



RPC Highlight

H.R. 4216 - *Made-in-America Defense Act*, as amended

Sponsored by Rep. Sherri Biggs (SC-03),
RPC Region 4

Bill Summary:

The legislation would require the Secretary of State to carry out a review of defense articles and services eligible to be provided through the foreign military sales program under the Arms Export Control Act, to identify those articles and services that should also be eligible to be provided under direct commercial sales. It would also require a review of the average time to transfer the reviewed defense articles or services through the foreign military sales and direct commercial sales programs to identify causes of delays and how to reduce such delays.

Policy Background:

On April 9th, President Trump signed an Executive Order (EO) to improve speed and accountability in the defense sales system. The Executive Order streamlined the defense articles export process by removing the previous requirement that certain defense items would be restricted to government-run channels rather than commercial avenues. This legislation would codify the streamlining process for exporting U.S. defense articles in this EO, while maintaining national security safeguards.

Information from the Lead Sponsor's Office:

Press Release, July 22, 2025.

Committee Action:

This legislation received a markup and was reported favorably by the House Foreign Affairs Committee on July 22, 2025, by a vote of 48-0.

Outside Group Support:

This legislation is supported by the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA).