

Coffman Lauds House Passage of IMPROVE Act

Legislation to Reform Defense Acquisition Process, Save Taxpayers Billions

(WASHINGTON) — Today, Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) praised House passage of H.R. 5013, the IMPROVE Acquisition Act, as a critical step toward reforming the Department of Defense's procurement process and potentially saving taxpayers billions of dollars. The legislation was the result of a year-long study by the committee's Defense Acquisition Reform Panel. Coffman, who was one of seven panelists, made the following remarks on the House floor today:

"I applaud the bipartisan leadership of Chairman Skelton and Ranking Member McKeon on this critical issue. I am glad many of my acquisition reform priorities are included in the IMPROVE Act. Recruiting, training, and retaining a professional and experienced acquisition workforce within the Department of Defense is critical to ensuring the best use of taxpayer dollars, in the most cost-effective way. We must also re-emphasize the need for program stability, beginning with realistic requirements and periodic re-assessments."

"There is also a great need for enhanced accountability within the defense acquisition system and maintaining our nation's defense industrial base is paramount. The IMPROVE Act will cut down on waste, fraud, and abuse, potentially saving billions of tax dollars. It will also get the right equipment to our warfighters sooner."

H.R. 5013 contains provisions that Coffman strongly pushed for while serving on the House Armed Service Committee's Defense Acquisition Reform Panel. For a copy of the panel's findings and recommendations, [click here](#) .