AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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OFFERED BY MR. LANGEVIN OF RHODE ISLAND

Add at the end of title LII, add the following new section:

SEC. 52. ENHANCED ROLE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR RESEARCH AND ENGINEERING ON THE JOINT REQUIREMENTS OVERSIGHT COUNCIL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 181 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting “the Secretary of Defense and” before “the Chairman”;

(B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) through (6) as paragraphs (3) through (7), respectively;

(C) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraph:

“(2) increasing awareness of global technology trends, threats, and adversary capabilities to address gaps in joint military capabilities and validate tech-
technical feasibility of requirements developed by the military departments;”;

(D) in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (4) (as so redesignated), by inserting “the Secretary of Defense and” before “the Chairman”; and

(E) in paragraph (5) (as so redesignated), by inserting “the Secretary of Defense and” before “the Chairman”;

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) through (F) as subparagraphs (C) through (G), respectively; and

(ii) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:

“(B) The Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, who shall serve as the Chief Science Advisor to the Council.”; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking “subparagraphs (B), (C), (D), and (E)” and inserting “subparagraphs (C), (D), (E), and (F)”;

and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by striking subparagraph (D); and
(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (E) through (H) as subparagraphs (D) through (G), respectively.

(b) RECOMMENDATION ON EXTENSION.—Not later than March 1, 2023, the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a recommendation regarding whether the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering should be designated as the co-chair of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council. The report should include the reasons behind the recommendation and a description of the additional resources and staff that would be required to support such designation. The report may also include input from each member or advisor of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council.