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To require the Comptroller General of the United States to assess the efforts of the Secretary of Defense with respect to the National Defense Stockpile, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN 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. NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE ASSESSMENT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than April 1, 2023, the
5 Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to
6 the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives a report assessing the efforts of the Secretary

1 of Defense with respect to the National Defense Stockpile,
2 including—

3 (1) the assumptions used by the Secretary to
4 make the recommendations with respect to the re-
5 quirements of the National Defense Stockpile in the
6 most recent report submitted under section 14 of the
7 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50
8 U.S.C. 98h–5);

9 (2) the extent to which the Secretary has as-
10 sessed whether the reserves of strategic and critical
11 materials that are contained in the National Defense
12 Stockpile reduce the dependence of the United
13 States on foreign sources or single sources for sup-
14 plies of such strategic and critical materials in times
15 of national emergency;

16 (3) the risks identified by the Secretary of De-
17 fense arising from insufficient reserves of certain
18 strategic and critical materials in the National De-
19 fense Stockpile; and

20 (4) recommendations for improvements with re-
21 spect to the items described in paragraphs (1), (2),
22 and (3).

23 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than April 30, 2023, the
24 Comptroller General shall provide to the Committee On
25 Armed Services of the House of Representatives a briefing

1 on the findings and recommendations of the report re-
2 quired by subsection (a).

3 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

4 (1) NATIONAL EMERGENCY.—The term “na-
5 tional emergency” has the meaning given such term
6 in section 12 of the Strategic and Critical Materials
7 Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98h–3).

8 (2) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL MATERIAL.—The
9 term “strategic and critical materials” means a ma-
10 terial determined to be strategic and critical material
11 by the President pursuant to section 3(a) of the
12 Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50
13 U.S.C. 98b(a)).

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