

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

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

1 **SEC. 8 ____ . ENHANCED MISSION CAPABILITY AND EXPERI-**
2 **MENTATION AUTHORITIES TO ACCELERATE**
3 **IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT ALL DOMAIN**
4 **COMMAND AND CONTROL.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Deputy Chief Technology Of-
6 ficer for Mission Capabilities in the Office of the Under
7 Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering may
8 exercise the authorities described in subsection (b) in ac-
9 cordance with this section to facilitate the development
10 and implementation of joint all domain command and con-
11 trol by continuously identifying and prototyping tech-
12 nologies and operational concepts to use existing capabili-
13 ties to address the most critical challenges of the Joint
14 Force.

15 (b) AUTHORITIES.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The authorities described in
17 this subsection are—

1 (A) the authority to enter contracts to ac-
2 quire goods and services in an amount not ex-
3 ceeding \$50,000,000; and

4 (B) except as otherwise provided by this
5 section, the authority to appoint, prescribe rates
6 of pay for, and provide additional pay to highly
7 qualified experts in the same manner as the
8 Secretary of Defense under section 9903 of title
9 5, United States Code.

10 (2) ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—The laws and
11 regulations applicable to acquisitions of goods and
12 services by the Secretary of Defense shall apply to
13 the acquisition of goods and services by the Deputy
14 Chief pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(A).

15 (3) HIRING AUTHORITIES.—

16 (A) APPOINTMENT LIMITS.—When exer-
17 cising the authority described in subsection
18 (b)(1)(B) under subsection (a), the Deputy
19 Chief may—

20 (i) appoint only individuals with dem-
21 onstrated expertise in the development,
22 testing, production, and delivery or inte-
23 gration of modular systems and major sys-
24 tem components (as defined in section
25 4401(b) of title 10, United States Code),

1 including autonomous vehicles, advanced
2 sensors and radio systems, and software
3 systems; and

4 (ii) appoint individuals to not more
5 than 12 positions as program managers in
6 the Office of the Under Secretary of De-
7 fense for Research and Engineering

8 (B) TERM EXTENSION.—Notwithstanding
9 subsection (c)(2) of section 9903 of title 5,
10 United States Code, the Deputy Chief may ex-
11 tend the period which an employee appointed
12 pursuant to subsection (b)(1)(C) of this Act
13 may serve by up to seven additional years.

14 (C) EXCEPTED SERVICE POSITIONS.—
15 Each position to which the Deputy Chief may
16 appoint an individual pursuant to subsection
17 (b)(1)(C) shall be in the excepted service (as
18 such term is defined in section 2103 of title 5,
19 United States Code).

20 (c) PRIORITIZATION.—In carrying out this section,
21 the Deputy Chief shall prioritize technologies and oper-
22 ational concepts enabled or enhanced by novel technologies
23 or novel uses of existing technologies—

1 (1) that have been developed based on analyses
2 of the operational challenges of combatant com-
3 mands; and

4 (2) which the Deputy Chief may evaluate in col-
5 laboration with other elements of the Department of
6 Defense or members of the intelligence community
7 (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act
8 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)).

9 (d) RESPONSIBILITIES.—In carrying out this section,
10 the Deputy Chief shall—

11 (1) provide technical support for the Joint
12 Force to identify and evaluate new capabilities, oper-
13 ational concepts, and systems-of-systems composi-
14 tion, including through advanced modeling and sim-
15 ulation; and

16 (2) have such other responsibilities as the Sec-
17 retary of Defense determines appropriate.

18 (e) EVALUATION COORDINATION.—The Deputy Chief
19 shall, in coordination with the Executive Director for Ac-
20 quisition, Integration, and Interoperability in the Office
21 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
22 Sustainment, assess the feasibility of acquiring, imple-
23 menting, and sustaining each technology and operational
24 concept evaluated under this section for the purpose of
25 determining whether the technology or operational concept

1 is capable of addressing a critical challenge of the Joint
2 Force.

3 (f) BRIEFINGS REQUIRED.—Not later than 180 days
4 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Deputy Chief
5 shall provide briefings to the congressional defense com-
6 mittees on their plans and activities to carry out the activi-
7 ties described in this section.

8 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9 (1) DEPUTY CHIEF.—The term “Deputy Chief”
10 means the Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Mis-
11 sion Capabilities in the Office of the Under Sec-
12 retary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

13 (2) SYSTEM-OF-SYSTEMS COMPOSITION.—The
14 term “system-of-systems composition” means a set
15 of weapons, mission systems, software, and other
16 technical capabilities that operate in conjunction to
17 carry out an operational concept.

