

En Bloc Amendments to H.R. 5515**FULL COMMITTEE EN BLOC #3**

Log #	Sponsor	Description
048	Davis	Directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on efforts to support appropriately vetted Syrian opposition forces in increasing the inclusion of women in security and governance processes and any plans to initiate or expand such efforts.
078r2	Cook	Directs the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to submit a report outlining threats to National Security emanating from the Western Hemisphere.
095	Hartzler	Directs the Department of Defense to brief the committee on efforts to ensure seamless transition of security clearance investigations between authorized investigation agencies, and efforts to ensure security clearance reciprocity is a consideration for implementation of continuous evaluation.
097	Speier	Requires the Department of Defense to publicly disclose top-line troop levels in each country unless the Secretary of Defense certifies to Congress there are national security reasons for not doing so or a deployment is less than 30 days.
137r1	Moulton	Expresses support for U.S. interagency efforts to combat terrorism with allies in North Africa and Sahel due to the declining security situation in the region and requires briefing from the Departments of Defense & State Department to Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees.
197r1	Gabbard	Prohibits authorized funds from being made available to support Al-Qaeda, ISIS Jabat Fatah al Sham, or any organization that USG designates may sell or trade arms with terrorists organizations.
257r1	Scott	Requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report with an assessment of the assistance that Department of Defense is providing to lead U.S. government agencies to combat the opioid crisis.
297	Conaway	Report on the number of audit professionals utilized by the Department of Defense.
356r1	Gallego	Report on NORTHCOM response to Hurricane Maria.

**Amendment to H.R. 5515
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Offered by Mrs. Davis of California

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Support to Syrian Women

The committee notes the efforts of nongovernmental organizations that have successfully increased the inclusion of Syrian women in local and provincial governance. The Committee further notes that women have been instrumental to humanitarian aid efforts at the local level in Syria, and have helped keep schools, hospitals, and basic services running in their communities. Women serve on local councils, advise local police departments, and are being trained to hold forums and town halls in their communities.

The committee directs the Secretary of Defense in coordination with the Secretary of State to provide the House Armed Services Committees no later than December 1, 2018 a briefing on any efforts to support appropriately vetted Syrian opposition forces as defined in section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291; 128 Stat. 3541) in their efforts to increase the inclusion of women in security and governance processes. Additionally, the briefing shall include any plans to initiate or expand such efforts in the future.

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Offered by: Mr. Cook of California

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

**WESTERN HEMISPHERE REGION REPORT ON STRATEGY TO INCREASE
ENGAGEMENT WITH REGION.**

The committee notes that the security, stability, and prosperity of the Western Hemisphere region are vital to the national interests of the United States. The United States has a military capability in the Western Hemisphere region that builds goodwill and is able to project power, build partner capacity, deter acts of aggression, and respond, if necessary, to natural disasters, regional threats or to threats to the national security of the United States by the activities of actors, such as Iran, China, Russia, North Korea, transnational criminal organizations, or terrorist organizations in the region. The Committee believes continuing efforts by the Department of Defense to increase investments in the Western Hemisphere are necessary to build and maintain a robust United States commitment to the region.

Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives by April 1, 2019, that contains a strategy on effective U.S. defense engagement with the Western Hemisphere region as outlined, a plan to implement that strategy, and any additional funding requirements to implement such strategy. The strategy shall address each of the following:

- (1) The security challenges, including threats, emanating from the Western Hemisphere region, including from natural disasters, and any capability gaps in United States defense posture to the region;
- (2) The security threats to the United States or to its interests in the Western Hemisphere region from the engagement of Iran, China, Russia, and North Korea in the region, with a specific focus on Iran's engagement in the Tri-Border region of South America, Bolivia, and Venezuela and Russian engagement in Nicaragua, Cuba, and Venezuela;
- (3) The counterintelligence threats to the United States from Cuba and the role of Cuba in supporting the Venezuelan government;
- (4) The threats to the United States from transregional and transnational threat networks, including in drug trafficking, illegal mining, deforestation, human trafficking, and other illicit activities;

- (5) The threats to the United States from the links of the Venezuelan government with drug trafficking and transnational criminal organizations and corrupt government actors in the region;
- (6) Department of Defense plans, force posture, capabilities, and resources to address any gaps in intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, or counter-intelligence capabilities in the region; and
- (7) The allies, partners, and other countries in the region that the Defense Department has prioritized for increased cooperation and a description of the areas of proposed increased cooperation.

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Offered by Mrs. Hartzler of Missouri

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

The committee remains interested in improving the efficiency, effectiveness and timeliness of background investigations for security clearances. The committee believes that the federal government must do more to address conditions that have caused the investigation backlog, including reciprocity issues across agencies and departments. The committee notes that the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA) (Public Law 108-458) mandated that investigations initiated by an authorized investigative agency shall be transferable to any other authorized investigative agency, but a December 2017 Government Accountability Office report found full implementation of investigative transferability has yet to occur. The committee strongly believes that ample time has passed since the passage of IRTPA for full implementation of investigative reciprocity between agencies, and the failure to implement transferability requirements is unacceptable. Not later than October 1 2018, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to brief the committee on efforts to ensure seamless transition of investigations between authorized investigative agencies, as required by law.

The committee has received numerous briefings on the Department's plan to reassume the background investigation mission for Department of Defense personnel from the National Background Investigations Bureau, and is encouraged by the efforts to move towards continuous evaluation and continuous vetting as a replacement for periodic reinvestigations to reduce the investigative backlog. The committee notes the lead role the Department is taking for continuous monitoring and continuous vetting across the federal government. The committee believes any solution to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and timeliness of background investigations must be applied across the federal government uniformly. Therefore, not later than November 1 2018, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence and the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to brief the committee on efforts to ensure reciprocity is a consideration for implementation of continuous evaluation and continuous vetting across the federal government.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MS. SPEIER OF CALIFORNIA

At the appropriate place in title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5** . **PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF TOP-LINE NUMBERS**
2 **OF DEPLOYED MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Except as provided in subsection
5 (b), the Secretary of Defense shall make publicly available
6 the top-line numbers of members of the Armed Forces de-
7 ployed for each country.

8 (b) **WAIVER.**—

9 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary may waive
10 the requirement under subsection (a) in the case of
11 a sensitive military operation if—

12 (A) the Secretary determines the public
13 disclosure of the number of deployed members
14 of the Armed Forces could reasonably be ex-
15 pected to provide an operational military advan-
16 tage to an adversary; or

17 (B) members of the Armed Forces are de-
18 ployed for a period that does not exceed 30
19 days.

1 (2) NOTICE.— If the Secretary issues a waiver
2 under this subsection, the Secretary submit to the
3 congressional defense committees a notice of the
4 waiver and the reasons for the determination that
5 led to the waiver.

6 (c) SENSITIVE MILITARY OPERATION DEFINED.—
7 The term “sensitive military operation” has the meaning
8 given that term in section 130f(d) of title 10, United
9 States Code.



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Offered by:

Mr. Moulton of Massachusetts

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Trans-Saharan Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP)

The committee recognizes the threat posed by terrorist groups such as al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM), Boko Haram, and ISIS West Africa, and that such threat poses risks to the stabilization of countries in West Africa and the Sahel.

The committee emphasizes that countering terrorism throughout Western Africa and the Sahel requires enhancing regional border security, tracking illicit financial flows, building law enforcement capacity, and strengthening the rule of law. In order to promote stable and strong institutions throughout Western Africa and the Sahel, a whole of government approach is called for, leveraging State Department-led diplomatic efforts, military-to-military relationships developed and led by U.S. AFRICOM, and development projects carried out by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

The Trans-Saharan Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP) developed in 2005 by the Department of Defense (AFRICOM), Department of State, and USAID was created to support national and regional institutions in the region working with regional governments and European partners bordering the Mediterranean.

The committee encourages the Trans-Saharan Counterterrorism Partnership to continue with regular interagency coordination and engagement with regional partners and allies.

The Committee directs the Office of the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to provide a briefing to the House Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs by March 1, 2019 on the Trans-Saharan Counterterrorism Partnership including any activities or partner engagement related to military, counter-terrorism, and law-enforcement capacity-building, as well as public diplomacy and information operations.

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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MS. GABBARD OF HAWAII

At the end of subtitle F of title XII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 12 . PROHIBITION ON PROVISION OF WEAPONS AND**
2 **OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT TO CERTAIN OR-**
3 **GANIZATIONS.**

4 None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by
5 this Act or otherwise made available to the Department
6 of Defense for fiscal year 2019 may be used to provide
7 weapons or any other form of support to—

8 (1) Al Qaeda, the Islamic State of Iraq and
9 Syria (ISIS), Jabhat Fateh al Sham, or any indi-
10 vidual or group affiliated with any such organiza-
11 tion; and

12 (2) any other entity that the Secretary of De-
13 fense determines may trade or sell arms to terrorist
14 organizations.



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Offered by: Rep Austin Scott (GA-08)

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

DOD Support to Combating the Opioid Epidemic

The committee is deeply concerned about the rising numbers of opioid-related deaths in the United States. This nationwide health epidemic affects millions of people and their families. The abuse of opioids, both prescription and illicit opioids, is a public health emergency as categorized by the President in January 2018. This crisis highlights national security concerns including illicit trafficking of opioids, synthetic opioids, to include Fentanyl, and precursors for the production of opioids by transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), and their networks which have supply chains that extend into south and east Asia. The committee believes that the Department of Defense can play a vital role in support of lead U.S. agencies to address this crisis.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense, no later than September 30, 2018, to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services with an assessment of the assistance the Department is providing to lead U.S. government agencies to combat the opioid crisis. This report should include an assessment of resources available to assist other U.S. government partners in their strategy to combat the opioid epidemic to include the United States Postal Service, and an analysis of potential opportunities for the Department to provide assistance in the future.

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5515
OFFERED BY MR. CONAWAY OF TEXAS

Add at the appropriate place in title X the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 10** **EXPERTISE IN AUDIT REMEDIATION.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The ongoing efforts to produce auditable fi-
4 nancial statements for the Department of Defense,
5 its agencies, and the military services enhance readi-
6 ness and accountability by ensuring effective stew-
7 ards-ship of taxpayer resources.

8 (2) The transition from audit readiness to audit
9 performance and remediation are critical phases, de-
10 manding expertise from accounting firms and finan-
11 cial management professionals to ensure that the
12 Department successfully addresses issues identified
13 in an audit.

14 (3) Support from the private sector enhances
15 the ability of the Department to conduct audit and
16 remediation activities, and will enable the Depart-
17 ment to achieve its strategic objective of improving
18 business practices with efficiency and accountability.

1 (b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SEMIANNUAL
2 BRIEFING ON THE FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT AND AUDIT
3 REMEDIATION PLAN.—Section 252(b)(2) of chapter 9A of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new sentence: “Such briefing shall in-
6 clude the amount of auditing and audit remediation serv-
7 ices being performed by professionals meeting the quali-
8 fications described in section 254(b) of this title, both as
9 an absolute number and as a percentage of auditing and
10 audit remediation services then under contract.”.

11 (c) ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Sec-
12 tion 252(b)(1) of such chapter is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end
14 the following new clauses:

15 “(vii) If less than 50 percent of the
16 auditing and audit remediation services
17 under contract, as described in the briefing
18 required under paragraph (2), are being
19 performed by professionals meeting the
20 qualifications described in section 254(b)
21 of this title, a detailed description of the
22 risks associated with the risks of the acqui-
23 sition strategy of the Department with re-
24 spect to conducting audits and audit reme-
25 diation activities and an explanation of

1 how the strategy complies with the policies
2 expressed by Congress.

3 “(viii) If less than 25 percent of the
4 auditing and audit remediation services
5 under contract, as described in the briefing
6 required under paragraph (2), are being
7 performed by professionals meeting the
8 qualifications described in section 254(b)
9 of this title, a written certification that the
10 staffing ratio complies with commercial
11 best practices and presents no increased
12 risk of delay in the Department’s ability to
13 achieve a clean audit opinion”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraph:

16 “(C) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

17 “(i) UNCLASSIFIED FORM.—A de-
18 scription submitted pursuant to clause (vii)
19 of subparagraph (B) or a certification sub-
20 mitted pursuant to clause (viii) of such
21 subparagraph shall be submitted in unclas-
22 sified form, but may contain a classified
23 annex.

24 “(ii) DELEGATION.—The Secretary
25 may not delegate the submission of a cer-

1 tification pursuant to clause (viii) of sub-
2 paragraph (B) to any official other than
3 the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Chief
4 Management Officer, or the Under Sec-
5 retary of Defense (Comptroller).”.



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**Amendment to H.R. 5515
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Offered by: Mr. Gallego

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 5515, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Report on NORTHCOM Response to Hurricane Maria

In 2017, the United States witnessed Hurricane Maria, which had a devastating impact on Puerto Rico and required a Federal Government response. Therefore, the committee directs The Secretary of Defense, in collaboration with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the FEMA Administrator, to submit a report by December 1st, 2018 on the ongoing U.S. Government recovery effort of Hurricane Maria. The report shall include the following elements: (a) statistics on ongoing power outages, (b) the number of deaths in each U.S. state or territory affected (c) measures to improve hurricane emergency response plans for insular areas and/or territories of the United States.