



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SUMMARY: 2009 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

The Defense Appropriations bill puts troops first, preparing them for whatever emergencies may arise, providing them with first class weapons and equipment, and ensuring that they and their families are well taken care of.

The bill makes critical investments into the health, well-being and readiness of our forces. These recommendations address issues raised by troops, their families and Department of Defense officials in testimony before the Congress, and discovered through visits to military bases across the United States and overseas.

At the same time, the bill realizes its obligation to meet the recent dependence on the use of contractors with increased support for their management and oversight. It likewise makes a commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Bill Total	Discretionary
2008 Enacted:	\$459.3 billion
President's Request:	\$491.7 billion
Final Bill:	\$487.7 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

Keeping Our Commitments to Our Troops and Their Families

Addressing Equipment Shortfalls: \$750 million is specifically set aside to ensure that the National Guard and Reserve have all of the tools they need after years of irresponsible shortfalls. The President did not request funding specifically for Guard and Reserve.

Quality Training: \$23.6 billion, \$1.2 billion above 2008, so that our troops are prepared to successfully perform their missions.

Compensation for Stop Loss: \$72 million, not requested by the President, for a new initiative to pay troops \$500 for every month their term of service will be involuntarily and arbitrarily extended in 2009.

First Class Medical Care: \$25.8 billion, \$1 billion above the President's request and \$2.4 billion above 2008, to provide our troops with top of the line medical care. This includes \$300 million for traumatic brain injury and psychological health.

Supporting Military Families: \$2.8 billion, \$102 million above the President's request, for family advocacy efforts, dependents' education and daycare programs.

Barracks and Military Hospitals: \$3 billion, \$734 million above the President's request to improve army barracks, military hospitals, and other facilities.

Weapons Programs

- **Shipbuilding:** \$14.1 billion, matching the President's request, for construction of eight ships (one more than the President's request), including one LPD-17 Amphibious Transport Dock, one DDG-1000 Guided Missile Destroyer, one Virginia Class Submarine, two Littoral Combat Ships, 2 T-AKE cargo ships, and one Intra-Theater Troop Transport Ship.
- **Joint Strike Fighter:** \$6.3 billion, matching the President's overall request for JSF, including \$2.9 billion for the procurement of 14 aircraft (2 fewer than the President's request) and \$3.4 billion to continue program development including \$430 million not requested by the President for alternate engine development.
- **F-22:** \$2.9 billion, for 20 F-22s as requested by the President and \$523 million not requested by the President for advance procurement of an additional 20 F-22 Raptors.
- **Future Combat Systems:** \$3.6 billion, \$26 million above the President's request, to accelerate the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Unmanned Ground Vehicle programs.
- **Satellite Communications:** \$150 million, not requested by the President, for the advance procurement of the fourth Advanced Extremely High Frequency military communications satellite.

Urgent Intelligence Needs: \$750 Million, not requested by the President, to address the services' urgent intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) needs identified by the Secretary of Defense's ISR Task Force.

Improving Fiscal Responsibility

Inspector General Oversight: \$262 million, \$24 million above the President's request for much needed additional personnel to increase oversight of Defense contractors.

Reigning in Outsourcing: \$12.5 billion, \$650 million below the request, as outsourcing efforts have failed to produce promised cost savings.

Presidential Helicopter: \$835 million, \$212 million below the President's request, due to uncertainty associated with Increment II. This includes \$735 million in the program for Increment I aircraft (5) and \$100 million for Increment II. Additionally, \$20 million is provided for reliability enhancements to the existing presidential helicopter fleet.

Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter: \$198 million for 12 aircraft, \$161 million (16 aircraft) below the President's request as the program is behind schedule even as its cost continues to rise.

OTHER IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS

Detention Facility at Guantanamo: Requires the Secretary of Defense produce a report within 180 days of enactment detailing plans for a potential closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo.

US Africa Command (AFRICOM): \$266 million, \$123 million below the President's request, cut because of the failure to establish an AFRICOM presence on the continent and to correctly account for a funding transfer.

Torture: Continues to carry a provision prohibiting torture.