AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2670
OFFERED BY MR. McCORMICK OF GEORGIA

At the appropriate place in title XV, insert the following new section:

SEC. 15. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS RELATING TO CENSORSHIP OR BLACKLISTING OF NEWS SOURCES BASED ON SUBJECTIVE CRITERIA OR POLITICAL BIASES.

(a) Prohibition on Availability of Funds.—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to—

(1) enter into any contract or other agreement with any entity described in subsection (b) or with any advertising or marketing agency that uses the functions described in subsection (b)(4) of such an entity; or

(2) provide any form of support to an entity described in subsection (b).

(b) Entities Described.—The entities described in this subsection are the following:

(1) NewsGuard Technologies Inc., or any company owned or controlled by such entity.
(2) The Global Disinformation Index, incorporated in the United Kingdom as “Disinformation Index LTD”.

(3) Graphika Technologies Inc. or any company owned or controlled by such entity.

(4) Any other entity the function of which is to advise the censorship or blacklisting of news sources based on subjective criteria or political biases, under the stated function of “fact checking” or otherwise removing “misinformation”.

(c) Certification Requirement.—Prior to the Secretary of Defense entering into any contract or other agreement (or extending, renewing, or otherwise modifying an existing contract or other agreement) with an entity for the purpose of that entity implementing military recruitment advertisements on behalf of the Department of Defense, the Secretary shall require, as a condition of such contract or agreement, that the entity certify to the Secretary that the entity is in compliance with subsection (a).