

**Senate Appropriations Committee
Subcommittee on Defense
SUMMARY OF FY 2008 DOD APPROPRIATIONS
CONFERENCE REPORT**

The bill:

- Provides \$459.3 billion in new discretionary spending authority for the Department of Defense for functions under the Defense Subcommittee's jurisdiction
- Recommendation is \$3.5 billion under the President's FY 2008 budget request
- Fully funds a 3.5 percent increase in basic pay for all service members, which is 0.5 percent above the President's request.
- Provides \$3.7 billion in General Transfer Authority

Title I ó Military Personnel: \$105.3 billion

- Funds 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

Title II ó Operation and Maintenance: \$140.1 billion

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

Title III ó Procurement:

\$98.2 billion

Aircraft

- Fully funds four Joint Cargo Aircraft for the Army
- Provides \$175.8 million for 12 Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters
- Fully funds 52 UH-60 Blackhawk, 44 UH-72 Lakota, and 29 CH-47 Chinook helicopters
- Provides an additional \$80 million for Army aircraft survivability equipment
- Funds the request for 24 F/A-18E/F and 18 EA-18G aircraft
- Fully funds the V-22 program
- Reduces funding for 5 H-1 aircraft due to production delays
- Funds advance procurement for 3 E-2D 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
- Fully funds Marine Corps Shadow UAV procurement
- Extends for an additional year a restriction on the transfer of authority over tactical unmanned aerial 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 Javelin procurement
- Fully funds Small Diameter Bomb procurement
- Fully funds Advanced Anti-Radiation Guided Missile (AARGM) low rate initial production

Shipbuilding

- Supports the budget request for two lead DDG-1000 Zumwalt class destroyers
- Reduces funding for the Littoral Combat ship (LCS) program by \$571 million
- Adds \$588 million for the Virginia Class submarine program

- Eliminates Littoral Combat Ship Mission Module funding due to shipbuilding delays, and instead provides funds for two key stand-alone mine warfare technologies
- Funds one T-AKE Dry Cargo/Ammunition Ship
- Adds an additional \$300 million for advance procurement of T-AKE ships
- Adds \$50 million in advance procurement for another LPD-17 ship

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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
- Increases funding for body armor and other protective equipment for Special Operations Command

Other

- Adds \$980 million 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

Title IV – Research, Development, Test and Evaluation: \$77.3 billion

Aircraft

- Provides \$150 million in the Tanker Transfer Fund for the Air Force tanker replacement program
- Reduces funding for the Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) helicopter program by \$178 million due to a delay in the contract award and transfers \$99 million to the HH-60 combat search and rescue helicopters for needed upgrades since the CSAR program has been delayed
- 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 Navy Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle System
- Fully funds restructured Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) program research and development

Space

- Reduces funding for new, technically challenging satellite programs that are scheduled to replace satellite systems that have not yet launched, such as Transformational Satellite Communications (TSAT), Global Positioning System (GPS) III, and Alternative Infrared Space System (AIRSS)
- 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 over \$100 million for space situational awareness (SSA) activities, such as Space Control Test Capabilities, RAIDRS Block 20, and basic SSA research activities

Shipbuilding

- Fully funds Littoral Combat Ships 1 and 2

Missile Defense

- Provides \$8.7 billion for missile defense programs, a reduction of \$185 million from the budget request
- Fully funds Theater High Altitude Area Defense
- Provides an additional \$80 million for test and training range upgrades and support and ground-based missile defense enhancements
- Provides an additional \$75 million for the Aegis program for the Ballistic Signal Processor, Standard Missiles, Ship installations and upgrades, and an asymmetric defense initiative
- Adds \$75 million for Arrow co-production, the Upper-tier program, and Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense
- Reduces funding for the European Third Site program by \$85 million
- Provides an additional \$120 million for the Kinetic Energy Interceptor program
- Provides no funding for the Space Test Bed

Other

- 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 \$100 million, which consolidates disparate efforts from across the Department
- Retains \$50 million for FALCON within the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
- Reduces the Marine Corps Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle program by \$35 million due to slow program execution
- Fully funds Excalibur research and development program

Title V ó Revolving and Management Funds \$2.7 billion

Title VI ó Other Department of Defense Programs:

Defense Health Programs \$23.5 billion

- Provides \$918 million above the President's budget request
- Provides \$379 million to alleviate the funding shortfalls placed on all three services in efficiency wedges
- Adds \$70 million to fund programs authorized in H.R. 1538, Dignified Wounded Warrior Act, as passed by the Senate
- Provides \$228 million for cancer research. The total amount is distributed as follows:
 - \$138 million for the Breast Cancer Research Program
 - \$80 million for the Prostate Cancer Research Program
 - \$10 million for the Ovarian Cancer Research Program.
- Provides \$50 million for a medical research pot

Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction \$1.51 billion

- Provides \$57 million above the amended President's budget request

Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities \$984.8 million

- Provides \$47.9 million above the President's budget request
- Adds \$20 million for the National Guard State Counter-Drug support programs

Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization \$120 million

- Provides \$120 million for first quarter operations of JIEDDO staff and infrastructure