

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To express the sense of the Senate and establish points of order to ensure the United States adequately funds national defense with a whole-of-government investment plan for strategic competition with the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—117th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 1260

To establish a new Directorate for Technology and Innovation in the National Science Foundation, to establish a regional technology hub program, to require a strategy and report on economic security, science, research, innovation, manufacturing, and job creation, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency program, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. COTTON, Ms. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. ROUNDS)

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . POINT OF ORDER TO ENSURE UNITED STATES**

3 **ADEQUATELY FUNDS NATIONAL DEFENSE.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Senate makes the following
5 findings:

1 (1) Relative to the February 2021 Congress-
2 sional Budget Office spending baseline, President
3 Joseph R. Biden has proposed more than
4 \$6,000,000,000,000 in nondefense spending outside
5 the annual appropriations process.

6 (2) President Biden’s fiscal year 2022 budget
7 request proposes to increase spending in the non-
8 defense discretionary category by almost 20 percent
9 while cutting the United States defense budget in
10 real terms.

11 (3) This Act contains more than
12 \$100,000,000,000 of authorizations of appropria-
13 tions without a single additional dollar authorized to
14 be appropriated for the Department of Defense.

15 (4) The United States Armed Forces has lost
16 \$400,000,000,000 relative to inflation since 2011.

17 (5) The People’s Liberation Army has experi-
18 enced real budget growth for more than two decades,
19 including 6.8 percent growth in 2021.

20 (6) A July 22, 2019, statement by Speaker of
21 the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and Sen-
22 ator Chuck Schumer stated that “Democrats have
23 always insisted on parity in increases between de-
24 fense and non-defense”.

1 (b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the
2 Senate that Congress should adequately fund national de-
3 fense with a whole-of-government investment plan for
4 strategic competition with the People’s Republic of China,
5 including by adhering to the principle of parity between
6 increases for defense and nondefense spending, which
7 would result in significant real growth for the defense
8 budget.

9 (c) POINT OF ORDER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022.—It
10 shall not be in order in the Senate to consider—

11 (1) a concurrent resolution on the budget, or an
12 amendment to, conference report on, amendment be-
13 tween the Houses in relation to, or a motion on a
14 concurrent resolution on the budget, that determines
15 and declares as the appropriate level of new discre-
16 tionary budget authority for major functional cat-
17 egory 050 (National Defense) for fiscal year 2022
18 an amount that is less than the total amount of the
19 appropriate level of new discretionary budget author-
20 ity determined and declared for all major functional
21 categories other than major functional category 050
22 for fiscal year 2022;

23 (2) a bill or joint resolution reported pursuant
24 to section 310 of the Congressional Budget Act of
25 1974 (2 U.S.C. 641), or an amendment to, con-

1 ference report on, amendment between the Houses
2 in relation to, or motion on such a bill or joint reso-
3 lution, that appropriates amounts for 1 or more
4 major functional categories other than major func-
5 tional category 050 for fiscal year 2022 and does
6 not appropriate amounts for major functional cat-
7 egory 050 for fiscal year 2022 in an amount that is
8 not less than the amount appropriated under that
9 measure for all major functional categories other
10 than major functional category 050 for fiscal year
11 2022; or

12 (3) a bill or joint resolution making appropria-
13 tions for fiscal year 2022, or an amendment to, con-
14 ference report on, amendment between the Houses
15 in relation to, or motion on such a bill or joint reso-
16 lution, that would cause the total amount of appro-
17 priations for the revised nonsecurity category for fis-
18 cal year 2022 to exceed the total amount of appro-
19 priations for the revised security category for fiscal
20 year 2022.

21 (d) WAIVER AND APPEAL.—Subsection (c) may be
22 waived or suspended in the Senate only by an affirmative
23 vote of three-fifths of the Members, duly chosen and
24 sworn. An affirmative vote of three-fifths of the Members
25 of the Senate, duly chosen and sworn, shall be required

1 to sustain an appeal of the ruling of the Chair on a point
2 of order raised under subsection (a).

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “re-
4 vised nonsecurity category” and “revised security cat-
5 egory” have the meanings given those terms in section
6 250(c)(4) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit
7 Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c)(4)).