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**MANAGERS PACKAGE TO THE FY25 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

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1. For Senator Shaheen:

Report language:

In appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Aqueous Film Forming Foam Destruction.—*The Committee is aware that the Department of Defense plans to update its guidance for implementing the Environmental Protection Agency’s Interim Guidance on the destruction and disposal of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances [PFAS] and materials containing PFAS. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to coordinate with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the guidance facilitates use of emerging technologies, as appropriate, such as supercritical water oxidation that destroy PFAS without the release of harmful byproducts. The Committee notes its historical strong support for aqueous film forming foam [AFFF] removal and directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees by October 30, 2024 on the impact of the proposed updated guidance of ongoing efforts for AFFF removal.”

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2. For Senator Merkley:

Report language:

In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Lifesaving Safety Stations.—*The Committee is aware of the General Services Administration's Bulletin FMR C-2024-01, "Safety Station Program Guidelines in Federal Facilities." The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide the congressional defense committees with a briefing, not later than 60 days after enactment of this act, on the Department of Defense's progress implementing these guidelines to establish automated external defibrillator, opioid reversal agents, and hemorrhagic control programs.”

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3. For Senator Rubio:

Report language:

At the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Reporting requirement for Unit Reallocation Considerations.—*The Committee recognizes that the Service Secretaries and Chief of the National Guard Bureau continue to seek opportunities to divest missions and units that lack requirements or are excess to capacity. The Committee notes that some of these units may be available for reallocation instead of full divestment, particularly within the National Guard. The Committee directs the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not less than 90 days after the enactment of this act, detailing the factors taken into consideration when determining the reallocation of units identified for divestment. The Chief of the National Guard Bureau is encouraged to include

operational tempo of a state’s National Guard as a metric for determining if reallocation of units to that state is needed to meet state and National missions.

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4. For Senator Rubio:

Report language:

In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Supporting the U.S.-Philippines Alliance – The Committee reaffirms the strong alliance between the United States and the Philippines during a time of increasing aggression by the People’s Republic of China in the South China Sea and in the Philippines’ exclusive economic zone. The Committee commends recent actions taken by the Department of Defense to further enhance and support deterrence efforts by the Philippines and recognizes the importance of additional infrastructure investments that are necessary to support the movement and operation of the military forces of the Philippines and United States in the event of a conflict. Accordingly, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this act detailing the funding required to enhance and harden identified mission critical military infrastructure in the Philippines.”*

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5. For Senator Hagerty:

Report language:

At the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Enhanced oversight of certain contracts and grants.—The Committee is concerned about research activities funded by the Department of Defense [DoD] that could benefit Chinese defense institutions. The Committee notes that the Department of Defense Inspector General [DODIG] and the Comptroller General of the United States have identified shortcomings in U.S. government systems used to track contracts and grants that inhibit the oversight of the Congress, DODIG, and the Government Accountability Office into research activities funded by the Department of Defense that could benefit Chinese defense entities. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, on corrective actions taken by the Department of Defense to address such shortcomings. The report shall also identify research funded by the Department in the last three fiscal years that involves entities of the People's Republic of China (PRC), the funding agency, the type of funding, which PRC entities were involved, the type of research project, publication, or other funding associated with DOD funding sources, the amount awarded, and the justification for the funding. The report shall also address what restrictions, if any, are placed upon the Department's basic research awards to performers with research ties to Chinese defense entities, and what mechanisms, if any, exist to mitigate potential counterintelligence concerns. The report shall be submitted in an unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.”*

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6. For Senator Merkley

Report Language:

In the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Procurement of Seafood Products Made With Forced Labor.*-The Committee directs the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, no later than 180 days after enactment of this act, assessing the extent to which the Department has policies and procedures in place to ensure that the food the Department procures does not include seafood prohibited under the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (Public Law 117-78) and section 321 of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Public Law 115-44).”

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7. For Senator Boozman:

Report Language:

Insert at the appropriate place in the WPN section on or around page 135 of the report, insert the following:

*“Weapons suppliers stability.* — The Committee is encouraged that the Department of the Navy is engaging in conversations to purchase components of weapons systems directly from sub-tier suppliers and believes that such actions will further bolster the defense industrial base while providing meaningful savings to taxpayers. The Committee encourages the Secretary of the Navy to expand such collaboration to improve the industrial base and capacity of qualified component manufacturers, including those of solid rocket motors.”

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8. For Senator Boozman:

Report Language:

Insert at the appropriate place on or around page 139 of the report, insert the following:

*“Marine Corps 40mm ammunition.* – The Committee notes the operational effectiveness of the Marine Corps Mk281 high velocity 40mm round. The Committee directs the Commandant of the Marine Corps to provide a briefing to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, not later than 90 days after enactment of this act, on the Marine Corps’ acquisition strategy for Mk281 high velocity 40mm rounds.”

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9. For Senator Reed:

Report language:

At appropriate place on page 208 of the report, insert the following:

*“Advanced Sensors Application Program.*—The Committee understands that the Department of Defense, at congressional direction, transitioned the Advanced Sensors Application Program [ASAP] to the Department of the Air Force earlier this year. The Committee notes that, since this is a transition year for the program, neither the Department of the Navy nor the Department of the Air Force requested funding for ASAP in the fiscal year 2025 President's budget request. The Committee expects the Secretary of the Air Force to appropriately budget for ASAP in the Future Years Defense Program and supports the related direction in the classified annex of the report accompanying S.4638, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, as reported by the Senate Armed Services Committee (Senate Report 118-188).”

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10. For Senator Peters:

Report language:

At the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Multi-Domain Capabilities in Army National Guard.*— The Committee understands the Army National Guard is the combat reserve of the U.S. Army and has served as an operational force for the past two decades and not just a strategic reserve. The Committee recognizes the need to properly resource ready, well equipped, and integrated Army National Guard units with the Active Component and is aware the report accompanying S. 4638, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, as reported by the Senate Armed Services Committee, directs the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the Army's plans to expand multi-domain task force (MDTF) capabilities into Army National Guard force structure. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Army to include the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate as part of this briefing requirement.”

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11. For Senator Peters:

Report language:

On page 259 of the report, in the appropriate place, insert the following:

*“Use of Tanker Fleet as Communications Nodes.*—The Committee notes the need for a robust communications network capable of leveraging all available aircraft. Further, the Committee encourages the integration of enhanced communications capabilities onto Air Force tankers. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this act, outlining ongoing and planned efforts to integrate enhanced communications nodes on the refueling tanker

fleet. This report shall include an assessment of future research required for current and future refueling tankers use of enhanced connectivity capabilities to effectively integrate with manned fighters and Collaborative Combat Aircraft”

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12. For Senator Rubio:

Report language:

At the appropriate place in the report, insert the following:

*“Space Training and Readiness Command.—*The Committee commends the decision by the Secretary of the Air Force to approve the final basing decision for Space Training and Readiness Command [STARCOM]. As the U.S. Space Force begins to move facilities and other capabilities to STARCOM’s permanent headquarters, the Secretary of the Air Force is encouraged to take advantage of various federal, state, and local resources, including partnerships with academia and public-private partners to expedite and support various requirements.”

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13. For Senator Merkley:

On page 292 of the report, in the appropriate place, insert the following:

*“Use of 6PPD in Tires.--*The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a report, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this act, on the use of the chemical N-(1,3-dimethylbutyl)-N'-phenyl-p-phenylenediamine [6PPD] in the design and production of tires procured by the Department of Defense. The report shall include a listing of Department of Defense initiatives, if any, researching potential alternatives to 6PPD in tire production.”

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14. For Senator Moran:

Bill Language:

At the appropriate place in the bill, under the heading “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army” increase the amount by \$3,000,000.

And at the appropriate place in the bill, under the heading “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force” decrease the amount by \$3,000,000.

Report language:

At the appropriate place in the report, under the heading “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Army”, in line 43, for the entry for “Advanced materials applications”, substitute the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Committee recommendation</u>	<u>Change from budget estimate</u>
Program increase: Advanced materials applications	-----	+17,500

And at the appropriate place in the report, under the heading “Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force”, in line 19, strike the entry for “Advanced digital manufacturing for next-generation aircraft”

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For each of these changes, make the conforming technical corrections in the tables in the report and other number totals throughout the report and bill.