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Opening Statement
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H.R. 3121, the All-American Flag Act

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The All-American Flag Act is a common-sense bill that all Members should support. It would simply require all federal agencies to purchase American flags that are manufactured in the United States using materials grown or produced in the United States.

Current law only applies this requirement to the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. I agree that this requirement should be extended to all federal agencies.

The amendment to the bill would provide certain limited exceptions to this requirement, and allow agencies to purchase American flags from elsewhere if they are not otherwise available in sufficient quantity or quality and to conform the bill to the current law as it applies to DOD and Veterans Affairs.

I support this bill and the amendment to it, and yield back the balance of my time.

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