SEC. 318. AUTHORITY TO PERFORM SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE CLEARANCE OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE ON FORMER UNITED STATES TRAINING RANGES IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE CLEARANCE.—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense may, using funds specified in subsection (c), conduct surface and subsurface clearance of unexploded ordnance at closed training ranges used by the Armed Forces of the United States in Afghanistan.

(b) CONDITION ON AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE CLEARANCE.—The surface and subsurface clearance of unexploded ordnance authorized under subsection (a) may only take place on training ranges managed and operated by the Armed Forces of the United States that have not been transferred to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for use by its armed forces. Funds expended through September 30, 2016, for such clearance activities shall not exceed $250,000,000.

(c) SOURCE OF FUNDS.—The surface and subsurface clearance of unexploded ordnance authorized under subsection (a) shall be paid for using amounts appropriated—

(1) for fiscal year 2015, pursuant to section 1504 of this Act; and

(2) for fiscal year 2016, pursuant to the authorization of additional appropriations for overseas contingency operations, operation and maintenance, contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016.

(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term "unexploded ordnance" has the same meaning as provided for in section 101(e)(5) of title 10, United States Code.

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would authorize the Secretary of Defense to engage in the surface and subsurface clearance of unexploded ordnance (UXO) on former U.S. training ranges in Afghanistan.

Subsection (a) authorizes the Secretary to conduct surface and subsurface clearance of UXO on the former U.S. training ranges.

Subsection (b) limits the authority to conduct surface and subsurface clearance to ranges used by the U.S. but excluding those transferred to Afghanistan for use by its military. It would also not apply to ranges operated and managed by other countries operating in Afghanistan. The authority would be limited to no more than $250,000,000 in fiscal years 2015 and 2016.

Subsection (c) provides that the funding source for clearance activities will be Overseas Contingency Operations operation and maintenance funds.

Subsection (d) provides a definition by cross-reference to the standard definition of unexploded ordnance in title 10, U.S.C.

Budgetary Implications: This is a one-time authorization to allow the surface clearance of UXO at former U.S. training ranges in Afghanistan. The table shows annual funding requirements of $125,000,000 a year. However, the exact timing of the requirements may change as assessments become available.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($thousands)									
	FY 2015	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
	125,000	125,000	0	0	0				
Total	125,000	125,000	0	0	0				

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would not change the text of any existing provision of law.