Amendment to H.R. 2670
National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024

Offered by: Mr. Gallego of Arizona

In the appropriate place in the report to accompany H.R. 2670, insert the following new Directive Report Language:

Allies’ and Partners’ Telecommunications Networks in the Middle East

The committee recognizes the value of fifth-generation (5G) technologies to telecommunications networks, including inherent commercial and security benefits. The committee also recognizes that the potential exists for foreign strategic competitors to exploit communications technology through a variety of mechanisms.

Therefore, the committee directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the House Committee on Armed Services not later than March 1, 2024, on the national security implications of deployment and expanded use of 5G within allied and partner nations in the Middle East. The briefing shall include:

(1) a description of existing Department of Defense cooperation with Middle Eastern allies and partners to address national security concerns related to 5G communications networks;
(2) a description of the risks to Department of Defense operations and activities stemming from ally and partner 5G communications networks, including a description of the change in risk from legacy systems;
(3) opportunities to apply lessons learned from allies and partners undertaking similar efforts in Europe and South America; and
(4) such other information as the Secretary deems appropriate.