

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8\_\_ . DEVELOPMENT OF PROCUREMENT ADMINIS-**  
2 **TRATIVE LEAD TIME.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
5 shall develop, make available for public comment, and fi-  
6 nalize—

7 (1) a definition of the term “Procurement Ad-  
8 ministrative Lead Time” or “PALT”, to be applied  
9 Department of Defense-wide, that describes the  
10 amount of time from the date on which a solicitation  
11 is issued to the date of an initial award of a contract  
12 or task order of the Department of Defense; and

13 (2) a plan for measuring and publicly reporting  
14 data on PALT for Department of Defense contracts  
15 and task orders above the micro-purchase threshold.

16 (b) REQUIREMENT FOR DEFINITION.—Unless the  
17 Secretary determines otherwise, the amount of time in the  
18 definition of PALT developed under subsection (a) shall—

1           (1) begin on the date on which a solicitation is  
2           issued for a contract or task order of the Depart-  
3           ment of Defense by the Secretary of a military de-  
4           partment or head of a Defense Agency; and

5           (2) end on the date of an initial award of the  
6           contract or task order.

7           (c) DEVIATION FROM PALT MILESTONES.—The  
8           Secretary may deviate from current PALT milestones as  
9           the Secretary determines necessary, to develop the defini-  
10          tion of PALT under subsection (a).

11          (d) COORDINATION.—In developing the definition of  
12          PALT, the Secretary shall coordinate with the senior con-  
13          tracting official of each military department and Defense  
14          Agency to determine the variations of the definition in use  
15          across the Department of Defense and each military de-  
16          partment and Defense Agency.

17          (e) USE OF EXISTING PROCUREMENT DATA SYS-  
18          TEMS.—In developing the plan for measuring and publicly  
19          reporting data on PALT required by subsection (a), the  
20          Secretary shall consider, to the maximum extent prac-  
21          ticable, relying on the information captured by the Federal  
22          procurement data system established pursuant to section  
23          1122(a)(4) of title 41, United States Code (or any similar  
24          or successor system).

