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Donalds Bill To Evaluate National Security Implications Of Current Federal Purchasing Standards Passes House 417-0

WASHINGTON – The U.S. House of Representatives has [passed](#) Donalds-bill [H.R. 856 – The Bipartisan Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act](#), with a unanimous, bipartisan vote of 417-0 to evaluate the national security implications surrounding current federal purchasing standards.

[The Bipartisan Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act](#) requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to evaluate the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) provisions in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to determine if the LPTA purchasing process creates any national security risks for federal agencies that focus procurement on price over any other technical or operational factors. The Director of OMB must then report the results of this evaluation to appropriate congressional committees within 180 days of enactment.

Last Congress, this [commonsense proposal](#) passed the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability with a [vote of 43-0](#), passed the U.S. House of Representatives with a [vote of 397-0](#), and passed the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs with a [vote of 10-0](#), before it was blocked from a vote on the floor of the U.S. Senate.

This Congress, "[The Safe and Smart Federal Purchasing Act](#)" is co-led by House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Ranking Member Gerald Connolly (D-VA) and will now [advance](#) to the U.S. Senate for consideration. Congressman Donalds released the following statement:

"As a member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, ensuring proper governance and efficiency in federal operations are paramount concerns of mine," *said Congressman Byron Donalds (R-FL)*. "Federal procurement processes—although often overlooked—are critical to the operation of our government and necessitate comprehensive assessment. Simply put, affordability considerations and associated national security risks of procurement procedures must be thoroughly evaluated. I am once again proud to receive the unanimous, bipartisan support of my colleagues on this common-sense proposal and look forward to its successful passage on the floor of the United States Senate."

Background:

- The Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) are a source selection process that allows federal agencies to select the lowest evaluated price that meets minimum performance requirements. LPTA criteria are not always appropriate for agencies seeking complex or technically innovative services and can result in agencies sacrificing long term value for short term savings. This bill ensures that LPTA will not be used in a manner that results in agencies cutting corners or jeopardizing national security.

More:

- Watch House Floor Passage of the Current Version of the Bill [HERE](#).
- Watch Donalds Speech Supporting Current Version of the Bill [HERE](#).
- Watch Colleagues Speeches Supporting Current Version of the Bill [HERE](#).
- Read Text of Current 119th Congress Version of the Bill [HERE](#).
- Read Text of Previous 118th Congress Version of the Bill [HERE](#).

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