

Statement for the Record
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H.R. 5515, National Defense Authorization Act, FY2019

- Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2019, which would require the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy to define and track Procurement Administrative Lead Time (PALT).
- PALT is the amount of time between when a solicitation or task order is issued and when a contract or task order is awarded.
- A similar requirement for the Department of Defense was enacted as part of the FY2018 National Defense Authorization Act.
- I commend the Department for acting quickly to establish a definition of PALT and a way to track it in the Federal Procurement Data System with minimal additional effort from contract officers.
- This requirement should be expanded government-wide with relative ease.
- Such tracking will help federal agencies ensure they are soliciting and acquiring goods and services in an efficient manner and help Congressional overseers identify agencies that are underperforming in this area.
- I thank Chairman Thornberry and Ranking Member Smith for working with me on this amendment.