

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: In the nature of a substitute.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

S. 2130

To make improvements to the AUKUS partnership, and for
other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended
to be proposed by Mr. RICKETTS

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the fol-
2 lowing:

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “AUKUS Improvement
5 Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ARMS EX-**
7 **PORT CONTROL ACT AND OTHER ARMS**
8 **TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS.**

9 Section 38(l) of the Arms Export Control Act (22
10 U.S.C. 2778(l)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(8) EXEMPTION FROM CERTAIN REQUIRE-
2 MENTS.—

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Defense articles sold
4 by the United States under this Act, whether
5 pursuant to the exemption authorized under
6 this section or identical to defense articles eligi-
7 ble for export under that exemption, may be re-
8 exported, retransferred or temporarily imported
9 exclusively between the Government of Aus-
10 tralia, the Government of the United Kingdom,
11 or entities eligible under section 126.7(b)(2) of
12 title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, or
13 successor regulations, notwithstanding the re-
14 quirement for the consent of the President
15 under section 3(a)(2) of this Act, or under sec-
16 tion 505(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of
17 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2314(a)(1)(B)).

18 “(B) INTRA-COMPANY, INTRA-ORGANIZA-
19 TIONAL, AND INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL TRANS-
20 FERS.—Intra-company, intra-organization, and
21 intra-governmental transfers related to defense
22 articles and defense services described under
23 subparagraph (A) are authorized between offi-
24 cers, employees, and agents who satisfy section
25 120.64 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regu-

1 lations, or successor regulations, including dual
2 or third country nationals who satisfy section
3 126.18 of title 22 of the Code of Federal Regu-
4 lations, or successor regulations.”.

5 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**
6 **FOR COMMERCIAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**
7 **OR MANUFACTURING LICENSE AGREEMENTS**
8 **INVOLVING AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED**
9 **KINGDOM.**

10 Manufacturing Licensing Agreements and Technical
11 Licensing Agreements for Australia and the United King-
12 dom that do not involve defense articles that are not sub-
13 ject to the licensing exemption under section 38(l) of the
14 Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(l)) are not sub-
15 ject to the requirements for congressional notification pur-
16 suant to section 36(d) of that Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(d)).