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## Conferees Approve FY 2006 Defense Spending Bill

WASHINGTON, DC – The Senate and House of Representatives conferees have approved the last remaining appropriations bill for fiscal year 2006 spending. Conferees gave approval to a \$453.28 billion Defense spending bill Sunday afternoon. Included in the appropriations bill is \$50 billion for contingency operations related to the Global War on Terror, of which \$1 billion is for National Guard and Reserve Equipment. Also included is \$3.789 billion in emergency funding for avian flu protection. Additionally, the conferees voted to include \$29 billion for Hurricane recovery efforts on the Gulf Coast.

Excluding contingency operations funding, the conference agreement is \$4.4 billion under the President's FY 2006 budget request of \$407.9 billion and reflects an increase of \$12.3 billion over amounts provided in the FY 2005 Defense Appropriations Act, excluding the FY 2005 Iraq Supplemental.

The agreement provides \$50 billion for operations in Iraq or Afghanistan (Title IX) and fully funds military pay, benefits and medical programs. It provides a total of \$3.75 billion in General Transfer Authority, a \$250 million increase over the amount enacted in FY 2005.

Included as part of the conference report is a provision that would prohibit cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment of prisoners in the custody of the U.S. government.

Also included is a provision authorizing oil and gas exploration in the Arctic Coastal Plain, and a 1% across the board cut to FY 2006 discretionary spending.

### Avian Flu - \$3.8 billion

The Conference report includes \$3.3 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services to address pandemic influenza. Included is \$2.75 billion for vaccines, anti-virals, and any other countermeasures that HHS determines is necessary to protect the health of Americans. Also included is \$350 million to aid State and local public health departments plan and exercise their key roles during a pandemic. \$150 million is provided for international and domestic surveillance. \$50 million is included for CDC lab capabilities and research.

### Title I – Military Personnel: \$96.9 billion (The President requested \$98.2 billion.)

- Funds Department of Defense Active, Guard and Reserve military end strength.
- Funds a 3.1% across-the-board pay raise for military personnel.
- Funds an increase in Basic Allowance for Housing to maintain last year's initiative to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses for military personnel.

### Title II – Operation and Maintenance: \$123.6 billion (The President requested \$126.9 billion.)

- Fully funds key readiness programs critical to the Global War on Terror: OPTEMPO flying hours and steaming days, depot maintenance, training, spare parts, base operations, and facility maintenance.
- Adds \$35 million for environmental cleanup at Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS).

### Title III – Procurement: \$76.5 billion (The President requested \$76.6 billion.)

#### Aircraft

- Fully funds acquisition of 24 F-22 raptor aircraft.
- Fully funds acquisition of 15 C-17 transports and approves multiyear procurement authority
- Realigns C-130J/ KC-130 to support program sustainment.
- Funds \$120 million for JSF advance procurement.
- Adds \$65 million for procurement of one F-15E.
- Reduces request for LUH helicopter \$36.4 million for program delays.

#### Weapons/Missiles

- Fully funds PAC-3 procurement program.

#### Shipbuilding

- Provides \$8.8 billion for shipbuilding programs:
  - Fully funds DD-X program.
  - Adds \$400 million for two additional Littoral Combat Ships.
  - Adds \$62 million for CVN-21 program to maintain schedule.
  - Fully funds one T-AKE ship.
  - Reduces CVN RCOH by \$175 million.

#### Vehicles/Force Protection

- Fully funds Army Stryker procurement.
- Provides \$22 million for Bradley Reactive Armor Tiles.

Other

- Adds \$180 million for equipment for the National Guard and Reserve.

Title IV – Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation: \$72.1 billion (The President requested \$69.4 billion.)

Aircraft

- Reduces the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) by \$200 million due to instability in the aircraft's design.
- Reduces the Aerial Common Sensor (ACS) program by \$196 million due to program delays.

Space

- Reduces Transformational Satellite Communications (TSAT) by \$400 million due to concerns over technical maturity of new capabilities.
- Reduces Space Radar by \$125.8 million for excessive program growth.
- Reduces Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS) High by \$50 million due to excessive program growth.

Shipbuilding

- Fully funds the budget request for Littoral Combat Ship.
- Fully funds the budget request for the DD(X) destroyer program.

Missile Defense

- Provides \$7.8 billion for missile defense programs.
- Provides an additional \$150 million for testing and enhancements of the Ground-Based Midcourse program.
- Adds \$55.2 million for Arrow co-production.

Other

- Adds \$473 million for Army medical research.
- Provides \$3.1 billion for the Future Combat System, an increase of \$239 million over FY 2005, and a decrease of \$236 million from the request for excess management reserve and program overhead.
- Reduces \$40 million from the Joint Unmanned Combat Air System (J-UCAS) program.
- Reduces Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) by \$334 million due to program uncertainties and technical delays.
- Adds \$30 million to continue Joint Common Missile (JCM) development.

Title V – Revolving and Management Funds: \$2.2 billion (The President requested \$3.1 billion.)

- Provides \$1.2 billion for military commissaries in the Defense Working Capital Funds.

Title VI – Other Department of Defense Programs: \$20.2 billion (The President requested \$22.3 billion.)

Defense Health Program: \$20.2 billion

- Provides \$217.5 million for cancer research. The total amount is distributed as follows:
  - \$127.5 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.
- Adds \$12.6 million for the Blast Injury Prevention, Mitigation, and Treatment Initiative to provide treatment and assessment for soldiers with head and blast injuries who are returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction: \$1.4 billion

- Adds \$20 million to re-start development activities at the Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives program sites.

Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities: \$917.6 million

- Provides \$21.9 million above the President's budget request.
- Adds \$18 million for the National Guard State Counter-Drug support programs.

Title IX – Additional Appropriations: \$50.0 billion (including emergency funding)

Military Personnel: \$6.2 billion

- Supports incremental wartime costs for military personnel.
- Provides pay and allowances for Reserve and Guard component military personnel mobilized in support of the Global War on Terror.
- Includes \$681.5 million to support additional recruiting and retention incentives to assist the military recruit and retain qualified men and women.

Operation and Maintenance: \$33.2 billion

- Funds are provided for continued military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan to include: ground operations, flying hours, ship steaming days, aircraft and vehicle maintenance, logistics support, civilian personnel, and transportation.
- Provides \$142.8 million for body armor and personal protection equipment.
- Provides \$174 million for medical supplies and support to tactical units.

- Provides \$609.8 million for recruiting and retention support for the Active, National Guard and Reserve components.
- Provides up to \$100 million for Coast Guard activities related to Global War on Terror
- Provides \$4.7 billion for the Iraq Freedom Fund, which includes \$3.0 billion for classified activities and \$1.4 billion for the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Task Force.
  - Maintains the 5-day advance notification to Congress before making any transfer of funds.
  - Maintains a quarterly reporting requirement on the use of funds.

Procurement: \$7.9 billion

- Aircraft
  - Provides \$74.1 million to replace battle lost Apache aircraft.
  - Provides \$30 million for Blackhawk MEDEVAC aircraft.
  - Provides funds for aircraft survivability.
- Weapons/Missiles
  - Provides \$188 million for Army weapons.
  - Provides \$90 million for Marine Corps weapons.
  - Provides \$55 million for Army TOW 2B Bunker Busters.
  - Provides \$38 million for Hellfire missiles.
  - Fully funds Air Force Hellfire requirements for additional Predator orbits.
  - Provides \$3 million for Pioneer Tactical UAV.
- Army Vehicles/Force Protection
  - Provides \$130 million for Stryker vehicles.
  - Fully funds replacement of Stryker vehicle combat losses.
  - Provides \$50 million for Bradleys.
  - Provides \$75 million for Common Remote Operated Weapons System (CROWS).
  - Fully funds M1 Abrams engine upgrades.
  - Provides \$170 million for Up-armored HMMWVs.
  - Provides \$50 million for Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Armoring.
  - Provides \$41 million for Armored Security Vehicles.
  - Provides \$464 million for HMMWV Recapitalization.
  - Provides \$1.03 billion for Army radio systems.
  - Provides \$293 million for Army Night Vision Equipment.
- Marine Corps Vehicles/Force Protection
  - Fully funds replacement of Light Armored Vehicle combat losses.
  - Provides \$362.7 million for IED defeating high-powered jammers.
  - Provides \$275 million for Marine Corps Medium Tactical Vehicles.
  - Fully funds Marine Corps Up-Armored HMMWV requirement.
  - Provides \$194 million for Marine Corps radio systems.
  - Provides \$72 million for Marine Corps Night Vision Equipment.
- Special Operations Forces
  - Provides \$182 million for Special Operations equipment replacement and upgrades.

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation: \$50.6 million

- Provides \$13.1 million for Counter-Rocket Artillery and Mortar (C-RAM) development.
- Provides \$12.5 million in Air Force research and development to enhance combat capabilities.
- Provides \$25 million for IED research and development.

National Guard and Reserve Equipment

- Provides a total of \$1 billion to address immediate equipment shortfalls for the Guard and Reserve. The total amount is directed as follows:
  - \$700 million for the Army National Guard
  - \$200 million for the Air National Guard
  - \$100 million for the Army Reserve.

Other Programs: \$2.5 billion

- Provides \$2.2 billion for increased fuel costs in the Defense Working Capital Funds.
- Provides \$27.6 million for Drug Interdiction and Counter-drug Activities in Afghanistan.

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