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Page 743, insert after line 16 the following (and redesignate the subsequent provisions accordingly):

SEC. 20208. ENSURING CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY IMPACTS OF URANIUM AS A CRITICAL MINERAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary of Commerce, shall conduct an assessment of the effect on national security that would result from uranium ceasing to be designated as a critical mineral by the Secretary of the Interior under section 7002(c) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(c)).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United States Code) a report on the findings of the assessment conducted under subsection (a), including—
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(1) the effects of the loss of domestic uranium
production, conversion, fabrication, and enrichment
on—

(A) Federal national security programs, in-
cluding any existing and potential future uses
of unobligated uranium originating from domes-
tic sources; and

(B) the energy security of the United
States;

(2) a description of the extent of the reliance of
the United States on imports of uranium from for-
eign sources, including from state-owned entities, to
supply fuel for commercial reactors; and

(3) the effects of such reliance and other fac-
tors on the domestic production, conversion, fabrica-
tion, and enrichment of uranium.

(c) Uranium Critical Mineral Designation
Change Restricted.—Notwithstanding section 7002(c)
of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C. 1606(c)), until the
submission of the report required under subsection (b), the
designation of uranium as a critical mineral pursuant to
such section may not be altered or eliminated.