AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7900
OFFERED BY MR. PHILLIPS OF MINNESOTA

At the end of subtitle C of title XIII, add the following:

SEC. 13. INDEPENDENT STUDY ON INTERAGENCY EFFORTS TO COUNTER GRAY ZONE OPERATIONS OF RUSSIA, CHINA, IRAN, AND NORTH KOREA.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall seek to enter into an agreement with federally funded research and development center with relevant expertise to conduct an independent study of interagency efforts to counter gray zone operations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea.

(b) MATTER TO BE INCLUDED.—The study described in subsection (a) should include the following:

(1) A clear definition of “gray zone operations”.

(2) A synopsis of the threat of gray zone operations of Russia, China, Iran, and North Korea, including a case study of such operations with respect to each such country.

(3) The results of relevant reports published by the Comptroller General of the United States.
(4) A review of current government functions, including interagency functions, designed to counter gray zone operations of such countries.

(5) A review of how such current government functions fit into the current National Security Strategy and all relevant strategy documents across the United States Government.

(6) Policy and legislative recommendations for improvement of interagency efforts to counter gray zone operations of such countries, to include an assessment of a national coordination node (such as a National Gray Zone Director) to analyze threats and to synchronize all the elements of national power to counter such gray zone operations.

(c) REPORT TO SECRETARY.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense enters into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center under subsection (a), the center shall submit to the Secretary a report on the results of the review conducted under such subsection.

(d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense receives the report under subsection (c), the Secretary shall
submit the report to the appropriate congressional committees.

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(A) congressional defense committees; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.