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To direct the Comptroller General to study the efficacy of procurement for long-lead items and stockpiling under the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2026

Mr. FIELDS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''DPA Advanced Procurement Act of 2026''.

SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON STOCKPILING AND LONG-LEAD ITEMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate a study on the efficacy of the current methods used by DPA agencies to address DPA-related long-lead items and related stockpiling challenges.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—When conducting the study required under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall—

(1) examine how DPA-related long-lead items are currently procured and stockpiled by DPA agencies;

(2) identify ways in which Federal agencies can work together to better address procurement and stockpiling of DPA-related long-lead items; and

(3) provide legislative recommendations, including amendments to the DPA, to address procurement of DPA-related long-lead items and the stockpiling of such items.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) DPA.—The term ''DPA'' means the Defense Production Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4501 et seq.).

(2) DPA AGENCY.—The term ''DPA agency'' means a Federal agency to which the President has delegated authority under the DPA.

(3) LONG-LEAD ITEM.—The term ''long-lead item'' means components of a system or piece of equipment for which the times to design and fabricate are the longest, and therefore, to which an early commitment of funds may be desirable to complete the system by the earliest possible date.

SEC. 3. SHORT TITLE CORRECTION.

The first undesignated section of the Defense Production Act of 1950 is amended, effective on the date of enactment of such Act, by striking ''cited as 'the Defense' '' and inserting ''cited as the 'Defense' ''.

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