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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.

If You Want More Defense Innovation, Spend Less on Legacy Platforms
August 20, 2018 | Peter Levine

An important effort, led by the Senate Armed Services Committee, to address an alarming shortfall in defense research and development investment by changing the "acquisition system's 'rules of the game'" is bound to fail. Why? Because a resource problem can't be solved by changing organizations and processes. If the Department of Defense is spending too much money on legacy weapon systems and too-big-to-fail successors to those systems, the answer is not to change processes. The answer is to buy different things. The shortfall in defense innovation is not a problem of organization and process, it is a problem of resource allocation — and it won't be solved without making new and different resource choices.

Acquisition Process Solutions
The problem is real: The U.S. military is at risk of losing its technological edge, because it continues to spend the vast majority of its investment funds on 20-year programs to build unimaginative successors to legacy systems, while China and Russia are rapidly developing and fielding disruptive new technologies. In the last administration, Undersecretary of Defense Frank Kendall said that U.S. technological superiority was at risk because the small number of new U.S. weapon programs initiated in a period of extremely tight budgets did not match up well against the rapid modernization program undertaken by the Chinese.

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August 20, 2018 | Defense News

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August 17, 2018 | Jason Miller

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