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At the end of title XI, add the following:

SEC. 1113. ACTING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE APPEARANCES BEFORE CONGRESS.

(a) INITIAL APPEARANCE.—Not later than 60 days after the date that a vacancy occurs with respect to the position of Secretary of Defense, the Acting Secretary of Defense shall appear before the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives.

(b) SUBSEQUENT APPEARANCES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Forty five days following the first appearance under subsection (a), and every 45 days thereafter until an individual is confirmed by the Senate as Secretary of Defense, the Acting Secretary shall testify, on an alternating basis, before the Armed Services Committee of the House and the Senate.

(2) WAIVER.—The chair of either such Committee may waive the requirement of paragraph (1).