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:

SEC. 8. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONSULTATION ON STRATEGIC MINERAL COVERED PROJECTS.

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

(b) Definitions.—In this section:

(1) Cooperating agency.—The term “cooperating agency” means a Federal agency other than the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management involved in a NEPA review of a covered project.

(2) Covered project.—The term “covered project” means a project that would produce any strategic mineral where the Forest Service or the Bureau of Land Management is the lead agency.
(3) NEPA review.—The term “NEPA review” means an environmental document required under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(C)).

(4) Strategic minerals.—The term “strategic minerals” means materials designated as strategic and critical under section 3(a) of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98b(a)).