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Morning Keynote Remarks



Brigadier General Sean P. Kelly
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WARRIOR PROTECTION &
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David Costello, WPRC Executive Director
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Wednesday, May 20, 2026

WPRC: Who We Are



WPRC: What We Do

Our members provide highest quality domestically produced PPE/OCIE to provide combat overmatch and ensure that Soldiers never enter a fair fight.

- 70 Member Organizations representing the end-to-end supply chain for clothing and protective equipment from material inputs to finished products, **including 10 in North Carolina**
- 100% Berry Amendment compliant supply chain = American-made from start to finish
- Conduit for industry engagement with Federal government partners (Service branches, Defense Logistics Agency, White House, Congress), participation in industry days
- Represented industry at the CAMOLAND wargame commissioned by Defense Logistics Agency and conducted by Center for Naval Analyses (CNA)
- WPRC-sponsored annual events: Legislative Summit, Summer Meeting, AUSA Member and Friends Welcome Reception

CAMOLAND Wargame: Recommendations

1. Consider investing in forward pre-positioning of Class 2 goods
2. DLA Troop Support should perform analysis to understand industry ramp-up rates and where to apply limited resources in a surge
3. DLA should review current clothing and textile (C&T) stockpiles and consider identifying and stockpiling critical component parts
4. Strengthen Berry Amendment by expanding compliance beyond the Department of War (DHS, DOI)
5. Require military exchange uniform shops to sell only Berry-compliant uniform items
6. Utilize Defense Production Act Title III Program on our industry

WPRC Actions

DPA Title III Investments for Class II

- Participated in CAMOLAND wargame, resulting in recommendation for OCIE inclusion under DPA Title III
- Worked with DPA Title III Office on drafting presidential determination allowing OCIE investments under DPA
- Worked with WH Made in America Office to raise importance of the issue
- Engaged with each military service branch as their role in the concurrence process is critical
- Lobbied Congress, resulting in NDAA language supportive of presidential determination
- February 13, 2026 – President Trump signs presidential waiver allowing for OCIE, from components to finished products, to qualify for DPA Title III investments

DPA Title III Presidential Waiver

February 13, 2026

Memorandum for the Secretary of War

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 303 of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended (the “Act”) (50 U.S.C. 4533), I hereby determine, pursuant to section 303(a)(7)(B) of the Act, that action is necessary to avert shortfalls in critical Department of War supply chains that would severely impair national defense capability. Therefore, I waive the requirements of section 303(a)(2)–(a)(6) of the Act for supply chains critical to reviving the defense industrial base.

Supply chains encompassed within this memorandum include those associated with supporting the following critical sectors identified in “Assessing and Strengthening the Manufacturing and Defense Industrial Base and Supply Chain Resiliency of the United States: Report to President Donald J. Trump by the Interagency Task Force in Fulfillment of Executive Order 13806” (September 2018): aircraft—fixed wing, rotorcraft, and unmanned aerial systems required for air-to-air and air-to-ground military operations and transport; protection from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats and attacks; ground systems—tracked and wheeled vehicles for combat, combat support, and combat service support; nuclear warheads and testing platforms; radar and electronic warfare systems; shipbuilding industrial base; soldier systems—products necessary to maximize the Warfighter’s survivability, lethality, sustainability, mobility, combat effectiveness, and field quality of life, including weapons, body armor and military apparel, and the materials and components thereof extending to relevant life support auxiliary components; space—satellites, launch services, ground systems satellite components and subsystems, networks, engineering services, payloads, propulsion, terminals (fixed and mobile), and electronics; electronics for defense systems, including microelectronics; machine tools and industrial controls to support production and prototyping operations for defense capabilities; organic industrial base; and workforce training pipelines in support of industrial resources or technology items critical to national defense.

Ensuring a robust, resilient, and sustainable domestic industrial base is essential to our national security and the preservation of domestic critical infrastructure.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Donald Trump".

Pre-Decisional Internal Executive Branch Draft: Threat to the Berry Amendment

PRE-DECISIONAL INTERNAL EXECUTIVE BRANCH DRAFT

1 **SEC. ____. REVISIONS TO COVERED ITEMS UNDER BERRY AMENDMENT AND**
2 **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CLOTHING AND**
3 **TEXTILES UNDER BUY AMERICAN ACT.**

4 (a) BERRY AMENDMENT.—

5 (1) Subsection (b) of section 4862 of title 10, United States Code (popularly
6 known as the “Berry Amendment”), is amended—

7 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5) as paragraphs (5),
8 (6), (7), and (8), respectively;

9 (B) by striking subparagraphs (D) and (E) of paragraph (1);

10 (C) by redesignating subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) as paragraph (4),
11 moving that paragraph two ems to the left, capitalizing the first letter of the first
12 word, and striking the semicolon at the end and inserting a period;

13 (D) by striking subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1) and inserting the
14 following:

15 “(2) Clothing end products.

16 “(3) Textile end products.”; and

- Last summer, a draft legislative proposal for the NDAA by DLA Headquarters was offered, which would cut components (fibers, yarn, fabrics, etc.) from the Berry Amendment and have it just apply to finished products
- The proposal has since been pulled back, but it serves a stark warning of the potential threats facing the Berry-compliant industrial base.
- WPRC took action by raising awareness in Congress and by establishing...

House Berry Amendment Caucus



- In February of this year, WPRC worked with Reps. Pat Harrigan (R-NC) and Don Davis (D-NC) to establish the first-ever House Berry Amendment Caucus
- The Berry Amendment Caucus, now 22 members strong and growing in a bipartisan fashion, will work to strengthen domestic procurement law and expand government opportunities for the OCIE industrial base
- WPRC staff will be glad to assist any of you in requesting your Members of Congress to join the Caucus

FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

Sec. 865 – Improving the Domestic Textile and Industrial Base ***Domestic Textile and Footwear Industrial Base Enhancement***

- Focused on strengthening and modernizing the U.S. domestic textile and footwear industries to reduce reliance on foreign sources and improve supply chain resilience
- The Department of War (DoW) will continue public-private partnerships and invest in technological advancements for domestic textile and footwear production through the IBAS program
- Investments may include facility recapitalization, vertical integration, capacity expansion, and technological improvements

Strengthening Supply Chain Resilience

- DoW aims to assess and improve the resilience of the domestic textile and footwear supply chains to meet surge and contingency needs.
- DLA will conduct a supply chain resilience assessment within one year of enactment.
- Identify single-source suppliers and past delivery delays.
- Analyze the capacity of the domestic industry to meet surge requirements.

Questions?





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