

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subsection (b) of section 225, add the following:

- 1 (4) The Secretary shall carry out the pilot pro-
2 gram described in subsection (e).

In subsection (c) of section 225—

- (1) redesignate paragraph (6) as paragraph (7);
and

- (2) insert after paragraph (5) the following:

- 3 (6) An assessment of opportunities to test,
4 evaluate, and, where appropriate, incorporate domes-
5 tically produced, nutrient-dense, shelf-stable agricul-
6 tural products, including products derived from
7 fruits, vegetables, and tree nuts where such products
8 meet applicable military nutrition, food safety, shelf-
9 life, packaging, storage, transportation, cost, and
10 warfighter-acceptability requirements, into military
11 ration components produced with emerging and in-
12 novative food processing technologies, including an
13 evaluation of shelf life, weight, volume, packaging,

1 storage, food safety, nutrition, cost, warfighter ac-
2 ceptability, domestic availability, potential benefits
3 for military operations in a contested logistics envi-
4 ronment, and performance in operational feeding en-
5 vironments, including hot-weather, austere, ship-
6 board, expeditionary, and long-duration storage con-
7 ditions.

At the end of section 225, add the following:

8 (d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in para-
9 graph (6) of subsection (c) shall be construed to—

10 (1) require the Department of Defense to pur-
11 chase a specific commodity, product, brand, quan-
12 tity, or class of agricultural product;

13 (2) require the Department of Defense to enter
14 into a contract with a specific vendor;

15 (3) establish a preference for a specific State,
16 region, commodity, product, brand, vendor, or agri-
17 cultural sector;

18 (4) waive competition, food safety, domestic
19 source, best value, nutrition, shelf-life, packaging,
20 storage, transportation, inspection, sanitation, or
21 procurement requirements otherwise applicable
22 under law;

23 (5) alter the requirements of section 4862 of
24 title 10, United States Code; or

1 (6) authorize the appropriation of additional
2 funds.

3 (e) PILOT PROGRAM ON DOMESTIC SPECIALTY CROP
4 RATION AND DINING FACILITY INTEGRATION.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Using amounts otherwise
6 available, and beginning not later than 180 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program to
9 procure, test, and evaluate domestically produced
10 specialty crops, and products derived from such
11 crops, for incorporation into—

12 (A) not fewer than three military ration
13 components, including shelf-stable products de-
14 rived from fruits, vegetables, or tree nuts; and

15 (B) fresh fruit, vegetable, and tree nut
16 procurement for dining facility feeding oper-
17 ations at not fewer than five military installa-
18 tions.

19 (2) BASELINE AND METRICS.—In carrying out
20 the pilot program, the Secretary of Defense shall—

21 (A) establish a baseline level of procure-
22 ment of domestically produced specialty crops,
23 and products derived from such crops, for the
24 rations and installations selected under para-
25 graph (1);

1 (B) measure the dollar value, volume, com-
2 modity type, product form, cost, nutrition, shelf
3 life where applicable, warfighter acceptability,
4 and performance in operational feeding environ-
5 ments of such products; and

6 (C) assess effects on domestic specialty
7 crop availability, supply chain resilience, and
8 military operations in a contested logistics envi-
9 ronment.

10 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—The pilot pro-
11 gram under this subsection shall be carried out sub-
12 ject to the competition, food safety, domestic source,
13 best value, inspection, sanitation, and procurement
14 requirements otherwise applicable under law, includ-
15 ing section 4862 of title 10, United States Code.

16 (4) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the
17 date on which the pilot program commences, and an-
18 nually thereafter for the duration of the program,
19 the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the con-
20 gressional defense committees a report on the results
21 of the pilot program, including—

22 (A) the dollar value, volume, commodity
23 type, and product form of domestically pro-
24 duced specialty crops, and products derived

1 from such crops, procured under the pilot pro-
2 gram;

3 (B) the rations and military installations
4 selected for the pilot program;

5 (C) any barriers to expanding the procure-
6 ment of domestically produced specialty crops
7 for military rations and dining facilities; and

8 (D) recommendations on whether and how
9 to expand the procurement of domestically pro-
10 duced specialty crops for military rations and
11 dining facilities.

12 (5) SPECIALTY CROP DEFINED.—In this sub-
13 section, the term “specialty crop” has the meaning
14 given that term under section 3 of the Specialty
15 Crops Competitiveness Act of 2004 (7 U.S.C. 1621
16 note).

