

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 8 ____ . SHIPPING CONTAINER SUPPLY CHAIN.

2 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) House Report 118–301 accompanying the
4 National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
5 2024 (Public Law 118–31) directed the Secretary of
6 the Army, in coordination with the Commanding
7 General, Army Materiel Command and the Assistant
8 Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics,
9 and Technology to provide a briefing on the costs
10 and estimated funding profile as it relates to the or-
11 ganic industrial base modernization strategy, and fa-
12 cility efforts required to support opportunities for
13 organic industrial base augmentation at Blue Grass
14 Army Depot in Kentucky.

15 (2) The briefing was directed to explore Blue
16 Grass Army Depot as a potential site for the pro-
17 duction of metal shipping containers.

18 (3) China produces most shipping containers
19 and the Department of Defense sources nearly all

1 containers from Asia or assembles container kits in
2 the United States from foreign-producers.

3 (4) Establishing a domestic source for metal
4 shipping containers would reduce reliance on foreign
5 sources.

6 (5) The reliance on foreign adversary nations
7 for standard and specialty shipping containers pre-
8 sents a national security risk, particularly in times
9 of crisis.

10 (6) The Department of Defense must have ac-
11 cess to domestically produced shipping containers to
12 meet operational readiness and logistical require-
13 ments.

14 (7) The defense industrial base must be
15 strengthened to ensure secure supply chains and un-
16 interrupted access to critical shipping components.

17 (8) Establishing domestic production facilities
18 will create jobs, improve economic resilience, and en-
19 hance national security.

20 (9) Domestic production of shipping containers
21 is essential to national security and economic resil-
22 ience.

23 (10) To ensure the integrity of the defense in-
24 dustrial base, shipping containers procured under
25 this Act should be manufacturing in the United

1 States by domestic entities using domestically pro-
2 duced steel and other critical materials and compo-
3 nents.

4 (b) NATIONAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT.—

5 (1) ASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN RELIANCE.—Not
6 later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act,
7 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress
8 an assessment on the national security implications
9 of the reliance of the United States on foreign ad-
10 versary countries for the production of standard and
11 specialty shipping containers.

12 (2) ASSESSMENT CONTENTS.—The assessment
13 required by paragraph (1) shall include—

14 (A) a detailed evaluation of the ability of
15 the Department of Defense to acquire standard
16 and specialty shipping containers from sources
17 other than sources located in covered nations
18 (as defined in section 4872 of title 10, United
19 States Code);

20 (B) an identification of the barriers to the
21 acquisition of standard and specialty shipping
22 contains from domestic sources and rec-
23 ommendations to mitigate such barriers; and

24 (C) a timeline for transitioning the Depart-
25 ment to acquiring standard and specialty ship-

1 ping containers from sources other than sources
2 located in foreign adversary.

3 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION CA-
4 PABILITY.—

5 (1) PRIMARY PRODUCTION FACILITY.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Decem-
7 ber 31, 2028, the Secretary of Defense shall de-
8 velop a requirement to establish a facility for
9 the production of standard shipping containers
10 at a depot of the Army that—

11 (i) has a consolidated shipping center;

12 (ii) is part of the organic industrial
13 base; and

14 (iii) is located in the United States.

15 (B) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of
16 Defense shall seek to enter into a public-private
17 partnership to establish and operate the facility
18 established pursuant to the requirement devel-
19 oped under subparagraph (A).

20 (2) SECONDARY PRODUCTION FACILITY.—Not
21 later than December 31, 2028, the Secretary shall
22 evaluate locations to establish a second facility for
23 the production of standard shipping containers that
24 is located in the United States.

25 (d) READINESS AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) STANDARD SHIPPING CONTAINS.—The Sec-
2 retary of Defense shall quantify the yearly demand
3 and usage by the Department of Defense for the
4 eight standard shipping container types, including—

5 (A) bill of materials verification; and

6 (B) model and drawing verification.

7 (2) SPECIALTY SHIPPING CONTAINS.—The Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall assess the yearly readiness
9 and logistical requirements of the Department of
10 Defense for specialty shipping containers by weapons
11 system.

12 (3) INTEGRATION OF SENSOR AND COMMUNICA-
13 TION SYSTEMS.—

14 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180
15 days after the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
16 retary of Defense shall assess and submit to
17 Congress a report on the potential benefits of
18 incorporating into the design and production of
19 standard and specialty shipping containers used
20 by the Department of Defense a diverse set of
21 communications equipment and sensors that are
22 capable of providing real-time data on location,
23 contents, usage, and other critical information
24 relevant to national defense purposes.

1 (B) REPORT CONTENTS.—The report re-
2 quired by subparagraph (A) shall include—

3 (i) an assessment of the feasibility of
4 embedding in standard and specialty ship-
5 ping containers used by the Department of
6 Defense the communications equipment
7 and sensors described in such subpara-
8 graph, including sensors integrated into
9 container flooring, for satellite-based track-
10 ing and monitoring;

11 (ii) recommendations for collaboration
12 with private industry partners to develop
13 and implement in such shipping containers
14 such communications equipment and sen-
15 sors; and

16 (iii) an evaluation of how such com-
17 munications equipment and sensors embed-
18 ded in such shipping containers could en-
19 hance the security and resilience of the
20 supply chain of the Department.

21 (e) INCENTIVIZING COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL BASE
22 PARTICIPATION.—

23 (1) INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION.—Not later than
24 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
25 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the

1 Secretary of Commerce, shall develop initiatives to
2 encourage the production of shipping containers for
3 both defense and commercial use by entities other
4 than those located in covered nations (as defined in
5 section 4872 of title 10, United States Code).

6 (2) COMMON AND UNIQUE COMPONENT IDENTI-
7 FICATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date
8 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of De-
9 fense shall assess and identify common and unique
10 components necessary for standard and specialty
11 shipping containers to streamline the production and
12 enhance the cost efficiency of such shipping con-
13 tainers.

14 (f) REPORTING.—Not later than 60 days after the
15 end of the first fiscal year ending after the date of the
16 enactment of this Act, and not later than 60 days after
17 the end of each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of De-
18 fense shall submit to Congress a report detailing the
19 progress on the establishment of domestic facilities for the
20 production of shipping containers under subsection (c)(1).

21 (g) TERMINATION.—This section shall terminate on
22 the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to
23 Congress a certification that the sufficient standard and
24 specialty shipping contains are available solely from do-

1 mestic sources to meet the national security needs of the
2 United States.

