

# Legislative reform proposals have come and gone

Bill	Sponsor(s)	Description	Status
Truthfulness, Responsibility and Accountability in Contracting (TRAC) Act of 2001, HR 721 and S 1152	Rep. Albert Wynn (D-Md.) and Sen. Richard Durbin (D-Ill.)	Both bills are basically the same. Wynn’s legislation is the original and has 190 co-sponsors, including minority leader Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo.). The bill would prohibit federal agencies from conducting A-76 studies until a central-ized reporting system to track costs is established and stop all direct conversion without any competition.	Neither bill has made it out of committee.
Kennedy amendment	Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.)	Kennedy tried to attach an amendment to the 2003 Defense Authorization bill. The amendment, similar to the TRAC Act, would have mandated use of A-76 for all service contracts, required that DOD conduct a cost comparison study for all new work and mandated a percentage of new contracts that must be competed between public and private sectors.	Senate voted 50-49 to table the motion, essentially killing the provision.
Allen-Andrews amendment	Reps. Tom Allen (D-Maine) and Robert Andrews (D-N.J.)	Allen and Andrews tried to attach the provision to the House version of the 2003 DOD Authorization bill. The bill would have set up a pilot for Defense to test best-value and other alternatives to A-76. It also included a requirement to bring contracts in-house.	The amendment was introduced in the House Armed Services Committee and pulled back because support was not strong enough.
Walter Jones amendment	Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.)	Jones tried to attach this provision to the 2003 Defense Authorization bill. It would have given federal employees standing in A-76 protests.	Jones decided to hold off introducing the amendment after learning that Rep. Joel Hefley (R-Colo.) was going to introduce a similar one. Then, neither was introduced.
Abercrombie amendment to the Defense Department Service Contracting Reform Act of 2001	Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-Hawaii)	Abercrombie tried to attach this bill to the Defense Authorization bill for 2001. It would have required DOD to show 10 percent cost savings from A-76 competitions before contracting out services currently performed by Defense civilian employees, conduct A-76 competitions before contracting for new work in excess of \$1 million, meet escalating percent-ages for public-private competitions for new work and compete the same number of existing contract employee positions as the number of DOD civilian employee positions in A-76 competitions in any given fiscal year.	Provision did not get out of committee.