

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. STAUBER OF MINNESOTA

At the end of subtitle D of title VIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8___. STUDY ON MINERAL WITHDRAWALS EFFECTS**
2 **ON FOREIGN RELIANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
4 conduct a study on the effects of proposed mineral with-
5 draws affecting domestic production of iron and critical
6 minerals on the reliance of the defense supply chain on
7 China, Russia, Indonesia, the Democratic Republic of the
8 Congo, Zambia and child slave labor to meet the require-
9 ments of the defense supply chain for iron and such crit-
10 ical minerals.

11 (b) REPORT.—Not later than three months after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
13 shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the
14 study conducted under subsection (a).

15 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

16 (1) CRITICAL MINERALS.—The term “critical
17 minerals” has the meaning given such term in sec-
18 tion 7002(a) of the Energy Act of 2020 (30 U.S.C.

1 1606(a)) except that such term shall not exclude
2 materials described in subsection (a)(3)(B)(iii) of
3 such section.

4 (2) MINERAL WITHDRAWALS.—The term “min-
5 eral withdrawals” means a withdrawal (as such term
6 is defined in section 103 of the Federal Land Policy
7 and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702))
8 from disposition under mineral leasing laws.

