

Chairman C.W. Bill Young
Subcommittee on Defense
House Committee on Appropriations
FY 2014 Defense Appropriations Bill
Full Committee Mark Up
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Opening Statement As Prepared

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The Subcommittee recommendation for the fiscal year 2014 Department of Defense base budget is \$512.5 billion, which is \$3.4 billion below the CBO estimate of the President's request. The recommendation for overseas contingency operations is \$85.8 billion, which is \$1.5 billion below last year's level.

We have worked closely with Mr. Visclosky and the minority to produce a good, bipartisan bill. And despite the reduction in our base allocation, we were able to accomplish much. For example, the recommendation:

- Adds \$580 million to fully fund the authorized military pay raise;
- Adds \$536 million to fully fund anticipated fuel costs;
- Adds \$950 million to fully fund the 2nd Virginia Class submarine;
- Adds \$922 million to restore Facility Sustainment, Modernization and Restoration funding; and
- Adds \$692 million for military medical research, including \$246 million for cancer research and \$125 million for Traumatic Brain Injury research.

Recommendations in the OCO include:

- \$1.5 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account;
- \$1.1 billion for depot maintenance shortfalls;
- \$1.3 billion for Army reset requirements; and
- \$1.1 billion for the OCO Transfer Fund to provide flexibility in addressing unanticipated or emergency OCO costs.

I committed long ago that that I would never write or support a bill which adversely affected any soldier or their family, or which had a negative impact on our nation's readiness. I firmly believe we have kept that promise with the recommendation before us today.

This bill before us provides the Department with the much needed resources required to modernize and maintain readiness at the levels needed for our military to preserve its standing as the most capable and superior armed forces in the world...and I urge its quick adoption.

Finally, before I yield back, let me just thank Mr. Visclosky for his hard work and diligence on this bill. He has done a tremendous job and been an invaluable partner throughout this process.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, and I yield back.

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