AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA

At the appropriate place in subtitle E of title VIII, insert the following:

SEC. 8. STUDY ON MINERAL WITHDRAWALS EFFECTS ON FOREIGN RELIANCE.

(a) In General.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct a study on the effects of proposed mineral withdrawals affecting domestic production of iron and critical minerals on the reliance of the defense supply chain on China, Russia, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia and child slave labor to meet the requirements of the defense supply chain for iron and such critical minerals.

(b) Report.—Not later than three months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a).

(c) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Critical Minerals.—The term “critical minerals” has the meaning given such term in section 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C.
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1606(a)) except that such term shall not exclude materials described in subsection (a)(3)(B)(iii) of such section.

(2) MINERAL WITHDRAWALS.—The term “mineral withdrawals” means a withdrawal (as such term is defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702)) from disposition under mineral leasing laws.