



# U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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## **SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014** *Subcommittee Mark*

**Washington, D.C.**—The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014 provides \$594.4 billion in base and overseas contingency operation funding, compared to \$604.7 billion in pre-sequester fiscal year 2013 funds. The base budget appropriation is \$516.4 billion. The defense bill also contains \$77.8 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) of the Department of Defense. In compliance with the earmark moratorium, the bill contains no congressionally directed spending items.

Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, issued the following statement:

*“While we can’t solve our nation’s long-term fiscal issues in this one spending bill, we can focus on addressing shortfalls within the Department of Defense and on responsibly dealing with the effects sequestration has had on our troops, veterans and their families. With increasingly limited funds, this bill cuts waste, prioritizes department spending, and puts a premium on readiness. Our choices will only get tougher if we let sequestration continue for fiscal year 2014 and future spending bills.”*

### **Major Initiatives**

The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2014, emphasizes the following priorities:

- (1) Addressing Critical Shortfalls**
- (2) Supporting our Troops, Veterans and their Families**
- (3) Improving Fiscal Accountability**

### **Addressing Critical Shortfalls:**

Sequestration in fiscal year 2013 has had a major impact on the operations of the Department of Defense. Budget shortfalls are threatening the readiness of combat units, causing an inefficient allocation of resources, delaying important modernization programs, and disrupting routine work by furloughing thousands of civilian and military personnel.

If sequestration continues in fiscal year 2014, the impacts will be even greater, especially under a long-term continuing resolution. This bill recommends increased funding in several areas to limit that risk and begin recovery in targeted areas by:

- Fully funding readiness accounts and adding \$2.9 billion restore shortfalls in ground training exercises, ship steaming days, and aircraft flying hours.
- Providing an additional \$1.5 billion to restore other operation and maintenance impacts, such as shortfalls in depot maintenance and Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization.
- Allocating \$1 billion for the National Guard and Reserve Equipment Account.
- Increasing the Virginia-class submarine program by \$227 million and the DDG-51 destroyer program by \$100 million to fund ten-ship multi-year contract commitments.
- Includes sufficient funds to continue operation and begin modernization of nine Navy ships proposed for retirement due to general budget constraints.

### **Supporting our Troops, Veterans and their Families:**

The three million active duty, reserve and civilian employees are the Department of Defense's most valuable resource. The bill protects investments in, and makes targeted increases for, the members of the Armed Forces, their families, and the civilian employees of the Department of Defense including:

- A one percent pay raise to members of the Armed Forces and the Department of Defense civilian workforce.
- Increases in funding to ease the Department of Veterans Affairs claims backlog by accelerating the transfer of DoD health care records.
- \$297 million increase for TRICARE to ensure servicemembers aren't paying more out-of-pocket costs for their health care.
- Continued oversight of the DoD-VA integrated Electronic Health Record program.

- Significant increases to DoD medical research efforts, including:
  - \$200 million for the Peer-Reviewed Medical Research Program;
  - \$100 million for the Joint Warfighter Medical Research Program;
  - \$60 million for Traumatic Brain Injury and Psychological Health;
  - \$120 million for breast cancer research;
  - \$64 million for prostate cancer research;
  - \$10 million for ovarian cancer research; and
  - \$25 million for other cancer research.
- Efforts to protect voluntary military education program quality through increased oversight, reporting and third-party auditing. The bill also puts in place a prohibition on the use of funds for advertising and marketing and designates these funds as Federal funds for education oversight purposes.
- \$25 million for DoD to implement the Special Victims' Counsel Program across all Services in order to provide victims of sexual assault with legal assistance and support.
- \$48.4 million in funding increases for the protection of diplomatic facilities overseas. This funding will create 35 additional Marine Security Guard Detachments as mandated by the fiscal year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act.

### **Improving Fiscal Accountability:**

In an era of limited resources and an uncertain future, this bill eliminates billions in wasteful, unnecessary and duplicative funding across all branches. The bill proposes \$12.6 billion in reductions to 464 individual programs and redirects the majority of those funds to higher priorities. The reductions breakdown as follows:

- Improving Funds Management: 45 percent of the reductions are due to excess carryover of prior year funds or updated cost estimates.
- Restoring Acquisition Accountability: 29 percent of the cuts are due to schedule delays, unit cost growth, troubled acquisition strategies, or concurrency in test and production.
- Maintaining Program Affordability: 19 percent of the cuts eliminate unneeded growth in programs.
- Reducing Duplication: 8 percent of the reductions are for redundant programs, disparities found in budget justifications, or programs that have been terminated since the budget submission.

## **Detailed Summary**

### **Military Personnel**

The bill provides \$129.1 billion in the base for military personnel. The recommended level fully supports the needed end strength and includes a one percent pay raise.

### **Operation and Maintenance**

The bill provides \$178.6 billion for operation and maintenance including substantial increases for readiness, depot maintenance, and Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization. The bill also eliminates \$8 million in funding associated with the proposed 2015 Base Realignment and Closure round which has not been authorized.

### **Procurement**

The bill provides \$98.4 billion for procurement, which is an increase of \$215 million over the request. Significant items include:

- Fully funds the 2014 procurement quantities for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, but limits funding for a 2015 production ramp up to maintain focus on developmental testing and software deliveries.
- Fully funds the following aircraft procurements: Army CH-47 Chinook and AH-64 Apache helicopters; Air Force C-130J Hercules; and Navy P-8 Poseidon, E-2D Hawkeye and MV-22 Osprey.
- Provides the requested amounts for procurement of Army Joint Tactical Radio Systems, Warfighter Integrated Network—Tactical Increment II, and Nett Warrior; Special Operations Command Warrior Systems and Operational Enhancements; and Marine Corps new build G/ATOR radar systems.

### **Research, Development, Test and Evaluation**

The bill provides \$65.8 billion for research and development, which is \$1.7 billion below the request. Significant items include:

- Fully funds Basic Research and Applied Research programs in each Service.
- Fully funds Air Force Long Range Strike bomber and KC-46 tanker; Navy Next Generation Jammer and MQ-4 Triton UAV; and the Army/Marine Corps Joint Light Tactical Vehicle.
- Limits funding to F-35 Joint Strike Fighter development to support necessary planning activities for follow-on development.

- Fully funds U.S.-Israeli cooperative missile defense programs, including an additional \$173 million for the Arrow programs and David's Sling.
- Terminates the Virginia Payload Module due to high cost, risk, and lack of validated requirement.

## **Overseas Contingency Operations**

The bill provides \$77.8 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations, which is \$2.9 billion below the request. The bill includes:

- Reductions of \$416.8 million from the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund for light attack support aircraft and the bill provides no funds for Mi-17 helicopters. The bill includes restrictions on purchases from Rosoboronexport, the Russian arms export company.

## **Other**

Transfer authority: The bill provides \$5 billion in transfer authority in the base, and \$4 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations.

Guantanamo: The bill retains previous language on Guantanamo, however it allows the fiscal year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act to supersede the provisions should changes be enacted in that legislation.

President of Afghanistan: The bill includes a general provision which prohibits funds from being used for the personal benefit of the President of Afghanistan.

Combat Uniforms: The bill restricts new development and fielding of service-unique camouflage combat uniforms in order to limit duplication and waste.

General and Flag Officers: The bill includes a reduction in funding for general and flag officers, to rein in the cost of senior officers, their benefits, and staff.

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