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H. R. 8197

To terminate the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURCHETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To terminate the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF ALL-DOMAIN ANOMALY RES-**
4 **OLUTION OFFICE.**

5 (a) TERMINATION.—

6 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 60 days
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary of Defense shall—

1 (A) terminate the All-domain Anomaly
2 Resolution Office; and

3 (B) transfer the functions of the Office to
4 other elements of the Department of Defense as
5 the Secretary determines appropriate.

6 (2) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary may not es-
7 tablish within the Department of Defense, and the
8 Director of National Intelligence may not establish
9 within the Office of the Director of National Intel-
10 ligence, a single office or other entity similar to the
11 All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office that exercises
12 comprehensive or centralized authority over matters
13 relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena.

14 (3) REPEAL.—Section 1683 of the National
15 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (50
16 U.S.C. 3373) is repealed.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

18 (1) ACCOUNTING OF SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
19 GUIDES.—Section 1673 of the National Defense Au-
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 (Public Law
21 119–60; 50 U.S.C. 3373 note) is repealed.

22 (2) RECORDS.—Section 1673 of the James M.
23 Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
24 cal Year 2023 (50 U.S.C. 3373b) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “acting
2 through the head of the Office and” each place
3 it appears; and

4 (B) in subsection (b)(3)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
6 “the Office” and inserting “the Sec-
7 retary”; and

8 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
9 “The head of the Office” and inserting
10 “The Secretary”; and

11 (C) in subsection (d), by striking para-
12 graph (6).

13 (3) NATIONAL ARCHIVES.—Section 1842(c) of
14 the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
15 Year 2024 (Public Law 118–31; 44 U.S.C. 2107
16 note) is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “, includ-
18 ing the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office,”
19 each place it appears; and

20 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “the All-
21 domain Anomaly Resolution Office” and insert-
22 ing “the Secretary of Defense”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section shall take effect 60 days after the date of the
25 enactment of this Act.

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “transmedium objects or devices”
3 means objects or devices that are—

4 (A) observed to transition between space
5 and the atmosphere, or between the atmosphere
6 and bodies of water; and

7 (B) not immediately identifiable.

8 (2) The term “unidentified anomalous phe-
9 nomena” means—

10 (A) airborne objects that are not imme-
11 diately identifiable;

12 (B) transmedium objects or devices; and

13 (C) submerged objects or devices that are
14 not immediately identifiable and that display
15 behavior or performance characteristics sug-
16 gesting that the objects or devices may be re-
17 lated to the objects described in subparagraph
18 (A).

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