



## U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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### **Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Passes Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriations Bill Subcommittee Markup**

Washington, D.C... The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee today approved Fiscal Year 2008 Defense Appropriations legislation that fully supports the needs of our men and women in uniform by investing in equipment, training, and cutting-edge weaponry while ensuring that our military personnel and their families are well cared for. The legislation supports funding above the President's budget request for increasing pay for military and civilian employees and for strengthening military health care.

The bill also invests in equipping the National Guard and Reserves to address severe shortages resulting from the demands of overseas deployments, which have made it more difficult to respond to natural disasters here at home.

Senate Defense Subcommittee Chairman Daniel K. Inouye said: "This legislation serves our men and women in uniform by ensuring that they are protected in the best possible way. It also cares for our wounded and injured by reversing planned cuts to military hospitals, and by adding \$73 million to fund programs to provide treatment of those who have been wounded. And it maintains our nation's readiness by supporting initiatives that ensure our military continues to be a 21st century force utilizing cutting-edge technology."

"This Congress is committed to doing right by America's military," said Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. "I applaud the defense subcommittee for crafting strong legislation that invests in the resources we need to secure our nation by fully supporting our servicemen and women and strengthening our National Guard and Reserves. By investing in the next generation of cutting-edge military technologies, we will ensure that America's military forces are the best-equipped in the world. I want to thank Chairman Inouye and the members of the subcommittee for their leadership in this critical effort."

The full Senate Appropriations Committee will consider the Defense Appropriations bill tomorrow. Upon completion, the committee will have reported all 12 appropriations bills.

## FY 2008 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL SUMMARY

### TOTAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

2007 Enacted: \$419.9 billion  
Committee Mark: \$459.3 billion  
President's Request: \$463.1 billion

**MILITARY PERSONNEL:** \$105.5 billion, \$5.7 billion over FY 2007, \$118.6 million over the President's request

**Military Pay Raise:** The legislation includes a 3.5 percent increase in basic pay for all service members and civilian personnel, which is 0.5 percent above the President's request.

**Troop Strength:** The legislation supports an active duty end strength of 1,371,400 and a reserve component end strength of 837,900

- Supports requested end strength increases of 13,000 for the Army, 9,000 for the Marine Corps, 5,000 for the Army Reserve, and 1,300 for the Army Guard
- Supports requested end strength reductions of 12,300 for the Navy, 5,600 for the Air Force, 3,500 for the Navy Reserve, 7,400 for the Air Force Reserve, and 300 for the Air Guard

**GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT:** an additional \$1 billion for equipping National Guard and Reserve forces, which have faced significant shortfalls as a result of the demands of overseas deployments.

**DEFENSE HEALTH:** \$23.5 billion, \$2.3 billion above FY 2007, and \$948.9 million above the President's budget request

**Military Hospitals:** Includes \$486 million to reverse planned cuts to military hospitals.

**Wounded Warriors:** Adds \$73 million to fund programs authorized in the Dignified Treatment of Wounded Warrior Act.

**Cancer Research:** Provides \$240 million for research on Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, and Ovarian Cancer.

## **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

\$141.9 billion, \$14.6 billion over FY 2007, \$962 million below the President's budget request.

- Fully funds key readiness programs critical to prepare forces for combat operations and other peace time missions: flying hours, steaming days, depot maintenance, training, spares and repair parts, base operations, and facility maintenance.

## **PROCUREMENT**

\$98.2 billion, \$17.3 billion over FY 2007, and \$1.4 billion under the President's request

### **Aircraft**

- Fully funds four Joint Cargo Aircraft for the Army
- Provides \$242.3 million for 16 Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters
- Fully funds 52 UH-60 Blackhawk, 44 UH-72 Lakota, and 29 CH-47 Chinook helicopters
- Provides an additional \$100 million for Army aircraft survivability equipment
- Fully funds the request for F/A-18E/F and EA-18G aircraft
- Fully funds the V-22 program
- Reduces funding for 8 H-1 aircraft due to production delays
- Reduces funding for the advance procurement of one E-2D Advanced Hawkeye low-rate initial production aircraft
- Fully funds the MH-60S and MH-60R helicopter program
- Fully funds acquisition of 20 F-22A aircraft
- Fully funds acquisition of 9 C-130J aircraft
- Funds 12 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft and provides advance procurement funding for 16 F-35 aircraft in FY 2009
- Fully funds 24 Predator Unmanned Air Vehicles for the Air Force
- Fully funds 5 Global Hawk Unmanned Air Vehicles

### **Weapons/Missiles**

- Fully funds the Patriot PAC-3 Purefleet program
- Fully funds the TRIDENT II D-5 LE program
- Fully funds Tomahawk procurement
- Fully funds Hellfire procurement
- Fully funds Javelin procurement
- Fully funds Small Diameter Bomb procurement

### **Shipbuilding**

- Supports the budget request for two lead DDG-1000 Zumwalt class destroyers
- Reduces funding for the Littoral Combat ship (LCS) program by \$910.5 million
- Adds \$470 million for Virginia Class submarine economic order quantity (EOQ)
- Funds one T-AKE Dry Cargo/Ammunition Ship
- Fully funds the destroyer and cruiser modernization programs
- Reduces Littoral Combat Ship Mission Module funding by \$65.3 million due to shipbuilding delays

### **Vehicles/Force Protection**

- Supports Army and Marine Corps %Grow the Force+initiatives
- Funds Army HMMWV and Tactical Vehicles
- Funds Army Stryker program
- Funds initial procurement of Future Combat Systems equipment
- Eliminates funding for the Abrams System Enhancement Program because the requirements have been met

### **Other**

- Adds \$1 billion for National Guard and Reserve equipment
- Provides \$125 million for advance procurement of an additional Advanced Extremely High Frequency communications satellite
- Increases funding for training range readiness initiatives across the services

### **RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST AND EVALUATION**

\$75.4 billion, \$336 million below FY 2007 and \$268.9 million above the President's budget request.

### **Aircraft**

- Fully funds the Air Force's tanker replacement program
- Reduces funding for the Combat Search and Rescue helicopter program by \$192 million due to a delay in the contract award
- Provides \$611 million for F-22 modernization initiatives
- Supports the Global Hawk and Predator unmanned aerial vehicle programs
- Adds \$480 million to continue developing a second source for JSF aircraft engines
- Fully funds the VH-71 Executive Helicopter
- Fully funds the Navy Unmanned Combat Air System
- Fully funds restructured Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) program research and development

## **Space**

- Supports the GPS II, Advanced Extremely High Frequency communications satellite, Wideband Global Satellite, National Polar-Orbiting Environmental Satellite System, and Space Based Infrared system (SBIRS) High at the requested amounts
- Provides additional funding for space situational awareness (SSA) activities, such as Space Control Test Capabilities, RAIDRS Block 20, and basic SSA research activities

## **Shipbuilding**

- Fully funds the Littoral Combat Ships 1 and 2

**MISSILE DEFENSE** \$8.5 billion, \$310 million under the President's budget request.

- Fully funds near-term missile defense programs, including ground-based missile defense, Aegis ballistic missile defense, Theater High Altitude Area Defense, and Airborne Laser
- Provides an additional \$100 million for test and training range upgrades and support and ground-based missile defense upgrades
- Adds \$75 million for Arrow co-production, the Arrow System Improvement Program, and Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense
- Reduces funding for the European Third Site program by \$85 million
- Reduces funding for the Kinetic Energy Interceptor by \$30 million
- Provides no funding for the Space Test Bed and the Space Experimentation Center

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

- Fully funds the Future Combat System (FCS)
- Reduces funding for Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) research and development due to contract award delays
- Fully funds Joint-Air-to-Ground-Missile (JACM) research and development
- Fully funds the Joint Tactical Radio Program
- Establishes the Prompt Global Strike initiative for \$125 million, which consolidates disparate efforts from across the Department
- Reduces the Marine Corps Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle program by \$100 million due to slow program execution

## **OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS**

**Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction** \$1.52 billion, \$62 million above the amended President's budget request. Funds the destruction of US chemical weapons stockpiles as required under the Chemical Weapons Convention.

**Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities:** \$962.6 million, \$25.8 million above the President's budget request. Adds \$25 million for the National Guard State Counter-Drug support programs

**Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization** Provides \$120 million for first quarter operations of the COIC, JCOE, and staff and infrastructure.