

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to Congress a report on initiatives of the Department of Defense to source locally and regionally produced foods for consumption or distribution at installations of the Department of Defense.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. RUBIO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Farm to Base Food
5 Security Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON INITIATIVES OF DEPARTMENT OF DE-**
2 **FENSE TO SOURCE LOCALLY AND REGION-**
3 **ALLY PRODUCED FOODS FOR INSTALLA-**
4 **TIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
7 of the United States shall submit to the appropriate com-
8 mittees of Congress a report detailing—

9 (1) current procurement practices of the De-
10 partment of Defense regarding food for consumption
11 or distribution on installations of the Department;

12 (2) efforts by the Department of Defense to es-
13 tablish and strengthen “farm to base” initiatives to
14 source locally and regionally produced foods, includ-
15 ing seafood, for consumption or distribution at in-
16 stallations of the Department;

17 (3) efforts by the Department to collaborate
18 with relevant Federal agencies, including the De-
19 partment of Veterans Affairs, the Department of
20 Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce, to
21 procure locally and regionally produced foods;

22 (4) opportunities where procurement of locally
23 and regionally produced foods would be beneficial to
24 members of the Armed Forces, their families, mili-
25 tary readiness by improving health outcomes, and
26 farmers near installations of the Department;

1 (5) barriers currently preventing the Depart-
2 ment from increasing procurement of locally and re-
3 gionally produced foods or preventing producers
4 from partnering with nearby installations of the De-
5 partment; and

6 (6) recommendations for how the Department
7 can improve procurement practices to increase offer-
8 ings of locally and regionally produced foods.

9 (b) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DE-
10 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate commit-
11 tees of Congress” means—

12 (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the
13 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
14 tation, and the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
15 and Forestry of the Senate; and

16 (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the
17 Committee on Natural Resources, and the Com-
18 mittee on Agriculture of the House of Representa-
19 tives.