AMENDMENT TO

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OFFERED BY MR. ISSA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle G of title X, add the following:

1 **SEC. 10___. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ADVISORY PANEL**
2 **TO REVIEW TECHNOLOGIES, PROCESSES AND**
3 **INVESTMENT RELATED TO COMBINED/JOINT**
4 **ALL DOMAIN COMMAND AND CONTROL.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall convene a joint panel consisting of senior representa-
7 tives from the Department of Defense (including senior
8 representatives from the Office of the Under Secretary of
9 Defense for Research and Engineering, the Office of the
10 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and
11 Sustainment, and the office of the Chief Digital and Arti-
12 ficial Intelligence Officer), privately- and publicly-funded
13 companies representing traditional and non-traditional de-
14 fense contractors of hardware and software vendors, and
15 non-profit public policy organizations (hereafter in this
16 section referred to as the "joint panel") to identify, form,
17 promote, and review investment in technologies that will
18 rapidly advance the integration of systems, including

1 weapon systems, from across domains and services nec-

2 essary to achieve the vision of C/JADC2.

3 (b) MANDATORY AREAS OF REVIEW.— The joint

4 panel shall review technology areas, processes, and related

5 investment applicable to C/JADC2, including the fol-

6 lowing:

7 (1) Processes for integrating joint effects chains

8 to support priority operational challenges.

9 (2) Data architectures, including potential roles

10 for artificial intelligence and machine learning tech-

11 nologies.

12 (3) Achieving a platform-agnostic joint common

13 operating picture through data accessibility, inter-

14 operability, and integration into combatant com-

15 mand workflows, to assist the incorporation of com-

16 mercial communications technologies.

17 (4) Networking technologies, including potential

18 roles for artificial intelligence and machine learning.

19 (5) Enterprise and edge cloud technologies.

20 (6) Interoperability technologies, including soft-

21 ware programs like STITCHES.

22 (7) Interoperability technologies to integrate ve-

23 hicles out of the Replicator project with relevant bat-

24 tle networks.

1 (c) NEAR- AND LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES.—The joint
2 panel shall give equal focus to joint prototyping and inte-
3 gration to address near-term operational challenges and
4 long-term integration of the joint force, prioritizing C/
5 JADC2 technologies and investments that can be imple-
6 mented into fielded assets across the services within 3
7 years of the date of the enactment of this section and ex-
8 tendable into the future.

9 (d) TIMELINE.—The joint panel shall be established
10 and members selected no later than 90 days after the date
11 of the enactment of this section.

12 (e) MEETINGS.—The joint panel shall meet as deter-
13 mined by the Secretary of Defense but not less frequently
14 than a quarterly annual basis.

15 (f) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary of De-
16 fense shall provide an interim report and briefing to the
17 Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House
18 of Representatives not later than 180 days after date of
19 the enactment of this section, and a briefing annually
20 thereafter, each of which shall include the following ele-
21 ments: —

22 (1) The names of the members of joint panel
23 and their qualifications.

24 (2) The goals of the joint panel review.

1   (3) The proposed timeline of the joint panels

2 work, including the proposed milestones toward

3 which the joint panel is working.

4   (4) An assessment of the gaps the Department

5 of Defense needs the joint panel to address to

6 achieve interoperability of military platforms and the

7 development and deployment of C/JADC2 enabling

8 capabilities.

9   (5) Any other information the Secretary deems

10 relevant or authorities necessary to carry out the

11 work of the join panel.

12   (g) INAPPLICABILITY OF FACA.—The meetings and

13 discussion of the joint panel shall not be subject to the

14 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

15   (h) SUNSET.—This section shall not apply after De-

16 cember 31, 2028.

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