligibility for compensation for compensable diseases in downwind populations in the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and the possessions and territories of the United States.
64. [Rep. Denham \(R-CA\) \(#412\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide guidance and resources for individuals interested in using GI educational benefits for agriculture-related education programs.
65. [Rep. Young \(R-AK\) \(#2\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to ensure that in developing any Arctic survival curriculum, the Department of Defense shall engage with local indigenous communities for their traditional knowledge.
66. [Rep. Yoder \(R-KS\) \(#560\)](#): would add a provision related to privacy protections for electronic communications information that is stored by third-party service providers. The amendment

would amend the federal criminal code to revise provisions that limit an electronic communication service (ECS) or remote communication service (RCS) provider from disclosing the contents of a wire or electronic communication that is in electronic storage. The amendment would reflect [H.R. 387, the Email Privacy Act](#), which passed the House by voice vote on February 6, 2017.

The Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) of 1986 prevents providers of remote electronic communications services from knowingly divulging electronic communications kept in electronic storage or maintained by a provider, except for certain exceptions. Presently, law enforcement or civil agencies may request this information by subpoena only, if it is more than 180 days old and considered abandoned property. Subpoenas, unlike warrants, do not require probable cause for issuance.

67. [Rep. Lawrence \(D-MI\) \(#28\)](#): would require the Secretary of Defense to direct each component of the Armed Forces to share lessons learned and best practices on the progress of their gender integration implementation plans and to communicate strategically that progress with other components of the Armed Forces as well as the general public, as recommended by the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.
68. [Rep. Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#186\)](#): would require a report analyzing the readiness of the National Guard and Reserve to respond to natural disasters.
69. [Rep. Poe \(R-TX\) \(#22\)](#): would reduce the amount of coalition support funds (CSF) reimbursements the Secretary of Defense can send to Pakistan without certifying that Pakistan has taken action against the Haqqani Network from \$350 million to \$200 million.
70. [Rep. Abraham \(R-LA\) \(#545\)](#): would state a sense of Congress in support of the Peshmerga forces of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq and their contributions to fighting and defeating ISIS.
71. [Rep. Perry \(R-PA\) \(#347\)](#): would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State to submit a progress report to Congress to include an assessment of the incorporation of violent extremist organizations and organizations with association to the Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) into the Iraq military; the level of access violent extremist organizations and organizations with association to the IRGC have to United States-provided equipment and training; United States-provided equipment that is controlled by unauthorized end users; or is not accounted for by the Government of Iraq, including a detailed inventory of each equipment type provided to the Government of Iraq; and actions taken by the Government of Iraq to repossess United States-provided equipment from unauthorized end users.
72. [Rep. Schneider \(D-IL\) \(#477\)](#): would amend section 1225 of the NDAA regarding a reporting requirement related to a strategy to counter destabilizing activities of Iran, to include the countries in which Iran is operating, assessing their destabilizing activities.
73. [Rep. Schneider \(D-IL\) \(#482\)](#): would require a report to Congress that describes Iranian support of proxy forces in Syria and Lebanon and assesses the increased threat posed to Israel, other United States regional allies, and other specified interests of the United States as a result of such support.

74. [Rep. Ellison \(D-MN\) \(#427\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the use of the Armed Forces against Iran is not authorized by the bill or any other act.
75. [Rep. Ellison \(D-MN\) \(#426\)](#): would state that nothing in the bill may be construed to authorize the use of the Armed Forces of the United States against Iran.
76. [Rep. Lee \(D-CA\) \(#231\)](#): would require a report on the progress made by the Government of Afghanistan in achieving the security-sector benchmarks as outlined by the United States-Afghan Compact, otherwise known as the [Kabul Compact](#).
77. [Rep. Roskam \(R-IL\) \(#133\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the ballistic missile program of Iran represents a serious threat to allies of the United States in the Middle East and Europe, members of the Armed Forces deployed in those regions, and ultimately the United States; the testing and production by Iran of ballistic missiles capable of carrying a nuclear device is a clear violation of multiple United Nations Security Council resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the international community; Iran currently maintains the largest inventory of ballistic missiles in the Middle East; as well as other matters.
78. [Rep. Yoho \(R-FL\) \(#294\)](#): would reinstate [reporting requirements](#) with respect to United States-Hong Kong relations.
79. [Rep. Connolly \(D-VA\) \(#310\)](#): would require the Secretary of State, in consultation with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to submit a report to Congress that includes a description of any ongoing or planned efforts of the Department of State with respect to each of the following: resuming the repatriation from North Korea of members of the United States Armed Forces missing or unaccounted for during the Korean War; reuniting Korean Americans with their relatives in North Korea; assessing the security risks posed by travel to North Korea for United States citizens.
80. [Rep. Lee \(D-CA\) \(#229\)](#): would state that nothing in the bill may be construed as authorizing the use of force against North Korea.
81. [Rep. Khanna \(D-CA\) \(#329\)](#): would state that nothing in the bill shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against North Korea.
82. [Rep. Yoho \(R-FL\) \(#292\)](#): would modify of freedom of navigation reporting requirements to require them to be submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the House Foreign Affairs Committee in addition to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.
83. [Rep. Frankel \(D-FL\) \(#428\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that continued United States leadership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is critical to the national security of the United States.
84. [Rep. Delaney \(D-MD\) \(#358\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the United States reaffirms its commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) as the foundation of transatlantic security and defense; NATO serves as a critical coalition in preserving peace and stability in the transatlantic region; NATO's continued effort to develop new capabilities and technologies to combat terrorism and a changing international security environment are crucial to enhancing national security and strengthening the United States ability to combat evolving security threats; and the United States encourages each NATO member country to

meet or exceed the commitment to spend two percent of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on defense.

85. [Rep. Bishop \(R-MI\) \(#39\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the President, in furtherance of increased unity, equitable sharing of the common defense burden, and international stability, should encourage all member countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (“NATO allies”) to fulfill their commitments to levels and composition of defense expenditures as agreed upon at the NATO 2014 Wales Summit and NATO 2016 Warsaw Summit; call on NATO allies to finance, equip, and train their armed forces to fulfill their national and regional security interests; and recognize NATO allies that are meeting their defense spending commitments or otherwise providing adequately for their national and regional security interests.
86. [Rep. Gohmert \(R-TX\) \(#356\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the Muslim Brotherhood is a threat to the United States. The amendment would require the President and the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to submit a report to Congress that contains an assessment of the threats posed to the United States by the Muslim Brotherhood.
87. [Rep. Walz \(D-MN\) \(#8\)](#): would require the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency to submit a report to the Secretary of Defense and Congress on the military capabilities of the People’s Republic of China and the Russian Federation, to include an update on the presence, status, and capability of the military with respect to any national training centers similar to the Combat Training Center Program of the United States.
88. [Rep. Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#184\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that strongly condemns the ongoing violence and the systematic gross human rights violations against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin carried out by Boko Haram; expresses its support for the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin who wish to live in a peaceful, economically prosperous, and democratic region; and calls on the President to support Nigerian, Lake Chad Basin, and international community efforts to ensure accountability for crimes against humanity committed by Boko Haram against the people of Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin, particularly the young girls kidnapped from Chibok and other internally displaced persons affected by the actions of Boko Haram. The amendment would require a report to Congress on efforts to combat Boko Haram in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin.
89. [Rep. Lieu \(D-CA\) \(#366\)](#): would require a report to Congress from the Secretaries of State and Defense on foreign interference in Libya, including actions that violate the United Nations arms embargo, undermine U.S. interests or promote the presence of U.S. adversaries in Libya. The report would include an assessment of Russian influence in Libya and Egypt, including Russian efforts to provide logistical, material or political assistance to Libyan parties, establish a military presence, and expand political influence in Libya, and any facilitation by Egyptian officers or officials for such activities.
90. [Rep. Boyle \(D-PA\) \(#523\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the United States is stronger and more effective when we work with our partners and allies abroad; the United States should lead an international effort of like-minded democracies to build awareness of and resilience to the Kremlin’s malign influence operations.

91. [Rep. Castro \(D-TX\) \(#154\)](#): would amend title XII of the NDAA to add sections on the East China Sea in the vicinity of the Senkaku islands, the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean to the annual Department of Defense report on Chinese military activities.
92. [Rep. Schneider \(D-IL\) \(#476\)](#): would amend section 1685 relating to the National intelligence estimate with respect to Russian and Chinese interference in democratic countries, directing the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on efforts of the Department of Defense to deter interference describing and assessing any actions taken by the Department, including cooperation with other Federal agencies and other countries to deter such interference.
93. [Rep. Pearce \(R-NM\) \(#68\)](#): would direct the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into a contract with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a space launch study and report identifying vulnerabilities and capacity concerns of the current launch facilities.
94. [Rep. Soto \(D-FL\) \(#442\)](#): would include cybersecurity and computer programming into the JROTC curriculum.
95. [Rep. Aguilar \(D-CA\) \(#101\)](#): would require consideration be given to students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) to access the Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program. The amendment would reflect H.R. 5746.
96. [Rep. Comstock \(R-VA\) \(#524\)](#): would require a report that assesses the transition of base operations of the SharkSeer program to the Defense Information Systems Agency, including with respect to staffing, acquisition, contracts, sensor management, and the ability to conduct cyber threat analyses and advanced malware. The report would include a spending roadmap and areas that need increased funding.
97. [Rep. Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#189\)](#): would require a report on the feasibility of establishing a Cybersecurity Apprentice Program to support on-the-job training for certain cybersecurity positions and facilitate the acquisition of cybersecurity certifications.
98. [Rep. Thompson \(D-CA\) \(#424\)](#): would direct the Secretary of the Navy to take such steps as may be required to fill in depressions in the Mare Island property in California which resulted from environmental remediation carried out by the Department of the Navy. If the refilling of wetlands on the Mare Island property requires mitigation, the Secretary of the Navy would conduct such mitigation in accordance with relevant Federal, State and local environmental laws. The amendment would require a report to Congress on compliance including a proposal by the Secretary to convey the Mare Island property (or some portion thereof) to the State of California or units of local government in the State of California.
99. [Rep. Kinzinger \(R-IL\) \(#386\)](#): would extend the lifespan of a U.S. Army waste disposal site at the Joliet Army Ammunition Plant, in Illinois.
100. [Rep. Culberson \(R-TX\) \(#37\)](#): would establish within the Department of the Interior a grant program for the preservation of our nation's "most historic battleships," which are defined as a battleship between 75 and 115 years old, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is located in the state for which it was named. No Federal funds made available to carry

out the amendment would be used to acquire any real property, or any interest in any real property, without the written consent of the owner (or owners) of that property or interest in property. The authority to make grants would expire on September 30, 2025.

101. [Rep. Lujan \(D-NM\) \(#165\)](#): would state a sense of Congress that the United States should compensate and recognize all of the miners, workers, downwinders, and others suffering from the effects of uranium mining and nuclear testing carried out during the Cold War.
102. [Rep. Tipton \(R-CO\) \(#6\)](#): would prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from considering a covered payment to be an amount received by the unit of general local government in the prior fiscal year under a payment law, in order to ensure that royalty payments from the Anvil Points fund that have been returned to Colorado do not impact the 2019 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) disbursements for recipient counties.
103. [Rep. Pearce \(R-NM\) \(#67\)](#): would transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain land by the White Sands National Monument, New Mexico, from the Secretary of the Army to the Secretary of the Interior, modifying certain boundaries between White Sands Missile Range and White Sands National Monument.

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