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Page 85, after line 24, insert the following:

SEC. 316. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

(a) Cost Competitiveness Requirement.—
(1) In general.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Defense shall not purchase alternative energy unless such energy is equivalent to conventional energy in terms of cost and capabilities.

(2) Cost calculation.—The cost of each energy source described in paragraph (1) shall be calculated on a pre-tax basis in terms of life-cycle cost. Such calculation shall take into account—
(A) all associated Federal grants, subsidies and tax incentives applied from the point of production to consumption;
(B) fixed and variable operations and maintenance costs; and
(C) in the case of fuel, fully burdened costs, including all associated transportation
and security from the point of purchase to delivery to the end user.

(3) RESEARCH EXEMPTION.—Nothing in this Act is intended to prohibit alternative energy research by the Department.

(b) PROHIBITION ON RENEWABLE ENERGY MANDATES.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2018 for the Department of Defense shall be used to carry out any provision of law that requires the Department of Defense to consume renewable energy, unless such energy meets the requirements of subsection (a).