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Rules # 222 REVISED

At the end of subtitle C of title II (page 58, after line 5), add the following new section:

1 SEC. 226. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING FFRDC FACILITATION OF A HIGH QUALITY TECHNICAL WORKFORCE.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The quality of the United States’ future scientific and technical workforce is a matter of national security concern.

(2) Department of Defense support for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education programs facilitates the training of a future scientific and technical workforce that will contribute significantly to Department of Defense research, development, test, and evaluation functions, and the readiness of the future force.

(3) Federally Funded Research and Development Centers sponsored by the Department of De-
fense employ a highly skilled workforce that is qualified to support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education initiatives, including through meaningful volunteer opportunities in primary and secondary educational settings, and through cooperative relationships and arrangements with private sector organizations and State and local governments, to facilitate the training of a future scientific and technical workforce.

(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the Sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should explore using existing authorities for promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs, such as section 233 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), to allow Federally Funded Research and Development Centers to help facilitate and shape a high quality scientific and technical future workforce that can support Department of Defense needs.