

AMENDMENT TO DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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Amendments to the bill:

On page 21, line 13, strike “\$6,089,356,000” and insert “\$6,081,856,000”.

On page 30, line 20, strike “\$7,857,017,000” and insert “\$7,864,517,000”.

On page 119, line 9, before “TITLE IX”, insert the following new section:

1 “SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this
2 may be used to carry out the changes to the Joint Travel
3 Regulations of the Department of Defense described in the
4 memorandum of the Per Diem Travel and Transportation
5 Allowance Committee titled ‘UTD/CTD for MAP 118–13/
6 CAP 118–13—Flat Rate Per Diem for Long Term TDY’
7 and dated October 1, 2014.’”.

And amend the bill and report accordingly.

Amendments to the report:

On page 59, under the header titled “CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS”, insert at end of first paragraph:

The Committee recognizes that the adoption of next generation end user computing could result in cost savings while also improving desktop security, and it encourages the Secretary of Defense to continue to explore the use of next generation end user computing.

On page 60, in the second full paragraph, before “Department of Homeland Security” insert “Department of Defense,”.

On page 61, after the paragraph entitled “QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS” insert the following:

AFRICAN AMERICANS BURIED AT THE NORMANDY

AMERICAN CEMETERY

The Committee recognizes the critical role that African Americans, including servicemembers, support staff, and women played during World War II. The Committee requests that the Army Chief of Military History, in coordination with the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission, submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act that lists the names and positions of the African American servicemembers, support staff, and women buried at the Normandy American

Cemetery in Normandy, France. The report should also estimate the number of African Americans buried at the Normandy American Cemetery absent identification.

On page 79, before the heading “OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE” insert the following:

TOWNSEND BOMBING RANGE

The Committee is aware of the Marine Corps intention to seek designation by the Federal Aviation Administration to become the using agency for the coastal military operations areas associated with the Townsend Bombing Range. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act that includes the plans for such a transition and any potential for related changes in air traffic control that could impede existing commercial and general aviation traffic in the coastal Georgia area or impose restrictions on military training at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

On page 89, after the heading “BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION SYSTEMS” insert the following:

SECURITY CLEARANCE DETERMINATIONS

The Committee is interested in understanding trends related to security clearance determinations, both initial or periodic reinvestigations, and denials due to Foreign Preference or Foreign Influence. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act that includes the number of denials or revocations of security clearance requests for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 and a list of countries and the number of times each was cited per Guideline B (Foreign Influence) or Guideline C (Foreign Preference) as the disqualifying security concern cause for denial, revocation, or adjudicative delay exceeding one year.

On page 91, before the heading ““OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE’”” insert the following:

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

The Committee is concerned about the impact that child abuse and neglect among military families have on military family health and overall military readiness. It has been reported that the number of confirmed cases of

abuse and neglect of military children is at its highest level in ten years. Therefore, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study that examines the reasons for the increase in confirmed cases of abuse and neglect and the actions taken to understand the causes for this increase. The Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act with the results of the study, plans to partner with experts in child abuse clinical care, research, and education, and provide recommendations on research needs to prevent instances of child abuse and neglect among military families.

On page 132, in the table, on line 48, strike the Committee Recommended amount of “122,055” and insert “114,555”.

On page 146, before the heading “WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY” insert the following:

NAVY RESERVE COMBAT AIRCRAFT

The Committee remains concerned that the aging aircraft of the Navy Reserve Combat air fleet will further hamper the mission of these vital tactical aviation squadrons. The Navy Reserve squadrons provide critical adversary support and strike fighter weapons training to active

duty forces, and must maintain a high mobilization readiness level for immediate deployment in the event of war or national emergency.

The Committee has become aware that the Navy Reserve will not be able to transition to F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets until 2034. However, the legacy F/A-18A-D aircraft they will rely upon until then are rapidly nearing the end of their service lives. The Secretary of the Navy has reported to the Committee that the number of aircraft considered as out-of-reporting status will increase from 53 percent in fiscal year 2015 to 67 percent by July 2016, as depots have been unable to achieve production requirements. This puts a strain on both the reserve squadrons and the active component squadrons that must augment the fleet adversary support mission of the reserves. The recommendation includes more than \$1,350,000,000 for the procurement of 16 F/A-18E/Fs and increases funding for Navy aircraft depot maintenance to help alleviate these concerns.

The Committee directs the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act that includes a three year recapitalization and funding plan for the Navy Reserve F/A-18 squadrons. The report

should include the cost and schedule for accelerating the fielding of new F/A-18E/F Super Hornets to the Navy Reserve Combat air fleet and the benefits such a replacement would provide. Additionally, the Committee believes that the Secretary of the Navy should provide a sufficient number of operational ready for tasking aircraft to the Navy Reserve Combat air fleet to allow it to continue its mission.

On page 153, before the heading “SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY” insert the following:

IMPROVED MUNITIONS ON NAVAL SURFACE COMBATANTS

The Committee is aware of the potential for improved munitions for 5” guns on naval surface combatants. The Committee directs the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act that examines the types of munitions that could be considered to improve the effectiveness of the 5” guns. The report should include an analysis of the effectiveness and utilization of current munitions and an analysis of available munitions that may provide improvement in distance and precision.

On page 199, before the heading “TITLE IV” insert the following:

DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF BERYLLIUM

The Committee recognizes the importance of the strategic and critical material beryllium to national security. The Committee is pleased that the Department of Defense began to invest in a domestic beryllium manufacturing facility in 2004 to maintain the security of supply and the affordability of beryllium for defense systems. The Committee encourages the Secretary of Defense to continue to take affirmative steps to maintain a secure, domestic source of beryllium and to consider investing in improvements to make the production of domestic beryllium more efficient and affordable.

On page 206, in the table, on line 66, strike the Committee Recommended amount of “33,503” and insert “41,003”.

On page 235, before the heading “RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION, AIR FORCE” insert the following:

ACTIVE PROTECTION SYSTEMS FOR MARINE CORPS
VEHICLES

The Committee is concerned with the growing threat to the warfighter from inexpensive shoulder-launched munitions such as rocket-propelled grenades and commends the Secretary of the Army for initiating the acquisition and testing of active protection systems that provide a higher level of survivability against these threats for Army ground vehicles. The Committee recommendation includes an additional \$10,000,000 in overseas contingency operations/global war on terrorism funding to advance the development and testing of active protection systems. In addition, the Committee notes that the Marine Corps is currently leveraging Army investments on the Abrams tanks, and directs the Secretary of the Navy to consider conducting similar demonstrations on other Marine Corps ground vehicles.

On page 278, before the heading “CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE” insert the following:

ADVANCED ORTHOPEDIC SURGICAL TRAINING

The Committee understands that servicemembers and their families regularly undergo orthopedic procedures and that these types of musculoskeletal injuries ac-

count for a significant amount of medical separations or retirements from military service. Delivery of direct training based on best practices related to orthopedic procedures for injuries to the knee, shoulder, and other extremities has become an increasingly important readiness issue. The Committee encourages the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) to ensure that military orthopedic health professionals are provided with advanced surgical training in arthroscopic techniques and to do so in partnership with medical professional societies that maintain best practices related to arthroscopic surgery and techniques.

