



AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To modify the provision relating to the operation of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program to require the Secretary of Defense to continue the operation of the existing functions and distribution capability.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—119th Cong., 1st Sess.

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To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military

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By Hickenlooper

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Viz:

- 1 Strike section 1507 and insert the following:
- 2 **SEC. 1507. CONTINUATION OF OPERATION OF DEFENSE ME-**
- 3 **TEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE PROGRAM.**
- 4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
- 5 continue to operate the Defense Meteorological Satellite
- 6 Program, and its existing functions and distribution capa-
- 7 bility, until the end of the functional life of the satellites
- 8 in orbit as of the date of the enactment of this Act under
- 9 such program.

1 (b) BRIEFING.—Not later than 60 days after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
3 shall provide to the congressional defense committees a
4 briefing on—

5 (1) the status of the Defense Meteorological
6 Satellite Program;

7 (2) the requirements, capabilities, and costs for
8 such program for fiscal year 2026;

9 (3) the projected costs—

10 (A) to carry out such program for the
11 functional life of the satellites in orbit as of the
12 date of the enactment of this Act under such
13 program; and

14 (B) to replace the satellite functions under
15 such program; and

16 (4) any cybersecurity concerns relating to the
17 systems used to process the data under such pro-
18 gram.