

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670**  
**OFFERED BY MR. SIMPSON OF IDAHO**

Insert at the appropriate place in subtitle G of title  
VIII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 8 \_\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONSULTATION ON**  
2 **STRATEGIC MINERAL COVERED PROJECTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
4 consult with the Chief of the Forest Service and Director  
5 of the Bureau of Land Management on covered projects  
6 to ensure that NEPA reviews conducted by cooperating  
7 agencies of each such covered project are conducted in an  
8 efficient manner.

9 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) COOPERATING AGENCY.—The term “cooper-  
11 ating agency” means a Federal agency other than  
12 the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Manage-  
13 ment involved in a NEPA review of a covered  
14 project.

15 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered  
16 project” means a project that would produce any  
17 strategic mineral where the Forest Service or the  
18 Bureau of Land Management is the lead agency.

1           (3) NEPA REVIEW.—The term “NEPA review”  
2 means an environmental document required under  
3 section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental  
4 Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(C)).

5           (4) STRATEGIC MINERALS.—The term “stra-  
6 tegic minerals” means materials designated as stra-  
7 tegic and critical under section 3(a) of the Strategic  
8 and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C.  
9 98b(a)).

