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Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee Approves Fiscal Year 2009 Defense Appropriations Bill

Washington, D.C... The Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee today approved Fiscal Year 2009 Defense Appropriations legislation. A summary of the legislation is below.

SUMMARY OF FY 2009 DOD APPROPRIATIONS

The bill:

- Provides \$487.7 billion in new discretionary spending authority for the Department of Defense for functions under the Defense Subcommittee's jurisdiction
- Recommendation is \$4 billion below the President's FY 2009 budget request
- Provides an additional \$750 million to fund high priority intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance initiatives
- Adds \$750 million for National Guard and Reserve equipment

Title I – Military Personnel:

\$114.9 billion

- Funds an active duty end strength of 1,368,471 and a reserve component end strength of 838,056, consistent with S.3001, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009
- Supports requested end strength increases of 7,000 for the Army, 5,000 for the Marine Corps, and 1,300 for the Army Guard
- Supports requested end strength reductions of 3,798 for the Navy, 1,100 for the Navy Reserve, and 100 for the Air Force Reserve.
- Supports an additional 171 for the Air Force to continue B-52 operations and an additional 56 for the Air National Guard to enhance training and readiness missions
- Realigns funding within the Air Force appropriation to support the early cessation of the personnel drawdown and eventual growth to 330,000 end strength
- Provides funding for increased full time support levels (AGRs) for Army Reserve and Army Guard
- Fully funds the additional retired pay costs resulting from a decrease in the age at which a reservists can draw retired pay

Title II – Operation and Maintenance:

\$153.5 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 – Procurement:

\$101.8 billion

Aircraft

- Fully funds seven Joint Cargo Aircraft for the Army
- Supports funding for 10 Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters
- Provides the requested number of UH-60 Black Hawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters, and adds 8 UH-72 Lakota
- Extends for an additional year a restriction on the transfer of authority from the Army over certain tactical unmanned aerial vehicles, and requires certification of cost savings before merging the Predator and Sky Warrior UAV programs
- Funds the request for 23 F/A-18E/F and 22 EA-18G aircraft
- Fully funds the V-22 program
- Defers 2 UH-1Y aircraft due to production delays
- Funds procurement of 2 E-2D aircraft, a deferral of 1 aircraft
- Funds the MH-60S and MH-60R helicopter programs
- Provides advance procurement funds for 20 F-22A aircraft
- Funds 14 F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft, deferring 2 aircraft, and funds advance procurement for 27 F-35 aircraft in FY 2010
- Fully funds 38 Predator Unmanned Air Vehicles for the Air Force
- Fully funds 5 Global Hawk Unmanned Air Vehicles
- Provides advance procurement funds for 6 VH-71 executive helicopters
- Eliminates 4 MC-130J aircraft which were funded in the FY 2008 Supplemental

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 Joint Direct Attack Munitions procurement

Shipbuilding

- Supports the budget request for one DDG-1000 Zumwalt class destroyer
- Adds \$170 million for the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS)
- Adds \$79 million for the Virginia Class submarine program
- Funds \$178 million for advance procurement of one LHA(R)
- Adds \$397 million for advance procurement of one DDG-51 class ship
- Adds \$273 million in advance procurement for LPD-26
- Eliminates Littoral Combat Ship Mission Module funding due to shipbuilding delays, and instead provides funds for key stand-alone mine warfare technologies

Vehicles/Force Protection

- Supports the Army's Family of Heavy Tactical Vehicles Program

- Reduces funding for the Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles due to FY 2008 Supplemental funding
- Eliminates funding for the Stryker Mobile Gun System due to program delays
- Fully funds the Bradley Fighting Vehicle modification program
- Eliminates funding for Bradley Base Sustainment due to already appropriated FY 2009 supplemental funding
- Fully funds the Abrams Tank Upgrade program

Other

- Fully funds the restructured Future Combat System (FCS) program
- Provides \$4.2 billion in General Transfer Authority
- Increases funding for training range readiness initiatives across the services
- Provides \$75 million for advance procurement of an additional Advanced Extremely High Frequency communications satellite and \$30 million for advance procurement of an additional Wideband Global Satellite communication satellite

Title IV – Research, Development, Test and Evaluation: \$78.5 billion

Aircraft

- Fully funds Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) program research and development
- Fully funds the Aerial Common Sensor (ACS) program
- Fully funds Increment 1 of the VH-71 Presidential Helicopter and provides no funds to lift the Navy “stop work” order on Increment 2
- Fully funds the Joint Strike Fighter, Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft, CH-53K, and Navy Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle
- Adds \$495 million to continue developing a second source for JSF aircraft engines
- Provides \$362 million in the Tanker Transfer Fund for the Air Force tanker replacement program
- Provides \$600 million for F-22 modernization initiatives

Shipbuilding

- Reduces development funding for CG(X) by \$121 million due to delay in analysis of alternatives

Missile Defense

- Provides \$8.9 billion for the Missile Defense Agency, a reduction of \$353 million from the budget request
- Provides an additional \$150,000,000 for MDA's near-term programs -- Ground-based Missile Defense, Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense, and Theater High Altitude Area Defense
- Reduces funding for farther-term missile defense programs such as Kinetic Energy Interceptor, Airborne Laser, and Multiple Kill Vehicle
- Adds \$58 million for the U.S.-Israeli Cooperative Missile Defense Programs, Upper-tier and Short Range Ballistic Missile Defense
- Provides \$467 million for the European Missile Defense sites and development and testing of the two-stage interceptor
- Provides no funding for the Space Test Bed

Other

- Fully funds Joint-Air-to-Ground-Missile (JAGM) research and development
- Provides no funds for the Reliable Replacement Warhead
- Fully funds the Joint Tactical Radio Program
- Reduces the Marine Corps Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle program by \$35 million to improve coordination of developmental armor kits
- Increases funding for service-directed alternative energy research for military applications
- Fully funds Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) research and development
- Fully funds the restructured Future Combat System (FCS) program
- Fully funds Excalibur research and development program

Title V – Revolving and Management Funds \$3.1 billion

Title VI – Other Department of Defense Programs:

Defense Health Programs \$25 billion

- Provides \$207 million above the President’s budget request
- Provides \$240 million for cancer research. The total amount is distributed as follows:
 - \$150 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
- Provides \$40 million for a Peer Reviewed Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program

Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction \$1.51 billion

- Provides \$20 million above the amended President’s budget request for chemical destruction activities at the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant

Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities \$1.1 billion

- Provides \$42 million above the President’s budget request
- Adds \$30 million for the National Guard State Counter-Drug support programs

Office of the Inspector General \$271.8 million

- Provides an additional \$24 million to accelerate the growth of the Office of the Inspector General in order to keep pace with the growth in the size of the defense budget and the number of defense contracts