AMENDMENT NO. 3186

Purpose: To require a study on small arms and ammunition acquisition.


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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. COBURN

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1. At the end of subtitle E of title VIII, add the following:

3. SEC. 888. STUDY ON ARMY SMALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION ACQUISITION.

(a) Study.—

(1) In general.—Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall enter into a contract with a Federally Funded Research and Development Center to conduct a study on the Army's acquisition of small
arms and ammunition to determine each of the following:

(A) A comparative evaluation of the current military small arms in use by United States general purpose and special operations forces, allied foreign militaries, and those potential candidate small arms not necessarily in use militarily but available commercially.

(B) An assessment of the Department of Defense’s current plans to modernize its small arms capabilities.

(C) A comparative evaluation of the Army’s standard small arms ammunition with other small arms ammunition alternatives.

(2) FACTORS TO CONSIDER.—The study required under subsection (a) shall take into consideration the following factors:

(A) Current and future operating environments as specified or referred to in Department of Defense strategic guidance and planning documents.

(B) Modifications and improvements recently applied to United States general purpose and special operations forces small arms as well
as their potential for continued modification
and improvement.

(C) Industrial base impacts.

(3) ACCESS TO INFORMATION.—The Secretary
of Defense and the Secretary of the Army shall en-
sure that the Federally Funded Research and Devel-
opment Center conducting the study required under
subsection (a) has access to all necessary data,
records, analysis, personnel, and other resources ne-
necessary to complete the study.

(b) REPORT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September
30, 2013, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
the congressional defense committees a report con-
taining the results of the study conducted under
subsection (a), together with the comments of the
Secretary of Defense on the findings contained in
the study.

(2) CLASSIFIED ANNEX.—The report shall be in
unclassified form, but may contain a classified
annex.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “small arms” means—

(A) firearms up to but not including .50
caliber; and
(B) shotguns.

(2) The term “small arms ammunition” means ammunition or ordnance for—

(A) firearms up to but not including .50 caliber; and

(B) shotguns.