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Daily Media Clips

February 23, 2018

The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning - We found several articles that you may be interested in. Have a great weekend!

Congress Passes Too Much Acquisition Legislation
February 2018 | Robert Antonio (Wifcon)

In 1972, the Commission on Government Procurement wrote that Congress should limit its acquisition legislation to fundamental acquisition matters and let the Executive Branch implement Congress's policy through specific acquisition regulation. If Congress had listened, it would be passing less acquisition legislation and the FAR Councils would be performing their regulatory duty to implement Congress's acquisition policies. Unfortunately, Congress didn't listen.

Today, Congress doesn't deal with fundamental acquisition matters, it deals with acquisition minutiae and details--especially when it comes to the Department of Defense (DoD). Someone thinks of an idea and before you know it it's a legislative requirement. Apparently, no thought is too small for another bit of defense acquisition legislation. For the most part, Congress meddles in the acquisition process through the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. These committees propose acquisition legislation in their annual National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA) with much of it in Title VIII of the NDAAs. Title VIII is usually labeled: Acquisition Policy, Acquisition Management, and Related Matters.

In the past 17 NDAAs, Congress has passed nearly 900 sections of legislation. What is worse, Congress is picking up its legislative pace and passing more legislation than ever. Read about Congress's junk legislation, zombie legislation, and just plain old excessive and incoherent legislation.

Read more HERE.

Other Articles of Interest

Navy expects upcoming contract to deliver 95 percent of its cloud computing demands
February 23, 2018 | Jared Serbu

Possible $3.2B Patriot sale to Sweden gets US State Department approval
February 22, 2018 | Jen Judson

Look beyond efficiency when it comes to cloud
February 22, 2018 | Doug Bourgeois

How multi-party platforms could solve some of the Pentagon's IT troubles
February 22, 2018 | David Stephens

GSA preps for new modernization fund
February 22, 2018 | Mark Rockwell

The terrifying future of malicious artificial intelligence
February 22, 2018 | Brandon Knapp

Cybercrime cost $600B in 2017, report finds
February 21, 2018 | Lauren C. Williams

Data breaches at federal agencies jumped 20 percent last year
February 22, 2018 | Daniel Cebul

David Warner: Full cost of paid sick leave for federal employees, contractors [Audio]
February 22, 2018 | Federal Drive

Section 809 News

Professional staff and team lead Jen Taylor discusses the 50 Worst Campaign on this month's Bold Bites Podcast. How does the system slow you down? What regulations do more harm than good? What statutes have seen their time come and go? Help us identify the 50 WORST regulations, laws, and policies that frustrate you and must go: https://section809panel.org/50worst/.

LISTEN!

Check out the Section 809 Panel January 2018 Volume 1 Report.

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