

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle F of title VIII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8___ . INCREASED COMPETITIVE OPPORTUNITIES AND**
2 **STRATEGY FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL TECH-**
3 **NOLOGY CONTRACTORS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITIES.**—

5 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall seek to increase competitive opportunities for
7 appropriate U.S. companies to be awarded prime
8 contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or other
9 transactions for commercial products or dual-use ca-
10 pabilities of which any component primarily relates
11 to critical technology.

12 (2) **STRATEGY.**—Not later than 120 days after
13 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
14 of Defense shall develop and implement a com-
15 prehensive strategy to increase competitive opportu-
16 nities available for appropriate U.S. companies and
17 protect the integrity of the defense industrial base.

18 The strategy shall include the following:

1 (A) A description of methods to enhance
2 the availability of funds authorized by sections
3 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code,
4 for appropriate U.S. companies to develop end
5 items of critical technologies, to rapidly proto-
6 type such end items, to conduct continuous ex-
7 perimentation to improve such end items, and
8 to deliver capabilities to the Department of De-
9 fense.

10 (B) Processes to monitor and mitigate
11 risks to the defense industrial base.

12 (C) Processes to improve coordination by
13 the military departments and other elements of
14 the Department of Defense to carry out sub-
15 paragraphs (A) and (B).

16 (b) REPORT.—Along with the report required under
17 section 4814 of title 10, United States Code, that is due
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 of Defense, in consultation with appropriate U.S. compa-
20 nies, shall submit a report on the implementation of the
21 strategy required in subsection (a)(2) and progress made
22 to monitor and mitigate risks to the defense industrial
23 base.

24 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) The term “appropriate U.S. company”
2 means—

3 (A) a nontraditional defense contractor, as
4 defined in section 3014 of title 10, United
5 States Code; or

6 (B) a prime contractor that has entered
7 into a cooperative agreement with a nontradi-
8 tional defense contractor with the express intent
9 to pursue funding authorized by sections 4021
10 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code, in the
11 development, testing, or prototyping of critical
12 technologies.

13 (2) The term “commercial product” has the
14 meaning given in section 3011 of title 10, United
15 States Code.

16 (3) The term “dual-use” has the meaning given
17 in section 4801 of title 10, United States Code.

18 (4) The term “critical technology” means a
19 technology identified as critical by the Secretary of
20 Defense, which shall include—

21 (A) biotechnology;

22 (B) quantum science;

23 (C) advanced materials;

24 (D) artificial intelligence and machine
25 learning;

- 1 (E) microelectronics;
- 2 (F) space technology;
- 3 (G) advanced computing and software;
- 4 (H) hypersonics;
- 5 (I) integrated sensing and cyber;
- 6 (J) autonomous systems;
- 7 (K) unmanned systems;
- 8 (L) advanced sensing systems; and
- 9 (M) advanced communications systems.

