

Hayworth Amendment Supporting Private Sector Enterprise Included in Defense Bill

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(WASHINGTON) – Rep. Nan Hayworth, M.D. (R-NY) delivered the following remarks on the floor of the House today discussing her amendment that aims to protect private sector enterprise:



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Rep. Hayworth’s full statement as prepared:

“Thank you Mr. Chairman. I’d like to thank you, and the Committee for your support of my amendment.

“Mr. Speaker, my amendment simply adds a sense of Congress that the Federal Government should not be in the business of competing with its citizens and private enterprise, and as such, should not start or carry on activities if they can be procured more economically from a commercial source.

“This is meant to address a problem that I have first-hand knowledge of from my district: insourcing. This is when the Department of Defense has added positions “in house” that are commercial in nature, such as food services, mapping, and audio-visual services. The result is often higher costs, lower quality, and less support for local businesses.

“I certainly want to ensure our armed forces have the capability they need be as effective they can be, and this amendment specifically exempts positions that are “inherently governmental in nature.” The problem is that DoD has repeatedly intruded into activities that are inherently commercial.

“For example, in my district, for many years a constituent received contracts to cater for our Guardsmen and Reservists.

“However, in recent years, insourcing has prevented him from bidding on contracts. The local economy is also suffering because the food and supplies are not being purchased locally in the Hudson Valley.

“Congress should be taking steps to encourage the creation of private sector jobs not taking jobs away from the private sector.

“Again I thank the Chairman for his support, and I yield back.”

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