

The Jenkins (KS) amendment #135 would have created a moratorium on the insourcing of previously contracted activities within DOD. Exceptions would be made (1) if the activity was “inherently governmental”, and thereby should never have been contracted out in the first place; and (2) if DOD would employ a “reverse A-76” to itemize specific costs saved to the taxpayer should the DOD be able to perform the commercial activity more efficiently for the taxpayer. This amendment helps prevent the outright conversion of "commercial activities"-- such as mapping, surveying and geospatial activities-- from private sector firms into DOD performance. It also requires an official cost accounting be performed and documented to identify whether DOD performance is more cost effective than the private sector contractor. In addition, the amendment helps protect private sector firms, including small business, from losing contracts taken away unfairly by the Federal government.