

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2473

To improve Department of Defense policies relating to body armor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2009

Ms. TSONGAS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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armor.

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. IMPROVEMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
4 **POLICIES RELATING TO BODY ARMOR.**

5 (a) DEDICATED PROGRAM ELEMENT FOR BODY
6 ARMOR.—Effective for the budget of the President sub-
7 mitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of title 31,
8 United States Code, for fiscal year 2011 and each fiscal
9 year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that
10 within the research, development, test, and evaluation ac-
11 count for each of the military services a separate, dedi-

1 cated program element is assigned to the research, devel-
2 opment, test, and evaluation of body armor.

3 (b) DEDICATED PROGRAM ELEMENT FOR PROCURE-
4 MENT OF BODY ARMOR.—Effective for the budget of the
5 President submitted to Congress under section 1105(a) of
6 title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 2011 and each
7 fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of Defense shall en-
8 sure that within the procurement account for each of the
9 military services a separate, a dedicated program element
10 is assigned to the procurement of body armor.

11 (c) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF LIGHTER
12 BODY ARMOR.—Of the amounts authorized to be appro-
13 priated for research, development, test, and evaluation, the
14 Secretary of Defense shall ensure that such sums as may
15 be necessary are available for—

16 (1) the research and development of lighter
17 body armor while maintaining equivalent level of
18 threat protection to the improved outer tactical vest
19 and enhanced small arms protective inserts; and

20 (2) the creation of a task force to carry out the
21 research, development, test, and evaluation of lighter
22 body armor.

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