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2D SESSION

H. R. 8166

To require the Secretary of Defense to issue regulations requiring that optional combat boots worn by members of the armed forces wear be made in America, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2024

Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself, Mr. BOST, and Mr. CRAWFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO COMBAT FOOT-**
4 **WEAR OF MEMBERS OF ALL BRANCHES OF**
5 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
8 shall issue regulations prohibiting any member of the

1 armed forces from wearing optional combat boots as part
2 of a required uniform unless the optional combat boots
3 are entirely manufactured in the United States and en-
4 tirely made of—

5 (1) materials grown, reprocessed, reused, or
6 produced in the United States; and

7 (2) components that are manufactured entirely
8 in the United States and entirely made of materials
9 described in paragraph (1).

10 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) ARMED FORCES.—The term “armed forces”
12 has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)
13 of title 10, United States Code.

14 (2) OPTIONAL COMBAT BOOTS.—The term “op-
15 tional combat boots”, with respect to a member of
16 the armed forces, combat boots not furnished to
17 such member of the armed forces by the Secretary
18 of Defense.

19 (3) REQUIRED UNIFORM.—The term “required
20 uniform” means a uniform a member of the armed
21 forces is required to wear as a member of the armed
22 forces.

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