



Amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Rep. Thornberry, R-TX) Pt. III

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AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER:

(158) [Farenthold \(R-TX\)](#): Would allow the Secretary of Defense to enter into contracts with third-party vendors in order to provide members of the armed forces who are deployed overseas at any U.S. military facility, at which wireless high-speed Internet and network connections are otherwise available, with access to such Internet and network connections without charge.

(55) [Jackson Lee \(D-TX\)](#): Would prohibit any civilian DOD functions from being converted to performance by a contractor until the Secretary of Defense conducts an assessment to determine if the Department has carried out sufficient outreach programs to assist small business concerns owned and controlled by women and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals that are located in the geographic area near the military base.

(46) [Loebsack \(D-IA\)](#): Would authorize the inclusion of an option period of up to 25 years, in addition to the current 25 year term limitation, for a combined maximum term of 50 years regarding the temporary authority to extend property leases and contracts for the Department of Defense by amending [section 4554\(a\)\(3\)\(A\) of title 10, U.S. Code](#).

(96) [Fleming \(R-LA\)](#): Would require a report and certification by the Secretary of Defense that an Army active duty end strength below 490,000 soldiers would be adequate to meet the U.S. national military strategy. The amendment would require an evaluation of the adequacy of the Army force structure proposed for the future-years defense program for FY 2017 through 2021 to meet the goals of the national military strategy of the U.S..

(33) [McKinley \(R-WV\)](#): Would require the Secretary of Defense to establish an electronic tour calculator so that reservists could keep track of aggregated active duty tours of 90 days or more served within a fiscal year.

(301) [Crowley \(D-NY\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that the U.S. should continue to recognize and promote diversity in the armed forces and honor those from all diverse backgrounds and religious traditions who have made sacrifices in serving the US through the armed services.

(27) [Takano \(D-CA\)](#): Would require a report to Congress on the direct employment pilot program for members of the National Guard and Reserve, which compares that program with other programs conducted by the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs to provide unemployment and underemployment support to members of the reserve components and veterans.

(170) [Hurd \(R-TX\)](#): Would amend the requirements on the payment of expenses to obtain professional credentials to authorize DOD and DHS to pay for both the training and exams needed to obtain IT and cybersecurity credentials for all personnel identified as critical to network defense.

(97) [Israel \(D-NY\)](#): Would require a report on civilian and military education requirements that are necessary to meet anticipated threats in the future security environment as described in the Quadrennial Defense Review.

(267) [Stivers \(R-OH\)](#): Would restore the commission to Captain of Medal of Honor recipient [Milton Holland](#).

(150) [Moore, Gwen \(D-WI\)](#): Would express the Sense of the Congress regarding the Posthumous promotion granted to Master Sergeant(retired) [Naomi Horwitz](#).

(155) [Thompson, Glenn \(R-PA\)](#): Would mandate that the DOD provide an individual with a mental health screening at enlistment and that DOD use the results as a baseline for any subsequent mental health examinations. This amendment would also prohibit the Secretary of Defense from considering the results of such screening in determining promotions and would be respective of privacy information in the same manner as medical records.

(318) [Keating \(D-MA\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress in support of fully implementing a service-wide expansion of the Army's Gold Star Installation Access Card. The amendment would provide entry to military installations for events and memorials for the survivors of members of the armed forces who have died while serving on certain active or reserve duty.

(75) [Meng \(D-NY\)](#): Would require a VA Regional Office (VARO) to carry out certain steps if it does not adjudicate claims within 125 days with a 98 percent accuracy. The amendment would also require the Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits to explain how the failure of the regional office to meet the goal affected the performance evaluation of the director of the regional office.

(165) [Scott, Austin \(R-GA\)](#): Would open up the network of preferred retail pharmacies for TRICARE to small business pharmacies.

(133) [Adams \(D-NC\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should continue to support members of the armed forces and their families by providing readily available family counseling and individual counseling services that reduce the symptoms of post-traumatic stress and other behavioral health disorders and empowers members to be emotionally available to their spouses and children. Would also require a five-year study on the progress of members of the armed forces that are treated for mental health disorders.

(183) [Grayson \(D-FL\)](#): Would make permanent the requirement that DOD, for dependents of members of the military stationed in remote locations outside the U.S., provide transportation to persons requiring "obstetrical anesthesia services for childbirth that is equivalent to the obstetrical anesthesia services for childbirth available in a military treatment facility."

(166) [Scott, Austin \(R-GA\)](#): Would clarify that Sec. 804 of the NDAA regarding the process for commercial item determinations does not conflict with existing Title 10 requirements for core logistics capabilities.

(229) [Cole \(R-OK\)](#): Would mandate that sustainment requirements are considered and that the Centers of Industrial and Technical Excellence (CITES) are consulted, when the Department of Defense conducts a DOD Board Study related to the intellectual property rights of private sector firms.

(113) [Foxy \(R-NC\)](#): Would amend the DOD review report on access to intellectual property required by Sec. 835 to include information on DOD practices regarding the procurement, management, and use of intellectual rights to facilitate competition in the sustainment of weapons systems throughout their life-cycles.

(6) [Bost \(R-IL\)](#): Would establish Office of Hearings and Appeals in the Small Business Administration that would impartially decide matters relating to Small Business Administration program decisions for which Congress requires a hearing on the record, or for which the Small Business Administrator designates the need for a hearing by regulation. A Dear Colleague from the amendment sponsors can be found [here](#).

(14) [Hanna \(R-NY\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that reverse auctions may improve the federal government's procurement of commercially available commodities by increasing competition, reducing prices, and improving opportunities for small businesses. The amendment would also set requirements and limitations for reserve auctions for covered contracts. It also stipulates that only a contracting officer who has received training on the appropriate use and supervision of reverse auctions may use or supervise a reverse auction.

(250) [Russell \(R-OK\)](#): Would add an additional exception from requirement to buy certain articles from American sources for use in the production of fire hoses. Would express a sense of Congress sense of Congress that procurement authority for specialized fire hoses for the U.S. Forest Service should be reestablished as an activity of the General Services Administration.

(354) [McGovern \(D-MA\)](#): Would exempt certain textile and clothing purchases by the Department of Defense by maintaining the simplified acquisition threshold at current level of \$150,000.

(125) [Jackson Lee \(D-TX\)](#): Would require that that changes made to DOD computing systems using software bought and modified for agency use will not result in disruption of DOD operations, by mandating that the Department work with commercial off-the-shelf business system developers and owners.

(242) [Scalise \(R-LA\)](#): Would exempt [AbilityOne](#) products from the Afghan First, Central Asian States, and Djibouti procurement programs.

(4) [Walker \(R-NC\)](#): Would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the application of the [Open Trusted Technology Provider Standard](#) to Department of Defense procurements for information technology and cyber security acquisitions and provide a briefing to Congress.

(32) [Young, Don \(R-AK\)](#): Would repeal [section 811 of the FY2010 NDAA](#) and would remove the exemption in [section 2304\(e\)\(4\), title 10 U.S. Code](#) and [section 3304\(f\)\(2\)\(D\)\(ii\), title 41 U.S. Code](#) for contracts exceeding \$20.0 million which are awarded pursuant the Small Business Act. Would require contracting agencies to comply with the standard justification and approval process prior to sole sourcing these contracts.

(336) [Connolly \(D-VA\)](#): Would require the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council to prescribe a regulation making clear that agency acquisition personnel are permitted and encouraged to engage in responsible and constructive exchanges with industry, so long as those exchanges are consistent with existing law and regulation and do not promote an unfair competitive advantage to particular firms.

(335) [Connolly \(D-VA\)](#): Would require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, to develop a plan to improve the management of information technology programs and projects.

(255) [Farr \(D-CA\)](#): Would require the President of the Defense Acquisition University to convene a review board annually with faculty representatives from relevant professional schools and degree-granting institutions of the Department of Defense and military departments, such as the service academies, the Naval Postgraduate School, and other similar schools and institutions, in order to review and synchronize defense acquisition curricula across the entire Department of Defense.

(254) [Farr \(D-CA\)](#): Would require the Department of Defense to research and analyze defense acquisition policy issues from academic institutions, such as the Naval Postgraduate School and other Department of Defense schools, that offer in-depth analysis of the entire defense acquisition decision support system from both a business and public policy perspective and from an operational and information sciences perspective.

(8) [Burgess \(R-TX\)](#): 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. The report should not include information otherwise available in other reports to Congress. **The [National Taxpayers Union](#) has indicated that they will key vote in support of this amendment.**

(71) [Palazzo \(R-MS\)](#): Would delay the authorized period for the transfer of certain AH-64 Apache Helicopters from Army National Guard to Regular Army from March 31, 2016 to June 30, 2016.

(196) [Ellmers \(R-NC\)](#): Would prohibit funds from being used to deactivate the 440th Airlift Wing until the Secretary of Defense certifies that this movement will have no impact on Airborne and Special Operations units readiness.

(282) [Katko \(R-NY\)](#): Would require a report from the Secretary of the Air Force to Congress addressing the immediate and critical training and operational needs of the remotely piloted aircraft community.

(123) [Thornberry \(R-TX\)](#): Would exclude the application of [Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act](#) (FACA) to meetings of the National Commission on the Future of the Army with less than five members present as a lessons learned from previous commission reports.

(249) [Heck, Denny \(D-WA\)](#): Would require a report after the Military Lending Act rulemaking on compliance mechanisms for identifying covered borrowers and requires the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) to report to Congress on systems reliability and plans to strengthen capabilities, and consult with private-sector users of DMDC to address issues of common concern.

(319) [Crawford \(R-AR\)](#): Would authorize EOD incident response in support of civil authorities and does not require reimbursement by civil authorities for EOD to pick up military ordnance that has escaped government control. The Secretary of Defense, through mutual aid agreement with the attorney general would, in the interest of public safety, waive reimbursement on military EOD support of Department of Justice activities.

(215) [Hill \(R-AR\)](#): Would require the U.S. Air Force to conduct a business case analysis on the decision to maintain 10 C-130J aircraft at Keesler Air Force base. Such analysis would include consideration of any efficiencies or cost savings that would be achieved by transferring the C-130J aircraft to Little Rock Air Force base, the effects on the operation of Air Mobility Command, and short term and long term costs of maintaining the aircraft at Keesler Air Force base. The amendment would require a report to be completed and provided to Congress within 60 days of the NDAA's enactment.

(139) [Meehan \(R-PA\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress about the importance of strong communications systems for the National Guard in the event of a cyber or terrorist attack.

(202) [DeFazio \(D-OR\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress calling for a technical correction to section 3095, [FY 2015 National Defense Authorization](#) regarding refinancing of Pacific Coast groundfish fishing capacity reduction loan.

(143) [Lynch \(D-MA\)](#): Would call for the observation of two minutes of silence on Veterans Day in honor of the service and sacrifice of veterans throughout the history of the U.S..

(142) [Engel \(D-NY\)](#): Would urge that U.S. efforts in Afghanistan maintain a focus on the protection of human rights as part of U.S. efforts to train Afghan National Security Forces.

(225) [Connolly \(D-VA\)](#): Would authorize up to 5 percent of humanitarian assistance program funds to be used for monitoring and evaluation of each program. Would require a congressional briefing 90 days after enactment describing how the Department of Defense evaluates program and project outcomes and impact, including cost effectiveness and whether the programs met their goals.

(298) [Walberg \(R-MI\)](#): Would require the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) to certify they have access to records of the Afghanistan government for the purpose of auditing as a condition for the disbursement of assistance funds to Afghanistan. **The [National Taxpayers Union](#) has indicated that they will key vote in support of this amendment.**

(74) [Cicilline \(D-RI\)](#): Would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on efforts of the Secretaries to engage U.S. manufacturers in procurement opportunities related to equipping the Afghan National Security Forces.

(317) [Sinema \(D-AZ\)](#): Would direct the Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Secretary of State to pursue efforts to shut down ISIL's illicit oil revenues and to report on resources need to counter ISIL's oil revenues.

(19) [Poe \(R-TX\)](#): Would require an assessment of U.S.' efforts to disrupt and prevent foreign fighters traveling to Syria and Iraq and disrupt and prevent foreign fighters in Syria and Iraq traveling to the U.S..

(245) [Blumenauer \(D-OR\)](#): Would amend the [Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009](#) by clarifying that Afghan allies who have assisted the U.S. military and possessing special immigrant status are not made ineligible for the Special Immigrant Visa program as a result of the change in mission name from International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to Operation Resolute Support.

(291) [Lamborn \(R-CO\)](#): Would prohibit any military-to-military exchange or contact to be conducted by the armed forces or Department of Defense civilians with representatives of the military or paramilitary forces (including the [IRGC](#)) of the Islamic Republic of Iran until the Secretary certifies that Iran has ended its ballistic missile program, is no longer listed by the Secretary of State as a state sponsor of terrorism; and has recognized the Israel as a Jewish state.

(80) [Walorski \(R-IN\)](#): Would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State to provide to Congress, a copy of any security agreement or commitment provided by the U.S. to any country in the Middle East, including the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council, associated with Iran's nuclear weapons program. The Secretary of Defense would be prohibited from obligating or expending any funds for meeting any security agreements or commitments unless the Secretary certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the DOD has provided a copy of the agreement.

(266) [Ellison \(D-MN\)](#): Would state that nothing in the NDAA would be construed to authorize the use of military force against Iran.

(315) [Rogers, Mike \(R-AL\)](#): Would express a sense of the Congress concerning missile defense cooperation with Japan, and would require an update from DOD not later than 30 days after the NDAA's enactment on the sale of Aegis Ashore capability to allies, including Japan.

(69) [Walker \(R-NC\)](#): Would require that the Secretary of Defense invite military forces of Taiwan to participate in any maritime including the Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) if the Secretary has invited the military forces of People's Republic of China to participate in such exercise.

(45) [Kelly \(R-PA\)](#): Would prohibit funds from being used to implement the UN Arms Trade Treaty unless the Senate approves a resolution of ratification for the treaty and implementing legislation for the treaty has been enacted.

(309) [Lamborn \(R-CO\)](#): Would require a report on actions taken by the U.S. Government to ensure that Qatar is preventing terrorist leaders and financiers from operating in its country.

(292) [Lamborn \(R-CO\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that Jordan is one of our most important allies in the region and the U.S. should support Jordan's military efforts to the greatest extent possible, including by providing military equipment and training. The amendment would also express and that the president should make every effort to ensure rapid responses to any military requests for assistance from Jordan.

(134) [Royce \(R-CA\)](#): Would express the sense of Congress that combating Boko Haram is in the national security interest of the U.S. and that the U.S. should support regional allies in their operations against Boko Haram. Would require a report that details the security assistance required and received by regional partners to combat Boko Haram.

(37) [Schweikert \(R-AZ\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that it is a national security priority of the U.S. to support the Republic of Tunisia and to cooperate with Tunisia by providing assistance to combat the growing terrorist threat from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) or other terrorist organizations.

(107) [Turner \(R-OH\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and encourages the U.S. to work with current and aspiring NATO partners to address security threats facing the alliance.

(235) [Cicilline \(D-RI\)](#): Would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to jointly submit to Congress an assessment of the military capability of the Republic of Cyprus to defend against threats to its national security, including threats posed by hostile foreign governments and international terrorist groups. Some [concerns](#) exist over the Republic of Cyprus' relations with Russian Federation.

(302) [Crowley \(D-NY\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that the U.S. should continue to expand defense cooperation with the Republic of India, and should welcome the role of the Republic of India in providing security and stability in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond.

(103) [Dingell \(D-MI\)](#): Would express the sense of Congress that the president should exercise his authorities to evacuate U.S. citizens and nationals from Yemen during the ongoing conflict.

(140) [Engel \(D-NY\)](#): Would require a report to Congress on the impact of any significant reduction in U.S. troop levels or material in Europe on NATO's core mission of collective defense before any such reduction takes place.

(313) [Vela \(D-TX\)](#): Would require a report on violence and cartel activity in Mexico and the impact on U.S. National Security.

(176) [Kilmer \(WA\)](#): Would require congressional notification prior to initiating a furlough and prohibits the transfer of work that would have been conducted by those furloughed to other DOD employees, contractors, or members of the armed forces.

(88) [Nolan \(D-MN\)](#): Would prohibit funding from the Syria and Iraq Train and Equip programs to recipients that the Secretary of Defense has reported as having previously misused provided training and equipment.

(168) [Lujan Grisham \(D-NM\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should submit a plan to Congress on how the department plans to implement the recommendations of the [nuclear enterprise reviews](#).

(289) [Quigley \(D-IL\)](#): Would require the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress justifying the departments plans to increase the number of new nuclear-armed cruise missiles, known as the [Long Range Standoff Weapon](#), to the U.S. arsenal.

(316) [Rogers, Mike \(R-AL\)](#): Would make a series of technical corrections to sections 1669 and 1670 concerning US-Israeli missile defense cooperation.

(129) [Foster \(D-IL\)](#): Would require the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to submit to Congress a cost analysis of a space-based ballistic intercept and defeat layer.

(260) [Turner \(R-OH\)](#): Would require the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to notify congressional defense committees of the preferred location in the U.S. for the future deployment of an interceptor capable of protecting the homeland.

(288) [Quigley \(D-IL\)](#): Would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report to Congress comparing the costs associated with extending the life of the Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile with the costs associated with procuring a new ground based strategic deterrent. More information on the importance of nuclear deterrence and the need to modernize the U.S. nuclear triad can be found [here](#).

(135) [Castor \(D-FL\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should take into consideration, when prioritizing base housing projects, commuting times for base personnel and land available for development on the base.

(47) [Loebsack \(D-IA\)](#): Would provide DOD the authorities to lease real or personal property to the commander of military manufacturing arsenals or, if part of a larger military installation, the installation commander for the purposes of leveraging private investment at military manufacturing arsenals through long-term facility use contracts, property management contracts, leases, or other such agreements. The amendment would not supersede authorities in [section 4544 of title 10, U.S. Code](#), and is designed to give the commander of military manufacturing arsenals or, if part of a larger military installation, the installation commander, greater flexibility to utilize unused administrative and warehouse space at military installations.

(243) [Scalise \(R-LA\)](#): Would authorize the Secretary of the Army to release the existing terms and conditions on a parcel of property at Camp Villere, Louisiana, enabling the Louisiana Army National Guard to transfer the land to Louisiana in exchange for another parcel of land that has been identified, provided that the state carry out the necessary actions required.

(29) [Young, Don \(R-AK\)](#): Would direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a land conveyance of approximately 1,290 acres of public land, withdrawn by the Secretary of the Interior under Public Land Order 843 for use by the Secretary of the Air Force, to the Town of Galena, Alaska.

(117) [Sanchez, Loretta \(D-CA\)](#): Would modify [section 2537, title 50 U.S. Code](#), to add that existing nuclear weapon systems would be considered undergoing life extension if the expected total cost of the associated activities, including activities considered alterations, will exceed \$1 billion.

(214) [Lujan Grisham \(D-NM\)](#): Would create a pilot program in which the Department of Energy establishes a microlab that is accessible to the public.

(228) [Hunter \(R-CA\)](#): Would provide a one-year increase of \$24 million in maritime security program funding. A matching offset would be taken from section 4101 for Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy, Auxiliaries, Craft and Prior Year Program Cost, Outfitting (Line 020) account.

(109) [Sessions \(R-TX\)](#): Would authorize the Administrator of the Maritime Administration to (1) accept a gift of money from the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Alumni Association and Foundation, Inc. in order to renovate Melville Hall on the campus of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; and (2) provide the option to enter into a contract with the foundation for the hall's operation. Would also provide that all excess proceeds would be used solely for the morale and welfare of the cadets.

(353) [Carter, John \(R-TX\)](#): Would require the DOD to establish a process by which the commander of a military installation in the U.S. may authorize a member of the armed forces who is assigned to duty at the installation to carry a concealed personal firearm on the installation if the commander determines it to be necessary as a personal- or force-protection measure. The amendment also sets certain qualifications to be eligible to be authorized to carry a concealed personal firearm on a military installation. **[Heritage Action](#) has indicated that they will key vote "yes" in support of this amendment.**

(351) [Lobiondo \(R-NJ\)](#): Would express a sense of Congress that while recruitment and advertising in support of the armed forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, is appropriate, the taxpayer should not have to pay any organization to honor the service of members of the armed forces. Instead of being paid by the Department of Defense to honor the service of members of the armed forces, these organizations should be motivated by patriotism to honor the service of members of the armed forces out of their own free will. The amendment would also states that any funds that the Department of Defense would have used should be redirected toward post-traumatic stress disorder research and treatment for members of the armed forces.

(350) [Nunes \(R-CA\)](#): Would clarify that any realignment of forces at Lajes Air Force Base, Azores, would be based on U.S. operational requirements.

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