AMENDMENT NO.____ Calendar No.____

Purpose: To enhance the land-based unmanned aircraft system program of the Coast Guard.


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To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on ________________ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SCOTT of Florida

Viz:

1 At the end of title IV, add the following:

2 SEC. 430. LAND-BASED UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM PROGRAM OF THE COAST GUARD.

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4 (a) FUNDING FOR CERTAIN ENHANCED CAPABILITIES.—Section 319 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

5 “(c) FUNDING FOR CERTAIN ENHANCED CAPABILITIES.—In each of fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Com-
for additional long-range maritime patrol aircraft (MPA),
aquired through full and open competition.”.

(b) **Report on Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for Certain Surveillance.**

(1) **Report Required.**—Not later than March 31, 2021, the Commandant shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report setting forth an assessment of the feasibility and advisability of using unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for surveillance of marine protected areas, the transit zone, and the Arctic in order to—

(A) establish and maintain regular maritime domain awareness of such areas;

(B) ensure appropriate response to illegal activities in such areas; and

(C) collaborate with State, local, and tribal authorities, and international partners, in surveillance missions over their waters in such areas.

(2) **Appropriate Committees of Congress Defined.**—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.