

JOINT EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF  
CONFERENCE

The managers on the part of the House and the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2670), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, submit the following joint statement to the House and the Senate in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the managers and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

The Senate amendment struck all of the House bill after the enacting clause and inserted a substitute text.

The House recedes from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate with an amendment that is a substitute for the House bill and the Senate amendment. The differences between the House bill, the Senate amendment, and the substitute agreed to in conference are noted below, except for clerical corrections, conforming changes made necessary by agreements reached by the conferees, and minor drafting and clarifying changes.

*Disclosure of earmarks and congressionally directed spending items*

In compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the joint explanatory statement includes a table that lists the congressional earmarks (as defined in paragraph (e) of clause 9) that are contained in the conference report or this joint explanatory statement at the request of a Member of the House of Representatives. The conference report or this joint explanatory statement does not contain any congressional earmarks at the request of a Senator. Neither the conference report nor the joint explanatory statement contains any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in paragraphs (f) or (g) of clause 9 of rule XXI of the House of Representatives.

*Summary of discretionary authorizations and budget authority implication*

The budget request for national defense discretionary programs within the jurisdiction of the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives for fiscal year 2024 was \$874.2 billion. Of this amount, \$841.2 billion was requested for Department of Defense programs, \$32.6 billion was requested for national security programs in the Department of Energy and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and \$378.0 million for defense-related activities.

The agreement would authorize \$874.2 billion in fiscal year 2024, including \$841.4 billion for Department of Defense programs, \$32.4 billion for national security programs in the Department of Energy and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and \$438.0 million for defense-related activities.

The two tables preceding the detailed program adjustments in division D of the accompanying joint explanatory statement summarize the discretionary authorizations in the agreement and the equivalent budget authority levels for fiscal year 2024 defense programs.

*Sec. 4 - Budgetary effects of this Act*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 4) that would state the budgetary effects of this Act for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-139).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

# **DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS**

## **TITLE I—PROCUREMENT**

### **SUBTITLE A—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

#### *Sec. 101 - Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 101) that would authorize appropriations for procurement at the levels identified in section 4101 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 101).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

### **SUBTITLE B—ARMY PROGRAMS**

#### *Sec. 111 - Limitation on availability of funds pending assessment of Army Trackless Moving Target systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 111) that would limit appropriations for the Trackless Moving Target program of the Army until the Secretary of the Army meets certain conditions and provides a report to the congressional defense committees.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would modify the limitation of funding, directed assessment, and reporting requirements.

#### *Sec. 112 - Strategy for Army tactical wheeled vehicle program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 113) that would require the Secretary of the Army to update the Army's tactical wheeled vehicle (TWV) strategy every 5 years beginning with the submission of the President's Budget request for fiscal year 2025. This strategy will consider the full fleet of TWVs and associated trailers and support equipment. Further, the Secretary of the Army shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 15 days after the budget submission, on its strategy and future years defense program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment that also sunsets this provision with the 2035 submission of the required strategy.

*Sec. 113 - Report on acquisition strategies for the logistics augmentation program of the Army*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 115) that would require the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on acquisition strategies of the logistics augmentation program of the Army.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE C—NAVY PROGRAMS**

*Sec. 121 - Modification of requirements for minimum number of carrier air wings of the Navy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 121) that would amend section 8062(e) of title 10, United States Code, to relieve the Navy of a requirement to maintain 10 carrier air wings.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would provide a sunset for the requirement to maintain 10 carrier air wings 12 months after the Secretary of the Navy submits a report on potential approaches to manning, operating, and deploying a 10th aircraft carrier and associated carrier air wing to determine how the Navy could mobilize such a carrier air wing if required by operational needs.

*Sec. 122 - Extension of prohibition on availability of funds for Navy port waterborne security barriers*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 122) that would further extend through fiscal year 2024 an existing prohibition on the use of funds for waterborne security barriers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 123 - Multiyear procurement authority for Virginia class submarine program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 131) that would authorize multiyear procurement authority for not more than 13 *Virginia*-class submarines.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 123) that would authorize multiyear procurement authority for 10 *Virginia*-class submarines.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would remove an additional limitation in the House provision relating to modification of target price.

*Sec. 124 - Procurement authority for Auxiliary Personnel Lighter program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 133) that would provide the Secretary of the Navy authority to enter into multiyear contracts for procurement of up to six Auxiliary Personnel Lighter class vessels.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 125 - Limitation on reductions to V-22 aircraft nacelle improvement program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 134) that would restrict moving the MV-22 Nacelle Improvement production line until the Secretary of the Navy certifies the implementation plan for MV-22 Tailored Nacelle Improvement program results in greater performance and reliability than the MV-22 Nacelle Improvement program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to upgrade at least 24 V-22 aircraft unless the Secretary certifies to the congressional defense committees that such reduction is in the interests of national security.

*Sec. 126 - Limitation on consideration of Government-operated dry docks in certain contract solicitations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 137) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to ensure that no Government-operated drydock is eligible to compete for the award of a contract for private sector non-nuclear surface ship maintenance unless the Secretary determines that there is not sufficient private sector dock competition.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 127 - Annual reports on use of Government docks for ship repair and maintenance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 136) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to provide a report on the use of Government docks for ship repair and maintenance.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE D—AIR FORCE PROGRAMS**

*Sec. 131 - Limitation on retirement of F-15 aircraft and modification of related reporting requirement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 164) that would authorize to be appropriated an additional \$30.6 million for F-15EX Advanced Procurement and make offsetting reductions in Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Defense-wide for Environmental Security Technical Certification Program.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 135) that would modify an existing reporting requirement, mandated prior to divestment of F-15 aircraft, to include identification of remaining service life, upgrades, and other modifications. The Senate amendment contained another similar provision (sec. 5133) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the divestment of any F-15E aircraft.

The House recesses on section 164.

Authorization of specific funding amounts can be found in the funding tables.

The House recesses with an amendment on the two Senate provisions that would: (1) Merge the two provisions; (2) Permit the Secretary of the Air Force to retire up to 68 F-15E aircraft; and (3) Require a report only on retiring F-15E aircraft, describing the total cost of all modifications to date for each aircraft and the estimated service-life remaining for each F-15E aircraft the Secretary selects for retirement.

The conferees applaud the Air Force's effort to field F-15EX across the active duty, reserve, and Air National Guard components equitably, but remain concerned that tactical fighter capacity is not sufficient to meet combatant commander warfighting requirements at an acceptable level of risk. The conferees expect the Secretary of the Air Force to address and mitigate the concern regarding insufficient tactical fighter aircraft capacity in the tactical fighter aircraft force structure report to Congress mandated elsewhere in this Act.

*Sec. 132 - Limitations and minimum inventory requirement relating to RQ-4 aircraft*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 131) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Air Force from divesting any RQ-4 aircraft.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 133 - Temporary exception to minimum inventory requirement for fighter aircraft of the Air Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 134) that would reduce the number of fighter aircraft that the Air Force would be required to maintain from 1,145 fighters to 1,112.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would make the reduction from 1,145 fighters to 1,112 fighters temporary rather than permanent.

*Sec. 134 - Modification of minimum inventory requirements for C-130 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 151) that would extend by one year a previously implemented minimum C-130 aircraft inventory requirement.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 5131)

The House recesses.

*Sec. 135 - Modification of annual reports on T-7A Advanced Pilot Training System*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 152) that would amend section 156 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) by requiring the Secretary of the Air Force to include additional reporting requirements related to the acquisition strategy and execution of the T-7A training aircraft program, as well as extending the reporting requirement by five years.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the annual schedule risk assessment to be completed at an 80 percent confidence level.

*Sec. 136 - Modification to prohibition on certain reductions to B-1 bomber aircraft squadrons*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 153) that would extend an existing prohibition on reductions to B-1 squadrons until the date on which the Secretary of the Air Force certifies to the congressional defense committees that not fewer than 100 B-21 aircraft have completed construction. The provision would also provide exceptions to the prohibition in the case of bomb wings which are in the process of replacing B-1 aircraft with B-21 aircraft, as well as an individual B-1 aircraft damaged beyond economical repair.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 5132) that would extend by three years the existing prohibition on reductions to B-1 squadrons.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would extend the prohibition through September 30, 2026.

*Sec. 137 - Modification of minimum inventory requirements for A-10 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 154) that would reduce the minimum A-10 aircraft primary mission aircraft inventory requirement to 135 total aircraft, and would repeal a duplicate A-10 aircraft primary mission aircraft inventory requirement. The provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to evaluate any A-10 aircraft that is retired, during fiscal year 2023 or later fiscal years, for potential transfer to military forces of an ally or partner nation of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 133).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 138 - Procurement authority for over-the-horizon radar systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 155) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to procure not more than six over-the-horizon radar systems, as soon as practicable. This section would also establish certain requirements relating to the use of competitive procedures for such procurement.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 139 - Prohibition on availability of funds for retirement of KC-135 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 163) that would prohibit the use of fiscal year 2024 funds for the decommissioning of a KC-135 aircraft.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 140 - Prohibition on reduction of KC-135 aircraft in PMAI of the reserve components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 157) that would prevent the Air Force from reducing the number of primary mission aircraft inventory KC-135 aircraft in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 141 - Limitation on issuance of acquisition strategy for the KC-135 recapitalization program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 156) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide the congressional defense committees the business case analysis and Joint Staff-validated requirements for the KC-135 recapitalization program along with the analysis of alternatives for the Next Generation Air Refueling System before deciding on an acquisition strategy for the KC-135 recapitalization program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would expand the House provision to include a tanker road map.

*Sec. 142 - Prohibition on certain reductions to inventory of E-3 airborne warning and control system aircraft*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 137) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the retirement, or placement into storage or backup inventory, of E-3 aircraft that would reduce the total aircraft inventory below 16.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 143 - Prohibition on availability of funds for termination of production lines for the HH-60W aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 158) that would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise

made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Air Force from being obligated or expended to terminate the operations of, or to prepare to terminate the operations of, a production line for the HH-60W Combat Rescue Helicopter.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 144 - Limitation on retirement of F-16C/D aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 160) that would prohibit the divestment of any F-16 aircraft beginning on January 1, 2024, until the Secretary of the Air Force provides to the congressional defense committees a report, including certain plans and assessments, not less than 180 days prior to divesting or preparing to divest any F-16 aircraft.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would: (1) Prohibit the Secretary from divesting or preparing to divest any F-16 aircraft until 180 days have transpired since the Secretary submits the report on his plans for long-term fighter force structure required elsewhere in this Act; and (2) Require the Secretary to provide information on various attributes of any F-16 aircraft he proposes for retirement in the future.

*Sec. 145 - Limitation on procurement of KC-46A aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 161) that would limit the Air Force from buying more than 179 KC-46A on the current contract until the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics certifies to the congressional defense committees that there are validated needs and provides long-term cost estimates.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to notify the congressional defense committees 180 days prior to signing a contract that would result buying more than 179 KC-46A aircraft.

*Sec. 146 - Limitation on actions relating to remote vision systems of KC-46A aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 162) that would require a certification from the Secretary of the Air Force before retrofitting KC-46A aircraft with Remote Vision System 2.0.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 147 - Limitation on retirement of T-1A training aircraft*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 132) that would prohibit retirement of T-1A training aircraft pending a Chief of Staff of the Air Force certification to the congressional defense committees relating to pilot training.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make technical corrections to certain pilot training program references.

*Sec. 148 - Plan for long-term Air Force fighter force structure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 159) that would prohibit the termination of any fighter flying mission of any fighter squadron of the Air National Guard until a period of 180 days after the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director, Air National Guard, develops a notional plan to recapitalize all fighter squadrons of the Air National Guard with replacement aircraft and submits the results of the plan to the congressional defense committees.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report, not later than April 1, 2024, on: (1) Plans for long-term fighter force structure, training, and sustainment over the next 12 years, including the rationale for any plans to activate, divest, deactivate, or change the mission of any unit; and (2) Plans to augment or supplant existing piloted tactical fighter aircraft training events via acquisition and fielding of common, joint, all-domain, high-fidelity synthetic simulation environments.

The conferees recognize the importance of in-flight training. However, the conferees also believe that expanded use of complementary synthetic training environments provides an effective and efficient way to train against high-end threats in realistic combat environments while employing the latest tactics, techniques, and procedures without the imposition of artificial or restrictive operational limitations. Finally, the conferees believe that adoption, implementation, and integration of advanced synthetic training environments has been unnecessarily slow and should proceed more quickly across the joint force.

**SUBTITLE E—DEFENSE-WIDE, JOINT, AND  
MULTISERVICE MATTERS**

*Sec. 151 - Annual report on force structure changes exhibit for the defense budget*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 186) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the divestment of major weapon systems with the submission of each president's budget request.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 152 - Multiyear procurement authority for domestically processed critical minerals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 181) that would provide multiyear procurement authority for rare earth elements processed domestically.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 153 - Prohibition on solicitation of proprietary armor for certain tactical vehicles*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 182) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from including in a solicitation for a tactical tracked vehicle or tactical wheeled vehicle a requirement that such vehicle use proprietary armor. This section would also modify section 4863 of title 10, United States Code, requiring the application of such section to include tactical tracked vehicles and tactical wheeled vehicles.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would limit the provision to proprietary armor constraints.

*Sec. 154 - Prohibition on availability of funds for procurement of certain batteries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 183) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from purchasing battery technology produced by Contemporary Amperex Technology Company.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to deliver a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2025, on: (1) The implementation and progress made regarding section 225 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263); (2) Coordination efforts

made to date regarding the Department-wide approach to establish a battery strategy; (3) Identified mechanisms for measuring defense supply chain risks across the National Technology Industrial Base; (4) Efforts to establish a Department-wide catalogue of advanced batteries for current and future applications; (5) Defined future battery supply chain requirements and opportunities to leverage the commercial industry; (6) Identified sources of supply for raw and refined battery materials for defense applications; (7) Efforts to expand secure sources of supply and manufacturing for battery materials in defense applications; (8) Efforts to reuse end-of-life batteries in defense applications; (9) Recommendations to adjust acquisition regulations to prioritize domestic or allied sources of supply for battery materials; and (10) Any other aspect deemed appropriate by the Secretary.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

#### *Report on Army requirements and acquisition strategy for night vision devices*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 111) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to submit a report to the congressional defense committees not later than February 29, 2024, on its requirements and acquisition strategy for night vision devices.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army, not later than February 29, 2024, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on night vision devices. The report shall include the following elements:

(1) An identification of the specific capabilities the Army is seeking to achieve in night vision;

(2) An identification of the capabilities in night vision required by unit, including the number and type of units for each capability;

(3) An identification of the total requirement for night vision devices in the Army, disaggregated by number and type of unit; and

(4) A description of the acquisition strategy of the Army for achieving the capabilities described in paragraph (1), including a description of each of the following:

(a) The acquisition objective for each type of night vision device;

(b) The programmed purchase quantities for night vision devices required each year;

(c) The contract type of each procurement of night vision devices;

(d) The expected date for achieving the capabilities;

(e) The industrial base constraints on each type of night vision device; and

(f) The modernization plan for each type of night vision device.

#### *Report on Black Hawk helicopter program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 112) that would require a report to the congressional defense committees after the submission of the President's Budget for fiscal year 2025 identifying funding requested for Black Hawk modernization and detailing required elements of the required report.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army, not later than 30 days after the date on which the budget request for fiscal year 2025 is submitted to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the modernization of the Black Hawk helicopter program of the Army. This report shall include:

(1) Identification of the level of funding requested for Black Hawk modernization for the period of fiscal years 2025 through 2029 set forth separately by fiscal year and appropriations account;

(2) Requirements for the program that are sufficient to ensure the Black Hawk helicopters of the Army are systematically modernized to address obsolescence and provide capabilities that ensure relevance in the joint all-domain operational environment; and

(3) A program acquisition strategy.

#### *Army plan for ensuring sources of cannon tubes*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 112) that would require the Secretary of the Army to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than February 29, 2024, consisting of an updated version of the Army's March 2022 report titled, "Army Plan for Ensuring Sources of Cannon Tubes." The update shall take into account increased demand for cannon tubes generated by the Nation's present and projected support for Ukraine and other foreign military sales.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army to update the assessment of the Secretary on the sufficiency of the development, production, procurement, and modernization of the defense industrial base for cannon and large caliber weapons tubes. The conferees further direct the Secretary, not later than February 29, 2024, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an update to the report submitted to Congress in March 2022 entitled "Army Plan for Ensuring Sources of Cannon Tubes."

*Sense of Senate on procurement of outstanding F/A-18 Super Hornet platforms*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 124) that would express the sense of the Senate regarding the use of funds previously appropriated for the procurement of additional F/A-18 aircraft, encouraging expeditious entry into a contract for procurement of 20 such aircraft.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees agree that the Navy and contractor team should conclude these contract negotiations as soon as possible.

*Multiyear procurement authority for MK-48 torpedoes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 132) that would provide multiyear procurement authority for the Department of the Navy to procure up to 550 MK-48 torpedoes.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees have chosen to deal with this issue elsewhere in this Act.

*Report on Navy shipbuilding workforce development special initiative*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 135) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to provide a report to the congressional defense committees on the implementation of the Navy shipbuilding workforce development special incentive.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the status

of the implementation of the Navy shipbuilding workforce development special incentive under section 8696 of title 10, United States Code.

The report shall include, at a minimum:

(1) A description of each activity carried out under subsection (c)(2)(A) of such section to provide short- and long-term workforce housing, transportation, and other support services to facilitate attraction, relocation, and retention of workers; and

(2) An evaluation of the effectiveness of such activities.

#### *Report on Air Force executive aircraft*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 136) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than January 1, 2025, relating to the Air Force's executive aircraft fleet.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a plan on the Air Force's executive aircraft fleet to the congressional defense committees no later than January 1, 2025.

#### *Pilot program to accelerate the procurement and fielding of innovative technologies*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 141) that would amend section 834(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) to allow the Secretary of Defense to waive the priority established for small businesses for up to two solicitations for proposals per fiscal year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Plan to expedite integration of Long-Range Anti-Ship Missiles into legacy aircraft fleets*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 184) that would require a plan from the Secretary of Defense to integrate the Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile onto certain legacy aircraft.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180

days after enactment of this Act, to integrate the Long-Range Anti-Ship Missile onto certain legacy aircraft.

#### *Categorization and tracking of F-35 aircraft parts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 185) that would require the Secretary of Defense to make a determination on whether F-35 parts should be categorized as government-furnished property, and to develop a system for continuous tracking of parts.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on whether F-35 aircraft parts are to be categorized as government-furnished property. The briefing will also include the status of development of a system for continuously tracking such parts, regardless of the determination.

## **TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**

### **SUBTITLE A—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

#### *Sec. 201 - Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 201) that would authorize appropriations for research, development, test, and evaluation at the levels identified in section 4201 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 201).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

### **SUBTITLE B—PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS**

#### *Sec. 211 - Annual report on unfunded priorities of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 228) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit annually to the congressional defense committees a report on the unfunded

priorities of the Department of Defense-wide research, development, test, and evaluation activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 212 - Delegation of responsibility for certain research programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 215) that would amend section 980(b) of title 10, United States Code to authorize the Secretary of Defense to delegate to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering the authority to waive the informed consent requirement included in this statute for certain medical research.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 213 - Modification to personnel management authority to attract experts in science and engineering*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 213) that would modify section 4092(b) of title 10, United States Code, to improve the ability of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency to attract and more rapidly hire new types of program managers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 214 - Clarifying role of partnership intermediaries to promote defense research and education*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 212) that would facilitate technology transfers from industry or academic institutions to a Center for Science, Technology and Engineering Partnership.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 217).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 215 - Naval Air Warfare Rapid Capabilities Office*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 211) that would establish a Naval Air Warfare Rapid Capabilities Office.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would not specify the location of the headquarters of the Rapid Capabilities Office.

*Sec. 216 - Modification of support for research and development of bioindustrial manufacturing processes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 213) that would provide support for the development of a network of bioindustrial manufacturing to conduct research and development to improve the ability of the industrial base to assess, validate, and scale new, innovative bioindustrial manufacturing processes for the production of chemicals, materials, and other products necessary to support national security of secure fragile supply chains.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would modify the additional element to insert "pharmaceutical biologics and associated precursor materials."

*Sec. 217 - Modification to administration of the Advanced Sensors Application Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 214) that would realign management of the Advanced Sensors Application Program from the Department of the Navy to the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security and the Department of the Air Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 218 - Matters pertaining to hypersonic capabilities and testing strategies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 261) that would limit the Department of Defense travel funds made available for fiscal year 2024 for travel by the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy until the submission of a strategy for hypersonic testing, as required by section 237 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), and require the strategy to be updated biennially through 2030. The provision would also require the Department of Defense to study at least two additional corridors for testing long-distance hypersonic systems, and to initiate any activities required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190) necessary for such testing.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 226) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report, not later than March 1, 2024, and with each budget submission thereafter through fiscal year 2030, on all offensive and defensive hypersonic investments.

The House recesses with an amendment that would combine both provisions and add developmental and operational testing to the reporting requirements on funding and investments.

*Sec. 219 - Improvements to defense quantum information science and technology research and development program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5203) that would amend section 234 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) to authorize fellowships in quantum information science and technology research and development for individuals who have a graduate or post-graduate degree.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 220 - Application of public-private talent exchange programs in the Department of Defense to quantum information sciences and technology research*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5201) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to establish a public-private exchange program with up to 10 participants focused on working with private sector entities working on quantum information sciences and technology research under the existing authority of section 1599g of title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 221 - Support for protection of sensitive research performed on behalf of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 215) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to enter into contracts or other agreements with one or more eligible consortia to assist institutions of higher education in protecting sensitive research performed on behalf of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar amendment.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees note that as part of the CHIPS and Science Act (Public Law 117-167), the National Science Foundation was directed to create a new Research Security-Information Sharing Advisory Office, and is in the process of establishing that entity. The conferees are also aware that some universities have been providing such support similar to the kind described in this section to other universities. The conferees expect the Department to look at all available opportunities to potentially

satisfy this requirement, but to also consider cost-effectiveness and the ability to scale as key considerations when evaluating what might be the best solution to pursue.

*Sec. 222 - Support to the Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 217) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to make funds available for the joint fund to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the initiative known as the Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 212).

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 223 - Consortium on use of additive manufacturing for defense capability development*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 216) that would require the Secretary of the Army to establish a consortium to facilitate the use of additive manufacturing for the development of aviation and missile capabilities for the Army.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that broadens the scope of the consortium beyond just the Army, and expands the participation to include one or more Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory from any other military departments.

*Sec. 224 - Next Generation Air Dominance family of systems development program accountability matrices*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 218) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Navy to provide annual accountability matrices to the congressional defense committees relating to each Department's Next Generation Air Dominance piloted fighter aircraft and unpiloted Collaborative Combat Aircraft (CCA). The provision would also require the establishment of cost-related key performance parameters for the covered programs and establish categories of CCA and cost limitations for each category.

The Senate contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would remove the requirement for establishing cost caps for CCAs specifically labeled as attritable, expendable, or exquisite. The conferees recognize that the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary

of the Navy instead intend that their CCA programs pursue a CCA aircraft designated with the 'Increment 1' nomenclature.

The conferees agree that CCAs, procured affordably with reasonably defined capability requirements, fielded in sufficient capacity, based on thoroughly considered analysis and successfully demonstrated concepts of operations and employment beforehand, have the potential to significantly increase the lethality of existing tactical fighter aircraft. Unfortunately, neither the Secretary of the Air Force nor the Secretary of the Navy has sufficiently explained to the congressional defense committees: (1) How the Departments can acquire the vehicles affordably in sufficient numbers to execute the concept of operations; or (2) How the program is being defined to apply to challenges in the near-, mid-, and long-terms, particularly as it relates to unpiloted CCA capabilities that may be used in either an attritable or expendable mission taskings.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Navy to provide separate reports to the congressional defense committees, not later than May 1, 2024, explaining and demonstrating with underpinning analyses, how CCA affordability is being defined and applied for unpiloted aircraft that may be used for either attritable or expendable mission taskings. The reports should be submitted with unclassified information, but may contain a separate classified annex submission, if required.

*Sec. 225 - Continuous capability development and delivery program for F-35 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 219) that would require the Secretary of Defense to designate the F-35 continuous capability and development and delivery program as a major subprogram of the F-35 acquisition program. The provision would also require the F-35 Program Executive Officer to designate and manufacture six new developmental testing and evaluation aircraft to adequately support future activities of the F-35 testing and evaluation program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the F-35 Program Executive Officer to select developmental testing aircraft beginning not earlier than Lot 19 production and require delivery of the new developmental testing aircraft not later than 2030.

*Sec. 226 - F-35 propulsion and thermal management modernization program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 226) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of the Navy to develop validated propulsion, power and cooling, thermal management, and electrical power requirements for the planned service life of the F-35. The provision would also require the Program Executive Officer for the F-35 program to use such requirements to conduct a cost-benefit analysis and technical risk analysis on upgrades and modifications necessary to support such requirements, and would require the designation of related activities as a major subprogram of the F-35 acquisition program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical and clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 227 - Establishment or expansion of University Affiliated Research Centers for critical materials*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 865) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to establish a new or expand an existing University Affiliated Research Center to increase the Department of Defense's ability to conduct research, development, engineering, or workforce expansion related to critical materials for national security needs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 228 - Policies for management and certification of Link 16 military tactical data link network*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 274) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement policies to adapt Link 16 system management and certification to align with agile development practices.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would strike language in the House provision relating to the sense of Congress and modify the testing of Link 16 by striking the word "commercial".

The conferees note that nothing in this provision should be interpreted to affect provisions related to spectrum coordination contained in "Memorandum of Agreement between Department of Defense and Department of Transportation Regarding the 960-1215 MHz Frequency Band" entered into in 2002, or any subsequent modifications to the agreement; Department of Defense Regulation 4650.1-R1 relating to Link 16 Electromagnetic

Compatibility Features Certification Process and Requirements, issued April 26, 2005, and any subsequent versions of such regulation; and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Spectrum Planning Subcommittee Stage 4 Certification contained in the latest version of SPS-14260.

*Sec. 229 - Rapid response to emergent technology advancements or threats*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5206) that would allow the Secretary of a military department to use authorities established pursuant to section 3601 of title 10, United States Code, to initiate urgent or emerging operational development activities for a period of up to one year, in order to leverage an emergent technological advancement of value to the national defense to address a military service-specific need, or to provide a rapid response to an emerging threat identified by a military service.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 230 - Pilot program to commercialize prototypes of the Department of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 221) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to carry out a pilot program to award grants to applicants for a project to commercialize a prototype of the Department of the Air Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying technical amendment.

*Sec. 231 - Pilot program on near-term quantum computing applications*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 222) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program that tests and evaluates how quantum and quantum-hybrid applications may be used to solve technical programs and provide capabilities needed by the Department of Defense and the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would make clarifying edits to the language.

*Sec. 232 - Pilot program to facilitate access to advanced technology developed by small businesses for ground vehicle systems of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 223) that would direct the Secretary of the Army to carry out a pilot program between Army Ground Vehicle Systems Center and a non-profit research institute operating a contested logistics research center to enhance access to small business advanced technology.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would broaden the pool of non-profit research institutes eligible to participate in the pilot.

*Sec. 233 - Limitation on availability of funds pending documentation on Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 225) that would limit the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Office of the Secretary of the Army for travel of persons, of which not more than 70 percent may be obligated or expended until the date on which the Secretary of the Army submits to the congressional defense committees the analysis of alternatives document for the Future Attack Reconnaissance Aircraft program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

## **SUBTITLE C—ENERGETICS AND OTHER MUNITIONS MATTERS**

*Sec. 241 - Joint Energetics Transition Office*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 241) that would establish a Joint Energetics Transition Office within the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 921).

The House recedes with an amendment that clarifies the organization, roles, and responsibilities of the Joint Energetics Transition Office.

*Sec. 242 - Consideration of lethality in the analysis of alternatives for munitions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 242) that would establish a performance parameter to ensure that lethality is considered a key performance parameter and require the Secretary of Defense to document such determination on why lethality was not determined as an appropriate parameter.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would include lethality as an element for consideration in the analysis of alternatives conducted prior to issuing a capability development document for purposes of procuring any new munition or modifying an existing munition.

*Sec. 243 - Pilot program on incorporation of the CL20 compound in certain weapon systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 243) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program under the Secretary to incorporate the CL20 compound as the energetic material for the main fill in the warheads or propellants of three weapons system under development by the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would clarify the cost, schedule, and performance tradeoffs of CL20, as well as clarify the definition of energetic materials.

*Sec. 244 - Limitation on sourcing chemical materials for munitions from certain countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 244) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from procuring a chemical material for munitions from any country other than India, any member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), or any country that is designated as a major non-NATO ally.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying technical amendment.

The conferees note with concern that the Joint Program Executive Office Armaments & Ammunition (JPEO A&A) Single Manager of Conventional Ammunition (SMCA) utilizes a number of combined pre-cursor materials sourced from the People's Republic of China. We understand that Defense Production Act (DPA) title III authorities are being leveraged to establish domestic sources for materials sourced from China. We encourage the Department to analyze locations named in the Army's Organic Industrial Base Modernization Implementation Plan, as well as Army depots not specifically named, for domestic production of materials currently sourced from China. For instance, the Department of the Army's Feasibility Report to Congress to Reuse the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) and Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) infrastructure highlights BGCAPP's facilities and expertise that could be used to produce critical chemicals.

*Sec. 245 - Defense industrial base munition surge capacity critical reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899B) that would allow the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to establish a critical reserve of long-lead items and components to provide the capability to quickly access the required components to accelerate the delivery of munitions for the capabilities identified pursuant to section 222c of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

## **SUBTITLE D—PLANS, REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 251 - Congressional notification of changes to Department of Defense policy on autonomy in weapon systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 266) that would require a congressional briefing if any changes are made to the Department of Defense Directive 3000.09 on legal autonomous weapons systems.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 252 - Audit to identify diversion of Department of Defense funding to China's research labs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 230) that would direct the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General to conduct a study, and submit a report to Congress, regarding the amount of Federal funds awarded by the Department of Defense—whether directly or indirectly—to research laboratories in the People's Republic of China, or affiliated entities, through grants, contracts, subgrants, subcontracts, or any other type of agreement or collaboration, during the 10-year period immediately preceding such date of enactment.

The Senate amendment contained similar provisions (sec. 1363 and sec. 6243).

The House recedes with an amendment to Senate section 6243 that would narrow the scope of the study to work performed in China on research supported by the Government of China by EcoHealth Alliance.

*Sec. 253 - Annual review of status of implementation plan for digital engineering career tracks*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5205) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not less frequently than once each year until December 31, 2029, to conduct an internal review of the status of the implementation of the plan submitted pursuant to section 230(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92), and submit to the congressional defense committees a report on each review.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Certain disclosure requirements for university research funded by the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 214) that would require the principal investigator of any covered research program at an institution of higher education to accurately and completely disclose to the Department of Defense detailed information on identities, citizenship, and affiliations of researchers working on such efforts, as well as periodic updates on the formal, informal, direct, and indirect contacts with third-party collaborators.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Program of standards and requirements for microelectronics*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 216) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to establish a program within the National Security Agency (NSA) to develop and continuously update, as the Secretary determines necessary, the standards, commercial best practices, and requirements for the design, manufacturing, packaging, testing, and distribution of microelectronics acquired by the Department of Defense (DOD). In addition, the program would provide acceptable levels of confidentiality, integrity, and availability for Department commercial-off-the-shelf microelectronics, field programmable gate arrays, and custom integrated circuits.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees recognize that the Department has made great strides in increasing its focus and capacity to operate in the microelectronics space. However, we note that after some initial progress in developing evidence-based standards for microelectronics assurance, the Department's investment to mature such standards has stagnated. Activities such as (Rapid Assured Microelectronics Prototypes (RAMP) and State-of-the-Art Heterogeneous Integrated Packaging (SHIP) have provided opportunities to test these out at a high level, but the conferees believe that more investment, intellectual as well as financial, should be made in the foundational work to demonstrate that such standards can provide similar or greater levels of security compared to traditional means.

Additionally, the conferees recognize there are some specific areas that would benefit from increased analysis to inform the implementation of a more mature evidence-based standards regime. The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of contracts for Department of Defense classified, export-controlled, and other applications requiring high-assurance custom integrated circuits and application-specific integrated circuits designed by defense industrial base contractors, and provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 17, 2024. Such briefing shall include how contracts can use (1) Security overlays grounded in evidence-based assurance processes and techniques and include them in the contract data requirements list; (2) Commercial best practices for confidentiality, integrity, and availability; (3) Legal mechanisms for data collection and sharing to enable security overlays and evidence-based assurance processes and techniques; and (4) Automation technology to efficiently generate, or access, and analyze data to support security overlays grounded in evidence-based assurance processes and techniques.

Furthermore, the ability to secure microelectronics parts will require a more detailed understanding of third-party intellectual property and how that is accessed, analyzed and protected by the Department of Defense. To that end, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the use and security of third-party intellectual property in custom integrated circuits and application-specific integrated circuits designed or used by defense industrial base contractors for the Department of Defense, and provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than 1 year after the enactment of this Act. Such briefing shall include: (1) The range of third-party intellectual property used in such integrated circuits, including a description of the most commonly used third-party intellectual property and any

Department concern with respect to its use in defense systems; (2) The range of sources of such third-party intellectual property and distribution of market shares; (3) Licensing and data rights issues associated with use of third-party intellectual property; (4) The security benefits and risks of use of third-party intellectual property widely used in the commercial sector, and the current processes in the Department and the defense industrial base that address such risks; (5) The expense and security benefits and risks of defense industrial base contractors developing their own intellectual property blocks that replicate or attempt to replicate functions of third-party intellectual property that are widely used in the commercial sector; and (6) The feasibility of developing and acquiring access to sets of security-certified third-party intellectual property for reuse, including ensuring that such a collection includes all critical third-party intellectual property blocks, and taking into account current and potential Department of Defense third-party intellectual property security process review methodologies.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for gain-of-function research*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 224) that would prohibit funding made available for fiscal year 2024 to be expended for conducting gain-of-function research for the purpose of enhancing the pathogenicity, transmissibility, or host range of a microorganism or virus.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense is neither currently conducting gain-of-function research nor are any funds planned for gain-of-function research in fiscal year 2024.

*Report on feasibility and advisability of establishing a quantum computing innovation center*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 224) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a quantum computing innovation center within the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, to submit to the congressional defense

committees, not later than November 1, 2024, a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a quantum computing innovation center within the Department of Defense. Such report shall include:

(1) An evaluation of the plans of the Department to develop quantum computing, algorithms, and networking applications, including as a participant in the National Quantum Initiative;

(2) An assessment of any processes to harmonize or coordinate activities across the Department to develop quantum computing applications;

(3) An evaluation of any Department-issued policy guidance regarding quantum computing applications;

(4) An evaluation of any Department plans to defend against adversarial use of quantum computing applications;

(5) Any established metrics or performance indicators to track the progress of quantum computing technology or workforce developments;

(6) The extent to which the Department is partnering with commercial entities engaging in quantum research and development;

(7) An assessment of how a quantum information center might help address any gaps in programs, coordination, workforce development or technology transition; and

(8) Identification of possible approaches for establishing and maintaining such a quantum information center to support Department of Defense goals.

*Briefing on the impediments to the transition of the Semantic Forensics program to operational use*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 225) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel of the Department of Defense and the Director of the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), provide the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the impediments to the transition of the Semantic Forensics program to operational use.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees believe that the Department of Defense should urgently prioritize ensuring that the Semantic Forensics program successfully transitions from DARPA to another entity without disruption. The conferees note that DARPA funding for the Semantic Forensics program expires after fiscal year 2024.

Therefore, not later than March 1, 2024, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on a transition plan for the Semantic Forensics program. The briefing shall include the following elements:

- (1) A list of identified notional transition partners, including nonprofit and public-private partnerships;
- (2) The feasibility and merits of transitioning the Semantic Forensics program to each notional partner organization;
- (3) A notional timeline with milestones for ensuring a successful transition; and
- (4) A cost estimate for a transition partner to operate and maintain the Semantic Forensics program.

Given the potential importance of the Semantic Forensics program with respect to election security, the conferees strongly urge the President to include funding for the program in the fiscal year 2025 budget request.

*Limitation on availability of funds pending report and certification on the Warfighter Machine Interface of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 228) that would limit the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Warfighting Machine Interface until receipt of a previously-required report on commercial software for that program. The provision would require reporting from Secretary of the Army relating to commercial product and service preference requirements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Limitation on availability of funds for fundamental research collaboration with certain institutions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 229) that would not authorize the Department of Defense to provide any available funding to an institution of higher education for conducting fundamental research in collaboration with any of the following:

- (1) An entity of concern;
- (2) An academic institution of the military, law enforcement, intelligence, or security agency of the People's Republic of China; and
- (3) Any component of the defense laboratory system in the People's Republic of China.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

### *Review of artificial intelligence investment*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 230) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act to: (1) Review the current investment into applications of artificial intelligence to the platforms, processes, and operations of the Department of Defense; and (2) Categorize the types of artificial intelligence investments by categories.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to review the current investment into applications of artificial intelligence to the platforms, processes, and operations of the Department of Defense, and provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 15, 2024. Such briefing shall: (1) Categorize the types of artificial intelligence investments using a standardized taxonomy; (2) Include the findings of the Secretary with respect to the review and any action taken or proposed to be taken by the Secretary to address such findings; and (3) Include an evaluation of how the findings of the Secretary align with stated strategies of the Department of Defense with regard to artificial intelligence and performance objectives established in the Department of Defense Data, Analytics, and Artificial Intelligence Adoption Strategy.

### *Assessment of energetics industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 244) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the supply chains for energetic materials and the status of the energetics industrial base to identify opportunities to accelerate the development of critical energetic material and to enhance the ability of the Department of Defense to access material for defense purpose.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that the elements of this assessment are addressed elsewhere in this bill.

### *Modification to annual reports on critical technology areas supportive of the National Defense Strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 262) that would require the report required by section 217 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to list each program element that funds research, development, test, and evaluation activities for each technology area covered therein until 2029.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Study on establishment of centralized platform for development and testing of autonomy software*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 264) that would task the Secretary of Defense to assess the establishment of a centralized platform for all-domain autonomy software development and testing.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note the increasing use of autonomous capabilities throughout the Department of Defense and believe that utilization of such capabilities will grow more essential and widespread in the years to come. The conferees believe the Department should prepare for the proliferation of autonomous systems, including by determining how to best govern the development, testing, procurement, and deployment of autonomous systems.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, in coordination with the Director of the Test Resource Management Center, to submit a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of establishing a centralized platform for the development and testing of autonomy software to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than January 1, 2025. The study shall include, at minimum:

(1) An assessment of the status of efforts to resource and integrate autonomy software into systems in use by the Department as of the date of the study, as well as systems that are under consideration for future use within the future years defense plan;

(2) Identification of systems employed by the Department which are, or can be, integrated with autonomy software to enable the continuous operational availability of such systems in GPS- or communications-denied environments, including systems identified under section 246 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 116-283);

(3) An assessment of any gaps in, shortfalls in, or inadequacy of:

(a) program funding relating to the acquisition of autonomy software;

(b) acquisition processes for acquiring and integrating autonomy-enabling capabilities across relevant programs of record, including the mechanisms of the planning, programming, budgeting, and execution process;

(c) training capabilities relating to autonomy software;

(d) coordination, harmonization, and interoperability of autonomy software, where appropriate, throughout the Department;

(e) capabilities for testing, evaluating, verifying, and validating autonomy software in all environments, including live, virtual, and constructive environments; and

(f) efforts to test, resource, and scale commercially available autonomy software for use by the Department;

(4) A plan to address, to the extent practicable, the gaps assessed in paragraph (3), including:

(a) updated procedures to plan for the potential costs of autonomy software at the beginning of the acquisition life cycle;

(b) plans to include, in greater detail, the projected costs of autonomy software for applicable programs of record in the future years defense program submitted to Congress under section 221 of title 10, United States Code; and

(c) plans to harmonize the acquisition of autonomy software for programs of record across the Armed Forces.

*Annual report on incremental and transformational research and development*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 265) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to submit a report that identifies the number of incremental and transformational research and development projects that are in progress within the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of maintaining a diverse research portfolio to best manage and balance the inherent risk in fundamental science, as well as research and development. A diverse research profile may be addressed in many ways—support for multiple disciplines, methods, and orthogonal approaches

being a few examples. Another form of diversity would be the estimated time horizon that the research may yield an operational capability or technology.

The conferees note that investments in incremental research that can yield a usable product or capability in the near term can be important to achieve operational imperatives, but without investments in research that could transform the technology and security landscape in the future, the United States risks being surprised or left behind by advances by both adversaries and partners. The conferees believe that the Department of Defense should pursue both incremental and transformational research in a thoughtful, risk-informed way to ensure we have a diverse portfolio for delivering the range of capabilities needed now and in the future.

*Sense of Congress on dual use innovative technology for the robotic combat vehicle of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 267) that would express the sense of Congress on dual-use innovative technology for the Robotic Combat Vehicle of the Army.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees encourage the Army to continue using the software acquisition pathway approach as well as leveraging dual-use, innovative commercial technology for the Robotic Combat Vehicle program and consider a similar framework for future ground vehicles, such as the Optionally Manned Fighting Vehicle and the Common Tactical Truck programs. The conferees also encourage the other military services to consider this dual-use acquisition approach for their autonomous ground vehicle programs.

*Funding for research and development of smart concrete materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 268) that would increase by \$2.6 million in PE 62144A for the research and development of smart concrete materials, with a corresponding decrease in operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Assessment and strategy for use of open-architecture additive manufacturing for certain items and components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 269) that would assess the capacity of the Department of Defense to test, evaluate, and use the additive fabrication technology to supplement maintenance parts in the weapons systems and equipment support.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress on the continuing need for innovation in the Armed Forces*

The House amendment contained an amendment (sec. 270) that would encourage the Armed Forces to continue innovating to maintain, bolster, and augment military readiness, wartime preparedness, and ensure the overall national security of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of a robust innovation ecosystem in increasing our national security. The United States military's innovative capacity in technological areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum information sciences, advanced air mobility, and counter-UAS systems is key to maintaining and improving military readiness. The conferees support continued expansion and fostering of innovation ecosystems for both national and economic security needs.

*Funding for cyber supply chain risk management*

The House bill contained an amendment (sec. 271) that would increase funding by \$1,000,000 in PE 0605013N for cyber supply chain risk management, with a corresponding decrease in PE 0605294D8Z.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Funding for National Defense Education Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 272) that would increase the amount of funds used for research, development, testing, and evaluation in division D of the funding tables by \$5.0 million for the National Defense Education Program, and correspondingly decrease the amount authorized for operations and maintenance in division D of the funding tables by \$5.0

million for administration and service-wide activities at Washington Headquarters Service.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

#### *Updates to national biodefense strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 273) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise, update and submit the most recent version of the national biodefense strategy and associated implementation plan required under section 1086 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the administration issued the updated National Biodefense Strategy and Implementation Plan for Countering Biological Threats, Enhancing Preparedness, and Achieving Global Health Security in October of 2022 and the Department of Defense published its Biodefense Posture Review in August of 2023. The conferees believe the administration and Department of Defense should routinely update the Biodefense Strategy and Posture review as threats and capabilities change and ensure the United States' capabilities keep pace with the threat environment.

#### *Sense of Congress on the Army Artificial Intelligence Integration Center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 275) that would express a sense of Congress on the Army Artificial Intelligence Integration Center.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Report on research relating to lightweight advanced carbon materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 276) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on any research relating to the potential use of lightweight advanced carbon materials for defense applications.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense should support development-stage research of lightweight advanced carbon materials, such as coal-derived graphite and carbon foam, for use in electromagnetic interference shielding, signature reduction, aerospace tooling, and other defense applications.

*Funding for Department of Defense software factories*

The House bill contained an amendment (sec. 277) that would increase funding by \$10,000,000 in PE 0605829F for support of Department of Defense software factories, with a corresponding decrease in operation and maintenance, Navy, for administration and service-wide activities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Briefing on Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) defense education program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5202) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than three years after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide a briefing on participation and use of the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) education program, with a particular focus on levels of interest from students engaged in studying quantum fields.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Improvements to National Quantum Initiative Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5204) that would amend section 8814 of the National Quantum Initiative Act (Public Law 115-368) to integrate the efforts of the Department of Defense and the intelligence community on the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

**TITLE III—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**SUBTITLE A—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

*Sec. 301 - Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 301) that would authorize appropriations for operation and maintenance activities at the levels identified in section 4301 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 301).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

**SUBTITLE B—ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

*Sec. 311 - Improvement and codification of Sentinel Landscapes Partnership program authority*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 312) that would transfer the Sentinel Landscapes program to title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

The conferees note that both private landowners and agricultural producers operating on private or public lands are within the scope of the phrase "owners and managers of land" for the purpose of this section.

*Sec. 312 - Modification of authority for environmental restoration projects at National Guard facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 311) that would amend section 2700 of title 10, United States Code, to include National Guard facilities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 323).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 313 - Modification to technical assistance authority for environmental restoration activities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 315) that would require the Secretary of Defense to furnish technical assistance to communities and individuals that have been affected by a release of a pollutant affirmatively determined to have originated from a facility under the jurisdiction of, or formerly under the jurisdiction of, the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would modify existing technical assistance authorities to communities pursuant to section 2705 of title 10, United States Code.

*Sec. 314 - Coordination on agreements to limit encroachments and other constraints on military training, testing, and operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1808) that would amend section 2684a of title 10, United States Code, by inserting "a State-owned National Guard installation, each regionally associated installation."

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 315 - Requirement for approval by Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment of waiver for systems not meeting fuel efficiency key performance parameter*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 311) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to waive a requirement that a system meet the efficiency key performance parameter.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 316 - Modification to prototype and demonstration projects for energy resilience at certain military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 314) that would amend section 322(c)(6) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to include hydrogen as an energy storage and power generation tool that the Department of Defense can research, develop, and test.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 317 - Authority to transfer certain funds as payment relating to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 315) that would provide authorization to transfer certain funds related to Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 314).

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 318 - Prohibition on required disclosure by Department of Defense contractors of information relating to greenhouse gas emissions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1822) that would prohibit funds from being used to require any entity submitting an offer for a Federal contract to disclose, as a condition of submitting the offer, information relating to greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related financial risk.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 820).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 319 - Required infrastructure plan prior to deployment of certain non-tactical vehicles at military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 313) that would require an annual assessment and determination by the Secretary of Defense that sufficient recharging infrastructure is in place to support electric non-tactical vehicle fleets in each covered command area of operations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary concerned to complete an infrastructure plan prior to deployment of covered non-tactical vehicles.

*Sec. 320 - Prohibition and report requirement relating to certain energy programs of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 318) that would prohibit funding of energy programs to entities owned or controlled by the Russian Federation or the Chinese Communist Party.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 321 - Report on schedule and cost estimates for completion of testing and remediation of contaminated sites; publication of cleanup information*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 372) that would require the Secretary of Defense to publicly publish timely and regularly updated information on the status of the cleanup of sites for which the Secretary has obligated amounts for environmental restoration activities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 326).

The House recedes with an amendment that would effectively combine the two provisions.

## **SUBTITLE C—TREATMENT OF PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES**

*Sec. 331 - Modification of timing of report on activities of  
PFAS Task Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 327) that would reduce recurring reporting requirements enacted in prior years related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 332 - Budget justification document for funding relating to  
perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 325) that would require the Department of Defense to include with the submission of the annual budget request a separate budget justification document on activities of the Department related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 333 - Increase of transfer authority for funding of study  
and assessment on health implications of perfluoroalkyl  
substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances contamination in  
drinking water by Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease  
Registry*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 322) that would extend the authorization and funding transfer for the ongoing study and assessment on human health impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in drinking water by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 334 - Prizes for development of technology for thermal  
destruction of perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl  
substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 332) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program

that uses thermal destruction to dispose of perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 335 - Treatment of certain materials contaminated with perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 321) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to treat covered materials if the treatment of such materials occurs through the use of remediation or disposal technology approved by the relevant Federal regulatory agency.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 336 - Government Accountability Office reports on testing and remediation of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 328) that would direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report assessing the state of ongoing testing and remediation by the Department of Defense of current or former military installations contaminated with perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE D—LOGISTICS AND SUSTAINMENT**

*Sec. 341 - Modification of rule of construction regarding provision of support and services to non-Department of Defense organizations and activities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 358) that would make funds available to the Secretary of a military department for operation and maintenance for the Innovative Readiness Training program to be expended to assist in demolition, clearing of roads, infrastructure improvements, and construction to restore an area after a natural disaster.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 342 - Repeal of Comptroller General review requirement relating to core logistics capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 341) that would repeal the Comptroller General of the United States' review requirement relating to core logistics capabilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 343 - Modifications to Contested Logistics Working Group of Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 355) that would expand the Contested Logistics Working Group to include representatives of the Defense Logistics Agency, the Strategic Capabilities Office, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 344 - Matters relating to briefings on Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 344) that would modify an existing briefing requirement relating to the Shipyard Infrastructure Optimization Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 345 - Foreign military sales exclusion in calculation for certain workload carryover of Department of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 343) that would authorize the Secretary of the Army to use a calculation for depot and arsenal workload carryover that excludes foreign military sale work.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 346 - Pilot program on optimization of aerial refueling and fuel management in contested logistics environments through use of artificial intelligence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 345) that would direct the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense to commence a pilot program to optimize the logistics of aerial refueling and fuel management in the context of contested logistics environments through the

use of advanced digital technologies and artificial intelligence.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 347 - Limitation on availability of funds to expand leased facilities for Joint Military Information Support Operations Web Operations Center*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 354) that would limit the obligation and expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated to expand leased facilities for the Joint Military Information Support Operations Web Operations Center until the Secretary of Defense and the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, submits a validated manpower estimate for each of the combatant commands utilizing such facilities, and an explanation of how such estimates are aligned with and support the priorities established by the 2022 National Defense Strategy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 348 - Limitation on availability of funds pending submission of certain 30-year shipbuilding plan by the Secretary of the Navy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 357) that would limit the use of certain funds made available to the Secretary of the Navy until the Secretary submits a 30-year shipbuilding plan that meets the statutory requirement to maintain 31 amphibious warships.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 349 - Plan regarding condition and maintenance of prepositioned stockpiles of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 348) that would require the Secretary of the Army to develop a plan to implement increased inspection procedures for the prepositioned stockpiles of the Army to identify deficiencies and conduct maintenance repairs to ensure the stockpiles are mission capable.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 350 - Strategy and assessment on use of automation and artificial intelligence for shipyard optimization*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 332) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to develop and implement a strategy to leverage commercial best practices used in shipyards to make operations more efficient.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 351 - Assessment and strategy relating to hardening of certain military installations against attack by Iran and Iranian-associated groups*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 368) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the threat posed by Iran against United States and partner military bases, an assessment of hardening air and missile defenses for United States military installations in the area of responsibility of U.S. Central Command, and a strategy for expediting the hardening of military installations located in the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander of United States Central Command, to conduct the analysis.

*Sec. 352 - Semiannual briefings on operational status of amphibious warship fleet*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 346) that would require quarterly briefings on the operational status of amphibious warfare fleets of the Department of the Navy, and would fence certain funds pending submission of the first briefing.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 343).

The agreement includes the Senate provision with an amendment that would require the briefings to be provided semiannually, and would drop the fence.

## **SUBTITLE E—OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 361 - Review of notice of presumed risk issued by Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Clearinghouse*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899D) that would require the Clearinghouse to ensure that a governor has at

least 120 days after the date on which the governor receives the notice of presumed risk to provide any such comments and shall provide detailed information and other information necessary to ensure that the governor can fully understand the nature of the presumed risk.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 362 - Modifications to military aviation and installation assurance clearinghouse for review of mission obstructions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 359) that would make modifications to Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Clearinghouse for review of mission obstructions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

The conferees note concern from the Air Force regarding the potential encroachment of tall structures in the vicinity of land-based intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launch and control facilities. This provision provides for an expedited process under the Military Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting Clearinghouse for the Department of Defense to object under section 183a of title 10, United States Code, to certain new structures 200 feet and taller proposed within 2 nautical miles of such facilities. This provision applies to neither already operating and approved facilities nor to existing structures repowered with updated technology in the same location as previously approved. The conferees believe the uniqueness and uniformity of the ICBM mission in the five states in which ICBM launch and control facilities are located, justify this one-size-fits-all approach. However, the conferees do not believe a one-size-fits-all approach to setbacks applies for other military missions or installations. Potential impacts to radar, training routes and other airspace needs, vessel maneuverability and training, and other military missions require mission-specific, location-specific, and project-specific analysis to ensure protection for military operations and training, analysis which is facilitated through the Clearinghouse and conducted by the potentially affected installations and military services. As the Department itself explained in a March 2015 report to Congress, "Due to the wide variety of missions and the variability of impacts on different types of obstructions, it is not possible to apply a 'one-size-fits-all' standoff distance between DOD military readiness activities and development projects."

*Sec. 363 - Modification to Joint Safety Council*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 361) that would modify the Joint Safety Council by adding additional responsibilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 364 - Designation of official responsible for coordination of renegotiation of certain land leases owned by Department of Defense in Hawaii*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 317) that would require the Secretary of Defense to designate a senior official responsible for coordinating negotiations between the services and the State of Hawaii with regards to military land leases.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 365 - Continued designation of Secretary of the Navy as executive agent for Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 351) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to continue, through fiscal year 2024, to perform the responsibilities of the Department of Defense executive agent for the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees look forward to working with the Department of Defense to provide for the sustainment of NAVSCIATTS, including through funding for personnel, facilities and necessary repairs of such facilities, equipment, and maritime craft, in future fiscal years. The conferees note that the Senate report (S. Rept. 118-58) accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 adopted by the Senate Armed Services Committee requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan for the long-term operation of NAVSCIATTS, and the conferees look forward to reviewing the required plan upon completion.

*Sec. 366 - Establishment of Caisson Platoon and support for military and State funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 365) that would prevent the Secretary of the Army from eliminating the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd Infantry Regiment of the Army, which

participates in full military honors funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 356).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 367 - Recovery of rare earth elements and other strategic and critical materials through end-of-life equipment recycling*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 369) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the electronic waste of the Department of Defense that contains rare earth elements and other critical minerals.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1511).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the electronic waste of the Department that contains rare earth elements and other critical minerals. The briefing shall include information on: (1) The types of electronic waste, such as shredded hard drives and other data storage devices, from which rare earth elements and other critical minerals could be extracted, and the types of technologies that could be used for extraction, including proven, commercial acid-free dissolution recycling technology and green chemistry technology; and (2) Whether and how rare earth elements and other critical minerals extracted from electronic waste, could be returned to the domestic supply chain or National Defense Stockpile of such elements and minerals.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Air Force professional development education*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 302) that would authorize to be appropriated an additional \$2 million in the Operation and Maintenance, Air Force account for professional development education and detail offsetting reductions in other accounts.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Modifications to pilot program on use of sustainable aviation fuel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 312) that would amend the sustainable aviation fuel pilot program from James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to ensure the Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Transportation model is used to measure greenhouse gas emissions reductions under the program, promoting increased accuracy in measurements and preventing the categorical exclusion of domestic, agricultural biofuels from the program.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 313).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

*Requirement for Secretary of Defense to develop plan for transition of Joint Task Force Red Hill*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 316) that would require the Department to report on the transition for community engagement and the plan for the removal of residual fuel at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility prior to the termination of the Joint Task Force Red Hill.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The Secretary of Defense has since completed and released the defueling plan.

*Analysis of alternatives for battlefield storage and distribution of electric power*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 319) that would require the Army to conduct an analysis of energy alternatives for battlefield circulation of energy capabilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an analysis, not later than June 1, 2024, of potential alternatives to systems for the storage and distribution of electric power for use by the military services on the battlefield or in other austere environments. In conducting the analysis, the Secretary shall develop study guidance under which such analysis is required to include for consideration as such potential alternatives the full range of military and commercially available capabilities for the storage and

distribution of electric power. The Secretary shall ensure that such analysis includes a detailed evaluation of the cost and capabilities thereof, including with respect to the following: (1) The per-unit cost of the potential alternative; (2) The mobility of the potential alternative; (3) The capability of the potential alternative to store and distribute electric power necessary for the charging of soldier-worn devices on the battlefield; (4) The capability of the potential alternative to store electric power for, or distribute electric power to, multiple systems (including through a network or microgrid) to sustain tactical command posts; and (5) Any other capabilities the Secretary determines necessary to meet operational requirements.

Not later than 90 days after the date on which the Secretary completes the analysis, the Secretary shall brief the congressional defense committees on the results of the analysis and an assessment of the types of analyses the Secretary conducted to determine the costs and benefits associated with the prospective use by the military services of commercially available potential alternatives.

*Comptroller General report on acceleration and improvement of environmental cleanup of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 320) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report containing the results of a study conducted by the Comptroller General on the status of the Federal cleanup and decontamination process in the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees continue to recognize the importance of the Federal cleanup and decontamination process in the island-municipalities of Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico. The conferees encourage the pace of ongoing cleanup and environmental restoration efforts in the former military training sites in Vieques and Culebra to continue, including any potential alternatives to accelerate the completion of such efforts, and their associated costs. The conferees remain concerned about the effects on the public health and safety of island residents and encourage any steps that can be taken to mitigate risks.

*Limitation on availability of travel funds until submittal of plan for restoring data sharing on testing of water for perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 324) that would limit the availability of certain travel funds for the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment until the Under Secretary submits a plan to restore data sharing pertaining to the testing of water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Improvements relating to exposures to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 331) that would: (1) Require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that a servicemember's periodic health assessment includes an evaluation of whether the servicemember was based or stationed at a military installation with a known or suspected release of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances or exposed to these substances; (2) Amend section 1074f of title 10, United States Code, to require that predeployment medical examinations, postdeployment medical examinations, and postdeployment health reassessments include an assessment of whether the servicemember was based or stationed at a military installation with a known or suspected release of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances or exposed to these substances; (3) Require the Secretary to provide blood testing to a member when one of these evaluations results in a positive determination of potential exposure to these substances; and (4) Require the Secretary to establish a registry of servicemembers who may have been exposed to these substances.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

Section 744 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense, to conduct a capability assessment of potential improvements to activities of the Department of Defense (DOD) to reduce the effects of environmental exposures to servicemembers and to develop an action plan to implement such improvements.

This capability assessment of potential improvements revealed that: (1) Environmental and occupational exposures and airborne hazard exposure screening questions were added to the periodic health assessments in September 2020; (2) DOD has current and active questionnaire-based assessment programs that are intended to assess pre- and post-deployment pulmonary health among other health conditions and to establish fitness for deployment; (3) DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs have

ongoing clinical training requirements on health effects of and documenting exposures; DOD leadership has implemented mandatory training requirements for DOD medical treatment facilities and health care providers on airborne hazards threats and the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry (AHOBPR); DOD provides guidance on medical exams; (4) DOD will continue to manage and improve educational assets that incorporate scientific tools and methods that align with evolving occupational and environmental health science and medicine; and (5) Current training assets will continue to provide health care providers with relevant training program options to improve the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions associated with environmental exposures.

*Restriction on Department of Defense acquisition of covered items containing or produced using certain substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 333) that would prohibit Department of Defense procurement, purchasing, or sale of certain items containing or produced using certain types of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Disaggregation of certain information in annual report relating to performance of depot-level maintenance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 342) that would require the disaggregation of information in the annual report relating to performance of depot-level maintenance by depot location.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the underlying statute serves as one of the pillars of the organic industrial base that is vital to maintaining readiness during peace time and a source of technical knowledge and surge capacity that can be called upon during times of national need. The conferees are concerned that despite the statutory requirements that prohibits the Department of Defense from spending more than fifty percent of its annual depot-level maintenance funds on contracting with nonfederal entities in a given fiscal year, there remain some areas where the department is too reliant on contractor work.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than February 1, 2024, that includes the percentage of the funds covered under section 2466(a) of title 10, United States Code,

that was expended during the preceding fiscal year, and are projected to be expended during the current fiscal year and the ensuing fiscal year, for performance of depot-level maintenance and repair workloads by the public and private sectors broken out by individual Army depot location.

*Report on establishing sufficient stabling, pasture, and training area for the Old Guard Caisson Platoon equines*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 342) that would require the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on the feasibility and advisability of establishing sufficient stabling, pasture, and training area for the equines in the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd United States Infantry.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study to address the feasibility and advisability of establishing sufficient stabling, pasture, and training area for the equines in the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd United States Infantry. The study shall include any recommendations determined necessary and appropriate by the Secretary to implement the plan required under section 391(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) and to ensure proper animal facility sanitation for the equines in the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd United States Infantry, including any plans for the housing and care of such equines. The study shall also include a review of all physical locations under consideration, such as stabling, pasture, or training areas, for any withdrawals or projects that would require individual military construction authorization. In considering locations for stabling, pasture, or training areas, the Secretary shall consider all viable options within a reasonable distance to Arlington National Cemetery. The study shall also include, for each location under consideration as stabling, pasture, or training areas: (1) A brief environmental assessment of the location; (2) Estimated costs for preparing the location for construction; (3) A narrative of how the location will be beneficial and conducive to the health of the equines in the Caisson Platoon of the 3rd United States Infantry; (4) A narrative of how, if necessary, the location can be expanded; and (5) A narrative of how the location will affect community access to outdoor recreation.

The conferees further direct the Secretary of the Army to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the

House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, on the findings of the study.

*Briefing on plan for maintaining proficiency in emergency movement of munitions in Joint Region Marianas, Guam*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 344) that would require the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on a plan for maintaining the proficiency of the Navy and the Air Force in executing the emergency movement of munitions stored in weapons storage areas in Joint Region Marianas, Guam.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on a plan for maintaining the proficiency of the Navy and the Air Force, respectively, in executing the emergency movement of munitions stored in weapons storage areas in Joint Region Marianas, Guam, onto aircraft and naval vessels, including plans to regularly exercise such capabilities.

*Limitation on availability of funds pending quarterly briefing on availability of amphibious warships*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 346) that would limit Navy Operation and Maintenance funding until a briefing on the operational status of amphibious ships.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that semiannual briefings on the operational status of the amphibious warship fleet is required elsewhere in this Act.

*Requirement for Secretary of Navy to complete common readiness models*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 347) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to complete common readiness models for existing maritime and aviation systems by December 31, 2025.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the metrics and models used by the Navy for determining the readiness of each maritime and aviation major weapon system of the Department of the Navy. The briefing shall include: (1) Detailed information on the metrics used by the Navy to assess the effect of variations in funding for the system (by dollar amount) on the readiness of the system to inform budgetary decisions; (2) The modeling capabilities that take into account and optimize predictive maintenance, supply, and manpower resources used by the Navy to inform decisions relating to the readiness of the system; and (3) An assessment of the extent to which such metrics and modeling capabilities account for the detailed requirements and design of the system, including by providing for, as appropriate, interface with the digital thread and digital twin of the system.

*Responsiveness testing of Defense Logistics Agency  
pharmaceutical contracts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 349) that would require the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to modify DLA Instructions 5025.03 and 3110.01 to require DLA Troop Support to coordinate annually with customers in the military departments to conduct responsiveness testing of the DLA's contingency contracts for pharmaceuticals and to include the results of that testing, as reported by customers in the military departments, in the annual reports of the Warstopper Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees encourage the DLA to require DLA Troop Support to coordinate annually with customers in the military departments to conduct responsiveness testing of the DLA's contingency contracts for pharmaceuticals and to include the results of that testing, as reported by customers in the military departments, in the annual reports of the Warstopper Program.

*Certification and Comptroller General report relating to  
prepositioned stocks of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 350) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a certification in writing that the prepositioned stocks of the Department of

Defense meet all operations plans that are in effect as of the date of the submission of the certification.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to review and submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2025, a report on the sufficiency of the prepositioned stocks of the Department of Defense to meet all operations plans, in both fill and readiness, that are in effect as of the date of the submission of the report. Such report shall include an assessment by the Comptroller General of the quantities of equipment included in such stocks, whether such equipment is sufficiently modernized, the state of readiness of such equipment, and the air and missile defense capabilities protecting such equipment, if any.

#### *Restriction on retirement of U-28 Aircraft*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 352) that would prohibit the retirement of U-28 aircraft by U.S. Special Operations Command until the Secretary of Defense certifies to the congressional defense committees that the future years defense program provides for intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capacity and capability that is equal to or greater than such capacity and capability provided by the current fleet of U-28 aircraft.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Recognition of service of military working dogs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 362) that would amend section 1125 of title 10, United States Code, to include recognition of service for military working dogs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Report on regulations applicable to footwear of members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 367) that would require the Secretary of Defense to report on regulations applicable to the footwear of the members of the Armed Forces and such regulations' compliance with the Barry Amendment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58) of the National Defense Authorization for Fiscal Year 2024, as passed by the Senate, included a requirement for the Department of Defense to brief on Berry Amendment-compliant uniformed clothing, including footwear. That language is a more expansive requirement than section 367 of H.R. 2670, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, as passed by the House of Representatives, and is due to be provided to the Senate Armed Services Committee by March 1, 2024. The conferees note that this briefing should also be provided to the House Armed Services Committee at the same time.

*Requirement for realistic training exercises under contested and austere conditions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 370) that would require the Secretary of Defense to increase the use of theater-wide and component-level training exercises that stress operations conducted under contested and austere conditions.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the potential for the development of new exercises or the expansion of existing exercises, and the potential use of theater-wide and component-level training exercises that stress operations conducted under contested and austere conditions. The briefing shall factor in contested and austere conditions to include limited command and control, contested logistics, the use of non-electronic dependent communications, the use of alternate positioning, navigation, and timing methods, and the conduct of operations in a highly degraded electromagnetic environment with widely dispersed forces. Additionally, the brief shall include an assessment of the infrastructure and associated resources required to carry out effective training exercises under contested and austere conditions at the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

*Department of Defense priority for domestically sourced bovine heparin*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 371) that would require the Secretary of Defense to prioritize Food and Drug Administration-approved domestic sources for acquisition of bovine heparin.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on costs associated with decommissioning of Tactical Air Control Party units*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 373) that required a report on the costs of terminating, decommissioning, or reducing Tactical Air Control Party units.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2024, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the costs associated with the prospective decommissioning, reduction, or termination of any Tactical Air Control Party unit of the Air Force planned during the three fiscal years following the date of the enactment of this Act. Additionally, this briefing will include costs and benefits associated with recapitalizing Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party units that are divesting to contingency response groups.

*Report by Department of Defense on alternatives to burn pits*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5341) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report on incinerators and waste-to-energy waste disposal alternatives to burn pits.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, regarding current efforts, policies, and programs on incinerators and waste disposal alternatives to open air burn pits.

## **TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **SUBTITLE A—ACTIVE FORCES**

*Sec. 401 - End strengths for active forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 401) that would authorize Active-Duty end strength as of September 30, 2024, as follows: Army, 452,000; Navy, 347,000; Marine Corps, 172,300; Air Force, 324,700; and Space Force, 9,400.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 401) that would authorize Active-Duty end strength as of September 30, 2024, as follows: Army, 452,000; Navy, 342,000; Marine Corps, 172,300; Air Force, 320,000; Space Force, 9,400.

The House recedes with an amendment that would authorize Active-Duty end strength as of September 30, 2024, as follows: Army, 445,000; Navy, 337,800; Marine Corps, 172,300; Air Force, 320,000; and Space Force, 9,400.

*Sec. 402 - End strength level matters*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 402) that would amend section 115 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the amount by which the Secretary of Defense and Secretaries of the military departments could vary certain authorized end strengths.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

## **SUBTITLE B—RESERVE FORCES**

*Sec. 411 - End strengths for Selected Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 411) that would authorize the following end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel, including the end strength for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves, as of September 30, 2024: Army National Guard, 325,000; Army Reserve, 174,800; Navy Reserve, 57,200; Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600; Air National Guard, 108,400; Air Force Reserve, 69,600; and Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 411) that would authorize the following end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel for fiscal year 2024: Army National Guard, 325,000; Army Reserve, 174,800; Navy Reserve, 57,200; Marine Corps Reserve, 33,600; Air National Guard, 105,000; Air Force Reserve, 69,600; and Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

The House recedes with an amendment that would authorize the following end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel for fiscal year 2024: Army National Guard, 325,000; Army Reserve, 174,800; Navy Reserve, 57,200; Marine Corps Reserve, 32,000; Air National Guard, 105,000; Air Force Reserve, 69,600; and Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

*Sec. 412 - End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the Reserves*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 412) that would authorize the following end strengths for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the Reserves as of September 30, 2024: Army National Guard, 30,845; Army Reserve, 16,511; Navy Reserve, 10,327; Marine Corps Reserve, 2,355; Air National Guard, 25,713; and Air Force Reserve, 6,070; and DOD Total, 91,821.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 412) that would authorize the following full-time support end strengths for fiscal year 2024: Army National Guard, 30,845; Army Reserve, 16,511; Navy Reserve, 10,327; Marine Corps Reserve, 2,355; Air National Guard, 25,333; and Air Force Reserve, 6,003.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would authorize the following full-time support end strengths for fiscal year 2024: Army National Guard, 30,845; Army Reserve, 16,511; Navy Reserve, 10,327; Marine Corps Reserve, 2,355; Air National Guard, 25,333; Air Force Reserve, 6,070.

*Sec. 413 - End strengths for military technicians (dual status)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 413) that would authorize the following end strengths for military technicians (dual status) as of September 30, 2024: Army National Guard, 22,294; Army Reserve, 7,990; Air National Guard, 9,830; and Air Force Reserve, 6,882.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 413) that would authorize the following military technician (dual status) end strengths for fiscal year 2024: Army National Guard, 22,294; Army Reserve, 7,990; Air National Guard, 10,994; and Air Force Reserve, 7,111.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would authorize the following military technician (dual status) end strengths for fiscal year 2024: Army National Guard, 22,294; Army Reserve, 7,990; Air National Guard, 10,994; and Air Force Reserve, 6,882.

The amendment would also limit the number of temporary military technicians (dual status) to 25 percent of the authorized end strength and prohibit a state from coercing military technicians into accepting an offer of realignment or conversion to any other military status, including as a member of the Active, Guard, and Reserve program of a reserve component.

*Sec. 414 - Maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 414) that would authorize, as required by section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, the maximum number of Reserve Component personnel who may be on Active Duty or full-time National Guard duty during fiscal year 2024 to provide operational support.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 414).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

## **SUBTITLE C—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

### *Sec. 421 - Military personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 421) that would authorize appropriations for military personnel at the levels identified in the funding table in section 4401 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 421).

The House recesses.

## **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

### *Extension of additional authority to vary Space Force end strength*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 403) that would amend section 403(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) by extending the authority of the Secretary of the Air Force to vary the end strength of the U.S. Space Force by a greater degree than would otherwise be authorized to October 1, 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that Space Force end strength variances are addressed in the Space Force Personnel Management Act, included in title XVII of this Act.

## **TITLE V—MILITARY PERSONNEL POLICY**

### **SUBTITLE A—OFFICER POLICY**

#### *Sec. 501 - Authorized strength: general and flag officers on active duty*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 501) that would repeal section 526 of title 10, United States Code, and redesignate section 526a as section 526 of title 10, United States Code. The provision would amend section 526 of title 10, United States Code, as redesignated, to increase the authorized strengths of general and flag officers on Active Duty in the Army, Air Force, and Navy by one general or flag officer, and in the Marine Corps by two general officers. Finally, the provision would repeal section 506 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) that excluded officers serving as lead special trial counsel from the authorized strengths for general and flag officers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees authorized the permanent increase in general and flag officer authorized strengths to accommodate the congressional requirement for a general or flag officer to serve as the lead special trial counsel, and an increase of an additional Marine Corps general officer to address safety needs in the Marine Corps.

*Sec. 502 - Extension of Active Duty term for Attending Physician at United States Capitol*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 504) that amend section 715 of title 10, United States Code, to require that an officer serving as Attending Physician to the Congress, while so serving, hold the grade of O-6.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6080) that would require the incumbent Attending Physician at the United States Capitol to be continued on Active Duty until 10 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the incumbent Attending Physician at the United States Capitol to be continued on Active Duty until 6 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

*Sec. 503 - Updating authority to authorize promotion transfers between components of the same Armed Force or a different Armed Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 503) that would amend sections 578, 624, and 14308 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of a military department to transfer the promotion selection of a regular officer or warrant officer to the reserve component and integrate the officer into

the corresponding promotion list based upon the officer's date of rank in his or her current grade.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 504).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 504 - Flexibility in determining terms of appointment for certain senior officer positions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 513) that would add a new section 602 to title 10, United States Code, to provide appointment flexibility to the Secretary of Defense for certain senior officer positions to ensure continuity of turnover.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 505 - Realignment of Navy spot-promotion quotas*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 510) that would amend section 605 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the maximum number of Navy spot-promotions to the grade of lieutenant commander from 325 to 425.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 506 - Authority to increase the number of medical and dental officers recommended for promotion to certain grades*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 511) that would amend section 616 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize promotion selection boards to recommend up to 100 percent of the officers in the promotion zone for promotion to grades below the grade of colonel or Navy captain when the promotion zone includes less than 50 officers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would amend section 616 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the military department concerned to authorize promotion selection boards to recommend a greater number of medical and dental officers in the promotion zone for promotion to major or lieutenant commander when the Secretary determines that the increase is necessary to maintain or improve medical readiness.

*Sec. 507 - Prohibition on appointment or nomination of certain officers who are subject to special selection review boards*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 502) that would amend sections 628a and 14502a of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the appointment or nomination of certain officers who are subject to special selection review boards convened under those sections.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 508 - Effect of failure of selection for promotion*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 505) that would amend section 632 of title 10, United States Code, to include captains and majors of the Space Force. The provision would also require separation of officers on the Active-Duty list in the grades of O-3 or O-4 who fail selection for promotion to the next higher grade for the second time, not later than the first day of the seventh calendar month beginning the month in which the President releases to the public the report of the board that considered the officer for the second time.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 509 - Improvements relating to service obligation for Marine Corps cyberspace operations officers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1522) that would enable the United States Marine Corps to implement service obligations for Marine Corps Cyberspace Operations Officers, specifically in response to a Government Accountability Office report from December 21, 2022 titled, "Opportunities Exist to Improve Service Obligation Guidance and Data Tracking" (GAO-23-105423).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 507).

The House recesses with technical amendments.

*Sec. 509A - Time in grade requirements*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 512) that would amend section 1305 of title 10, United States Code, to require that Marine Corps Marine Gunner warrant officers in the grade of CW05 be retired 60 days after the date on which an officer completes 33 years of total active service, consistent with the requirement for Navy warrant officers of that grade.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 509B - Establishment of Legislative Liaison of the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 507) that would establish the position of Legislative Liaison of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 509C - Extension of authority to vary number of Space Force officers considered for promotion to major general*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 509) that would amend section 503 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) to extend from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024, the authority for Space Force promotion boards to select for promotion to major general not more than 95 percent of the total number of brigadier generals eligible for consideration by the board, notwithstanding the limitation imposed by section 616(d) of title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 509D - Briefing on number of general officers of the Space Force on active duty*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 502) that would authorize a redistribution of general officer billets within the Department of Defense to increase the general officer billet allocation in the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing regarding the number of general officers of the Space Force on active duty not later than March 1, 2024.

## **SUBTITLE B—RESERVE COMPONENT MANAGEMENT**

*Sec. 511 - Removal of active duty prohibition for members of the Air Force Reserve Policy Committee*

The House bill contained two provisions (secs. 512, 513) that would amend section 10305 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize members of the Air National Guard and the Air Force

Reserve who are on Active Duty to serve as members of the Air Force Reserve Policy Committee.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 508).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 512 - Grade of Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 514) that would amend section 10505 of title 10, United States code to require that the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau be appointed to serve in the grade of general, and that the Secretary of Defense designate this position as one of the general officer positions to be excluded from the limitations of section 526a of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 525)

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 513 - Mobilization of Selected Reserve for preplanned missions in support of the combatant commands*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 523) that would amend section 12304b of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to submit required manpower and associated costs and budget information in a notice separate from budget materials when the President's budget is delivered later than April 1st in the year prior to the year of mobilization for preplanned missions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 514 - Alternative promotion authority for reserve officers in designated competitive categories*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 521) that would amend subtitle E of title 10, United States Code, to add a chapter to authorize alternative promotion authority for Reserve officers in designated competitive categories, similar to the alternative promotion authority for Active-Duty officers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 515 - Authorization for FireGuard Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 516) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to use members of the

National Guard to carry out a program to aggregate, analyze, and assess multi-source remote sensing information for interagency partnerships in the detection and monitoring of wildfires, and to support any emergency response to such wildfires.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 516 - Designation of at least one general officer of the Marine Corps Reserve as a joint qualified officer*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 517) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that at least one general officer in the Marine Corps Reserve is designated as a joint qualified officer.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

## **SUBTITLE C—GENERAL SERVICE AUTHORITIES AND PROHIBITIONS**

*Sec. 521 - Permanent authority to order retired members to active duty in high-demand, low-density appointments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 506) that would amend section 688a of title 10, United States Code, to make permanent the temporary authority to order retired members to Active Duty on a voluntary basis for a duty assignment intended to alleviate a high-demand, low-density military capability or in any other specialty designated by the Secretary of the military department concerned as critical to meet wartime or peacetime requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 522 - Prohibition on policy of the Department of Defense regarding identification of gender or personal pronouns in official correspondence*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 583) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from requiring members of the Armed Forces or Department of Defense civilian employees to list their gender or pronouns in official correspondence.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would clarify that the Department may neither require nor prohibit members of the armed forces or Department of Defense civilian employees

from listing their gender or pronouns in official correspondence.

*Sec. 523 - Prohibition on former members of the Armed Forces accepting post-service employment with certain foreign governments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 582) that would amend chapter 49 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit former servicemembers from accepting employment in positions related to China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, and Syria.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an agreement that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to impose penalties for failure to comply with the terms of this provision.

*Sec. 524 - Verification of the financial independence of financial services counselors in the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 505) that would require the Department of Defense to verify the financial independence of financial services counselors in the Department of Defense, and which would require a report on implementation of this requirement.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require a briefing on the implementation of the requirements made by this section.

*Sec. 525 - Modification of requirements for approval of foreign employment by retired and reserve members of uniformed services*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 631) that would amend section 908 of title 37, United States Code, to: (1) Authorize the Secretary of the military department concerned to delegate approval authority for foreign employment of retired and reserve members of the Armed Forces only to an official of the military department at or above the level of an Assistant Secretary or, in the event of a vacancy in the position of such an official, a civilian official performing the duties of that position; and (2) Require additional information in annual reports on approvals for retired general and flag officers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 526 - Consideration of reinstatement of a member of the Armed Forces involuntarily separated on the basis of refusal to receive a vaccination against COVID-19*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 525) that would prohibit adverse action against a member of the Armed Forces solely on the basis that such member refuses to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Additionally, this section would direct the Secretary of the military department to consider reinstating service members separated for failure to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of the military department concerned to consider reinstating as a member of the Armed Forces former servicemembers who were involuntarily separated from the Armed Forces solely on the basis of refusing a vaccination against COVID-19, and who submitted a request for a religious, administrative, or medical exemption from a requirement to receive a vaccination against COVID-19. The provision would also require the Secretary concerned to treat the period of time between an involuntary separation and reinstatement as a period of inactivation from active service under section 710 of title 10, United States Code.

*Sec. 527 - Reviews of characterization of administrative discharges of certain members on the basis of failure to receive COVID-19 vaccine*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 526) that would require a board of review established under section 1553 of title 10, United States Code, to grant a request to review the characterization of a discharge or dismissal of a former servicemember if the discharge or dismissal was solely based on failure to obey a lawful order to receive a vaccine for COVID-19. The provision would also require the board to consider these requests before any other requests before the board.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would remove the requirement to prioritize these requests.

*Sec. 528 - Certain members discharged or dismissed on the sole basis of failure to obey a lawful order to receive a vaccine for COVID-19: communication strategy regarding reinstatement process*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 527) that would require the Secretary of Defense to communicate to certain

former servicemembers the established process by which a former servicemember separated for failure to obey a lawful order to receive the COVID-19 vaccination may be reinstated. This section would also require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the implementation of the communication strategy.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to communicate to certain former servicemembers the established process by which a former servicemember separated for failure to obey a lawful order to receive the COVID-19 vaccination may be reinstated.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the implementation of the communication strategy required by this provision.

*Sec. 529 - Continuing military service for certain members eligible for chapter 61 retirement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 530) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, to prescribe regulations that authorize certain members eligible for retirement under chapter 61 of title 10, United States Code, to continue to serve in the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 529A - Threat-based security services and equipment for certain former or retired Department of Defense personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1112) that would temporarily extend the authorized period of protection for former Department of Defense officials after separation from employment with the Department from 2 years post-service to 4 years.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1047) that would amend section 714 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the authority of the Secretary of Defense to provide certain former and retired Department of Defense personnel with protection within the United States, including authority to reimburse such personnel for security services and equipment procured at personal expense, under circumstances where serious

and credible threats of harm arise from duties performed while employed by the Department.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, by March 1, 2024, on the process for how credible threats are determined for former Department of Defense officials. The briefing shall also include information on current and estimated future costs of providing security services, the number of officials that have requested extended security services, the number of officials that are denied additional security services, and current threat risks against former officials.

*Sec. 529B - Limitation on establishment of new diversity, equity, and inclusion positions; hiring freezes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570F) that would eliminate every office within the Department of Defense established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 928) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from establishing new positions with responsibility for matters relating to DEI, or from filling any such positions vacated after the date of enactment of this Act. The prohibitions in the Senate provision would expire upon delivery by the Comptroller General of the United States of a review of the Department of Defense DEI workforce.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 529C - Requirement to base military accessions and promotions on merit and performance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 523) that would require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe regulations to ensure that recruitment efforts of the Armed Forces do not take into account the race or gender of the individual being recruited.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 534) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that all promotions, assignments, and other personnel actions are based primarily on qualifications, performance, and merit.

The Senate amendment contained another similar provision (sec. 535) that would prohibit the Department of Defense (DOD) from directing or compelling any servicemember, dependent, or DOD civilian employee to personally affirm, adopt, or adhere to the tenet that any sex, race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin is inherently superior or inferior. The provision would

also specify that all DOD personnel actions be based exclusively on individual merit and demonstrated performance.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require that DOD accessions and promotions be based on individual merit and performance.

## **SUBTITLE D—MILITARY JUSTICE AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS**

### *Sec. 531 - Technical and conforming amendments to the Uniform Code of Military Justice*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 532) that would amend Articles 16, 24a, 25, 118, 128b, and 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) (10 U.S.C. 816, 824a, 825, 918, 928b, and 930) to make various technical and conforming amendments to the UCMJ, effective immediately after the coming into effect of the amendments made by part 1 of subtitle D of title V of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 542).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 532 - Establishment of staggered terms for members of the Military Justice Review Panel*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 541) that would amend section 946(b) of title 10, United States Code, to establish staggered terms for members of the Military Justice Review Panel to preclude the termination of the terms of all members at the same time.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 533 - Supreme Court review of certain actions of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 542) that would amend section 1259 of title 28, United States Code, and article 67a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (10 U.S.C. 867a(a)) to authorize the Supreme Court of the United States to review, by a writ of certiorari, any action of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in refusing to grant a petition for review.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would make this provision effective one year after the date of enactment of this Act, and would apply to any action of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in granting or refusing to grant a petition for review submitted to such Court for the first time on or after such effective date.

*Sec. 534 - Additional requirements for initiative to enhance the capability of military criminal investigative organizations to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 543) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives an annual report, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on initiatives to enhance the capability of military criminal investigative organizations to prevent and combat child sexual exploitation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would include a sunset of the provision after 2029, and require training be conducted on child sexual exploitation, regardless of staff turnover and relocations. The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days following the enactment of this Act, and annually each year thereafter until 2030, to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the progress of the initiative carried out under such section, outlining specific actions taken and future actions planned to detect, combat, and stop the use of the Department of Defense network to further online child sexual exploitation.

*Sec. 535 - Limitation on availability of funds for relocation of Army CID special agent training course*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 534) that would prohibit the Army from obligating or expending funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to relocate an Army Criminal Investigation Division (CID) special agent training course until the requirements of section 548(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) have been met.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 556) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act for fiscal year 2024 for the U.S. Army to relocate an Army CID special agent training course from being obligated or expended until the Secretary of the Army submits to the Committees on

Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on any plans of the Secretary to relocate an Army CID special agent training course and to provide a briefing on the contents of the report.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 536 - Study on requirement for unanimous votes for findings in general and special courts-martial and related milestones for implementation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 535) that would amend article 52 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (10 U.S.C. 852) to require unanimous verdicts in courts-martial.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and advisability of requiring unanimous votes for findings of guilty, not guilty, or not guilty by reason of lack of mental responsibility in general and special courts-martial.

*Sec. 537 - Study on removal of Sexual Assault Victim Advocates from the chain of command of victims*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 543) that would require the Secretary of Defense to assess the feasibility and advisability of removing sexual assault victim advocates outside the chain of command of the victim, and to assess the effect of such removal on the ability of the armed forces to implement sexual assault prevention and response programs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

## **SUBTITLE E—ACCESSION STANDARDS AND RECRUITMENT**

*Sec. 541 - Increased access to potential recruits at secondary schools*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 592) that would amend section 503 of title 10, United States Code, to require secondary schools to provide military recruiters access to career fairs or similar events upon a request made by military recruiters.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 542 - Modification of limitation on enlistment and induction of persons whose score on the Armed Forces Qualification Test is below a prescribed level*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 531) that would amend section 520 of title 10, United States Code, to limit the number of enlistments of people who score between the tenth and thirty-first percentile of the Armed Forces Qualification Test to four percent of the total number of people who enlist in a fiscal year. The provision would authorize the Secretary of Defense to increase this limit to up to 20 percent of the total number of new recruits, upon the request of the Secretary of the military department concerned.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 543 - Increased access to potential recruits at institutions of higher education*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 593) that would amend section 983 of title 10, United States Code, to deny federal education funds to institutions of higher education that fail to provide certain information on students to military recruiters within 60 days of such recruiter's request.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 544 - Increase in accession bonus for nurse officer candidates*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 561) that would amend section 2130a of title 10, United States Code, to authorize an increase in the maximum accession bonuses for nurse officer candidates.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 545 - Improvements to medical standards for accession to certain Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 524) that would require the Secretary of Defense to review and revise medical standards and waivers for military accessions every 2 years, and to submit a report to the House Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Armed Services on findings and recommendations during the same period.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to, no later than one year after enactment, and once four years thereafter, conduct an assessment of military medical accession standards, to and make any updates to the standards as may be necessary, and to improve the waiver process for individuals who do not meet the prescribed standards. The provision would require the Secretary to submit a report on the findings from the required assessment along with any relevant legislative proposals to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*Sec. 546 - Future servicemember preparatory course*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 551) that would require the Secretary of the military department concerned to establish a future servicemember preparation course if, during a fiscal year within an Armed Force, the number of enlisted recruits who score lower than a 31 on the Armed Forces Qualification Test exceeds 10 percent of the total number of recruits.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would establish a pilot program requiring the Secretaries of the military department to establish a future servicemember preparation course for certain military recruits with low Armed Forces Qualification Test scores.

*Sec. 547 - Pilot program on cardiac screenings for military accessions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 528) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than September 30, 2024, to carry out a pilot program to provide an electrocardiogram to individuals who undergo military accessions screenings.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 548 - Community college Enlisted Training Corps demonstration program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 554) that would require the Secretary of each military department to establish an Enlisted Training Corps demonstration program at a community or junior college.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 549 - Annual briefings on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools and community colleges*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 529) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees an annual report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools during calendar year 2023 and each subsequent calendar year.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than December 31, 2024 and annually thereafter until December 31, 2028, on military recruitment practices carried out in public secondary schools and community colleges during the preceding calendar year.

## **SUBTITLE F—JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS**

*Sec. 551 - Expansion of Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 571) that would amend section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to establish and support not less than 3,400, and not more than 4,000 units of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 552 - Requirement for memoranda of understanding addressing certain matters pertaining to units of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 573) that would amend section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to proscribe regulations establishing a standardized memorandum of understanding to be signed by the service secretary concerned and a participating Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 553 - Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps administrator and instructor compensation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 552) that would allow the Secretary of a military department to authorize an expansion of the individuals qualified to serve as administrators and instructors in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 574).

The House recedes with an amendment that would prohibit the Department of Defense from reducing the pay of any current Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructor as a result of the implementation of this provision.

*Sec. 554 - Prohibition of establishment or maintenance of a unit of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at an educational institution owned, operated, or controlled by the Chinese Communist Party*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 553) that would amend section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the establishment or maintenance of a unit of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at an educational institution owned, operated, or controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 555 - Enforcement of program requirements for the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 572) that would amend section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to suspend or place on probation a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit that fails to comply with the terms of its memorandum of understanding with the parent armed force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 556 - Annual report on allegations of sexual misconduct in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 575) that would amend section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, to require annual reports on allegations of sexual misconduct against Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE G—MEMBER EDUCATION**

*Sec. 561 - Service Academies: numbers of nominations by Members of Congress and appointments by the Secretaries of the military departments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 562) that would authorize an increase the number of nominations by Member of Congress and appointments by the Secretaries of the military departments.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would modify the increase of the numbers of appointments by the Secretaries of the military departments.

The conferees direct the Secretary concerned to provide a briefing, not later than December 31, 2024 and annually thereafter until December 31, 2026, to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the number of appointees in each appointment category, by relevant statutory subsection, for the classes of cadets and midshipmen who accepted appointments in the years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

*Sec. 562 - Increase in the number of nominees from Guam to the Service Academies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 563) that would authorize one additional service academy nomination for the Delegate from the Territory of Guam.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 563 - Consideration of standardized test scores in military service academy application process*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570E) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that military service academies require the submission and consideration of standardized test scores as part of their application processes.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 560).

The conference agreement includes this provision with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 564 - Service Academy professional sports pathway report and legislative proposal required*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 553) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report that includes a legislative proposal that improves the legal construct currently in place governing the pathway for military service academy graduates to pursue professional sports careers. This legislative proposal must retain the existing requirement that all military service academy graduates serve at least 2 years on active duty before affiliating with the reserves in order to pursue professional sports. Further, the committee requires the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report, starting March 1, 2024, that details the current participants in the professional sports pathway to include those deferred from active duty as defined in the November 8, 2019 DTM 19-011 "Military Service Academy Graduates Seeking to Participate in Professional Sports" or any subsequent policy directive of similar purpose.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 565 - Briefing on inclusion of advanced research programs at certain institutions of professional military education*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 554) that would require certain institutions of professional military education to establish advanced research programs to study the character of near-future operational-tactical warfighting at the high end of the conflict spectrum in East Asia.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the leaders of certain institutions of professional military education to provide briefings to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2024, on certain aspects of activities conducted under existing advanced research programs and on the feasibility and advisability of establishing permanent advanced research programs at such institutions.

## **SUBTITLE H—MEMBER TRAINING AND TRANSITION**

*Sec. 571 - Amendments to pathways for counseling in the Transition Assistance Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 571) that would amend section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, to expand pathways for counseling in the Transition Assistance Program to

account for a member's potential or confirmed disability and character of discharge.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 572 - Skillbridge: staffing; budgeting; outreach; report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 573) that would amend section 1143 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretaries of the military departments to meet minimum staffing levels and develop funding plans to support the SkillBridge program. The provision would also require the Secretaries of the military departments to circulate information to servicemembers and reach out to potential employers about participation in the SkillBridge program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Government Accountability Office to submit a report on the SkillBridge program to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2024.

*Sec. 573 - Extension of Troops-to-Teachers program to the Job Corps*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 560A) that would amend section 1154 of title 10, United States Code, to extend eligibility for the Troops for Teachers program to members seeking follow-on employment at a Job Corps center as defined in section 147 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Public Law 113-128).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 574 - Troops-to-Teachers Program: expansion; extension*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 574) that would authorize expansion of the Department of Defense's Troops-to-Teachers program to include Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) instructors and administrators; require participants in the Troops-to-Teachers program who seek follow-on employment as JROTC instructors to meet the eligibility and training criteria in section 2031 of title 10, United States Code; and reauthorize the program for an additional 2 years.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would authorize expansion of the Department of Defense's Troops-to-Teachers program to include JROTC instructors and administrators and reauthorize the program for an additional 2 years.

*Sec. 575 - Language training centers for members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 555) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program to establish language training centers at accredited universities, senior military colleges, or other similar institutions of higher education for the purposes of accelerating the development of foundational expertise in critical and strategic languages and regional area studies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 576 - Prohibition on use of Federal funds to endorse critical race theory*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 566) that would prohibit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to be used to promote critical race theory at a Service Academy, in military training, or in professional military education.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 577 - Increased fitness standards for Army close combat force military occupational specialties*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 567) that would require the Army to create sex-neutral fitness standards for certain military occupational specialties.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 557) that would require the Army to implement the Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT), as it existed on January 1, 2020, as the physical fitness test of record. Such provision would also authorize the Army to continue to administer the Army Combat Fitness Test as a supplemental tool of fitness and would place notice requirements on the Army for any further planned changes to the APFT.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Army to implement higher minimum standards on the ACFT for certain servicemembers serving in combat arms occupational specialties.

*Sec. 578 - Publication of training materials of the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 569) that would require the Secretary of Defense to publish all materials created by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute (DEOMI) for the purpose of DEOMI training members of the armed forces on its website by not later than September 30, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 579 - Prohibition on Federal funds for the Department of Defense Countering Extremism Work Group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 598) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to be used for the Department of Defense Extremism Working Group.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would clarify the prohibition contained in this provision applies to the Department of Defense Countering Extremist Activity Working Group (CEAWG) established by Secretary of Defense memo dated April 9, 2021.

The conferees understand the CEAWG was established to examine and make recommendations on the Department's policies, vetting procedures, insider threat program, and education and training materials related to countering extremist activities. The CEAWG released its report in December 2021. The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security will now oversee implementation of the group's recommendations.

## **SUBTITLE I—FAMILY PROGRAMS, CHILD CARE, AND DEPENDENT EDUCATION**

*Sec. 581 - Non-medical counseling services for military families*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 704) that would amend section 1781 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize licensed mental health professionals contracted or employed by the Department of Defense to provide non-medical counseling services to qualifying populations without regard for their geographic location.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 532).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 582 - Increase in the target funding level for military child care*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 641) that would increase the target funding level for military child care.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 583 - Modifications to assistance to local educational agencies that benefit dependents of members of the Armed Forces with enrollment changes due to base closures, force structure changes, or force relocations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 563) that would amend section 575 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to improve implementation of the authority.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 584 - Certain assistance to local educational agencies that benefit dependents of military and civilian personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 652) that would authorize \$50.0 million for the purpose of providing assistance to local educational agencies with military dependent students and \$20.0 million for local educational agencies eligible to receive a payment for children with severe disabilities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 562) that would authorize \$50.0 million for continuation of the Department of Defense (DOD) assistance program to local educational agencies impacted by enrollment of dependent children of military members and DOD civilian employees. The provision would also authorize \$10.0 million for impact aid payments for children with severe disabilities, using the formula set forth in section 363 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398). Furthermore, the provision would authorize the Secretary of Defense to use an additional \$20.0 million for payments to local educational agencies determined by the Secretary to have higher concentrations of military children with severe disabilities.

The House recedes with an amendment that would reduce the additional payments to local educational agencies at the determination of the Secretary concerned to \$10.0 million.

*Sec. 585 - Outreach campaign relating to waiting lists for military child development centers; annual briefing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 645) that would require the Department of Defense to publish and maintain a website for waiting lists for child care services at military child development centers and report on the feasibility of the use of the Department of the Air Force Child and Youth Programs Business Management System across all the services.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretaries concerned to develop a campaign to conduct outreach at least every 6 months to inform affected military members and their families about childcare availability, sign up, wait times, fees, modalities, and policies. The provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to provide an annual briefing for 5 consecutive years, beginning 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the topic of child care availability and shortfalls.

*Sec. 586 - Briefings on pilot program on hiring of special needs inclusion coordinators for Department of Defense child development centers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 627) that would amend section 576(d) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023

(Public Law 117-263) relating to the pilot program on hiring of special needs inclusion coordinators for Department of Defense child development centers required by that section to include quarterly briefings on progress under the pilot program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require biannual briefings on implementation of the pilot program.

*Sec. 587 - Briefings on implementation of universal pre-kindergarten programs in schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 656) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide quarterly briefings to the committee on various aspects of the development of

universal pre-kindergarten and its impact on co-located child development centers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the briefings to continue until 2027.

*Sec. 588 - Report on mental health and wellness support for students enrolled in schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 655) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and implement a pilot program to provide routine mental health check-ups for students with parental consent in covered Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) schools. This section would also require the Secretary of Defense to enter into memoranda of understanding or other agreements with federally funded community behavioral health clinics for the purposes of establishing a comprehensive referral process.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than December 1, 2024, a report on programs and policies to support mental health and wellness among students in schools operated by DODEA.

*Sec. 589 - Rights of parents of children attending schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 651) that would codify the rights of parents of children attending schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would clarify and refine the rights of parents of children attending schools operated by DODEA. The amendment would also require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 30 days after the enactment of this Act, a report on parental rights specified in this provision.

The conferees note that section 579E of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Pub. L. 117-263) expressed the sense of Congress regarding the rights of parents of children attending DODEA schools. Such section required a report from the Director of DODEA on the

parental rights detailed therein, including an explanation of: (1) How and where parents may access information about their rights; (2) The accessibility of that information; (3) How schools inform parents of their rights and the means to access such rights; and (4) The uniformity of parental rights across such schools. By law, that report was due to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than six months after the date of enactment of Public Law 117-263. Such law having been enacted on December 23, 2022, the report required by section 579E was due to the committees concerned not later than June 23, 2023. As of the December 1, 2023, the Director of DODEA has yet to submit this report, and the Department of Defense has provided no forecast for when the report will be delivered. As such, the Department currently stands in violation of the Public Laws of the United States. The conferees expect that the report required by this amendment will be delivered to the committees concerned not later than thirty days after the date of enactment of this Act. Furthermore, the conferees expect the Department of Defense to ensure all future reports to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives are delivered in accordance with the requirements of Federal law and regulations.

## **SUBTITLE J—DECORATIONS AND AWARDS AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS, REPORTS, AND BRIEFINGS**

### *Sec. 591 - Armed Forces workplace surveys*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 591) that would amend section 481 of title 10, United States Code, to require workplace surveys conducted pursuant to that section to include indicators of sexual assault that give reason to believe that the victim was targeted or discriminated against for a status in a group.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

### *Sec. 592 - Due date for report on efforts to prevent and respond to deaths by suicide in the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 593) that would extend the statutory deadline for the Department of Defense Inspector General's office to conclude its report on the suicides that occurred in 2022 among servicemembers assigned to the aircraft carrier USS *George Washington*.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 593 - Extension of deadline for review of World War I valor medals*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 581) that would amend section 584 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) to extend the deadline for review of World War I valor medals required by such section to December 31, 2028.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 594 - Digital ambassador program of the Navy: cessation; report; restart*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to cease all activities of the digital ambassador program of the Office of Information of the Department of the Navy and would prohibit the restart of the program until certain requirements are met.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Removal of exemption relating to Attending Physician to the Congress for certain distribution and grade limitations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 501) that would remove the exemption from the statutory limit on general and flag officers for the Attending Physician to Congress.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Exclusion of officers who are licensed behavioral health providers from limitations on Active-Duty commissioned officer end strengths*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 503) that would amend section 523(b) of title 10, United States Code to exclude licensed behavioral health providers from Active-Duty commissioned officer end strengths.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Retired grade for the Director of Admissions of a Service Academy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 506) that would amend sections 7342, 8470a, and 9342 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize retirement in the grade of brigadier general or rear admiral (lower half) of a director of admissions of a service academy whose service in that position has been long and distinguished.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Chaplain endorsements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 508) that would require the Department of Defense to make available on a publicly accessible database a report of the most recent list of chaplain endorsements submitted to the Armed Forces Chaplain Board (AFCB) by religious organizations, and the list of known endorsements used by AFCB to verify submissions.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Prohibitions on certain adverse actions regarding a cadet, midshipman, or applicant to a Service Academy, who refuses to receive a vaccination against COVID-19*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 509) that would prohibit taking any adverse actions against cadets or midshipmen based solely on the basis of such individual's refusal to receive a vaccination against COVID-19. The provision would also prohibit the refusal of enrollment at a Service Academy solely on such grounds.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that current Department of Defense (DOD) policy states, "No individuals currently serving in the Armed Forces shall be separated solely on the basis of their refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccination if they sought an accommodation on religious, administrative, or medical grounds." DOD policy further states, "The Military Departments will update the records of such individuals to remove any adverse actions solely associated with the denials of such requests, including letters of reprimand." The conferees expect the Secretary of Defense to continue this policy for all service members to include affected military service academy cadets and midshipmen. The Secretary shall provide a briefing, not later than 180 days

after enactment of this Act, on the process implemented to review records and the status of the removal of all adverse actions solely associated with the denials of such requests, including the number of records reviewed, the type and number of any adverse action removed, and the number of records left to review.

*Increases to monthly rates of basic pay for certain enlisted members of the uniformed services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 510) that would increase monthly rates of basic pay for certain enlisted members of the uniformed services.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that pay rates for enlisted members of the uniformed services are being examined by the Quality of Life Panel, a House of Representatives oversight body established by the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives. The Quality of Life panel will assess the adequacy of military pay in the forthcoming 14th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation. The Personnel Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate is also reviewing military pay and benefits. Additionally, the conferees note that elsewhere in the conference report accompanying this Act, the Secretary Defense is required to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the results of a review of the rates of basic pay for junior enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4. Such report is required to include a comprehensive legislative proposal for the rates of basic pay for members of the Armed Forces.

*Grades of certain chiefs of reserve components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 511) that would amend sections 7038, 8083, 8084, and 9038 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Chief of each military service Reserve Component to serve in the grade of lieutenant general or vice admiral.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Transfers of officers between the active and inactive National Guard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 515) that would amend section 303 of title 32, United States Code, to require the Secretary of the military department concerned to prescribe regulations that provide for the transfer of officers between the active and inactive National Guard.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on foreign disclosure officer and foreign military sales officer billets*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 518) that would express the sense of Congress regarding a report on foreign disclosure officer and military sales officer billets.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the elements of this provision are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Sense of Congress relating to measures to address suicide among former National Guard and Reserve components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 519) that would encourage the Department of Defense in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs to monitor and ensure appropriate measures are available to reduce suicides among former members of the Guard and Reserve Components who were not activated for military service.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs have both devoted significant time and attention to preventing suicide among current and former members of the National Guard and Reserve Components, and that they continue to collaborate on ways to improve healthcare outcomes for such members as they transition from military service to civilian life.

*Requirement to classify certain persons as unaccounted for from World War II under certain conditions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 521) that would require the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to classify certain persons as unaccounted for from World War II if the identification demonstrated discrepancies.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note with concern that expanding DPAA's mission to recategorize already accounted for servicemembers, and disinterring remains to verify past identifications, could seriously impede a significant portion of the Agency's efforts to research, investigate, recover, and identify the remains of those who are still unaccounted for from past conflicts.

*Authority to designate certain separated members of the Air Force as honorary separated members of the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 522) that would authorize certain separated members of the Air Force to be designated as honorary separated members of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Secretary of the Air Force already has the authority to designate persons as honorary Guardians.

*Alternating selection of officers of the National Guard and the Reserves as deputy commanders of certain combatant commands*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 524) that would amend section 164 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to alternate appointments of deputy commanders for certain combatant commands between officers of the National Guard and the Reserves no less frequently than every two terms. The provision would authorize the Secretary of Defense to waive the requirements of this provision when in the national interest.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Inclusion of certain persons who served with the Canadian armed forces during part of World War II in definition of missing person*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 530A) that would amend section 1513 of title 10, United States Code, to include in the definition of "missing person" United States citizens serving with the Canadian Armed Forces between September 10, 1939, and December 7, 1941, with the effect of requiring the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to account for, and if possible recover, such individuals.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that DPAA's backlog of unaccounted for individuals from World War II already exceeds 70,000 persons. Further, the conferees note that as the individuals described in this section were not part of the United States Armed Forces, the Department of Defense lacks the necessary records and resources to effectively account for them. The conferees urge the Department of Defense to work with the Canadian Armed Forces to share information where appropriate to account for these individuals.

*Prohibition on certain communications regarding courts-martial*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 531) that would amend section 837 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit a convening authority or commanding officer from providing a briefing about a pending court-martial to any subordinate who may serve as a member of such court-martial.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than June 30, 2024, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on all substantiated incidents of unlawful command influence directed at members of courts-martial panels during the period of June, 2018, to June, 2023.

*Treatment of certain records of criminal investigations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 533) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement guidance providing for the modification of titling and indexing systems to ensure that a record identifying a servicemember or former servicemember as the subject of a criminal investigation is removed from the system if that member or former member is cleared of wrongdoing.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 545 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) required the Secretary of Defense to establish and implement a policy and process through which a person's name, personally identifying information, and other pertinent information could be expunged or otherwise removed from: (1) The subject or title block of a Department of Defense (DOD) law enforcement or criminal investigative report; (2) The Department of Defense Central Index of Investigations (DCII); and (3) Any other record maintained by the DOD in connection with such a report or DCII entry, under circumstances in which

probable cause did not or does not exist to determine that the offense for which the person was titled occurred or that the titled person actually committed the offense. This was implemented in Department of Defense Instruction 5505.07, Titling and Indexing by DOD Law Enforcement Activities, effective August 8, 2023.

The conferees are disappointed that this guidance was not implemented by October, 2021, as required by statute. The conferees direct the Secretary to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than February 15, 2024, on this new Instruction. In addition to the procedures prescribed in this Instruction, the briefing shall include a detailed discussion of titling procedures, indexing procedures, and the justification required for each.

Furthermore, the conferees direct the Secretary to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, on: (1) The number of servicemembers who had their titling or indexing information provided to a Federal agency for a background check or firearm permit (including permits to carry a concealed weapon) during the last five years, to the extent that this information is available in DOD records; and (2) The number of servicemembers and former servicemembers who were titled but not prosecuted for the offenses for which they were titled within the last five years.

*Primacy of needs of the service in determining individual duty assignments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 533) that would codify the requirement for the Secretaries of the military departments to make duty assignments of individual members based primarily on the needs of the military services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that Department of Defense (DOD) policy states "the primary considerations in reassigning a servicemember will be the Servicemember's current qualifications and the ability to fill a valid requirement." While servicemembers have always had the ability to express general preferences regarding future duty stations, ultimately the DOD policy is clear, military requirements are the most important factor in assignment decisions.

*Tiger team for outreach to former members*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 536) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a tiger team to build awareness among former members of the Armed Forces of the process established for the review of discharge characterizations by appropriate discharge boards. The provision would also require several reports to Congress on the status and success of such provisions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Clarifications of procedure in investigations of personnel actions taken against members of the Armed Forces in retaliation for protected communications*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 541) that would amend section 1034 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the burden of proof required under that section to prove retaliation against protected communications of members of the armed forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, by not later than April 1, 2024, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the number of reprisal allegations made over the past 5 years by service members under section 1034, and the substantiation rate of those allegations. The briefing should include summary descriptions of the allegations and any administrative or punitive action taken. Finally, the conferees invite the Secretary to offer observations about whether the protections afforded by section 1034 are adequate to protect service members from reprisal for protected communications, and what regulatory or statutory changes the Secretary would recommend to strengthen those protections and increase the efficiency of the military whistleblower program.

*Military education for special operations forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 551) that would authorize the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), to use funds from Major Force Program 11 to fund joint special operations-peculiar education, leader preparation, and leader development at degree-granting institutions of higher military education.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note under section 167 of title 10, United States Code, the USSOCOM Commander, subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD SOLIC), is responsible for the training of assigned special operations forces (SOF) and conducting specialized courses of instruction for commissioned and noncommissioned officers. The conferees believe these responsibilities include special operations-peculiar education, leader preparation, and leader development that keeps pace with the security environment and enables SOF to fulfill their assigned tasks in support of the 2022 National Defense Strategy.

Therefore, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the conferees direct the ASD SOLIC and USSOCOM Commander to provide the congressional defense committees with a report that, at a minimum:

- (1) Defines the special operations-peculiar educational requirements of SOF;
- (2) Identifies any current gaps in authorities, funding, or other challenges that inhibits the provision of special operations-peculiar education by USSOCOM to SOF;
- (3) Makes recommendations, if any, for addressing these challenges; and
- (4) Any other matters deemed relevant by the ASD SOLIC and USSOCOM Commander.

*Determination of active duty service commitment for recipients of fellowships, grants, and scholarships*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 552) that would amend section 2603(b) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to establish the active duty service commitment for certain members of the Armed Forces who accept fellowships, scholarships, or grants funded by corporations, funds, foundations, or educational institutions organized and operated primarily for scientific, literary, or educational purposes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Pilot program for enlisted members of the Army and the Navy to attend the Naval Postgraduate School*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 555) that would create pilot programs for the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy to send enlisted servicemembers to receive advanced degrees at the Naval Postgraduate School.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 555 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) removed certain barriers for admission of enlisted members at the Naval Postgraduate School. Such section also required the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on efforts to increase enrollment of enlisted members at the Naval Postgraduate School. Last year's provision required a report on these efforts, which is expected six years after the provision goes into effect.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for elimination of units of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 556) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense to be obligated or expended to eliminate a unit of the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at an institution of higher education.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Opt-out sharing of information on members retiring or separating from the Armed Forces with community-based organizations and related entities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 558) that would amend section 570F of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) to change opt-in of sharing of information for members retiring or separating from the military with community-based organizations and related entities to opt-out of sharing such information.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that many servicemembers opt in to information sharing with community and state-based organizations that support veterans and their families, and the Department of Defense continues its outreach efforts with state and local organizations in support of separating servicemembers.

*Establishment of program to promote participation of foreign students in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 559) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a program under the authority of section 2103 of title 10, United States Code, to promote the participation of foreign students in the Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SROTC) program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees note that section 2103 of title 10, United States Code, already permits the enrollment of foreign students in SROTC. The conferees encourage the Secretaries of the military departments to make full and judicious use of that authority. The conferees direct each Secretary of a military department to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than May 1, 2024, on foreign student participation in SROTC within their department over the past 10 years.

*Pilot program on recruitment and retention of employees for child development programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 561) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a pilot program to assess the effectiveness of increasing compensation for employees of Department of Defense Child Development Centers in improving the ability to recruit and retain providers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees are aware that the Department of Defense is in the process of completing a comprehensive assessment of Child Development Center employee recruitment and retention, to include compensation issues. The creation of a pilot program to increase compensation would be premature prior to the release of the Department's review. The conferees support increasing compensation where feasible and advisable to increase the Department's ability to recruit and retain high quality childcare providers. The shortage of childcare providers is a nation-wide issue, and the Department of Defense must compensate providers competitively to attract talent.

*Exemption of cadet or midshipman who refuses to receive a vaccination against COVID-19 from requirement to repay tuition at military service academy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 564) that would exempt a cadet or midshipman from being required to repay tuition if such individual was not tendered an appointment as a

commissioned officer on the sole basis that the individual refused to receive a vaccination against COVID-19.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees understand that cadets or midshipmen who were separated solely on the basis of their refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccination were not subjected to repayment provisions. The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a process for the removal of adverse action for a cadet or midshipman who was separated solely on the basis of refusal to receive COVID-19 vaccination and subsequently returns to military service or reenters a military service academy.

#### *Training on the National Defense Strategy for members of certain Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 565) that would require annual National Defense Strategy awareness training for certain members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Costs of training on critical race theory*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 568) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report to Congress detailing the training hours spent on, and total costs incurred by, the Department concerning training on critical race theory provided by the Secretary for the previous calendar year.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Funding for Skillbridge*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570) that would authorize to be appropriated an additional \$5 million in the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide account for SkillBridge and detail offsetting reductions in other accounts.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

The conferees expect the Department of Defense to adequately fund the SkillBridge program.

#### *Access to Army Training Requirements and Resources System on a personal internet-enabled device*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570A) that would require the Secretary of the Army to ensure that a member of the reserve components of the Army may access the Army Training Requirements and Resources System using a personal internet-enabled device.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of ensuring that member of the reserve components of the Army can access the Army Training Requirements and Resources System using a personal internet-enabled device.

#### *Military vehicle operator training program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a standardized training curriculum for military vehicle operations, encompassing both classroom and practical training components.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that despite efforts to mitigate and prevent military tactical vehicle rollovers, rollover incidents continue to be an ongoing safety issue for the Marine Corps and the Army. Therefore, the conferees direct the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Chief of Staff of the Army, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the following: (1) Safety training protocols, including the use of practical and classroom training components; (2) Risk management procedures by vehicle commanders and safety specialists; (3) Driver training programs; and (4) An update on efforts to collaborate between the services on efforts to mitigate and prevent rollovers.

#### *Military training and competency database*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570C) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish: (1) A centralized database, to be known as the "Military Training and Competency Database," to record and maintain information relating to training performed by members of the Armed Forces; and (2) A process to make the information in the database

available to states and potential employers to assist in determining if the training provided to a member or former member of the Armed Forces satisfies civilian licensing and certification requirements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense already provides servicemembers with an individualized Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET) document, which lists the unique military training and experiences of the member. This document is specifically designed to help servicemembers convey their military experiences to civilian employers upon separation from the military, and it is available to all servicemembers upon request. Additionally, the military services maintain an online database known as Credentialing Opportunities for Online Learning (COOL), which provides information to servicemembers to see how their particular military duties pertain to civilian credentials and reimburses servicemembers for costs of obtaining civilian credentials listed on the COOL database. Furthermore, the Department of Defense administers the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP), the largest apprenticeship program registered with the U.S. Department of Labor. The USMAP program provides active-duty military members with an opportunity to use their military job skills while on active duty to obtain Department of Labor credentials recognized by civilian employers and labor unions.

#### *Outreach about military service academies and nomination process*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish an outreach program to increase awareness of the benefits of military service academies and the nomination process, and would require the Secretary to make available resources to facilitate the program.

The Senate provision contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 30, 2024, a report on Department outreach to congressional districts.

The report shall include the following elements:

(1) The feasibility and advisability of establishing a program under which Department of Defense personnel provide outreach in each congressional district to increase awareness of the benefits of the military service academies and academy nomination process;

(2) Resources required to facilitate such a program;  
(3) A description of current efforts of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments to perform such outreach;  
(4) Resources used to execute current efforts; and  
(5) Such other matters as the Secretary may deem appropriate.

*Prohibition on use of quotas based on race or ethnicity in service academy admissions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 570G) that would prohibit fund authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the military service academies for fiscal year 2024 to be used to discriminate or to use quotes in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Transition Assistance Program contents to include preparation for agriculture*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 572) that would amend section 1144 of title 10, United States Code, to add preparation for agriculture as a topic of instruction in certain training programs for transitioning servicemembers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on the Transition Assistance Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 575) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the Transition Assistance Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than August 1, 2025, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the effectiveness, timeliness, and execution of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP). This briefing will address the following issues:

(1) The average length of time before separation when an eligible member of an Armed Force begins pre-separation counseling under TAP, disaggregated by—

(a) Armed Force; and

(b) whether such member is an enlisted member or an officer;

(2) The timeline and plan of action to implement the recommendations in the Government Accountability Office report dated December 12, 2022, titled "Servicemembers Transitioning to Civilian Life" (GAO-23-104538);

(3) Steps the Secretary plans to take, and the related timeline for such steps, to address the finding in the report cited in paragraph (2) that approximately 70 percent of members did not begin pre-separation counseling under TAP at least one year before separation;

(4) The feasibility of ensuring that, by January 1, 2025, at least 75 percent of members eligible for TAP begin pre-separation counseling under TAP at least one year before separation;

(5) The feasibility of implementing a pilot program to provide grants to non-Federal entities that provide industry-recognized certifications, job placement assistance, and related employment services to members eligible for TAP and spouses of such members;

(6) The feasibility of implementing a pilot program that would require the military transition assistance teams of the Department of Defense to contact a veteran at least twice during each of the first three months after the veteran separates from an Armed Force, regarding—

(a) the veteran's transition to civilian life, including employment, access to benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, education, and family life; and

(b) the veteran's concerns regarding such transition;

(7) Recommendations of the Secretary (including legislation) to improve the long-term effectiveness of TAP and the well-being of veterans; and

(8) Other information the Secretary determines necessary to provide such committees with a comprehensive description of the participation of the members in TAP and any other program administered by the Secretary that assists in the transition of members of the Armed Forces to civilian life.

*Skillbridge: apprenticeship programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 576) that would require the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the availability of registered apprenticeship positions within the Skillbridge program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the existence of the United States Military Apprenticeship Program, as discussed in the report entry accompanying House section 570C. The conferees further note the requirement for a report on the SkillBridge program included in another provision of this title.

*Comptroller General report on efforts to increase transparency and reporting on sexual violence in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 576) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to review and report on efforts within the military services to increase transparency on reporting on sexual violence in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review on efforts to increase transparency and reporting on sexual violence in the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Program, and to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the enactment of this Act, on the results of this review. The report should include the following elements: (1) The implementation of section 2031 of title 10, United States Code, as amended by this Act; (2) The adequacy of the Department of Defense's vetting process for Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps instructors; (3) The Department of Defense and the Department of Education's oversight of compliance of units with respect to title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) and title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.); (4) Any changes in the numbers of sexual harassment, assault, or stalking incidents reported to institutions or law enforcement agencies; and (5) The sufficiency of military department unit inspections.

*Female members of certain Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense in STEM*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 577) that would require the Department of Defense to conduct a study on how to increase the participation of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) positions in the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that women are eligible for all military occupational specialties related to STEM, and many women in service work in STEM and STEM-related functions in today's military. Additionally, STEM internship opportunities in the SkillBridge program are already available to members of the Armed Forces transitioning from active duty to civilian life.

*Department of Defense report on third-party job search technology*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 578) that would require a report on potential partnership opportunities with companies that provide third-party job search digital solutions to assist members of the armed services transitioning off of active duty and recent veterans in their search for employment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Notification by Secretary concerned to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding a member with a history of opioid abuse*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 579) that would amend section 1142(d) of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of a military department to notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of a servicemember's history of opioid abuse when the Secretary knows of such a history.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on separating members who have health care experience and Medical Reserve Corps*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 580) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the process by which members of the Armed Forces with health care experience transition to civilian life and the number such members who join the Medical Reserve Corps.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Provision of medical information regarding a separating member*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 580A) that would amend subsection section 1142 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretaries of the military departments to transmit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs the medical records of all servicemembers separating or retiring from the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Training and education for transitioning members through community colleges*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 580B) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to conduct outreach and provide assistance to community colleges to provide training or internships to servicemembers under the Skillbridge program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Secretary of Defense is already authorized to conduct outreach to community colleges in order to enter into agreements under the SkillBridge program and other training programs of the Department of Defense. The conferees note that SkillBridge would be codified as a mandatory program of the Department of Defense by another provision in this bill.

*Authorization for Last Member Standing medal*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 581) that would amend Chapter 57 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize a medal for the last member standing of a unit as a result of a combat instance during a war or overseas emergency.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the existing awards and decorations that honor servicemembers who serve on Active Duty, deploy during war or an overseas contingency operation, and as a result of a combat instance during such deployment are the last surviving member of a unit. The briefing shall also address the appropriateness of establishing an award for a servicemember who, as a result of a combat instance during a war or overseas emergency, was the last surviving member of a unit, having demonstrated extraordinary heroism during such combat instance.

*Authorization for award of the Medal of Honor to Marcelino Serna for acts of valor during World War I*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 582) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, and authorize the award of the Medal of Honor to Marcelino Serna for acts of valor as a private in the Army during World War I.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees acknowledge and honor Marcelino Serna's heroism while serving as a private in the Army during World War I, for which he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

*Award of certain decorations to certain members of the Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 583) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to award to a member of the Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan between July 14, 2021 and August 30, 2021 in support of Operation Allies Refuge: (1) The Afghanistan campaign medal; (2) The combat action ribbon; and (3) The humanitarian service medal.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that members of the Armed Forces who served in Afghanistan between July 14, 2021 and August 30, 2021 are already eligible for numerous medals and ribbons for such service. The conferees acknowledge and honor the service of those members who served in Afghanistan in support of Operation Allies Refuge.

*Eligibility of veterans of Operation End Sweep for Vietnam Service Medal*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 584) that would authorize the Secretary of the military department concerned to, upon the application of an individual who is a veteran who participated in Operation End Sweep, award that individual the Vietnam Service Medal.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees acknowledge the distinguished service of veterans who participated in Operation End Sweep from February 6, 1973, to July 18, 1973, in undertaking the harrowing work of clearing sea mines laid in Vietnamese waters. The conferees value the honorable performance of Operation End Sweep veterans

following the cessation of military combat operations in Vietnam.

*Authorization for award of Medal of Honor to E. Royce Williams for acts of valor during the Korean War*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 585) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United States Code, and authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor to E. Royce Williams for the acts of valor described in subsection (b).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees acknowledge and honor Royce Williams's heroism while engaged in aerial combat over the Sea of Japan on 18 November 1952, for which he was awarded the Silver Star.

*Authorization for award of Medal of Honor to James Capers, Jr. for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 586) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 8298 of title 10, United States Code, and authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor, to James Capers, Jr. for the acts of valor during the Vietnam conflict.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize and honor the heroism and courage of James Capers, Jr., for his service in Vietnam during the period of March 31 through April 3, 1967, for which he was awarded the Silver star.

*Authorization for award of the Medal of Honor to Thomas H. Griffin for acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam War*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 587) that would waive the time limitations specified in section 7274 of title 10, United States Code, and authorize the President to award the Medal of Honor under section 7271 of title 10, United States Code, to Thomas Helmut Griffin for his acts of valor as a member of the Army during the Vietnam war.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize and honor the heroism and courage of Thomas Helmut Griffin for his actions in Vietnam from March 1 through March 3, 1969, for which he was awarded the Silver Star.

*Short title*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 591) that would style this subtitle as the "Military Promotion Act of 2023."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Electronic notarization for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 592) that would amend section 1044a of title 10, United States Code, to authorize electronic notarization for members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the provision does not provide baseline security measures to address potential harms of remote on-line notarization, such as identity theft, fraudulent notarization, data breaches, and cyberattacks. The provision would also require States to recognize remote on-line notarizations as valid, even if the notarization does not meet State cybersecurity or privacy standards. The conferees encourage the Secretary of Defense to work with the Committees on Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives to address these issues.

*Posting of promotional materials for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 594) that would direct the Secretary of a military department to post promotional materials for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at each jurisdictional military installation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the military services, in conjunction with the Department of Defense Suicide Prevention Office, are already taking robust measures to prevent suicide and improve crisis intervention throughout the force, including providing information to servicemembers, their families, and civilian employees about 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline intervention resources.

*Prohibition on drag shows and drag queen story hour*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 595) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from obligating or expending funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act for a drag show, drag queen story, or similar event.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that all planned drag shows on all military installations were cancelled after the Department of Defense (DOD) learned about them during a House Armed Services Committee hearing on March 29, 2023. DOD determined that permitting non-Federal entities to conduct drag show events at U.S. military installations or facilities is inconsistent with the longstanding criteria for providing this logistical support to non-federal entities, including DOD Instruction 1000.15, "Procedures and Support for Non-Federal Entities Authorized to Operate on DOD Installations" and the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER) section 3-211, "Logistical Support of Non-Federal Entity Events." The JER states that heads of DOD component organizations may provide, on a limited basis, logistical support (use of DOD facilities and equipment) to non-Federal entity events, but only if they determine seven factors to ensure that the support may be authorized as supporting legitimate DOD interests. The DOD Office of General Counsel determined that drag queen story hours did not serve a legitimate DOD public affairs interest nor was this an appropriate association for DOD.

*Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion: report; sunset*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 596) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, no later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, on the process the Secretary used to appoint members to the Defense Advisory Commission on Diversity and Inclusion. The provision would also require the Secretary to terminate the Defense Advisory Commission on Diversity and Inclusion by September 19, 2024, in accordance with the requirements of section 1013 of title 5, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, no later than May 1, 2024, on the

Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (DACODAI). The report should contain the following items:

(1) An overview of the appointment process used to select individuals currently serving as members of the DACODAI, including the nominating source for each individual currently serving as a DACODAI member;

(2) An explanation of how the Department ensures individuals selected to serve as members of DACODAI comprise points of view that are "fairly balanced" as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act;

(3) A complete listing of all recommendations made by the DACODAI since September 23, 2022;

(4) A complete listing of all studies initiated by the DACODAI since September 23, 2022; and

(5) The cost associated with operating the DACODAI since September 23, 2022.

#### *Report on Military OneSource*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599A) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide annual reports to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the utilization of the Military OneSource program which currently serves as the Department of Defense's primary hub for connecting servicemembers with a range of quality-of-life services available to them.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the Military OneSource program of the Department of Defense. This briefing shall include the following elements:

(1) A history of the Military OneSource program, including its origin, development, and expansion;

(2) An accounting of costs to the Federal Government to operate the program during fiscal years 2019 through 2023;

(3) Use of the program during fiscal years 2019 through 2023, including:

(a) the total number of individuals who used the program, disaggregated by whether such use was through a phone call or the website;

(b) the number of members of the Armed Forces who have used the program, disaggregated by Armed Force, race, gender, age, marital status, and duty location; and

(c) the most commonly used services offered through the program;

(4) How records for such usage are kept and protected;

(5) A list of all services offered through the program;

(6) The cost of any service to a member;

(7) Services to be added to the program; and

(8) Criteria by which services offered through the program are added or discontinued.

*Study on service by neurodivergent individuals in the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, through a federally funded research and development center, to study how current medical accession policies are impacting recruitment, assignment, and retention of neurodivergent populations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than April 1, 2024, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the topic of neurodiversity in the Armed Forces. Such briefing shall address potential opportunities for the Department to leverage the fundamental strengths that are common among members of the neurodivergent population, including problem-solving, pattern recognition, visualization, and other skills that benefit national security fields. Such briefing shall also address current barriers to the hiring and retention of neurodivergent individuals within the Department of Defense, both in military and civilian service, including an assessment of whether and under what conditions neurodivergence should be treated as a disability, and ways in which the Department can reduce such unnecessary barriers.

*Report on effects of ROTC on recruiting*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599C) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report regarding the effects of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps on recruiting for the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on college-level credits for military recruits*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on current enlistment standards, and whether it is necessary for all college-level credits earned by a military recruit to be placed on a transcript from an accredited, degree-granting institution.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on current practices regarding recordkeeping and credit granted to military recruits who have college-level credits.

*Study and report on reforms to certain grace periods under Transition Assistance Program of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599E) that would require the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a comprehensive study on military grace period reforms, specifically focusing on the impact of unit tasking during the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) on the ability of servicemembers to transition to civilian life.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that in another provision of this Conference Report, the Department of Defense is required to provide a briefing on the effectiveness, timeliness, and execution of the TAP.

*Sense of Congress regarding military service by individuals with amputations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599F) that would express the sense of Congress regarding military service by individuals with amputations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than April 1, 2024, to the Committees on

Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the Department of Defense assessment and retention standards regarding amputees, including those with a non-service-connected amputation.

*Feasibility study and report on portability of certain professional credentials held by servicemembers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 599G) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to conduct a study, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the feasibility of ensuring that an eligible professional credential held by a servicemember is considered valid in the jurisdiction of an applicable licensing authority for use at an appropriate scope of practice in the appropriate field after the date on which such servicemember is discharged or released from active military, naval, air, or space service under conditions other than dishonorable.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Defense-State Liaison Office of the Department of Defense works on an ongoing basis with state veterans agencies to ensure that relevant professional credentials held by servicemembers are considered valid by applicable state licensing authorities.

*Feasibility study regarding childcare for members of the reserve components performing inactive-duty training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 648) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report, not later than September 30, 2024, regarding the feasibility of providing childcare: (1) Through the military child development center of a military installation; and (2) To a member of the reserve components while such member performs inactive-duty training at such military installation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than May 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of providing childcare through military child development centers of military installations to members of the reserve component while they are performing inactive-duty training.

## **TITLE VI—COMPENSATION AND OTHER PERSONNEL BENEFITS**

### **SUBTITLE A—BASIC PAY, RETIRED PAY, AND LEAVE**

*Sec. 601 - Parental leave parity for members of certain reserve components of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 601) that would amend section chapter 40 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new section that would authorize expanded parental leave for members of certain reserve components of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 602 - Pay of members of reserve components for inactive-duty training to obtain or maintain an aeronautical rating or designation*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 601) that would amend chapter 3 of title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretaries of the military departments to pay certain members of the Reserve component who receive aviation incentive pay under section 334 of title 37, United States Code, such compensation for a number of periods of inactive-duty training each month sufficient for the member to obtain or maintain aeronautical rating or designation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 603 - Expansion of authority to pay a member of the Armed Forces who is absent without leave or over leave for such absence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 602) that would amend section 503 of title 37, United States Code, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to issue pay and allowances to certain members of the Armed Forces who are absent without leave.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would amend section 503 of title 37, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to continue to issue pay and allowances to

certain members of the Armed Forces who are absent without leave.

## **SUBTITLE B—BONUS AND INCENTIVE PAYS**

### *Sec. 611 - Expansion of continuation pay eligibility*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 622) that would amend section 356 of title 37, United States Code, to expand eligibility of continuation pay for full Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) members of the uniformed services to authorize continuation pay for such members who have completed not less than 7 and not more than 12 years of service in a uniformed service.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

### *Sec. 612 - Modification of special and incentive pay authorities for members of reserve components*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 621) that would amend section 357 of title 37, United States Code, to require the Secretaries of the military departments to pay a member of the reserve component a special and incentive pay in the same monthly amount paid to a member in the regular component of such Armed Force when the special and incentive pay is made for the purpose of maintaining a skill certification or proficiency identical to a skill certification or proficiency required of the member in the regular component, or when such pay is made to compensate the member of the reserve component for exposure to hazards or risks identical to hazards or risks to which the member of the regular component was exposed. The provision would also amend section 602(d) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) to require the Secretary concerned to evaluate each type or category of special and incentive pay separately in order assess the effect on an Armed Force of such special or incentive pay.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 613 - One-year extension of certain expiring bonus and special pay authorities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 611) that would extend, through December 31, 2024, certain expiring bonus and special pay authorities relating to Reserve forces; health care

professionals; nuclear officers; consolidated special, incentive, and bonus authorities under title 37, United States Code; and temporary increases in rates of basic allowance for housing.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 623).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 614 - Authorization of monthly bonus pay for a junior member of the uniformed services during calendar year 2024*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 612) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to pay a bonus to servicemembers on Active duty, serving in a grade below E-6, if the Secretary concerned determines prevailing economic conditions may adversely affect an eligible member.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 615 - Determination of cold weather location for purposes of special duty pay*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 613) that would require the Secretary concerned to determine the locations that qualify for cold weather assignment or special duty pay.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary concerned to determine cold weather location pay based on expected low temperatures as published by the Department of Agriculture.

*Sec. 616 - Feasibility study regarding assignment incentive pay for members of the Air Force assigned to remotely piloted aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 614) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on the feasibility of paying assignment incentive pay under section 307a of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Air Force assigned to Creech Air Force Base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a

report, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on the feasibility and advisability of paying assignment incentive pay under section 307a of title 37, United States Code, to members of the Air Force assigned to remotely piloted aircraft.

## **SUBTITLE C—ALLOWANCES**

*Sec. 621 - Modification of calculation of gross household income for basic needs allowance to address areas of demonstrated need*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 621) that would amend section 402b of title 37, United States Code, to modify the calculation of the Basic Needs Allowance authorized under such section by excluding any portion of Basic Allowance for Housing paid to a member under section 403 of title 37, United States Code, from the calculation of gross household income.

The Senate bill contained a similar provision (sec. 605) that would amend section 402b of title 37, United States Code, to authorize the Secretaries of the military departments to modify the calculation of gross household income by excluding any portion of the Basic Allowance for Housing paid to a servicemember under section 403 of title 37, United States Code, when the member has a demonstrated need for supplemental income to meet the member's household's basic needs.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 622 - Improved calculation of basic allowance for housing for junior enlisted members*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 622) that would provide for methodological parity among military pay grades and greater flexibility to adequately respond to the housing estimation challenges posed by rapidly changing housing market conditions across the United States.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 602).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 623 - Basic allowance for housing for members assigned to vessels undergoing maintenance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 623) that would amend section 403 of title 37, United States Code, to authorize commanding officers to provide a Basic Allowance for Housing to junior servicemembers who are assigned to a naval vessel during

a shipyard availability or maintenance period under certain specified conditions.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 603).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 624 - Dual basic allowance for housing for training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 624) that would amend section 403 of title 37, United States Code, to authorize receipt of dual Basic Allowance for Housing for certain reserve component members called or ordered to active duty to attend training for at least 140 days but fewer than 365 days.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 604).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 625 - Cost-of-living allowance in the continental United States: high cost areas*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 607) that would amend section 403b of title 37, United States Code, to reduce the threshold used to determine high cost-of-living areas for the purpose of providing a cost-of-living allowance to servicemembers assigned to locations in the continental United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 626 - Family separation allowance: increase; review*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 628) that would amend section 427 of title 37, United States Code, to increase the entitlement for family separation allowance to \$400 per month. The provision would also require a review of the family separation allowance in each quadrennial review of military compensation conducted under section 1008 of title 37, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require that family separation allowance be no less than \$250 and no more than \$400.

*Sec. 627 - OCONUS cost-of-living allowance: adjustments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 608) that would amend section 617 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to prohibit the Secretary of Defense from adjusting the cost-of-living allowance for servicemembers living outside the continental United States (OCONUS) more than twice per year or in connection with a permanent change of station for such member. The provision would also limit reductions in the OCONUS cost-of-living allowance to no more than 10 percent of the amount of the pre-existing amount.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would limit reductions in the cost-of-living allowance for a member of the uniformed services assigned to a duty station located outside the continental United States not more than twice per year, with each reduction not exceeding 10 index points. These limitations would not apply to reductions related to foreign currency exchange rates. The provision would also require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives within 30 days of each instance a reduction or increase in the cost-of-living allowance is announced pursuant to this provision.

*Sec. 628 - Extension of one-time uniform allowance for officers who transfer to the Space Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 609) that would amend section 606(d)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) by extending the applicability of the one-time uniform allowance for officers who transfer to the Space Force to such officers who transfer to the Space Force by September 30, 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

## **SUBTITLE D—FAMILY AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS**

*Sec. 631 - Modifications to transitional compensation for dependents of members separated for dependent abuse*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 631) that would amend section 1059 of title 10, United States Code, to modify the eligibility requirements for transitional compensation for dependents of members who are convicted of a dependent-abuse offense in a district court of the United States or a State court, or accused but not convicted of committing a dependent-abuse offense, and who are separated from active duty pursuant

to a sentence of court-martial or administratively separated for an offense other than a dependent-abuse offense.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 5631).

The House recesses.

The conferees note that under Article 58b of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, the convening authority of a court-martial may waive any or all of the automatic or adjudged forfeitures of pay and allowance required by such article for a period not to exceed six months. Requests for such waivers from servicemembers who are convicted of offenses at court-martial and have automatic or adjudged forfeitures are routinely granted for the benefit of the member's dependents.

*Sec. 632 - Lodging expenses for dependents of members separated for dependent abuse*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 632) that would amend section 1059 of title 10, United States Code, to entitle a dependent or former dependent to payment of lodging expenses for a period not longer than 30 days, if such dependent or former dependent is already entitled to payment of monthly transitional compensation under such section.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 633 - Access to commissary and exchange privileges for remarried surviving spouses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 633) that would amend section 1062 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize certain remarried surviving spouses to use commissary stores and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation retail facilities of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1049).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 634 - Assistance for military spouses to obtain certifications as doulas and International Board Certified Lactation Consultants*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 705) that would amend section 1784a of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to the spouse of a member of the armed forces in obtaining a doula and International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners

certification. The provision would also amend section 746 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to expand the Childbirth and Breastfeeding Support Demonstration to include beneficiaries located outside of the continental United States and at military medical treatment facilities.

The Senate amendment contained three similar provisions (secs. 564, 706, 5724).

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would amend section 1784a of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to the spouse of a member of the armed forces in obtaining a doula and International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners certification.

The conferees note a majority of births under TRICARE occur under private sector care (65 percent in private sector care versus 35 percent in direct care at a military medical treatment facility). Implementing the Childbirth and Breastfeeding Support Demonstration in private sector care gave the Defense Health Agency a large population in which to study the demonstration hypotheses while minimizing, to the extent possible, the administrative complexity. Additionally, the demonstration program is novel in nature, adding providers that are not covered by any nationwide insurance or health benefit programs. This novelty has meant that TRICARE contractors have been required to expend substantial efforts to build provider networks, a process that is ongoing. Including the direct care births would add unnecessary complexity to the demonstration potentially undermining the Department's ability to determine if this benefit is administratively feasible in the future.

*Sec. 635 - Expansion of qualifying events for which a member of the uniformed services may be reimbursed for spousal relicensing or business costs due to the member's relocation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 635) that would expand eligibility for reimbursement of qualified licensure, certification, and business relocation costs incurred by military spouses in certain cases.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 606).

The Senate recesses.

## **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Report on modernized retirement system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 603) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report regarding implementation of the modernized retirement system.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Service of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than September 30, 2024, regarding implementation of the modernized retirement system pursuant to amendments in part I of subtitle D of title VI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92). Such report shall include the following elements:

(1) An analysis of data collected on the effects of financial literacy training modules, including quantifiable outcomes that assess the effect of financial security training for members of the uniformed services during fiscal years 2015 through 2023; and

(2) Recommendations of the Secretary regarding tools or resources needed for the Secretary to improve financial literacy training for our such members.

*Program to assist servicemembers at risk of suicide*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 604) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, to develop and implement a centralized program to monitor and provide assistance to members of the Armed Forces at risk of suicide who have been recently discharged from health care, as outlined in Recommendation 6.29 of the final report issued by the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee (SPRIRC).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that, to the maximum extent practicable, the legislative recommendations of the SPRIRC should be implemented together to maximize the impact, effectiveness, and interoperability of statutory provisions related to suicide prevention.

*Elimination of cap on additional retired pay for extraordinary heroism for members of the Army and Air Force who served during the Vietnam Era*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 605) that would amend section 1402 of title 10, United States Code, to eliminate the cap on additional retired pay for extraordinary heroism for

certain members of the Army and Air Force who served during the Vietnam era.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of eliminating the cap on additional retired pay for extraordinary heroism for members of the Army and Air Force who served during the Vietnam era.

#### *Review of rates of military basic pay*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 610) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of military pay rates, and to submit the results of the review along with a legislative proposal for a comprehensive military pay table reauthorization by March 1, 2024.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the results of a review of the rates of monthly basic pay authorized for members of the uniformed services in order to determine if the current basic pay table adequately compensates junior enlisted personnel in pay grades E-1 through E-4. The report shall include a comprehensive legislative proposal for the rates of basic pay for members of the uniformed services.

The review of basic pay for junior members of the uniformed services shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the adequacy of the rates of monthly basic pay for members of the uniformed services in light of current and predicted recruiting difficulties;

(2) An analysis of how such basic pay, when combined with other elements of regular compensation for members of the uniformed services, compares with private sector wages for potential recruits to the uniformed services;

(3) An assessment of how sustained periods of cost inflation affect pay for the uniformed services and comparable private sector wages; and

(4) A historical analysis of how percentage differences between junior enlisted basic pay, senior enlisted basic pay, junior officer basic pay, and senior officer basic pay, have changed since the rates of basic pay for members of the uniformed services were authorized by section 601 of the

John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364).

*Government Accountability Office study on process for determining cost-of-living allowances for members of the uniformed services assigned to the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and overseas locations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 611) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the process for determining cost-of-living allowances for members of the uniformed services stationed in the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and at overseas locations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the process for determining cost-of-living allowances for members of the uniformed services stationed in the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and at overseas locations. In conducting this study, the Comptroller General shall assess:

(1) The fairness and equity of the process for determining cost-of-living allowances for the members described above, and the methods for improving that process;

(2) The advantages and disadvantages of averaging the results of continental United States Living Pattern Surveys and Retail Price Schedules without regard to the geographic concentration of members of the uniformed services within the continental United States when determining the baseline cost of living for the continental United States;

(3) Whether additional out-of-pocket expenses, including the costs for a member of the uniformed services to travel to and from the home of record of the member from the assigned duty station of the member, should be included in the calculations of the Department of Defense for determining overseas cost-of-living allowances to better equalize the true costs of living for members stationed outside the continental United States with such costs for members stationed inside the continental United States; and

(4) The process by which the Department of Defense conducts Living Pattern Surveys and develops Retail Price Schedules.

The conferees further direct the Comptroller General to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a report setting forth the results of the study required above and making any recommendations the Comptroller General considers appropriate based on those results, including any recommendations for changes to section 403b or 405 of title 37, United States Code.

*Requirement to establish remote and austere condition assignment incentive pay program for Air Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 624) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to evaluate the Remote and Austere Condition Assignment Incentive Pay program of the Army and establish a similar program for the Air Force by October 1, 2025 unless the Secretary can certify to Congress that there are no critically manned units at any Air Force installation in Alaska.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Basic Allowance for Housing: pilot program to outsource rate calculation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 625) that would establish a pilot program to change the method by which the Basic Allowance for Housing rate is calculated.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 662 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the accuracy of Basic Allowance for Housing. This report is still pending from the Secretary of Defense and is not due to the Committees concerned until one year after the date of enactment of such Act.

*Extension of travel allowance for members of the Armed Forces assigned to Alaska*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 625) that would amend section 603 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) by striking "December 31, 2023" and inserting "June 30, 2024."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Independent assessment of housing for military personnel in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 626) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center for an independent assessment of housing of military personnel assigned to duty stations in Guam.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than December 1, 2024, on the housing of military personnel assigned to duty stations in Guam. The briefing shall include: (1) A survey of the housing needs for current and future military personnel to be stationed in Guam, accommodating the varying needs of single and married members of the Armed Forces at various stages of their careers; (2) Possible options for the Secretary to build new housing to accommodate future service members and resolve existing housing shortages; (3) Possible strategies for the Secretary to mitigate the impact of military personnel on the local housing supply in Guam.

*Briefing on calculation methodology of the Basic Allowance for Housing for Staten Island*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 629) that would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should prescribe the same Basic Allowance for Housing under section 403(b) of title 37, United States Code, for the military housing area that includes Staten Island, New York, as the Basic Allowance for Housing prescribed for the military housing area that includes New York City, New York.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than April 1, 2024, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, on the methodology for calculating Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for all boroughs of New York City, including Staten Island; a breakdown of the military or veteran status of those receiving the Staten Island rate for BAH; an explanation of why such allowance might vary among boroughs; a calculation of Staten Island BAH without Bayonne, NJ as part of the Military Housing Area (MHA); the effect of the inclusion of Staten Island

in the New York City MHA; and any recommendations for improvement to calculating BAH for Staten Island or any other borough of New York City.

*Restrictions on retired and Reserve members of the Armed Forces receiving employment and compensation indirectly from foreign governments through private entities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 632) that would amend section 908(a) of title 37, United States Code, to prohibit a retired or Reserve member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Space Force from receiving employment and related compensation for work performed for a foreign government through a private entity unless approved by the Secretary of the military department concerned and the Secretary of State.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Authority for peer mentoring program for military dependents*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 634) that would amend chapter 88 of title 10, United States Code, to establish a peer mentoring program for dependents of servicemembers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Grants to assist caregivers in military families*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 637) that would establish, subject to appropriations, a program to award grants to nonprofit organizations focusing on alleviating the burdens faced by caregivers in military families. Further, this section would spell out amounts, duration, and use of funds criteria.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize that military families face unique challenges when also responsible to serve as caregivers for other family members who may have a health care condition, disability or functional limitation. The conferees note grant programs are seldom authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act but understand that in addition to support services that may be available at individual installations, Military One Source can help caregivers navigate the services available for those with special needs, elder care, wounded warrior care and more. In addition, Military OneSource can

assist in connecting caregivers with experts in education, the military health care system and special needs planning, as well as provide emotional support through counseling.

*MySTeP: provision online and in multiple languages*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 638) that would authorize the Secretary concerned to provide all services of the Military Spouse Transition Program (commonly referred to as "MySTeP") online and in English, Spanish, Tagalog, and the rest of the 10 most commonly spoken languages in the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Secretary of Defense is already authorized to provide services of the Military Spouse Transition Program online and in languages other than English. MySTeP programming is currently available online. The Department of Defense will translate any resources provided in English into other languages for the benefit of non-English speaking dependents upon request and at no charge.

*Exceptional Family Member Program: modification of the responsibilities of the Office of Special Needs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 639) that would amend section 1781c of title 10, United States Code, to modify the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) by including health care and educational services as required areas of assessment within the scope of such program. The provision would also require the Office of Special Needs of the Department of Defense to assess market conditions for health care and educational support for military family needs enrolled in the EFMP.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Office of Special Needs already assesses health care and educational services and evaluates many aspects of market conditions related to special needs through the EFMP.

*Portability of professional licenses of servicemembers and their spouses: promotion; report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 640) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Defense-State Liaison Office, to consult with licensing authorities of States to increase awareness of section 705A of the

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (Public Law 117-333) not later than September 30, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that the Department of Justice is working on implementing the requirements of section 705A of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, and the Department of Defense continues to raise awareness of this statutory provision among servicemembers and their spouses.

*Guide for survivors to claim the personal effects of a deceased member of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 640A) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation of the Secretaries of the military departments and not later than September 30, 2024, to publish and post on the website of Military OneSource a guide regarding how a survivor of a deceased member of the Armed Forces may: (1) Receive the personal effects of such member; and (2) File a claim with the Secretary of the military department concerned if the survivor believes such effects were disposed of incorrectly.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that this information is already provided to the next of kin of a deceased member of the Armed Forces.

*Implementation of Comptroller General recommendations relating to military foster and adoptive families*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 640B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to: (1) Provide a centralized location for, and promote awareness of, information about foster and adoption-related policies and available Department of Defense (DOD) support to better assist military foster and adoptive families, including by providing such information through Military OneSource, using a designated point person on an installation, or through an existing installation program office; (2) Ensure that the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director of Defense Human Resource Activity, revises AFI 36-3026, Volume 1, in cooperation with other components of the Department of Defense, as appropriate, to make it consistent with DOD regulations on the required documents to enroll foster children in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS); and (3) Ensure that the Secretaries of the military departments identify opportunities

to regularly promote to all employees responsible for enrollment in DEERS awareness of accurate information and guidance, with respect to enrolling both foster and pre-adoptive children, including by coordinating with relevant offices to promote awareness of the guidance through annual trainings or other training mechanisms.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that DOD has already implemented the first and third requirements of this provision, which were recommendations of the Comptroller General from the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) August 19, 2021 report titled, "Military Families: Additional DOD Actions Could Better Support Military Foster and Adoptive Families" (GAO-21-438). Regarding the second requirement of this provision, as of August 2023, DOD provided documentation to the GAO that it had revised AFI 36-3026 to explain the process for enrolling foster children in DEERS. The Department is expected to continue to work on ensuring that the guidance in AFI 36-3026 is consistent with DEERS enrollment requirements.

*Prohibitions on provision of gender transition services through an Exceptional Family Member Program of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 640C) that would prohibit gender transition services through an Exceptional Family Member Program of the Armed Forces under section 1781c of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) does not provide a medical benefit to servicemembers or their dependents.

*Recurring review and revision of pay for military childcare employees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 642) that would amend section 1791 of title 10, United States Code, to establish a recurring review of pay for childcare employees not less than once every 5 years.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Secretary of Defense is required to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives any recommendations on the grading of childcare employees pursuant to a briefing

requirement in the Senate report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

*Discounted child care for child care employees of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 643) that would amend section 1793 of title 10, United States Code, to provide a 100 percent discount on military childcare for the first child and at least a 50 percent discount for the second child of a Department of Defense childcare employee.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that under section 1793 of title 10, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense already has the authority to set discount rates, including up to a 100 percent discount, on military childcare for the children of Department of Defense childcare employees. The conferees further note that the authority in this statute was first enacted in the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), and the military departments are still in the process of establishing policies and implementing the childcare employee discount program.

*Expansion of pilot program to provide financial assistance to members of the Armed Forces for in-home child care*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 644) that would expand the in-home childcare pilot program authorized in section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to military families stationed in remote areas where servicemembers are challenged to find suitable childcare providers and services due to shortages, including Fort Drum, New York; Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico; Naval Air Station Lemoore, California; and Marine Corps Base Twentynine Palms, California.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that the in-home childcare pilot program is still ongoing, and under this program, the Secretary of Defense is already authorized to expand the program. However, it would be imprudent to require alterations to the pilot program until the Department of Defense is able to assess the costs and benefits of the program and make a decision as to the viability of in-home childcare going forward. The conferees further note that the Secretary of Defense is required to submit

annual reports on such pilot program, which the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives have received, and will be required to submit a final report to the Committees upon the completion of the pilot program.

*Study on effects of childcare on readiness and retention*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 646) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a study on the impact of accessible, affordable childcare on readiness and retention.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that federally funded research and development centers are not well situated to assess the effects of childcare on the readiness or retention of members of the Armed Forces.

*Provision of temporary childcare services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 647) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide temporary childcare services at military child development centers for the children of members of the Armed Forces during a permanent change of station, temporary duty, or any other similar deployment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on at-home child care programs of the Department of Defense; feasibility study*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 649) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report, not later than 9 months after the date of enactment of this Act, on at-home child care programs offered by each military department.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that several reports on the in-home child care pilot are already required by section 589 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283).

*Verification of reporting of eligible federally connected children for purposes of Federal impact aid programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 653) that would require verification of reporting of eligible federally connected children for purposes of Federal impact aid programs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 579D of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Act (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the feasibility and advisability of certifying the information on federal impact aid source forms. In this briefing, the Department of Defense reported that it is in the process of ensuring that the existing source check impact aid verification program is implemented Department-wide.

*Financial literacy education in schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 654) that would require that each student of a high school operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) complete a dedicated course of instruction in financial literacy as a prerequisite to graduate from high school.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that DODEA is already in the process of implementing financial literacy education in its secondary schools.

*Study to review weighted student units for impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 657) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to conduct a study to review the weighted student units used for the calculation of impact aid payments for eligible federally connected children with disabilities under section 7003 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the calculation of impact aid payments affects all payments for federally connected children

with disabilities, and not just those connected with the Department of Defense. It would be inappropriate for the Secretary of Defense to review or make recommendations on a policy under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education that would affect all federally connected children.

*Process to ensure interstate reciprocity in educational accommodations for military dependent students*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 658) that would require the Secretary of Education, in consultation with States and local educational agencies, to establish a process to ensure that a dependent of a member of the Armed Forces who receives educational accommodations while attending an elementary or secondary school in a State, and who then transfers to an elementary or secondary school in a different State due to the relocation of the member of the Armed Forces of whom the student is a dependent, has such educational accommodations recognized by the destination State without requiring the dependent to reapply for such accommodations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

*Requirement to disclose curriculum of schools operated by the Department of Defense education activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 659) that would amend section 2164 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

*Prohibition on authorizing Federal funds for DODEA for race-based theories*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 660) that would prohibit the use of federal funds to be authorized for the Department of Defense Education Activity to promote certain race-based theories or to compel teachers or students to affirm, adhere to, adopt, or profess beliefs in a manner that violates title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Public Law 88-352).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for certain books in schools operated by the Department of Defense Education Activity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 661) that would not allow funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year thereafter for the Department of Defense Education Activity to be obligated or expended to purchase or maintain in a school library any book that contains pornographic material or espouses radical gender ideology.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Prohibition on sale of Chinese goods in commissary stores and military exchanges*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 662) that would require the Secretary of Defense to prohibit the sale, at a commissary store or military exchange, of goods manufactured in China, assembled in China, or imported into the United States from China.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on effect of phase-out of reduction of survivor benefit plan survivor annuities by amount of dependency and indemnity compensation*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5632) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a report on the effect of section 622 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) and the amendments made by such section.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that section 622 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) required the Department of Defense to eliminate, over a five year period, the requirement that Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments be subject to reductions based on the amount a beneficiary receives from Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). The provision also repealed the authority for the optional annuity for dependent children for Active Duty/line of duty survivors as of January 1, 2023, which means the annuity will revert payments to the eligible surviving spouses.

While the conferees remain supportive of the legislation eliminating the requirement that SBP payments and DIC payments be offset, the legislation may have resulted in some unintended outcomes for beneficiaries, particularly dependent children, in unusual guardianship arrangements. Therefore, the conferees

direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than May 1, 2024, that evaluates the effect of section 622 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92). The briefing shall contain at least the following:

(1) An evaluation of Department of Defense authority to continue to provide SBP payments to dependent beneficiaries if the Defense Finance Accounting Service cannot verify the eligibility status of a surviving spouse;

(2) An assessment of the process of the Department of Defense for determining legibility for survivor benefits under subchapter II of chapter 73 of title 10, United States Code, and dependency and indemnity compensation under chapter 13 of title 38, United States Code, and the coordination between the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs for such benefits; and

(3) Recommendations for legislative action to ensure the Department of Defense has necessary flexibility to make SBP payments to dependent children, who are eligible for such payments and under the guardianship of someone other than the surviving spouse.

#### *Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 11001) that would establish a short title for the "Fair Debt Collection Practices for Servicemembers."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

#### *Enhanced protection against debt collector harassment of servicemembers*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 11002) that would amend section 805 of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Public Law 95-109) to provide enhanced protections against debt collector harassment of servicemembers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

#### *GAO study*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 11003) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the timely

delivery of information to a covered member of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Public Law 95-109), as amended elsewhere in this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

## **TITLE VII—HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS**

### **SUBTITLE A—TRICARE AND OTHER HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

*Sec. 701 - Waiver of cost-sharing for three mental health outpatient visits for certain beneficiaries under the TRICARE program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 705) that would amend section 1075(c) of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to waive cost-sharing requirements for the first three outpatient mental health visits each year for beneficiaries in the active-duty family member category and in the TRICARE Young Adult program. This authority would terminate five years after the date of enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 702 - Extension of period of eligibility for health benefits under TRICARE Reserve Select for survivors of a member of the Selected Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 702) that would amend section 1076d(c) of title 10, United States Code, to extend eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select from 6 months to 3 years for survivors of deceased members of the reserve components who were enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select at the time of their deaths.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 701).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 703 - Expansion of eligibility for hearing aids to include children of certain retired members of the uniformed services*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5701) that would amend section 1077 of title 10, United States Code,

to authorize the Department of Defense to provide hearing aids to the dependents of retired members of the reserve components in certain circumstances.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 704 - Authority to provide dental care for dependents located at certain remote or isolated locations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 702) that would amend section 1077 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize military dependents to receive space available dental care at military dental treatment facilities, on a reimbursable basis, when they are stationed at locations within the United States where the civilian dental care is inadequate or is not sufficiently available within a specified geographic area, as designated by the Secretary of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 705 - Clarification of applicability of required mental health self-initiated referral process for members of the Selected Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 703) that would amend section 1090b of title 10, United States Code, to clarify that the self-initiated referral process for mental health evaluations applies to servicemembers on Active Duty for a period of longer than 30 days or a member of the Selected Reserve.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would further clarify that the process applies to a member of the Selected Reserve in a duty status.

*Sec. 706 - Naloxone and fentanyl: regulations; briefing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 708) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to prescribe regulations regarding naloxone and fentanyl on military installations to ensure that naloxone is available to servicemembers, and to establish a standardized tracking system for the distribution of naloxone and the illegal use of fentanyl and other controlled substances.

The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 761) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress

periodic reports on how the Department of Defense is ensuring adequate full TRICARE coverage of Narcan (naloxone) for servicemembers and their families.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, to prescribe regulations regarding naloxone and fentanyl on military installations to ensure that naloxone is available to servicemembers, and to establish a standardized tracking system for the distribution of naloxone and the illegal use of fentanyl and other controlled substances. The amendment would require the Secretary, not later than June 1, 2025, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing regarding naloxone and fentanyl.

*Sec. 707 - Authority to expand the TRICARE Competitive Plans Demonstration Project*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 713) that would require the Secretary of Defense, to the extent practicable, to seek to expand the TRICARE Competitive Plans Demonstration Project to not fewer than 10 locations on or after October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense, to the extent practicable, to seek to expand the TRICARE Competitive Plans Demonstration Project to not fewer than five locations not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

## **SUBTITLE B—HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION**

*Sec. 711 - Modification of requirement to transfer research and development and public health functions to the Defense Health Agency*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5711) that would amend section 720 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to extend until February 1, 2025 the authority for the Secretary of Defense to allow a military department to retain medical research and development, and public health organizations that address a need that is unique to a military department and is in direct support of operating forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would amend section 1073c of title 10, United States Code, to require the

establishment, no later than September 30, 2024, of the Defense Health Agency Research and Development and the Defense Health Agency Public Health. The provision would also authorize the Secretary of Defense to allow a military department to retain a function that would otherwise be transferred to the Defense Health Agency Research and Development, and Public Health if the Secretary determines that the function addresses a need that is unique to a military department and is in direct support of operating forces. Finally, the provision would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, by September 30, 2024, that includes a description of the research and public health functions that will be retained by a military department along with the rationale for each determination.

*Sec. 712 - Increase in stipend for participants in health professions scholarship and financial assistance programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 711) that would amend section 2121(d) of title 10, United States Code, to increase the maximum annual stipend from \$30,000 to \$50,000 for participants in the military departments' health professions scholarship and financial assistance programs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 713 - Modification of administration of medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 714) that would amend section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, to modify the administration by the Department of Defense of medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would amend section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to provide a claimant whose claim is denied with detailed reasoning justifying the denial, including copies of certain reports upon which the denial is based.

*Sec. 714 - Networks of the Defense Health Agency: delayed implementation; GAO study*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 724) that would amend section 712 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) to

authorize more than two Defense Health Agency (DHA) regions in the continental United States (CONUS) and more than two regions outside of the CONUS.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the DHA management of military medical treatment facilities, and to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the preliminary findings of the study, not later than May 1, 2024. The amendment would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from advancing beyond phase one of the organizational advancement plan to establish nine networks of the DHA until completion of the Comptroller General study.

*Sec. 715 - Real-time data sharing agreement regarding medical care provided to members of the Coast Guard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 723) that would amend chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code by adding a new section that would require the Secretary of Defense annually to provide to the Commandant of the Coast Guard specified data regarding medical care provided to Coast Guard members and their beneficiaries.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to policies, mechanisms, and processes that the Secretaries concerned shall establish to allow ongoing use by the Coast Guard for access to data, records, and information regarding access by members of the Coast Guard and beneficiaries of such members to military medical facilities or care provided through the TRICARE program that will enhance the ability to monitor, assess, and optimize healthcare services.

*Sec. 716 - Establishment of military pharmaceutical and medical device vulnerability working group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 726) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than one year after the date of enactment, to establish a military pharmaceutical and medical device vulnerability working group.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would modify the duties of the working group and require briefings to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

## **SUBTITLE C—STUDIES, BRIEFINGS, REPORTS, AND OTHER MATTERS**

### *Sec. 721 - Modification of partnership program for military trauma care and research*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 721) that would amend section 736 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to include in the partnership program the provision of training and support for the treatment of individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder, extremity trauma, amputations, traumatic brain injuries, and any mental health conditions associated with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injuries.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

### *Sec. 722 - Study on opioid alternatives*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 745) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study in military treatment facilities on the efficacy of opioid alternatives for pain management. The provision would also require the Secretary to submit a report on the results of the study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives no later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study in military treatment facilities on the efficacy of opioid alternatives for pain management. The provision would also require the Secretary to submit a report on the results of the study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives no later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

### *Sec. 723 - Program of the Department of Defense to study treatment of certain conditions using certain psychedelic substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 744) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a clinical study in military treatment facilities on the treatment of Active-Duty servicemembers for specified medical conditions using certain psychedelic substances.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary to establish a process to fund eligible entities to conduct research on the treatment of eligible servicemembers with certain medical conditions using certain psychedelic substances. The Secretary would be required to submit a report, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act and annually thereafter for three years, on the implementation of this provision.

*Sec. 724 - Annual report regarding overdoses by certain members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 746) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report to the congressional defense committees, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate, and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives on the number of overdoses among members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 713).

The House recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for four years, on the number of overdoses among members of the Armed Forces.

*Sec. 725 - Study and report on health conditions of members of the Armed Forces on active duty developed after administration of COVID-19 vaccine*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 772) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to assess and evaluate any health conditions arising in servicemembers one year after receiving the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The Secretary would be required to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act and each year thereafter for the subsequent four years, on the results of the study.

The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 773) that would require the Secretary to conduct a study to test the blood of servicemembers to assess efficacy relating to COVID-19 vaccines, as well as an accounting of adverse events.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to assess and evaluate any health conditions and adverse events arising in servicemembers on Active Duty one year after receiving the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The Secretary would be required to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act and each year thereafter for the subsequent four years, on the results of the study.

*Sec. 726 - GAO study on health care available to certain individuals supporting the missions of United States Forces Japan and Joint Region Marianas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 748) that would require the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, to conduct a study on medical manning requirements and access to health care requirements in the U.S. Forces Japan and Joint Region Marianas areas of responsibilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct the study and to submit an interim briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, with a final report to be submitted on a date agreed by the Comptroller General and such Committees.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*TRICARE dental plan for the Selected Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 701) that would amend section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, to establish a no-premium, no-copay dental plan for the Selected Reserve.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The importance of this issue was recognized in section 707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) which authorized the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility, potential cost effects to the Department of Defense, changes in out-of-pocket costs to beneficiaries, and effects on other Federal programs of expanding eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select and the TRICARE Dental Program to all members of the

Selected Reserve, their dependents, and non-dependent children under the age of 26.

The conferees are pleased that the Department has contracted a federally funded research and development center to develop the study's methodology and approach and are eagerly awaiting the findings and recommendations, which are due in December, 2024.

*Inclusion of assisted reproductive technology and artificial insemination as required primary and preventive health care services for members of the uniformed services and dependents*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 703) that would amend sections 1074d and 1077, of title 10, United States Code, to add assisted reproductive technology, including fertility testing and services, as an additional medical benefit for servicemembers and their dependents.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees encourage the Department of Defense to examine the possibility of adding assisted reproductive technology as a benefit for TRICARE beneficiaries.

*Program on treatment of members of the Armed Forces for post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and co-occurring disorders related to military sexual trauma*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 704) that would amend chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to establish an intensive outpatient treatment program to be carried out through partnerships with public, private, and non-profit health organizations. The program would benefit members of the Armed Forces suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and co-occurring disorders related to military sexual trauma.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of establishing an intensive outpatient treatment program as proposed by this provision.

*Medical testing and related services for firefighters of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 706) that would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to provide DOD firefighters with no-cost medical testing and related services to detect, document, and prevent certain cancers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2023, on the availability of annual health assessments for firefighters serving on military installations to include civilian firefighters who may get their assessments in the private sector through the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The conferees are disappointed that the Secretary has not yet provided this required briefing, and direct the Secretary to provide the briefing expeditiously, but no later than February 1, 2024.

*Temporary requirement for contraception coverage parity under the TRICARE program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 707) that would prohibit cost-sharing for any eligible TRICARE beneficiary for any contraceptive on the uniform formulary provided through a retail pharmacy or mail-order pharmacy program of the TRICARE program for a period of one year.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress on access to mental health services through TRICARE*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 707) that expresses a sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should take all necessary steps to ensure members of the National Guard and the members of their families who are enrolled in TRICARE have timely access to mental and behavioral health care services through the TRICARE program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that timely access to mental and behavioral health care services improves the readiness, availability, and morale of members of the National Guard and

encourage the Secretary of Defense to ensure that such members and their family members who are enrolled in TRICARE have timely access to such services.

*Rates of reimbursement for providers of applied behavior analysis*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 709) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that reimbursement rates for applied behavioral analysis (ABA) providers under the Department of Defense Comprehensive Autism Care Demonstration (ACD), during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2024, are not less than such rates that were in effect on May 1, 2023.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

As noted in the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), the conferees believe it is premature to enact legislation that would make changes to the ACD program before we receive the results from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's independent review. It also undermines the assessment of one of the major goals of the demonstration to determine whether the use of local prevailing rates for ABA services constitutes the appropriate reimbursement structure.

*Department of Defense pilot program on health effects of medical marijuana use by veterans*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 710) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to implement a pilot program to address the health effects of medical marijuana use by covered beneficiaries.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Pilot program on cryopreservation and storage of gametes of certain members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 711) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program to reimburse certain servicemembers for expenses incurred in the testing, cryopreservation, shipping, and storage of gametes in a private storage facility.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 726) that would require the Secretary of the Defense to conduct a study on the potential cost and recruiting and retention benefits of providing a cryopreservation benefit to Active-Duty military personnel.

The House and the Senate recede.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility and advisability of providing reimbursement to servicemembers for expenses incurred in the testing, cryopreservation, shipping, and storage of gametes in a private storage facility deemed appropriate by the Secretary. The study should focus on Active-Duty servicemembers on orders for assignments for which they will receive hazardous duty pay or will result in geographic separation lasting 180 days or longer. The study should also assess the impacts of such a program on the retention of servicemembers, including: (1) The number of members of the Armed Forces who elect to leave the Armed Forces for family planning reasons, disaggregated by gender, age, and military occupational specialty; (2) Whether the option of cryopreservation of gametes would lead to greater retention of members of the Armed Forces; (3) Methods for the Department of Defense to offer cryopreservation of gametes for the purposes of retention of members of the Armed Forces; (4) The cost to the Department of offering cryopreservation of gametes to active duty members of the Armed Forces; and (5) Such other matters relating to family planning and cryopreservation of gametes for members of the Armed Forces as the Secretary considers relevant.

Not later than April 1, 2024, the Secretary shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on this study.

*Psychological evaluations for certain members of the Armed Forces who served in Kabul*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 712) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide an initial psychological evaluation to each member of the Armed Forces who served at Hamid Karzai International Airport during the Afghanistan noncombatant evacuation between August 15 and August 29, 2021.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

As noted in the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the James. M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, the conferees acknowledge that servicemembers engaged in military operations may experience certain stressors

that can lead to anxiety, depression, and post-traumatic stress disorder. The conferees encourage these servicemembers voluntarily to seek mental health care, without reservation, at the earliest possible time. The conferees are aware that servicemembers engaged in operations in Kabul, Afghanistan in August 2021 have received psychological health evaluations and treatment as needed.

*Financial relief for civilians treated in military medical treatment facilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 712) that would require the Secretary of Defense to issue an interim final rule to implement section 1079b, title 10, United States Code, relating to financial relief for civilians who receive medical care in a military medical facility. The provision would also require the Secretary to hold in abeyance any claim under this statute until the final rule is in effect.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Study on provider training gaps with respect to screening and treatment of maternal mental health conditions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 714) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to identify gaps in the training of providers with respect to the screening and treatment of maternal mental health conditions, and to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the study.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

In August 2022, the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives received a report from the Department of Defense in response to the Senate report accompanying S. 2792 (S. Rept. 117-39) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, that demonstrated the consistent high quality of perinatal health care services provided in the direct care component of the military health system. According to the report, the pregnancy-related mortality ratio in such component was 2.91 deaths per 100,000 live births as compared to 23.80 deaths per 100,000 live births in civilian hospitals. Furthermore, the conferees note that the military health system collaborates with external organizations, such as the Leapfrog Group, to adopt leading practices to decrease maternal mortality further. The conferees commend the providers in the military health system for their efforts to prevent

pregnancy-related mortality, and encourage them to continue promotion of innovative practices to assess and treat maternal mental health conditions and to prevent maternal mortality.

*Expansion of wounded warrior service dog program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 715) that would amend section 745 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to expand the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program by requiring the Secretary of Defense to award grants to nonprofit organizations with a primary mission of raising, training, and furnishing assistance dogs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of expanding the Wounded Warrior Service Dog Program by establishing a grant program for the benefit of nonprofit organizations with a primary mission of raising, training, and furnishing assistance dogs.

*Prohibition on payment and reimbursement by Department of Defense of expenses relating to abortion services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 716) that would express the sense of Congress related to the prohibition in section 1093 of title 10, United States Code, on the availability of funds to the Department of Defense to perform abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or in a case where the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. The provision would also repeal the Department of Defense memorandum entitled "Ensuring Access to Reproductive Health Care," dated October 10, 2022. The provision would further amend section 1093 of title 10, United States Code, by prohibiting the Secretary of Defense from reimbursing any fees or expenses, including travel expenses, relating to licensure of health care professionals if the purpose of obtaining the license would be for such professional to provide abortion services.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Prohibition on coverage of certain sex reassignment surgeries and related services under TRICARE program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 717) that would amend chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit certain sex reassignment surgeries and hormone treatments under the TRICARE program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Clarification of grade of Surgeon General of the Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 721) that would amend section 8077 of title 10, United States Code, to require that the Surgeon General of the Navy hold the grade of O-9 while serving in that position.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees acknowledge current authority for the Navy Surgeon General to serve in the grade of O-9 if nominated and confirmed to serve in that grade.

*Clarification of responsibilities regarding the integrated disability evaluation system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 722) that would amend section 1073c of title 10, United States Code, to enhance the operational and administrative control of servicemembers who are being considered by a medical evaluation board or are otherwise subject to the integrated disability evaluation system.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees are aware of concerns regarding accountability and due process for servicemembers in the integrated disability evaluation system (IDES) process. The disability evaluation process can be cumbersome, time intensive, and confusing for servicemembers. The conferees are troubled by the continued frustrations servicemembers have with the lack of transparency and accountability in the process. The Senate report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58) required the Secretaries of the military departments to provide a briefing on several portions of the IDES process and submit that report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives no later than March 1, 2024. The conferees look forward to receiving and reviewing that report.

*Requirement that Department of Defense disclose expert reports with respect to medical malpractice claims by members of the uniformed services*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 722) that would amend section 2733a of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to disclose to medical malpractice claimants a copy of all written reports, other than medical quality assurance records, prepared by a medical expert with respect to the claimant's claim.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Comptroller General study on impact of perinatal mental health conditions of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents on military readiness and retention*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 723) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on perinatal mental health conditions among members of the Armed Forces and their dependents. The provision would require the Comptroller General to submit a report on the findings of the study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees note that the House report accompanying H.R. 2670 (H. Rept. 118-125) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of, and render a report on, perinatal health in the Department of Defense. Such report also requires the Secretary of Defense to issue a report, not later than March 1, 2024, to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, on the activities of the Department of Defense that address the mental health of pregnant and postpartum members of the Armed Forces and dependents of such members.

*Report on mental and behavioral health services provided by Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 724) that would require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to submit a report on wait times for mental and behavioral health services for members of the Armed Services not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that section 737 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) requires the Secretary of Defense to issue a report on the behavioral health workforce in the Department of Defense, including demand for and capacity of Department of Defense mental and behavioral health resources. Such section also requires the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to address any identified shortfalls in the behavioral health workforce.

*Mandatory training on health effects of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 725) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide training to all Department of Defense medical providers on the health effects of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Report on activities of Department of Defense to prevent, intervene, and treat perinatal mental health conditions of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 725) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, on the activities of the Department of Defense to address the mental health of pregnant and postpartum members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that the House report accompanying H.R. 2670 (H. Rept. 118-125) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 requires the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of, and render a report on, perinatal health in the Department of Defense. Such report also requires the Secretary of Defense to issue a report, not later than March 1, 2024, to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, on the activities of the Department of Defense that address the mental health of pregnant and postpartum members of the Armed Forces and dependents of such members.

*Establishment of medical and surgical consumables standardization working group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 727) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a working group to standardize the medical and surgical consumable supplies procured and used within the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 724 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing within the Defense Health Agency a military health system (MHS) medical logistics directorate, which will include a discussion of medical and surgical supplies. The conferees understand the required study is ongoing, but is required to be completed by December 23, 2023.

In anticipation of the completion of the study on medical logistics, the conferees direct the Secretary of each military department to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than May 1, 2024, containing an assessment of the study and any recommendations that would further standardize medical and surgical consumable supplies within the military health system.

*Pilot program on remote health monitoring technologies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 728) that would require the Secretary of Defense to implement a pilot program to furnish certain members of the Armed Forces with technologies that can monitor health remotely.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Task force of Department of Defense on mental health*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 729) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a task force to examine matters relating to the mental health of members of the Armed Forces and a plan to implement the recommendations of the task force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense already has established at least two bodies in support of mental health

of members of the Armed Forces: the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee and, in conjunction with the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Health and Human Services, the Interagency Task Force on Military and Veterans Mental Health.

*Disclosures by entities receiving grants the Secretary of Defense for biomedical research*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 730) that would mandate transparency requirements for any entity receiving grants from the Department of Defense for biomedical research.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that current statutes already address these disclosure requirements for all federal research and development funding (section 6605 of title 42, United States Code), as well as specifically for Department of Defense funding (section 4027 of title 10, United States Code).

*Drop boxes on military installations for deposit of unused prescription drugs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 731) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit a report to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives on the effectiveness of the program established under Department of Defense Instruction

6025.25, titled the "Drug Take Back Program," or successor program. The provision would require such report to include recommendations on actions to improve or expand the program as the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Individual acquisition for commercial leasing services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 732) that would extend a requirement by 10 years for the Government Accountability Office to conduct biennial audits of the General Services Administration National Broker Contract.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Improvements to TRICARE provider directories*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 733) that would require a managed care support contractor that supports TRICARE and maintains a directory of health care providers to verify and update such directory every 90 days and to update its database not later than two days after receipt of information that affects such database, and would require the Defense Health Agency to review the directories at least once a year.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The conferees note that the Comptroller General of the United States is currently conducting an audit of TRICARE behavioral health directories as directed by section 705 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), and the results of this audit should inform any future directive or change to the parameters for managing the directories. The conferees also note that the current managed care support contract requires monthly accuracy checks via random samples that are reported to the Defense Health Agency and a system refresh every 24 hours to ensure the publishing of new provider information.

The conferees continue to receive communications from beneficiaries expressing concern and frustration that providers are either not accepting new patients or are not accepting TRICARE. The conferees hope the recommendations resulting from the report directed by section 705 of the FY 2023 NDAA are implemented quickly and that their impact goes beyond mental health care providers.

*Waiver of certain requirements to facilitate urgent access to mental health care services by members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 734) that would require the Director of the Defense Health Agency to waive any requirement for a member of the Armed Forces to undergo an intake screening from a provider of the Department of Defense at a military medical treatment facility prior to receiving a mental health care service from a TRICARE-authorized civilian provider if the Director determines: (1) Such service may not be provided at a military medical treatment facility during the 48-hour period following the time at which the member presents with the condition requiring such service; and (2) Urgent circumstances necessitate the rapid provision of such service.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Policy of Defense Health Agency on expanded recognition of board certifications for physicians*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 735) that would require the Director of the Defense Health Agency (DHA), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to revise the policy of the DHA related to credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians to a wide range of additional board certifications in medical specialties and subspecialties.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees are concerned that expanding the recognition of board certification for physicians to other boards would authorize inclusion of boards not accepted by various state boards. The conferees believe that the current DHA credentialing and privileging system works well, and that it instills beneficiary confidence in the quality of DHA medical providers.

*Prohibition of mask mandate to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on a military installation in the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 736) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from requiring an individual to wear a mask on a military installation in the United States to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Amendments to report on behavioral health workforce of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 741) that would modify section 737 the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) by adding additional data points to a study on staffing medical treatment facilities with respect to behavioral health specialists.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Comprehensive strategy on force resilience of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 742) that would require the Secretary of Defense to publish a comprehensive strategy on force resilience that provides a proactive, intentional approach to holistic health within the Total Force Fitness framework.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a report on force resilience. Such report shall cover the following matters:

(1) A proposal for a comprehensive strategy on force resilience that incorporates a holistic health perspective;

(2) Assessments of the effectiveness of current models of resilience, including the holistic health and fitness model and other models that are data-driven and evidence-based;

(3) A description of how force resilience is supported in all health domains;

(4) An assessment of operational requirements to ensure that embedded force resilience capabilities are adequately resourced;

(5) The role of the Department of Defense's integrated primary prevention workforce in supporting force resilience;

(6) Updates on the Department's current plan to embed force resilience personnel and resources in high-risk units; and

(7) An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of implementing the comprehensive strategy on force resilience described in paragraph (1).

*Study on non-clinical mental health services of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 743) that would require a study on non-clinical mental health providers and services.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the military departments, not later than December 1, 2024, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing regarding the following: (1) How non-clinical mental health programs (including the Military and Family Life Counseling Program) are implemented throughout the Department of Defense, including distribution of non-clinical mental health professionals; (2) The differences in roles and responsibilities between non-clinical mental health professionals and clinical mental health professionals; (3) How the effectiveness of non-clinical mental health professionals and non-clinical mental

health programs are measured; (4) The processes by which non-clinical mental health professionals track the services they provide, refer and track such referrals to clinical mental health professionals, chaplains, and other service providers, and ease the transition for such a referral to ensure a treatment plan continues smoothly; (5) The costs to the United States of non-clinical mental health programs of the Department during the calendar years 2019 through 2023; (6) The outcomes of non-clinical mental health programs; and (7) Recommendations for the future of non-clinical mental health programs.

*Feasibility report regarding DHA employment of certain mental health providers awaiting licensure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 747) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the feasibility of the utilization within the Defense Health Agency (DHA) of certain mental health providers awaiting licensure.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than September 30, 2024, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the feasibility of revising DHA policies regarding the supervision of the following mental health employees of the DHA, who have yet to be licensed in their profession by a State, in order to align with the policies set forth in VHA Directive 1027 of the Veterans Health Administration (dated October 23, 2019): psychologists, social workers, professional mental health counselors, and marriage and family therapists. In determining such feasibility, the Secretary shall consider issues including the following: (1) The need to employ these mental health employees in DHA; (2) The capacity of licensed mental health professionals employed in DHA to supervise these mental health employees; (3) The effects of such alignment on access by members of the Armed Forces to mental health care; (4) The potential risks and costs to the United States of such alignment; and (5) Any statutory or regulatory changes necessary for such alignment.

The conferees also encourage the Defense Health Agency to employ military spouses who are licensed in medical fields, including nursing, that have a staffing shortage.

*United States-Israel PTSD Collaborative Research*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 749) that would establish a grant program to increase collaborative research between the United States and Israel on post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

As noted in the Joint Explanatory Statement to accompany the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), the United States and Israel have cooperated in the field of medical research since 1978, to include post-traumatic stress disorder.

*Feasibility study on creation of centers of excellence in Ukraine for treatment of traumatic brain injuries and traumatic extremity injuries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 750) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a feasibility study on a partnership with the Government of Ukraine to establish Centers of Excellence for the treatment of traumatic brain injury and traumatic extremity injury in Ukraine.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that support to Ukraine for the treatment of such injuries is dealt with elsewhere in this Act.

*Testosterone levels among members of special forces of the Army: study; report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 751) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to conduct a 5-year study on testosterone levels of members of the special forces of the Army.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*GAO report on TRICARE payments to behavioral health professionals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 752) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on a study of TRICARE payments to TRICARE network behavioral health professionals.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives: (1) A briefing on a study of TRICARE payments to TRICARE network behavioral health professionals, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act; and (2) A report on the study on a date agreed to by the Comptroller General and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The study shall include a comprehensive analysis of the following elements: (1) The timeliness of such payments; (2) The accuracy of such payments; (3) The extent to which contractors comply with section 6.2.1 of the TRICARE Operations Manual; and (4) Areas of improvement that would enhance and improve the administrative process of such payments.

*Report on mental health provider readiness designations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 753) that would require the Secretary of Defense to update the registry and provider lists under subsection (b) of section 717 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92), and submit to the congressional defense committees a report containing: (1) The number of providers that have received a mental health provider readiness designation under such section 717, disaggregated by geographic region and provider specialty; and (2) Recommendations to incentivize, or otherwise increase the number of, providers with such designation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Study on accessibility of mental health providers and services for active duty members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 754) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on Active Duty, including an assessment of: (1) The accessibility of mental health care providers on military installations; (2) The accessibility of inpatient services for mental health care for such members; and (3) Steps that may be taken to improve such accessibility.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 737 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public

Law 117-263) requires a comprehensive review and report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the behavioral health workforce of the Department of Defense.

*Study and report on mental health care for pilots and aviators*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 755) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collaborate on a study on the barriers to mental health care for military pilots and aviators.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Medical research and development strategy for combined traumatic injuries sustained in combat operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 756) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, the Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat partnership, and the National Center for Medical Intelligence), not later than May 31, 2024, to develop a strategy to address medical research and development gaps essential to furnishing medical care to casualties experiencing combined traumatic injuries and injuries resulting from exposures across the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear spectrum.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Defense Programs, the Joint Trauma Analysis and Prevention of Injury in Combat partnership, and the National Center for Medical Intelligence, to provide a briefing on a strategy to address medical research and development gaps essential to furnishing medical care to casualties experiencing combined traumatic injuries and injuries resulting from exposures across the chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear spectrum. Such briefing shall be provided to the congressional defense committees not later than one year after the enactment of this Act, and shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the investments made by the Secretary of Defense into supporting efforts related to such combined injuries;

(2) A review of the laboratory and medical product development capabilities of the Department of Defense to conduct research and development into, and support the transition and fielding of, treatments for such combined injuries;

(3) An identification of any clinical practice guidelines to treat such combined injuries, and recommendations to amend any such guidelines;

(4) Recommendations for increased investments in research and development to be made by the Secretary of Defense for the conduct of preclinical research, for the purpose of optimizing the treatment of such combined injuries, and protecting health care providers and other medical personnel furnishing such treatment; and

(5) A plan for the engagement between the Department of Defense and institutions of higher education with medical centers, and other similar entities, to support public-private partnerships to address such combined injuries.

*Report on plan for coverage of certain devices capable of preventing and treating migraines for military personnel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 757) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the plan of the Assistant Secretary to cover non-pharmacological, neuromodulation migraine prevention and treatment devices approved by the Food and Drug Administration capable of preventing and treating migraines for military personnel.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than February 1, 2024, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the decision of the Secretary on whether to cover non-pharmacological, neuromodulation migraine prevention and treatment devices approved by the Food and Drug Administration capable of preventing and treating migraines for military personnel. The decision and the briefing shall be based on an evaluation of available reliable evidence regarding the safety and efficacy of these devices.

*Study on unintended consequences of reduction relating to 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 758) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the unintended consequences of the determination by the Defense Health Agency to make reductions with respect to the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida, pursuant to section 703 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328), as amended.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 741 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) prohibits the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments from reducing military medical end strength authorizations during a 5-year period and would prohibit the Secretary from implementing the plan for restructuring or realigning of military treatment facilities until the later of the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act or the date on which the Secretary completes a risk analysis for the realignment or restructuring of each military treatment facility.

*Epidemiological consultation regarding members assigned to Creech Air Force Base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 759) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Health Agency, to conduct a behavioral health epidemiological consultation on unique social and occupational stressors affecting members of the Air Force assigned to duty at Creech Air Force Base and dependents of such members.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of the Air Force continues to invest substantial resources in addressing the social and occupational stressors affecting members of the Air Force assigned to duty at Creech Air Force Base.

*Comptroller General report on Exceptional Family Member Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 760) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study, and submit to the Secretary of Defense and Congress a report, on how the Exceptional Family Member Program currently supports members of the Armed Forces and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including any

limitations in the resources available under such Program that affect the delivery of necessary services and information for such members and their children, how to improve Program outcomes, and how mental health and other support services could be further integrated in the delivery of care under the Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General has already conducted an audit of the Department of Defense Exceptional Family Member program. The audit includes the actions taken by the Department of Defense to address recommendations from two previous Government Accountability Office (GAO) reports.

#### *Report on TRICARE and CHAMPVA in-home and nursing care*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 762) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to Congress a report on any discrepancies between in-home and nursing care provided under TRICARE and CHAMPVA.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on any discrepancies between in-home care and nursing care provided under the TRICARE and CHAMPVA programs.

#### *Study on effect of cancer drug shortages*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 763) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the effect of the cancer drug shortage on veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Housing accommodations for military families on housing waitlists*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 764) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents who, when undergoing a permanent change of station, are placed on a waitlist for on-base housing for a period of more than 10 days following the

date of arrival at the new location, temporary accommodations for the entire duration of such period appropriate for the total size and composition of the family of the member and at a rate not to exceed the basic allowance for housing calculated for such member under section 403 of title 37, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, regarding: (1) Installation-specific data on the number of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents on military housing waitlists; (2) An identification of the time spent by each such member and their dependents awaiting appropriate housing accommodations; (3) An analysis of the factors that are creating the need for such waitlists; and (4) An assessment of the causes of waitlist durations that exceed 10 days.

*Report on access of TRICARE beneficiaries to network retail pharmacies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 765) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress evaluating beneficiary access to TRICARE network pharmacies under the TPharm5 contract and changes in beneficiary access versus the TPharm4 contract.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Senate report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 directs the Comptroller General of the United States to review the TRICARE Pharmacy Benefits Program, including changes in its most recently awarded nationwide pharmacy contract, with respect to its effect on TRICARE beneficiaries' ability to obtain the medications they need in a timely manner as prescribed by their physicians.

*Study and report on feasibility of lifting outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for certain members of the Armed Forces with traumatic brain injury*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 766) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of lifting outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for certain servicemembers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Study on approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 767) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs for servicemembers who sustained a brain injury while serving on active duty.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Strategy to sustain medical support during operations of Armed Forces in Arctic region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 768) that would require the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to develop a strategy to sustain medical support during operations in the Arctic region.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Study on use of routine neuroimaging modalities in diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury due to blast pressure exposure during combat and training*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 769) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of the use of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among members of the Armed Forces due to one or more blast pressure exposures during combat and training.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees encourage the Secretary of Defense to use routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among members of the Armed Forces who have been exposed to blast pressures during combat and training.

*Prohibition on availability of funds for closing Austin's Playrooms at certain military hospitals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 770) that would prohibit the availability of funds for closing Austin's Playrooms at certain military hospitals.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that Austin's Playrooms have been replaced in some military hospitals with other resources that better address the needs of the patient populations.

*Sense of Congress on maintaining in-patient military medical treatment facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 771) that would express a sense of Congress on maintaining in-patient military medical treatment facilities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 741 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act of 2023 (Public Law 117-263) prohibits the Department of Defense from reducing military medical end strength authorizations for a period of five years. Such section also prohibits the Department from restructuring or realigning military medical treatment facilities before the Department has conducted a comprehensive assessment of the capacity of TRICARE network providers in the areas that would be affected by such restructuring or realignment.

*Report on military mental health care referral policies*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5721) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on military mental health care referral policies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, detailing the mental health care referral policies of the Armed Forces and making any related legislative recommendations that the Secretary deems appropriate.

*Comptroller General study on biomedical research and development funded by Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5722) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the management by the Department of

Defense of biomedical research and development funded by the Department.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that the Comptroller General of the United States is already conducting a study requested by other members of Congress that largely aligns with this request. The conferees eagerly await the results of that work to help inform future efforts.

*Report on provision of mental health services via telehealth to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5723) that would require the Secretary of Defense submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the provision by the Department of Defense of mental health services via telehealth.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 31, 2024, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the provision by the Department of Defense of mental health services via telehealth that includes the following: (1) A summary of relevant Federal and State laws and policies of the Department governing the provision of mental health services via telehealth to members of the Armed Forces and their dependents; (2) An explanation of any challenges experienced by members of the Armed Forces and their dependents in receiving continuing care from a provider when assigned to a new State or location outside the United States; (3) An assessment of the value of receiving continuing care from the same mental health provider for various mental health conditions; (4) A description of how the Department accommodates members of the Armed Forces who would benefit from receiving continuing care from a specific mental health provider; and (5) Such other matters as the Secretary considers relevant.

**TITLE VIII—ACQUISITION POLICY, ACQUISITION  
MANAGEMENT, AND RELATED MATTERS**

**SUBTITLE A—ACQUISITION POLICY AND  
MANAGEMENT**

*Sec. 801 - Commercial nature determination memo available to contractor*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 801) that would require the Department of Defense to share the determination of commerciality made by contracting officers upon the request of the contractor.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would have the Office of Defense Pricing and Contracting provide companies documentation about positive or negative commercial item determinations to increase transparency around those decisions.

*Sec. 802 - Modification of truthful cost or pricing data submissions and report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 821) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to include within its annual report on offerors that have denied multiple requests for submission on other than certified cost or pricing data additional information on offerors that delay such requests by more than 200 days and make a public notation on such offerors.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 822).

The House recedes with an amendment that would direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to develop a framework for refining the parameters of what would constitute a denial of uncertified cost or pricing data under section 3705 of title 10, United States Code.

*Sec. 803 - Prohibition on the transfer of certain data on employees of the Department of Defense to third parties*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 802) that would prevent the sale, license, or transfer to a third party of individually-identifiable information on Department of Defense employees generated during the course of a Department of Defense contract.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 804 - Prohibition on contracting with persons that have fossil fuel operations with the Government of the Russian Federation or the Russian energy sector*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 807) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from contracting with any company that has business with the Putin regime or any natural gas, oil, and coal company operating in Russia.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 805 - Prohibition of the Department of Defense procurement related to entities identified as Chinese military companies operating in the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 811) that would prohibit the Department of Defense procurement of certain goods, services, and technologies from certain entities listed as Chinese military companies.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 806 - Principal Technology Transition Advisor*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 803) that would require each military department to designate a senior civilian official to serve as an advisor to help transition technology from the science and technology ecosystem to programs of record within the services.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 807 - Senior contracting official for Strategic Capabilities Office*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 803) that would grant authority to conduct limited acquisition activities within the Strategic Capabilities Office.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that clarifies that the Strategic Capabilities Office shall have a head of contracting authority.

*Sec. 808 - Pilot program for the use of innovative intellectual property strategies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 263) that would develop and implement an intellectual property strategy to enhance the ability of the Department of Defense to procure emerging capabilities and technologies.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 804) that would require the Secretary of each military department and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to establish a pilot program to designate one acquisition program for the use of innovative intellectual property strategies in order to acquire the necessary technical data rights required for the operations and maintenance of that system.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 809 - Pilot program for anything-as-a-service*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 805) that would create an anything-as-a-service pilot program to promote continuous competition and better business practices at the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would clarify the details for the pilot program execution, eliminate the elements for competitive multisourcing, and more explicitly tie the concepts in the pilot to consumption-based solutions, including the means to measure their outcomes.

*Sec. 810 - Updated guidance on planning for exportability features for future programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 211) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to ensure that program guidance is updated to integrate planning for exportability features for major defense acquisition programs, middle tier acquisition programs, and program protection plans.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 811 - Modernizing the Department of Defense requirements process*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 802) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to modernize the Department of Defense's requirements processes in order to improve alignment between modern warfare concepts, technologies, and system development and reduce the time to delivery of needed capabilities to Department users.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 812 - Preventing conflicts of interest for entities that provide certain consulting services to the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 808) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from engaging in consulting contracts with firms that have in the last 5 years provided consulting services to the Chinese Government, the Chinese Communist Party, the People's Liberation Army, or other covered entities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 819).

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment, including updated elements for the Conflict of Interest Mitigation Plan and additions to the list of covered entities.

*Sec. 813 - Focused commercial solutions openings opportunities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 805) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the service acquisition executives of each military department, to create at least three new commercial solutions openings each year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

**SUBTITLE B—AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL  
CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES, PROCEDURES, AND  
LIMITATIONS**

*Sec. 820 - Amendments to multiyear procurement authority*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 801) that would amend section 3501(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, to modify the justification for the use of multiyear contracting authority to include industrial base stability, not just projected cost savings.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would strike the change in funding threshold for multiyear procurements.

*Sec. 821 - Modification of approval authority for certain follow-on production contracts or transactions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 823) that would resolve an internal inconsistency for the approval of large

dollar Other Transaction Agreements (OTAs) for prototype projects and follow-on production OTAs or contracts under the authority of section 4022 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 814).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 822 - Clarification of other transaction authority for installation or facility prototyping*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 824) that would clarify the authority of the Department of Defense to carry out certain prototype projects.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2874).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 823 - Extension and revisions to never contract with the enemy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 812) that would extend and revise the authority of a head of contracting activity to terminate a contract with a person or company outside the United States engaging in certain activities that present a direct or indirect risk to United States or partner allied mission and forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 824 - Modification and extension of temporary authority to modify certain contracts and options based on the impacts of inflation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 829) that would extend the Department of Defense's authority to modify certain contracts based on inflation impact.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 825 - Countering adversary logistics information technologies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 866) that would prevent the Department of Defense or port authorities receiving Federal grant funding from using logistics software from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the

Russian Federation, and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela under the regime of Nicolas Maduro Moros.

The Senate amendment included provisions (secs. 1371-1373) that would prevent the Department of Defense from using logistics software from the People's Republic of China.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 826 - Modification of contracts and options to provide economic price adjustments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 830) that would allow the Department of Defense to modify contract options for economic price adjustment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would clarify that the Department of Defense may seek consideration when considering whether to modify contracts to include an economic price adjustment clause.

*Sec. 827 - Modifications to earned value management system requirements*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 815) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to update appropriate policies for earned value management (EVM) to increase contract value thresholds associated with requiring EVM on cost or incentive contracts from \$20.0 million to \$50.0 million, increase the contract value threshold for a contractor to use an EVM System from \$50.0 million to \$100.0 million, and exempt from the EVM requirement contracts and subcontracts primarily performing software effort.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE C—DOMESTIC SOURCING REQUIREMENTS**

*Sec. 831 - Emergency acquisition authority for purposes of replenishing United States stockpiles*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 808) that would amend section 3601 of title 10, United States Code, to provide for emergency acquisition authority for the purposes of replenishing United States stockpiles of defense articles.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 832 - Requirement for full domestic production of flags of the United States acquired by the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 841) that would require full domestic production of U.S. flags acquired by the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 833 - Amendment to requirement to buy certain metals from American sources*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 843) that would amend the requirement to buy certain metals from American sources.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 864).

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 834 - Acquisition of sensitive material prohibition exception amendment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 825) that would amend the exception to acquisition of sensitive material prohibition.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 835 - Enhanced domestic content requirement for major defense acquisition programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 869) that would increase domestic content requirements to support the defense industrial base and secure supply chains, and enhances trusted allies by exempting countries with a reciprocal defense procurement agreement with the Department or are in the National Technology and Industrial Base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

**SUBTITLE D—PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROGRAMS  
FOR ACCELERATING ACQUISITION**

*Sec. 841 - Pilot program to accelerate contracting and pricing processes*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 818) that would extend a pilot program for streamlined contracting and pricing processes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 842 - Demonstration and prototyping program to advance international product support capabilities in a contested logistics environment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 852) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a contested logistics demonstration and prototyping program to identify, develop, demonstrate, and field capabilities for product support in order to reduce or mitigate the risks associated with operations in a contested logistics environment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 843 - Special authority for rapid contracting for commanders of combatant commands*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 811) that would allow the commander of a combatant command, upon providing a written determination to a supporting head of contracting activity, to request emergency, rapid contracting response using special authorities prescribed in the provision.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

## **SUBTITLE E—INDUSTRIAL BASE MATTERS**

*Sec. 851 - Additional national security objectives for the national technology and industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 861) that would update section 4811(a) of title 10, United States Code, to identify defense services, supplies, or materials critical to meeting defense requirements in the event of a crisis or conflict where the Department of Defense relies on a potential adversary.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 852 - Department of Defense Mentor-Protege Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 842) that would clarify that a Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Agreement may be a contract, cooperative agreement, or partnership intermediary agreement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 853 - Modifications to the Procurement Technical Assistance Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 864) that would modify section 4951 of title 10, United States Code, to clarify eligible entities and types of agreements for use in the procurement technical assistance program.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 847).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 854 - Modification of effective date for expansion on the prohibition on acquiring certain metal products*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 863) that would amend section 844(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 118-283) to change the effective date from 5 years to 6 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 855 - Extension of pilot program for distribution support and services for weapons systems contractors*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 862) that would extend a pilot program for distribution support and services for weapons systems contractors to 8 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 856 - Pilot program to analyze and monitor certain supply chains*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 867) that would require the Secretary of Defense to analyze and continuously monitor key U.S. Indo-Pacific Command system supply chains with a pilot program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment which would modify the pilot program to have the Department of Defense use a combination of government and commercial tools to analyze the supply chains of up to five key munitions identified as part of the Pacific Deterrence Initiative.

*Sec. 857 - Department of Defense notification of certain transactions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 832) that would require notification and provision of information to the Department of Defense to review proposed mergers within the defense industrial base at the same time notification and information is provided to the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that clarifies that the Department of Defense shall receive information on proposed mergers and acquisitions within the defense industrial base for which it will be asked to review and comment on such notifications, but at the same time as the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice, in order to facilitate that review in a timely manner.

## **SUBTITLE F—SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS**

*Sec. 860 - Amendments to defense research and development rapid innovation program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 841) that would modify the Defense Research and Development Rapid Innovation Program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment.

*Sec. 861 - Annual reports regarding the SBIR program of the Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 846) that would amend section 279(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to extend the reporting requirement for the Department of Defense's Small Business Innovation Research program through fiscal year 2028.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 862 - Payment of subcontractors*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 850) that would require a prime contractor to cooperate with a contracting officer regarding correcting and mitigating an unjustified failure to make a full or timely payment to a subcontractor once such contracting office determines that there was an unjustified failure by the prime contractor on a covered contract to make a full or timely payment to a subcontractor.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 863 - Increase in Governmentwide goal for participation in Federal contracts by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 851) that would increase to 5 percent the Government-wide goal for participation in Federal contracts by small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 864 - Eliminating self-certification for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 849) that would eliminate self-certification for service-disabled veteran owned small business.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 865 - Consideration of the past performance of affiliate companies of small businesses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 884) that would require the Secretary of Defense to amend section 215.305 of the Department of Defense Supplement to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to require that, when evaluating a bid from a small business concern, the contracting officer shall consider the past performance information of affiliates of such concern as the past performance of such concern.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 843).

The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE G—OTHER MATTERS**

### *Sec. 871 - Extension of mission management pilot program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 908) that would extend the mission management pilot program, as authorized by section 871 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), and update the requirements of the pilot program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would sunset the extension on December 31, 2028.

### *Sec. 872 - Extension of pilot program to incentivize contracting with employee-owned businesses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 891) that would extend the length of the employee-owned business contracting incentive pilot program by 3 years and increase the number of available contracts from 9 to 25.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 848).

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

### *Sec. 873 - Program and processes relating to foreign acquisition*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1076) that would improve the process of foreign acquisition of U.S. defense articles through: (1) A pilot program for combatant commands to hire acquisition specialists as advisors; (2) A foreign acquisition industry day; (3) A Department of Defense (DOD) senior-level industry advisory group; (4) Establishment of DOD points of contact for Foreign Military Sales; and (5) Establishment of combatant command needs for exportability.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make various technical changes to each section of the Senate amendment.

### *Sec. 874 - Pilot program to incentivize progress payments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 817) that would establish a pilot program to incentivize the progress payment rate that large businesses are eligible for by up to 10 additional percentage points.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would establish this as an opt-in pilot program to provide flexibility for industry to choose to participate or not, and to have the Department of Defense establish clear and measurable criteria for incentivizing the higher progress payment rate.

*Sec. 875 - Study on reducing barriers to acquisition of commercial products and services*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 806) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to conduct a feasibility study and provide recommendations on ways to improve the acquisition of commercial products and services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Pilot program on payment of costs for denied Government Accountability Office bid protests*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 804) that would reestablish a loser pays pilot program to award reimbursement to the Department of Defense for costs incurred from contract award protests denied by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that frivolous protests to Department contracting decisions have the potential to be a burden on the Department, slow acquisition of capabilities, impose additional costs on the taxpayer, and disadvantage small business contractors with less resources to bring or fight protests. While data from the GAO and the RAND Corporation found that bid protests were rare, and that there were no indications of abuse by medium or large contractors, the conferees continue to support efforts to improve the handling of bid protests to ensure they are fair, equitable, and they provide opportunities for recourse for industry and the government. Additionally, the conferees note the impact that bridge contracts may have on incumbent contractors to protest awards with GAO, at the agency level, or with the U.S. Court of Federal Claims (COFC). However, the committee recognizes that a GAO loser pays pilot could encourage losing bidders to pursue protests at the agency and COFC levels, which may result in a more time-intensive and costly protest process, and thus higher costs and delayed timelines for the government.

*Low-methane intensity natural gas pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 806) that would authorize the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency to establish a pilot program to demonstrate the feasibility of Department of Defense installations using certified low-methane intensity natural gas.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of establishing a pilot program to demonstrate the use of certified low-methane intensity natural gas on military installations located within the continental United States. The report shall include a description of any potential uses and benefits of low-methane intensity natural gas to meet the energy requirements of military installations and operational energy requirements of the Department, the recommended number of military installations for the pilot program, and a proposed timeline for the use of low-methane intensity natural gas for the pilot program, if deemed feasible and advisable.

*Sense of the Senate on independent cost assessment*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 807) that would express the sense of the Senate on independent cost assessment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that the capabilities for performing timely, rigorous, and methodologically defensible cost assessments for the Department of Defense are a critical element of a sustainable modernization strategy for the United States. The demand for independent cost estimates has only grown in recent years. The conferees urge the Secretaries of Defense and of the military services to continue to provide robust support for cost estimation activities, including the Cost Assessment Data Enterprise, particularly to ensure there are sufficient personnel, adequately trained and equipped with the tools necessary to carry out such an important function.

*Research, development, testing, and evaluation contract cost sharing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 809) that would require that for any contract that is awarded under or pursuant to a provision of this Act using research, development, test and evaluation funding, not less than 25 percent of the cost of such activities under such contract must be provided by a non-Federal source.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Prohibition and report on contracts for online tutoring services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 810) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from entering into, or renewing, a contract for online tutoring services from an entity owned or controlled by the Government of the People's Republic of China, unless a waiver is approved by the Secretary.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 821).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the process used to reduce the risk of foreign influence in online tutoring and educational services. This briefing shall include:

(1) The results of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) review(s) for all online tutoring services used by the Department, if any;

(2) The mitigation plan(s) developed to address any risks identified in (1); and

(3) A determination about whether additional CFIUS reviews are warranted including criteria for when follow-on CFIUS reviews should occur.

Furthermore, the conferees note that there is a related reporting requirement in the committee report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58), the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, as passed by the Senate. The conferees encourage the Department to merge these requirements into a single response.

*Enhancement of Department of Defense capabilities to prevent contractor fraud*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 813) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department to withhold contractual payments pending the

resolution of allegations that the contractor offered or gave a gratuity to an officer, official, or employee of the United States Government to influence a contract.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Inventory of inflation and escalation indices*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 816) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to conduct an inventory of inflation and escalation indices currently used for contracting and pricing purposes across the Department, and to make this inventory available as a resource for all government and industry contracting and pricing professionals by September 30, 2024.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees are aware that the Department of Defense relies on a combination of inflation and price escalation indices from both commercial and government sources. The committee encourages the Department, to the extent practical, to rely on a standardized set of indices and make the identification of the specific indices available for the public and for industry. The conferees believe such a move will support transparent budgeting and cost data for more standardized comparison, for government and industry provided data.

#### *Competition requirements for purchases from Federal Prison Industries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 822) that would amend competition requirements for federal prison industries.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Repeal of bonafide office rule for 8(a) contracts with the Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 823) that would repeal the bonafide office rule for 8(a) contracts with the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Avoidance of use of lowest price technically acceptable source selection process for certain logistics services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 828) that would require the Department of Defense to avoid Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) source selection criteria to the maximum extent possible for fuel and fuel-related services, if such services are, or reasonably could be, controlled by an adversary.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note continued questions about failed delivery of fuel and fuel related services from vendors through LPTA source selection in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO). The William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) required an Inspector General briefing on the issue and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) required consideration of tradeoff processes for OCO fuel contracting. The conferees urge the Defense Logistics Agency to consider a broader tradeoff methodology for fuel and fuel related contracting that considers past performance, technical and quality abilities, cyber-preparedness, as well as price. Therefore, the conferees direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in consultation with Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, on a broader tradeoff methodology for fuel and fuel related service contracting in OCO that includes data on failed delivery from vendors from the past 5 years and an analysis of risk to such failed deliveries in the U.S. Central Command and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command areas of responsibility in the future.

*Pilot program on the use of acquisition authority for Office of Naval Research to aid in technology transition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 831) that would delegate to the Chief of Naval Research acquisition authority to enter into contracts or other agreements for the commercialization of a prototype of the Department of the Navy.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Defense industrial base advanced capabilities pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 853) that would establish a public-private partnership pilot program to accelerate the scaling, production, and acquisition of advanced capabilities for national security.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 831).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

*Prohibition on computers or printers acquisitions involving entities owned or controlled by China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 832) that would prohibit computers or printers acquisition involving entities controlled by China.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note the Inspector General's audit of cybersecurity risks in government purchases from 2019 that highlighted certain purchases of printers and computers from companies that are owned or controlled by entities in the People's Republic of China. The conferees are aware of the Department's risk-based approach to information technology, that includes use of the authorities provided to the Federal Acquisition Security Council (FASC). However, the conferees remain concerned that all risks may not have been fully mitigated by the Department, and direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment to brief the congressional defense committees, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, on current approaches and efforts to mitigate risks of acquiring computers and printers from entities owned or controlled by entities in the People's Republic of China and the burden that would be placed on the Department by prohibiting acquisition of computers and printers from entities owned or controlled by entities in the People's Republic of China.

*Modifications to data, policy, and reporting on the use of other transactions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 833) that would require the Government Accountability Office to report on the Department of Defense's use of other transaction authority contracts.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than February 1, 2025, a report on the use of transactions authorized under sections 4021 and 4022 of title 10, United States Code, including:

(1) The extent to which such transactions are used in accordance with policy and guidance related to the use of such transactions;

(2) The total number of transactions for each fiscal year made to nontraditional defense contractors (as defined in section 3014 of title 10, United States Code); and

(3) A summary of such transactions to which the Department of Defense is a participant for which performance has not been completed on the date of submission of such report, including—

(a) a description of the entity or agency responsible for any consortium;

(b) the number of members in each consortium, including the percentage of such members who are nontraditional defense contractors for each such consortium;

(c) the total amount awarded under such transactions to each consortium manager for fiscal years 2022 and 2023;

(d) the total amount awarded under such transactions to members who are nontraditional defense contractors for each such consortium for fiscal years 2022 and 2023; and

(e) a list of contractors who have been awarded more than \$20.0 million under such transactions, including a brief description of each such award, the number of awards made, and the total dollar amount awarded for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

#### *Analyses of certain activities for action to address sourcing and industrial capacity*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 833) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct analysis and provide recommendations on sourcing restrictions for a number of covered items.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Strengthening truthful cost or pricing data requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 834) that would amend Section 3702(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, by striking "only expected to receive one bid shall be required" and inserting "only expected to have one offeror, or for which award of a cost-reimbursement contract is contemplated regardless of the number of offers received, shall be required", and by adding new exceptions for such requirement. Further, this

section would amend section 3503(a)(2) of title 41, United States Code, by inserting "based on adequate price competition that results in at least two responsive and responsible offers" after "commercial service".

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Pilot program on capital assistance to support defense investment in the industrial base*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 834) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program under this section to use certain financial instruments to support defense investment in the industrial base.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Requirement to buy certain satellite components from national technology and industrial base*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 835) that would require any contract that requires any traveling-wave tubes and traveling-wave tube amplifier (TWTA) to be included in the design of U.S. Government satellites used for national security, defense, or intelligence purposes to be sourced from a contractor in a country that is a member of the National Technology and Industrial Base (NTIB).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees are aware that there are concerns with the resilience and robustness of the defense supply chain, including for space-qualified systems. In particular, the Department of Defense Industrial Capabilities Report to Congress 2020 Annual Report called out 119 essential space capabilities with supply chain risks, such as traveling wave tube amplifiers (TWTA). For that capability in particular, it was noted that there is a sole domestic supplier that competes with a single foreign provider that is able to provide more competitive products and pricing. The report further notes that "[h]aving a strong domestic source would reduce dependence on the foreign source and ensure availability of [National Security Space] specific TWTAs." The committee further notes that in some cases these TWTAs are used in critical hardware used for nuclear command, control, and communications to ensure the President has direct control of our nuclear deterrent and for which the supply of U.S. trusted electronics and parts is essential as well as certain national

security space systems for which a failure could range in billions of taxpayer dollars and years to recover from.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide a briefing on the state of the TWTA industrial base to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 17, 2024. Such briefing shall include:

(1) Assessment of the current TWTA needs for national security space programs across the future years defense program (FYDP), including projected timelines, anticipated quantities, and identification of sensitive applications where additional domestic supply sources would be recommended by the Department;

(2) Assessment of the health and viability of the current supply base for TWTAs, including performance, capacity, and capability of current suppliers as well as any companies that might be induced to enter into this market;

(3) Identification of supply chain bottlenecks negatively impacting production lead times or costs;

(4) Identification of policy, regulatory, programmatic, funding, or other impediments affecting the ability of suppliers to meet projected production needs identified in (1);

(5) Recommendations for whether development or procurement of systems with TWTAs should require domestic content, how domestic sources of supply could be made more competitive, and an assessment of the estimated cost of implementing domestic content requirements; and

(6) Any suggested legislation that may be needed to ensure national security space TWTA requirements can be satisfied in the near-term across the FYDP, as well as in the longer-term in the 2034-time frame, including legislation that could bolster domestic production capability and capacity.

#### *Sense of Congress relating to rubber supply*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 846) that would express the sense of Congress regarding rubber supply.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 836).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

The conferees encourage the Department of Defense to lessen dependence on adversarial nations for the procurement of strategic and critical materials, including natural rubber, as a stable source for tire manufacturing and production of other components.

*Inclusion of titanium powder in definition of specialty metals exempted from certain domestic sourcing requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 842) that would add titanium powder in the definition of specialty metals exempted from certain domestic sourcing requirements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, on the Department's efforts to identify and develop domestic or otherwise secure sources of supply for titanium powder for use in defense supply chains.

*Modification to miscellaneous limitations on the procurement of goods other than United States goods*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 844) that would require propulsion system components and power generation systems to be procured and manufactured within the National Technology Industrial Base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Timely payments for Department of Defense small business subcontractors*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 844) that would improve the timeliness of payments made to Department of Defense small business subcontractors.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Procurement of covered hearing protection devices*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 845) that would allow the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the head of the Hearing Center of Excellence, to enter into one or more contracts to procure covered hearing protection devices for all members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note of the importance of identifying and making available hearing protection devices for the Department of Defense community. The conferees are aware of commercially-available active hearing protection devices that have the

potential to prevent hearing injury while allowing servicemembers to remain cognizant of their operational environment; benefit from improved overall situational awareness; and increase mission effectiveness, safety, and survivability. Further, the conferees have been informed that the Army Program Executive Office (PEO) Soldier is the lead office for the procurement and testing of these devices, and has recently acquired some available systems for testing and evaluation. The conferees are aware that such testing is anticipated to begin in the second quarter of fiscal year 2024. The conferees look forward to receiving the results of such testing from the Army in order to better understand the suitability of these devices for issuance to servicemembers that may benefit from increased protection from hazardous and operational noise.

*Extension of pilot program for streamlined technology transition from the SBIR and STTR programs of the Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 845) that would extend a pilot program to support the transition of technologies developed through the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs to production.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Pilot program for recurring awards for production, investment, and deployment through competitions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 851) that would establish a pilot program to acquire, through repeated competition, attritable systems that solve urgent operational needs in order to incentivize sustainable production, rapid deployment, and iterative improvements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Amendments to contracting authority for certain small business concerns*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 852) that would amend contracts for socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses, certain small businesses owned and controlled by women, HUBZone small businesses, and small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Limitation on the availability of funds pending a plan for implementing the replacement for the Selection Acquisition Reporting system*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 861) that would limit the use of travel funds for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment until that office provides a plan for how it intends to implement the requirements of section 809 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) for a replacement for the Selected Acquisition Reporting system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Use of Industrial Base Fund for support for the workforce for large surface combatants*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 862) that would modify the use of the Industrial Base Fund to include supporting the large surface combatant industrial base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the effective use of the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) program to support the submarine industrial base. Given the importance of the shipbuilding industrial base as a whole, the Department of Defense should find ways to expand this model to support surface combatant production, as well as submarines.

*Redesignation of Industrial Base Fund as Industrial Base and Operational Infrastructure Fund; additional uses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 863) that would redefine and expand the purposes of the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment Fund.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the effective use of the Industrial Base Analysis and Sustainment (IBAS) program to support critical industries and supply chains within the defense industrial base. The conferees encourage the Department of Defense to expand the use of IBAS, where appropriate, to protect and develop domestic production of key supply chains.

*Modification to procurement requirements relating to rare earth elements and strategic and critical materials*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 865) that would modify procurement requirements relating to rare earth elements and strategic and critical materials.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Enhanced domestic content requirement for navy shipbuilding programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 866) that would include additional restrictions on purchasing non-domestic components for Navy shipbuilding programs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Addition of Administrator of the Small Business Administration to the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 867) that would amend section 1302(b)(1) of title 41, United States Code, by adding a new subparagraph to include the Small Business Administration as a representative on the Federal Acquisition Regulation Council.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Study and report on country of origin of end items and components procured by Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 868) that would require a study and report by the Comptroller General of the United States to identify the degree to which the Department of Defense is dependent on entities located in foreign countries for the procurement of certain end items and components.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the assurance of supply chains for critical components and items is essential for our national security. Therefore, the conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 31, 2024, on the degree to which the Department of Defense is dependent on entities located

in foreign countries for the procurement of certain end items and components. The briefing shall include:

(1) A description of the extent to which the procurement processes of the Department of Defense allow for the determination of the country of origin of the end items and components;

(2) Descriptions of the vulnerabilities in the supply chains for end items and components and the countries from which such end items and components are procured; and

(3) Recommendations for legislative or administrative action to address any identified supply chain, including plans for alternative supply chains or alternative countries from which to procure end items and components.

#### *Modifications to rights in technical data*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 868) that would modify rights in technical data.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees note intellectual property (IP), including technical data rights and rights to computer software, is critically important to the Department of Defense's ability to modernize capabilities and maintain technological superiority. As weapons systems are increasingly reliant on rapidly evolving technologies, commercial components, and software content, acquiring and licensing the appropriate IP is vital to ensuring that weapons systems and equipment remain functional, sustainable, and affordable over the system's lifecycle. IP and technical data rights are also important to industry to protect companies' corporate assets from disclosure or misuse.

However, the Department of Defense has unique IP needs due to combat logistics that includes battle damage repair and point of use manufacturing. The conferees note the importance of the Comptroller General study on requirements for data rights required by the Senate report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58) to help clarifying these concerns. In addition to the elements specified in that report, the conferees direct the Comptroller General to also assess: (1) How the Department of Defense determines what are considered "core" logistics capabilities under section 2464 of Title 10, United States Code; (2) Depot source of repair activations and whether data rights requirements or data ordering contributed to significant challenges; and (3) The level of variation found in contracts for the same or similar mission systems or subsystems fielded on separate weapon platforms, including requirements approaches, data ordering, and validation of data delivery.

Furthermore, the conferees direct that this mandated review in the Senate report shall also be addressed to the House Armed Services Committee and include the additional elements specified above.

*Report on competition and equipment repair*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 870) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on a plan for avoiding contract terms in procurement agreements that make it challenging for the Department of Defense to repair equipment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on the United States defense and technological industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 871) that would require the Secretary of Defense to report on the ability of the defense and technological industrial base to meet the requirements for air and missile defense within the area of responsibility of the U.S. Central Command.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of air and missile defense capabilities as highlighted in both Ukraine and Israel. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the ability of the industrial base to meet the growing demand for air and missile defense systems. The briefing shall include:

(1) An assessment of the extent to which the inefficiencies and inadequacies of the defense and technological industrial base impede the timely production and delivery of air and missile defense components to the allies and partners of the United States;

(2) An assessment of the ongoing efforts of the Department of Defense to remedy inefficiencies and inadequacies described in paragraph (1); and

(3) A strategy for addressing the inefficiencies or inadequacies described in paragraph (1), including an evaluation of the benefits of procuring the components from, and industrial cooperation with, allies and partners of the United States.

The briefing shall be in an unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

*Report on defense industrial base competition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 873) that would require the Government Accountability Office to report on consolidation and competition within the defense industrial base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The House recedes.

The conferees are aware that consolidation within the defense industrial base is causing significant impacts on competition and the ability of the Department of Defense to monitor and oversee the dynamics within the industrial base. A report from the Government Accountability Office titled "Defense Industrial Base: DOD Needs Better Insight into Risks from Mergers and Acquisitions (GAO-24-106129, dated October 17, 2023) highlighted many of the problems. In particular, this report pointed out, "Most DOD assessments are initiated in response to antitrust reviews of large M&A [mergers and acquisitions] valued over a certain dollar threshold, currently \$111.4 million. Therefore, Industrial Base Policy's M&A office and DOD stakeholders focus on evaluating competition risks in their M&A assessments. While DOD policy directs Industrial Base Policy and DOD stakeholders to assess other types of risks, such as national security and innovation risks, they have not routinely done so. Moreover, DOD policy does not provide clear direction about which M&A DOD should prioritize for assessment, beyond those conducted in response to antitrust reviews. DOD officials noted that the M&A office—which is comprised of two to three staff—does not have the staff resources to initiate more assessments of smaller M&A that may also present risks...GAO found that DOD policy does not require Industrial Base Policy and DOD stakeholders to conduct monitoring. As a result, they cannot determine if risks occurred and whether further action is needed to mitigate them."

As a result, in the Senate report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58), the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) directed the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy to develop a M&A impact model to provide an analytical framework for comprehensively assessing the defense M&A environment. In developing this M&A impact model, the SASC also directed the Department to include the following considerations:

(1) The competition goals the Department should pursue, linked to the tools the Department currently has to enhance competition, and what elements of M&A decision making would be most beneficial to link goals to those elements;

(2) The levers the Department has to achieve its strategic objectives, including an assessment of the resources needed for the workforce to meet those objectives;

(3) The data sources, internal to the DOD and available commercially, academically or publicly, that should be leveraged for decision making; and

(4) Recommendations for how the Department should assess the impacts of consolidation below the statutory thresholds to better understand the long-term effect on innovation and the supply base.

The conferees direct that such briefing in response to this requirement should also be provided to the House Armed Services Committee.

Furthermore, the conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to assess the framework being developed by the Department and provide a briefing on the results of that assessment to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 1 year after the enactment of this Act.

#### *Entrepreneurial Innovation Project designations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 881) that would require the Secretary of each military department to identify promising research programs of the Small Business Innovation Research Program or Small Business Technology Transfer Program for inclusion in the future budgets and plans of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that a similar pilot program as proposed in section 881 was established for the intelligence community in section 6716 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263). The conferees believe that before expanding that program to other agencies, it is important to understand the results and potential effectiveness of the current pilot program.

#### *Extension and modification of domestic investment pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 882) that would extend the domestic investment pilot program under the Small Business Innovation Research program until September 30, 2027.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Study and report on the expansion of the Strategic Funding Increase program of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 883) that would require the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps to jointly provide a report on the feasibility of establishing a program similar to the Air Force's Strategic Funding Increase (STRATFI) program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the success of Air Force Venture's STRATFI program in maturing technologies from the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs and believe there could be value in scaling this type of program across the services. The conferees are concerned, however, that the SBIR/STTR programs of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps might not have the capital needed to successfully execute and sustain such a program. Therefore, the conferees direct the Service Acquisition Executives to individually provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, outlining the impact that establishing a program like the Air Force STRATFI program would have on each respective service's SBIR/STTR program. The briefing should include, but not be limited to: (1) The level of funding required to successfully execute and sustain such a program, (2) Any impact that such a program would have on the number of SBIR/STTR awards that could be made by the services, (3) Any analogous programs that currently exist within the services, and (4) Any positive or negative impacts such a program would have on the functioning of the services' SBIR/STTR program, including impact on timelines to make awards.

*Report on the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 885) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report analyzing the initiatives of the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the Air Force First Look Program and the Army First Stop Program. Such a briefing shall include: (1) An analysis of the objectives of and results achieved by the Air Force First Look

Program and the Army First Stop Program; (2) A description of criteria for participation in such programs, including a description of contracts or other agreements relating to such participation; and (3) An analysis of the costs and benefits of participation in such programs for all relevant parties.

*Modification to pilot program to accelerate Department of Defense SBIR and STTR awards*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 886) that would require each Secretary of a military department to establish a pilot program to reduce the time for awards under the Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer programs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Briefing on the implementation of category management memorandum*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 887) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense to provide a briefing on the implementation of the memorandum entitled "Achieving Small Business Goals through Category Management Practices."

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment and the Director of the Office of Small Business Programs of the Department of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than June 1, 2024, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the implementation of the memorandum by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment entitled "'Achieving Small Business Goals through Category Management Practices'" and dated January 27, 2023. The briefing shall include the following:

- (1) The effects of the implementation of the memorandum on contracting opportunities for small businesses;
- (2) The tools and data analysis that are being used to support small business concerns in procurement decisions to increase small business opportunities;
- (3) The strategic efforts that have been taken to achieve the small business participation goals of the Department of Defense through the use of existing and open market contracts

to reach a mix of new entrants, seasoned 8(a) companies, and other small disadvantaged businesses;

(4) The opportunities that have been identified to transition from bundled or consolidated contracts without small business participation to contracts with small business participation or to use small business set-aside competition;

(5) The metrics the Department of Defense has established to measure the effects of the implementation of the category management memorandum on opportunities for small businesses to contract with the Department;

(6) The success stories of small business participation with the Department of Defense that the Department has identified and is sharing in industry engagements;

(7) The sufficiency of the educational resources identified in the category management memorandum; and

(8) Any recommendations on additional steps the Department of Defense can take to maximize small business participation with the Department through category management practices.

*Pilot program on the use of budget transfer authority for Army research to aid in technology transition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 892) that would create a pilot program to allow the Army to use acquisition authority to aid in the transition of technology from the science and technology ecosystem to acquisition activities and operational use.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Seaplane procurement and employment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 893) that would require an analysis by the Secretary of Defense, not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the feasibility and utility of the Department of Defense procuring seaplanes and amphibious aircraft.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees agree to direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide an analysis to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the feasibility and utility of the Department of Defense procuring seaplanes and amphibious aircraft.

*Limitation on availability of funds relating to contracts with contract managers and auditors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 894) that would require the Secretary of Defense to annually review the value of contracts entered into with contract managers and auditors for the purpose of managing contracts of the Department of Defense for a specified fiscal year.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Inspector General report on Department of Defense acquisition and contract administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 895) that would require an Inspector General of the Department of Defense report on Department-wide acquisitions and contract management, including cost, price, and profit data.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of the Department of Defense's ability to obtain fair and reasonable costs in contracting. Therefore, not later than March 31, 2024, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on the status and findings of the oversight, reviews, audits, and inspections the Inspector General has conducted regarding Department-wide acquisitions and contract management, including:

(1) Findings regarding the effectiveness of the Department in obtaining the best value for the lowest reasonable costs when acquiring goods and services, including by reducing contract costs and ensuring that the profit of contractors for the provision of such goods and services is reasonable;

(2) An assessment of allowable, allocable, and reasonable costs and pricing for contracts;

(3) The authorities and resources for contracting officers of the Department to obtain certified cost and pricing data from contractors of the Department; and

(4) The authorities and resources of the Comptroller of the Department of Defense, the Office of Defense Pricing and Contracting, the Defense Contract Audit Agency, and the Defense Contract Management Agency to determine allowable, allocable, and reasonable costs and pricing for contracts.

*Study on the electric vehicle supply chain*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 896) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the effects on the national security of the United States from the influence of the People's Republic of China on the electric vehicle supply chain.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the relevant Federal agencies, to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, on the impacts to Department of Defense readiness regarding the influence of the People's Republic of China on the electric vehicle supply chain. The briefing shall include: (1) An evaluation of the percentage of critical minerals and rare earths sourced from China that are necessary for construction of electric vehicles in the United States; (2) A list of countries that contribute to the electric vehicle supply chain of the United States and that are members of China's Belt and Road Initiative or any subsequent economic agreement; and (3) Potential vulnerabilities posed by an increased use of electric vehicles by the vehicle fleet of the Department of Defense.

#### *Joint light tactical vehicle funding increase*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 897) that would authorize to be appropriated an additional \$15.0 million for Army and Marine Corps procurement of vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles and make offsetting reductions for administration and service-wide activities for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

#### *Report on gallium and germanium*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 898) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on gallium and germanium.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an analysis regarding gallium and germanium, to include consultation with domestic producers of gallium and germanium, with respect to changes in supply chain dynamics, including

production capabilities and capacities, given the recent actions by the People's Republic of China. The analysis shall include an updated assessment of any shortfalls in the supply of gallium and germanium of the United States due to such decision and an update from the head of the Office of Manufacturing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization of the Department of Defense on the priority of projects involving gallium and germanium, as informed by any projections and changes in the supply of gallium and germanium as it relates to national security requirements. The Secretary of Defense shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, on the results of this analysis.

*Assessment of supply chain constraints impacting the defense industrial base and foreign military sales*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment on constraints and threats to the supply chain of Department of Defense contractors and subcontractors to produce any defense article for use by the Department of Defense or that is the subject of a foreign military sale and provide a report on such assessment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report, not later than June 1, 2024, on the constraints and threats to the supply chains to produce any defense articles that are the subject of Foreign Military Sales.

*Sense of Congress regarding explosion welding*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899A) that would express the sense of Congress regarding explosion welding.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

The conferees note that explosion welding is a critical capability for ensuring the national security of the United States and its allies. A limited number of domestic companies produce explosion welded alloys that satisfy Department of Defense requirements. If domestic sources fail, it could create a supply chain vulnerability. As such, the Department should take appropriate steps to ensure that the United States has a reliable and secure source for explosion welding to support military needs.

*Prohibition on contracting with certain entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 899C) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from entering into, renewing, or extending a contract for the procurement of goods or services with an entity that is engaged in a boycott of the State of Israel.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Competition of small business concerns for Department of Defense contracts*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5841) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to issue guidance ensuring that covered small businesses are better able to compete for Department of Defense contracts.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Briefing on the redesignation of National Stock Number parts as proprietary*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 5851) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing identifying which National Stock Number parts in the Defense Logistics Agency system have had their designation changed to proprietary over the previous 5 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, identifying which National Stock Number parts in the Defense Logistics Agency system have had their designation changed to proprietary over the previous 5 years, including a description of which parts were, or continue to be, produced by small businesses before the proprietary designation was applied, and the justification for the changes in designation.

**TITLE IX—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORGANIZATION  
AND MANAGEMENT**

## **SUBTITLE A—OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND RELATED MATTERS**

*Sec. 901 - Conforming amendments to carry out elimination of position of Chief Management Officer*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 903) that would strike references in statute to the Chief Management Officer position, which was eliminated by law in the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 909).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 902 - Modification of responsibilities of Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 903) that would amend section 139a of title 10, United States Code, to designate the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) as the office responsible for standardizing analytical methodologies within the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would modify the requirement for alternative analysis by the Program Evaluation Competitive Analysis Cell, require the inclusion of a risk assessment for any CAPE product affecting a recommendation changing a requirement by the Joint Requirements Oversight Council that might impact an operational plan or the ability to meet combatant commander demands, and establish quarterly briefings to the congressional defense committees to encourage transparency and dialogue on ongoing CAPE activities.

*Sec. 903 - Establishment of Office of Strategic Capital*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 872) that would require the Office of Strategic Capital in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to not invest in or guarantee or otherwise facilitate any investment in any entity incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China or of which more than 50 percent is owned, directly or indirectly, by the following:

- (1) Citizens of the People's Republic of China;
- (2) Entities incorporated under the laws of the People's Republic of China; or

(3) Any combination of the individuals and entities described in subparagraphs (1) and (2).

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 901) that would codify the Office of Strategic Capital.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 904 - Establishment and assignment of roles and responsibilities for combined joint all-domain command and control in support of integrated joint warfighting*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 904) that would establish roles and responsibilities for components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control (CJADC2) effort.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would provide discretion to the Secretary of Defense in the assignment of CJADC2 roles and responsibilities within the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and would shift the reporting requirement in subsection (e) of the Senate provision to the following statement of the managers.

The conferees direct that, not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that includes:

(1) A description of the organizational assignment of roles and responsibilities to implement CJADC2 described in this section;

(2) A plan and associated timelines for deploying and demonstrating a joint data integration layer prototype in the United States Indo-Pacific Command area of operations;

(3) A plan and associated timelines for transitioning such a prototype, upon its successful demonstration, to fielding as soon as practicable given the urgent need for a CJADC2 capability;

(4) A plan and associated timelines for reaching initial operational capability for a joint data integration layer within the United States Indo-Pacific Command area of operations;

(5) A plan and associated timelines for scaling that capability to future areas of operation across the combatant commands;

(6) An assessment of the required type and number of personnel at the United States Indo-Pacific Command to enable sustained growth in CJADC2 capabilities; and

(7) A plan and associated timelines for—  
(a) identifying specific critical effects chains necessary to overcome anti-access and area denial

capabilities and offensive military operations of foreign adversaries; and

(b) creating, demonstrating, deploying, and sustaining such chains.

The conferees note the progress the Department of Defense has made in focusing CJADC2 on operational problems through the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer, the Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Mission Capabilities of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, and the Executive Director for Acquisition, Integration, and Interoperability of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, among others. The conferees encourage the Department to establish roles and responsibilities among these organizations involved in CJADC2 in a timely manner.

*Sec. 905 - Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries to support Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 905) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to appoint two Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries to support the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE B—OTHER DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT MATTERS**

*Sec. 911 - Additional requirements under general policy for total force management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 922) that would amend section 129a of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to develop data analytics to identify quantitative and qualitative metrics for the sizing and composition of the civilian workforce in the Department of Defense, and to require that planning, programming, and budgeting reviews consider all components of the total force, including active and reserve components, the civilian workforce, and contractor support.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would eliminate the requirement relating to the development of data analytics.

*Sec. 912 - Addition of College of International Security Affairs to National Defense University*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 934) that would amend Section 2165 of title 10, United States Code, to add the College of International Security Affairs as a component institution of the National Defense University.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 913 - Codification of the Defense Innovation Unit*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 925) that would codify the Defense Innovation Unit and establish nontraditional innovation fielding enterprises.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would make a number of technical and clarifying modifications.

*Sec. 914 - Repeal of authority to appoint a Naval Research Advisory Committee*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 927) that would repeal section 8024 of title 10, United States Code, the authority to appoint a Naval Research Advisory Committee.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 915 - Eligibility of members of Space Force for instruction at the Naval Postgraduate School*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 928) that would amend section 8545 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize members of the Space Force to attend the Naval Postgraduate School.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 916 - Membership of the Air Force Reserve Forces Policy Committee*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 929) that would amend section 10305(b) of title 10, United States Code to include as nonvoting members of the Air Force Reserve Forces Policy Committee the Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard, and the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 917 - Modification of cross-functional team to address emerging threat relating to anomalous health incidents*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 906) that would clarify the mandate of the Department of Defense's Anomalous Health Incidents Cross-Functional Team contained in section 910 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) to include efforts related to "emerging directed energy capabilities, including such capabilities that could plausibly result in anomalous health incidents" as well as other clarifying changes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 918 - Technology release and foreign disclosure reform initiative*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 922) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a transition plan and realign the Defense Technology Security Administration under the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would establish or utilize an existing reform initiative to provide continuous improvement recommendations on the technology release and foreign disclosure process for the Department of Defense, including development of managerial metric objectives, designation of points of contact for technology release in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the military departments, and oversight reporting and briefing requirements.

*Sec. 919 - Software-based capability to facilitate scheduling between the Department of Defense and Congress*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 924) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the software used by the Department of Defense to schedule meetings, briefings, and hearings with the congressional defense committees is fully integrated and digitally interoperable with similar congressional software.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs to deliver a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, detailing the Secretary's efforts to enable the automated transmission of scheduling data.

*Sec. 920 - Metrics to operationalize audit readiness*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 925) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a set of command audit metrics that link existing audit readiness goals and metrics for the financial management community with unit leadership goals and metrics to provide operationally relevant performance measures for use by unit commanders.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would clarify the development of metrics for the military departments to be used in the performance evaluation of military department senior executive service members, general officers, and flag officers.

*Sec. 921 - Next generation business health metrics*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 926) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop an updated set of business health metrics to inform senior leader decision-making in the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than January 30, 2025, on the development of the metrics required by this provision.

*Sec. 922 - Independent assessment of defense business enterprise architecture*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 927) that would require the Secretary of Defense to select a federally funded research and development center or a university affiliated research center to conduct an independent assessment of the Department of Defense Business Enterprise Architecture.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 923 - Future force design of the Department of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 933) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force, not later than August 31, 2024, to develop a force design for the Air Force and the Space Force projected through 2050, and would require the Secretary to provide a summary and briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than 60 days after completion of the force design.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing, not later than April 1, 2024, to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the standup of the 3rd Power Projection Wing. The briefing shall include, at a minimum, the planned timeline for activation of the 3rd Power Projection Wing and the associated moves with respect to personnel, aircraft, and equipment.

*Sec. 924 - Feasibility study on the consolidation or transfer of space functions of the National Guard to the Space Force*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 951, 952, 953, 954) that would establish a Space National Guard composed of National Guard forces in the various States and U.S. territories in which the Space Force operates.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1803) that would require the Secretary of Defense to contract with a federally funded research and development center to conduct an independent comprehensive assessment of space-related assets within the Air National Guard.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study to assess the feasibility and advisability of transferring space functions of the Air National Guard to the Space Force. The provision would also require the Secretary to submit a final report containing the results of the required study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by March 1, 2024.

## **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Under Secretary of Defense for Science and Innovation Integration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 901) that would rename the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to the Under Secretary of Defense for Science and

Innovation Integration and expand the responsibilities for the position.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Repeal of position of Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 902) that would disestablish the Department of Defense's Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (CAPE) and authorizes the Secretary of Defense to determine where to devolve CAPE's responsibilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that we begin to address cultural and transparency concerns with the CAPE elsewhere in this bill and plan to consider additional reforms in future National Defense Authorization Acts.

*Reinstatement of position of Chief Management Officer of Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 902) that would reinstate the position of the Department of Defense Chief Management Officer in chapter 4 of title 10, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note the many ongoing management reform efforts within the Department to help improve their business operations, including several proposed by this Act such as the development of business health metrics, audit readiness metrics, and an independent review of the Department's business enterprise architecture, among others.

*Elimination of the Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 904) that would eliminate the Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Pilot program on protecting access to critical assets*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 907) that would establish a pilot program within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment with the authority to conduct assessments, support industrial base decision-making, and provide mitigation measures to counter adversarial capital flows into domestic and allied industrial entities intended to undermine or deny United States access to key industrial capabilities or access and placement needed for national security and military functions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Modification of analysis required for reductions to civilian workforce under general policy for total force management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 921) that would amend section 129a(b) of title 10, United States Code, to require that the civilian workforce analysis required by that section be documented in writing, and which would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of such written analysis going forward.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General to conduct a review of the most recent 10 years of analysis conducted pursuant to section 129a(b) relating to reductions in the civilian workforce of the Department of Defense. The review should include an assessment of whether the analysis prepared by the Secretary sufficiently considers the readiness needs of the Department. The conferees direct that the Comptroller General provide a report on the results of this review to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by no later than January 31, 2025.

*Eligibility of Chief of the National Guard Bureau for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 923) that would amend section 152 of title 10, United States Code, to make the Chief of the National Guard Bureau eligible for appointment as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Coast Guard input to the Joint Requirements Oversight Council*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 924) that would require the Joint Requirements Oversight Council to seek and consider the views of the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that a provision elsewhere in this Act requires a review of the Department's requirements generation process, and the conferees recommend as part of such review that the Department consider the best means to solicit and consider input from the United States Coast Guard.

*Designation of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Corps as a basic branch of the Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 926) that would establish the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Corps as a basic branch of the United States Army.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Framework for classification of autonomous capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 930) that would require the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense to establish a Department-wide classification framework for autonomous capabilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the matters described are addressed elsewhere in the bill.

*Enhancing Department of Defense coordination of geoeconomic affairs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 932) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a review of the planning, resourcing, and contributions of the Department of Defense to interagency efforts with respect to geoeconomic affairs and to submit a report regarding such review.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of the Department of Defense's role in interagency efforts with respect to geoeconomic affairs and the progress made in contributing to such efforts by the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, the Office of Expanded Competition and the Global Investment and Economic Security Directorate, among other offices. Therefore,

the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to the congressional defense committees on the findings of a review on the planning, resourcing, and contributions of the Department on such interagency efforts. Such report shall include:

(1) An assessment of the Department of Defense's capabilities to contribute to and efforts to coordinate with the U.S. interagency to-

(a) assess geoeconomic competition between the United States and strategic competitors;

(b) identify methods to partner with governments and key commercial entities; and

(c) support United States national security interests related to geoeconomic affairs;

(2) An assessment of any gaps in-

(a) existing Department of Defense commercial due diligence and commercial partnership processes and procedures to enable sustainable cooperation with governmental and commercial entities within the United States and between the United States and allies and partners for national defense purposes;

(b) efforts by the combatant commands to develop and to coordinate regional expertise with interagency partners on how strategic competitors may use economic and supply chain strategies within the areas of responsibility of the combatant commands;

(c) the contributions of the Department to the coordinated use by the U.S. interagency of existing industrial base and supply chain tools, acquisition and budget authorities, industrial security oversight, technology transfer and export controls, cybersecurity standards and oversight, and mergers and acquisition reviews to enhance innovation and industrial cooperation and to protect the defense capabilities of the United States and its allies and partners; and

(d) the contributions of the Department to existing measures to safeguard the intellectual property and knowledge created from United States Government and private sector research and development funding while encouraging, when appropriate, the sharing of such knowledge with allies and partners;

(3) For each identified gap, an assessment of any legal authorities, budgeting and execution processes, or other issues the Secretary deems necessary to address the gap; and

(4) Any other information the Secretary considers appropriate.

For the purposes of this report, the term ``geoeconomics'' means the global interaction between competing national security and economic priorities comprising the various activities undertaken between governments, allies and partners, competitors, producers, and consumers, including:

(1) How economics, technological innovation, and geography affect the distribution of capabilities in the international system; and

(2) How states use economic and technological instruments in pursuit of their strategic interests.

## **TITLE X—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **SUBTITLE A—FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### *Sec. 1001 - General transfer authority*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1001) that would allow the Secretary of Defense, with certain limitations, to make transfers between amounts authorized for fiscal year 2024 in division A of this Act. This provision would also limit the total amount transferred under this authority to \$6.0 billion.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1001).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1002 - Annual report on budget prioritization by Secretary of Defense and military departments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1002) that would require the Secretary of Defense to annually submit a report that includes organized tabulations of programs, projects, and activities for which the total obligational authority was reduced or eliminated in the current budget year proposal compared to the prior-year projection for the current year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make technical changes.

#### *Sec. 1003 - Additional reporting requirements related to unfunded priorities of armed forces and combatant commands*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1003) that amend section 222a(c)(1) of title 10, United States Code,

by adding additional reporting requirements related to unfunded priorities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1004 - Audit requirement for Department of Defense components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1005A) that would require each component of the Department of Defense to be subject to an independent audit.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1005 - Requirement for unqualified opinion on Department of Defense financial statements*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1089) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Department of Defense has received an unqualified opinion on its financial statements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment to change the date to December 31, 2028.

## **SUBTITLE B—COUNTERDRUG ACTIVITIES**

*Sec. 1010 - Enhanced support for counterdrug activities and activities to counter transnational organized crime*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1012) that would modify section 284(b) of title 10, United States Code, to add planning services to the types of support that may be provided.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1011 - Modification of support for counterdrug activities and activities to counter transnational organized crime: increase in cap for small scale construction projects*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1013) that would increase the cap on small scale construction support to foreign counterdrug partners from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment to the amount of the cap on small scale construction support to foreign counterdrug partners.

*Sec. 1012 - Drug interdiction and counter-drug activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1006) that would raise a \$5,000 spending cap to \$15,000 on counter-drug equipment procured or leased by the National Guard requiring advance approval from Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1013 - Disruption of fentanyl trafficking*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1009) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and submit a strategy to use existing authorities to target, disrupt, or degrade threats to the national security of the United States caused or exacerbated by fentanyl trafficking.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1011).

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would make various technical changes to the House provision.

The conferees note that fentanyl trafficking across the borders of the United States, and the consequences of that trafficking, constitute a nontraditional and long-term threat to the national security of the United States; that transnational criminal organizations have developed significant fentanyl production and trafficking infrastructure; and that combating fentanyl trafficking demands improved interagency command, control, communications, and intelligence sharing to enhance the effectiveness of the interdiction of fentanyl at the borders of the United States.

Further, the conferees note that it is in the national security interest of the United States for Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Defense, the Department of State, the Department of Justice, other counter-drug agencies, and stakeholders to develop whole-of-government solutions to disrupt the fentanyl production, transshipment, and illicit importation process.

Finally, the conferees note that the United States must partner with Mexico and Canada to combat fentanyl trafficking through institution building, the dismantling of cartels, and interdiction of illicit drug flows.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report, not later than May 1, 2024, to the

Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on cooperative efforts with the Government of Mexico that includes:

(1) An assessment of the impact of efforts to enhance cooperation on targeting, disrupting, and degrading fentanyl trafficking;

(2) A description of limitations on such efforts, including limitations imposed by the Government of Mexico;

(3) Recommendations by the Secretary on actions to further improve cooperation with the Government of Mexico;

(4) Recommendations by the Secretary, in consultation with other relevant Federal Departments and Agencies, on actions of the Department of Defense that could further improve the capabilities of the Government of Mexico to target, disrupt, and degrade fentanyl trafficking; and

(5) Any other matter the Secretary considers relevant.

## **SUBTITLE C—NAVAL VESSELS AND SHIPYARDS**

### *Sec. 1015 - Modifications to annual naval vessel construction plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1011) that would provide for greater transparency and representation by the military services with regard to their views on the annual naval vessel construction plan. The provision would require, among other things, that the Secretary of the Navy ensure consistency among plans in the first 10 years if more than one shipbuilding plan is submitted.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would remove the requirement about consistency in the first 10 years of multiple shipbuilding plans

### *Sec. 1016 - Critical components of national sea-based deterrence vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1012) that would modify the National Sea-Based Deterrence Fund to allow for continuous production of additional critical components.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

### *Sec. 1017 - Grants for improvement of Navy ship repair or alterations capability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1013) that would authorize a grant program for the Navy for non-nuclear shipyards.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1018 - Repeal of obsolete provision of law regarding vessel nomenclature*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1014) that would repeal an obsolete subsection of United States Code relating to the naming of battleships.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1019 - Responsibility of Commandant of the Marine Corps with respect to naval battle force ship assessment and requirement reporting*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1015) that would provide the Commandant of the Marine Corps the responsibility for developing requirements related to all naval vessels with the primary mission of transporting Marines within the Naval Battle Force Ship Requirements and Assessment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment to the provision's title.

The conferees agree that the Commandant of the Marine Corps has not been provided an adequate voice in the generation of requirements for naval vessels that support Marine Corps missions. Section 1025 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) provided that the Commandant of the Marine Corps would have responsibility for preparation of amphibious warfare ship requirements. The section did not deal with requirements for smaller vessels, such as the Landing Ship Medium (LSM). However, the Commandant called for a program of 35 LSMs to support operations of three Marine Littoral Regiments, with affordability and speed to delivery as key considerations. However, the Navy's program only includes 18 LSMs, a number insufficient to provide continuous support for two Marine Littoral Regiments.

*Sec. 1020 - Policy of the United States on shipbuilding defense industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1016) that would amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91) to state that it is the policy of the United States that the shipbuilding defense industrial base is fundamental for achieving the Navy's shipbuilding requirements and constitutes a unique national security imperative that requires sustainment and support by the Navy and Congress.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1021 - Prohibition on retirement of certain naval vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1017) that would prohibit retirement or inactivation of the USS *Germantown* (LSD-42), USS *Gunston Hall* (LSD-44), and USS *Tortuga* (LSD-46), as well as the USS *Shiloh* (CG-67) and USS *Cowpens* (CG-63).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1023) that would prohibit retirement or inactivation of the same amphibious ships and USS *Shiloh*, but would allow the retirement of the USS *Cowpens*.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1022 - Authority to use incremental funding to enter into a contract for the advance procurement and construction of a San Antonio-class amphibious ship*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1020) that would grant authority to use incremental funding to enter into a contract for the advance procurement and construction of a *San Antonio*-class amphibious ship.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1023 - Authority to use incremental funding to enter into a contract for the advance procurement and construction of a submarine tender*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1021) that would provide incremental funding authority for the Navy to enter into a contract for acquisition and construction of a submarine tender.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1024 - Biannual briefings on submarine readiness*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1024) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to provide quarterly briefings on submarine readiness.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE D—COUNTERTERRORISM**

*Sec. 1031 - Extension of prohibition on use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1031) that would prohibit the use of any amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2024, to transfer or release detainees at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to or within the United States, its territories, or possessions.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1032).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1032 - Extension of prohibition on use of funds to construct or modify facilities in the United States to house detainees transferred from United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1032) that would prohibit the use of any amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense to be used during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2024, to construct or modify any facility in the United States, its territories, or possessions to house any detainee transferred from U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for the purposes of detention or imprisonment in the custody or under the effective control of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1033).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1033 - Extension of prohibition on use of funds for transfer or release of individuals detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to certain countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1033) that would prohibit the use of funding authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this act and ending on December 31, 2024, to transfer, release, or assist in the transfer or release of any individual detained at U.S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to Libya, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, and Afghanistan.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1034).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1034 - Extension of prohibition on use of funds to close or relinquish control of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1034) that would prohibit the use of any amounts authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2024 for the closure or abandonment of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the relinquishment of control of Guantanamo Bay to the Republic of Cuba, or the implementation of a material modification to the Treaty Between the United States of America and Cuba signed in the District of Columbia on May 29, 1934, that constructively closes United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1031).

The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE E—MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITIES AND LIMITATIONS**

*Sec. 1041 - Limitation on availability of certain funds until submission of Chairman's Risk Assessment; briefing requirement*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1073) that would limit certain funds from obligation or expenditure until the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives outstanding risk assessments. The provision would also amend section 153 of title 10, United States Code, to require an annual briefing on the assessments developed by the Joint Staff.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would limit the obligation and expenditure of not more than 80 percent of the funds authorized for travel for the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense until the 2024 Chairman's Risk Assessment (CRA), and, if applicable, the associated Risk Mitigation Plan (RMP) is delivered to Congress.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is required to deliver the CRA annually to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than February 15. A critical component of the risk assessment is to identify and assess force capabilities, as well as characterizing how risk varies over time due to budget priorities, tradeoffs, and fiscal constraints. Receiving the CRA in a timely manner is instrumental in the decision making processes of the congressional committees of jurisdiction as they evaluate the authorities and resources that may be necessary to implement the National Defense Strategy at various levels of risk. In fact, the CRA has not been submitted on time for the past several years.

The 2024 CRA will be the first assessment produced by the current Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The conferees note that the repeated delays in delivering previous CRAs predate the tenure of the current Chairman, and that he has acknowledged the importance of delivering the annual CRA in accordance with the statutory deadline. While the conferees are encouraged by the Chairman's assurances and commend him for making this issue a priority, the conferees believe that it is appropriate, and necessary, to limit certain funding to ensure the upcoming CRA is delivered on time as required by law.

*Sec. 1042 - Assistance in support of Department of Defense accounting for missing United States Government personnel*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1044) that would amend section 408 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the provision of funds by the Department of Defense to foreign nations to assist in accounting for missing United States Government personnel. The provision would also modify the congressional reporting requirement in section 408 of title 10, United States Code, to require an annual report on the Department's use of the authorities provided by that section.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would modify the annual aggregate dollar limitation in section 408 from \$1 million to \$5 million, and which would authorize the Secretary

of Defense to waive such limitation upon proper notice and explanation to the congressional defense committees.

*Sec. 1043 - Implementation of arrangements to build transparency, confidence, and security*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1045) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to use amounts authorized for operation and maintenance for travel, transportation, and subsistence expenses for meetings and demonstrations hosted by the Department of Defense in implementation of the Vienna Document 2011 on confidence and security-building measures.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1044 - Modification to definitions of Confucius Institute*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1041) that would update the definition of a ``Confucius Institute.``

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1045 - Termination of authority to issue waiver of limitation on use of funds to institutions of higher education hosting Confucius Institutes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1042) that would discontinue the Secretary of Defense's waiver authority under section 1062(b) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1079).

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would extend the authority to provide a waiver until October 1, 2026.

*Sec. 1046 - Vetting procedures and monitoring requirements for allies and partners participating in education or training activities in the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1043) that would provide an exemption from the vetting requirements of section 1090 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) for international military students from North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would provide the Secretary of Defense the authority to waive the vetting requirements of section 1090 of Public Law 116-283 for international military students:

(1) On a person-by-person basis, if the Secretary of Defense determines that the waiver is in the national security interests of the United States; or

(2) On a country-by-country basis, with respect to foreign nationals or other appropriate persons who hold a security clearance issued by that country, if the Secretary of Defense determines that the vetting procedures of the country are functionally equivalent to the vetting procedures of the United States for United States military personnel.

*Sec. 1047 - Authority to include funding requests for the chemical and biological defense program in budget accounts of military departments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1098) that would amend section 1701(d)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1994 (Public Law 103-160) by changing the budget authority from prohibitive to permissive.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1042).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1048 - Limitation on availability of funds until delivery of report on next generation tactical communications*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1044) that would limit funds available for certain special operations tactical communications (STC) equipment until a report is submitted detailing issues and the plan for addressing those issues.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment that would limit funds available for certain STC equipment until a report is submitted describing STC requirements, identified STC deficiencies, and a plan for addressing such deficiencies.

*Sec. 1049 - Establishment of procedure of the Department of Defense to determine certain complaints or requests regarding public displays or public expressions of religion on property of the Department*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1045) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from communicating with the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, or acting on complaints or claims by the Foundation or its leadership, without approval of the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe regulations establishing a procedure for the timely determination of certain complaints or requests by private entities that concern a public display or public expression of religion on Department property.

*Sec. 1050 - Limitation on availability of funds for destruction of landmines*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1082) that would limit funding for the destruction of anti-personnel landmine munitions until the Secretary of Defense provides a report that describes current policy, projected inventories and associated costs, and a military assessment of inventory projections.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would adjust the funding limitation and modify the reporting requirements.

*Sec. 1051 - Limitation on availability of funds for travel expenses of Office of the Secretary of Defense until submission of certain plans*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399G) that would limit the availability of funds for travel expenses of the Office of the Secretary of Defense until the Secretary of Defense submits the United States Indo-Pacific Command joint force headquarters implementation plan required by section 1087 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), the strategic competition plans for United States Southern and Africa Commands required by section 1332(g)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), and the information operations strategy and posture review required by section 1631(g) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1052 - Prohibition on display of unapproved flags*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1048) that would prohibit a member of the Armed Forces or civilian employee of the Department of Defense from displaying a flag other than an approved flag in any work place, common access area, or public area of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would further clarify the scope and extent of the flag policy and its applicability, and a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1053 - Collaboration with partner countries to develop and maintain military-wide transformational strategies for operational energy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1392) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a partnership program using existing authorities to collaborate with the military forces of partner countries in developing and maintaining military-wide transformational strategies for operational energy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment to amend the existing framework of the Contested Logistics Working Group to accommodate a potential partnership program to develop and maintain military-wide transformational strategies for operational energy.

*Sec. 1054 - Student loan deferment for dislocated military spouses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 636) that would amend section 1087e of title 20, United States Code, to authorize student loan deferment for certain dislocated military spouses.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

## **SUBTITLE F—STUDIES AND REPORTS**

*Sec. 1061 - Modifications of reporting requirements*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1054) that would modify certain reporting requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would remove certain reports from this provision.

*Sec. 1062 - Extension of requirement to submit a report on Department of Defense support for Department of Homeland Security at the international borders of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1063) that would extend an annual report required by section 1014 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) on Department of Defense support for Department of Homeland Security at the international borders of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1063 - Briefing on Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency capabilities required to expand accounting for persons missing from designated past conflicts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1061) that would require the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to submit to the congressional defense committees an annual report on the unfunded priorities of DPAA.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1048) that would require DPAA to annually post on a publicly-accessible website a list of capabilities required to execute DPAA's mission to account for missing persons from past conflicts. The Senate provision would also grant DPAA authority to enter into agreements with universities and research organizations to provide additional capabilities for specialized missions or research requirements.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require DPAA to provide the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a briefing, not later than March 1, 2024, on the capabilities required to expand accounting for persons missing from designated past conflicts. The amendment would also include the authority to enter into agreements contained in the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1064 - Air Force plan for maintaining proficient aircrews in certain mission areas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1064) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a report on the Secretary's plan to maintain sufficient capability, capacity, and numbers of proficient aircrew to support geographical combatant commanders' requirements for close air support, forward air controller-airborne, and combat search and rescue missions during contingency operations. The provision

would also limit the retirement of A-10 aircraft pending submission of the required report.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would add the air battle management mission area to the reporting requirements in the House provision.

*Sec. 1065 - Independent study on naval mine warfare*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1067) that would require an independent study of the mine warfare capabilities of the Navy, and the provision of an unaltered report on the results of the study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1066 - Annual report and briefing on implementation of Force Design 2030*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1069) that would require the Commandant of the Marine Corps to provide an annual briefing on the programmatic choices made to implement Force Design 2030, including new developmental and fielded capabilities and capacities and capacity divested to accelerate the implementation of Force Design 2030.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1051).

The House recesses with an amendment that would adjust report and briefing timelines, add an assessment related to the Navy's 30-year shipbuilding plan, and clarify that this provision would subsume the requirement to submit a briefing pursuant to section 1023 of the Joint Explanatory Statement accompanying the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) upon submission of the initial report.

*Sec. 1067 - Study and report on potential inclusion of black box data recorders in tactical vehicles*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1076) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on equipping all tactical vehicles with black box data recorders and to provide a report to the congressional defense committees on the results of such study.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1068 - Plan on countering human trafficking*

The Senate amendment contained a provision that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit a plan for coordinating with defense partners in North America and South America and supporting interagency departments and agencies in countering human trafficking operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1069 - Update to strategic plan on Department of Defense combating trafficking in persons program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1084) that would require the Secretary of Defense to update its strategic plan on the Department of Defense Combatting Trafficking in Persons Program, and to submit that plan to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment that would include other appropriate committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives as recipients of the plan required by this section.

*Sec. 1070 - Report on use of tactical fighter aircraft for deployments and homeland defense missions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1053) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the use of tactical fighter aircraft and bomber aircraft for deployments and homeland defense missions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would delete the requirement regarding bomber forces, and add a requirement that the Department provide a report on historical deployments of tactical fighter aircraft and their use in homeland defense missions for the past 15 years.

*Sec. 1071 - Report on equipping certain ground combat units with small unmanned aerial systems*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1055) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide to the congressional defense committees a report on equipping platoon-sized ground combat formations with certain small unmanned aerial systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1072 - Biannual briefings on homeland defense planning*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1058) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide briefings on efforts to bolster homeland defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment to the requirements of the briefings.

*Sec. 1073 - Report on effectiveness of current use of United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1062) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the use of Guantanamo Bay Naval Station in light of foreign military activity in Cuba.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would limit the provision to a report focused explicitly on intelligence collection, cyber, and information operation activities.

*Sec. 1074 - Holistic training range assessment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 366) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of the capacity of the Department of Defense to routinely train, test, evaluate, and qualify theater-level operations in support of the Pacific Deterrence Initiative using test or training areas located in the southeastern region of the United States. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 1065) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report containing an assessment of the Department of Defense range capability and capacity in Florida.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 223) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a demonstration of a joint multi-domain non-kinetic testing and training environment across military departments by interconnecting existing ranges and training sites in the western States to improve joint multi-domain non-kinetic training and further testing, research, and development. The Senate amendment also contained a provision (sec. 1643) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering to conduct a comprehensive review of its electronic

warfare training ranges and future capabilities, and provide a briefing not later than March 31, 2024.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require the Department to carry out a comprehensive assessment of military training ranges with annual reports through 2032.

*Sec. 1075 - Special operations force structure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 597) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, and the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command to conduct a coordinated review of force structure and personnel requirements for special operations forces (SOF) under the jurisdiction of the Secretaries of the military departments and prohibit any reduction in force structure, personnel requirements, or staffing levels of SOF until such review is completed.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1059).

The House recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to assess the optimal force structure for SOF and require a written notification to the congressional defense committees prior to announcing or implementing a reduction of SOF force structure by more than 1,000 personnel.

The conferees believe SOF have a vital and increasing role to play in strategic competition in addition to conducting counterterrorism and crisis response operations. The conferees also note the demand for special operations forces and related capabilities by geographic combatant commanders continues to exceed supply and reductions to SOF, including critical enablers, would dramatically and negatively impact their available options for carrying out assigned missions in support of the 2022 National Defense Strategy. Lastly, the conferees believe the Secretary of Defense should not consider any reductions to SOF force structure until after the completion of a comprehensive analysis of SOF force structure and a determination that any planned changes would not have a negative impact on the ability of geographic combatant commanders to support strategic competition, counterterrorism, and respond to crises.

*Sec. 1076 - Comprehensive assessment of Marine Corps Force Design 2030*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 913) that would require a review of Marine Corps force modernization efforts by

a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) and an assessment by the Secretary of Defense on the results of the FFRDC review.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1056).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1077 - Assessment and recommendations relating to infrastructure, capacity, resources, and personnel on Guam*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1075) that would require the Secretary of Defense to assess the capacity of existing infrastructure, resources, and personnel available in Guam to meet U.S. Indo-Pacific Command strategic objectives, and provide a report on such assessment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1078 - Feasibility study on conversion of Joint Task Force North into Joint Interagency Task Force North*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1052) that would require that the Secretary of Defense submit a detailed plan for converting Joint Task Force North into a joint interagency task force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment to require a feasibility study on the possible conversion of Joint Task Force North into a joint interagency task force.

## **SUBTITLE G—OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 1080 - Modification of definition of domestic source for title III of the Defense Production Act of 1950*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1080) that would amend section 702 of the Defense Production Act of 1950 (Public Law 81-774) to add Australia and the United Kingdom to the definition of domestic sources for the purposes of title III of such Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees believe it is critical for the United States to foster long-term, sustainable, and reliable supply chains for critical materials and technologies, and recognizes title III of the Defense Production Act as one way to accomplish this goal in

collaboration with our closest allies. The committee notes the unique contributions that Australia and the United Kingdom continue to make to U.S. national security and defense, including but not limited to cutting edge defense systems, dual-use technologies, and providing a secure pathway to acquiring critical and rare earth minerals. The trilateral security partnership among Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, commonly known as the AUKUS partnership, is only the latest example of the deep ties between the three nations.

The conferees note that the reporting and certification requirements of this provision should not be used to inhibit the timely use of the authority in relation to Australia and the United Kingdom. The committee recognizes the AUKUS partnership as a critical step in joint capability development and interoperability and this provision complements related efforts to operationalize this agreement and help ensure the timely availability of essential resources to support the defense of the United States and its close partners.

*Sec. 1081 - Integrated and authenticated access to Department of Defense systems for certain congressional staff for oversight purposes*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 923) that would require the Secretary of Defense to integrate, to the extent feasible, access tokens granted to the congressional defense committees with Department of Defense Parking Management Office software.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1082 - Modification of compensation for members of the Afghanistan War Commission*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6073) that would modify the compensation for members of the Afghanistan War Commission.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would clarify procedures supporting overseas travel for certain commissions.

*Sec. 1083 - Senate National Security Working Group*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6083) that would reconstitute the Senate National Security Working Group, as previously reconstituted by section 21 of Senate Resolution 64 of the 113th Congress.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1084 - Tribal liaisons at military installations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 353) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each installation of the Department of Defense that has an Indian Tribe, Native Hawaiian Organization, or Tribal interests in the area surrounding the installation has a Tribal liaison located at the installation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1085 - Commercial integration cell plan within certain combatant commands*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1082) that would require development of certain combatant command action plans on commercial integration cells to further public-private partnerships and rapidly deliver capabilities relevant to the combatant command area of operations.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1078).

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1086 - Guidance for use of unmanned aircraft systems by National Guard*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1085) that would require the Secretary of Defense to update guidance for the use of unmanned aircraft systems by the National Guard, and provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives on that updated guidance. The briefing would be required to point out any changes that would make the guidance more restrictive, and the reasons for making that such changes.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would add the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate as a recipient of the briefing, and make other technical adjustments.

*Sec. 1087 - Public disclosure of Afghanistan war records*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1099C) that would require the Secretary of Defense to expeditiously disclose to the public all records relating to the war in Afghanistan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1088 - Implementation plan for Joint Concept for Competing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1072) that would require the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to provide a written update and accompanying briefing on the implementation of the Joint Concept for Competing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1089 - Notification of safety and security concerns at certain Department of Defense laboratories*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1074) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to notify the congressional defense committees within 7 days after ceasing operations at any Department of Defense laboratory or facility rated at biosafety level 3 or higher for safety or security reasons.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1090 - Conduct of weather reconnaissance in the United States*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090E) that would authorize the use of aircraft, personnel, and equipment for certain mission requirements in support of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) if such aircraft, personnel, and equipment are not otherwise needed for hurricane monitoring. The provision would also require reports from the Secretary of the Air Force and the Secretary of Commerce relating to requirements for supporting various weather reconnaissance operational requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would expand the scope of potential weather reconnaissance support that may be provided by the Air Force to NOAA and make other technical changes.

*Sec. 1091 - Sense of Congress regarding authority of Secretary of Defense with respect to irregular warfare*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1071) that would affirm the authority of the Secretary of Defense to

conduct irregular warfare operations to defend the United States, allies of the United States, and interests of the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would express the sense of congress that the Secretary of Defense has the authority to conduct irregular warfare operations to defend the United States, allies of the United States, and interests of the United States.

*Sec. 1092 - Red Hill health impacts*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6074) that would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a Red Hill incident exposure registry to collect data on health implications of petroleum contaminated water for impacted individuals on a voluntary basis. Such amendment would also require the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with other designated agencies, to review federal programs and services available to individuals exposed to petroleum and submit a report on impacted individuals from the Red Hill bulk fuel contamination. Additionally, such amendment would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to assess the feasibility of an epidemiological study or studies to assess outcomes for individuals impacted by the Red Hill incident.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to review federal programs and services available to individuals exposed to petroleum and submit a report on impacted individuals from the Red Hill bulk fuel contamination. The amendment would also require the Secretary of Defense to assess the feasibility of an epidemiological study or studies to assess outcomes for individuals impacted by the Red Hill incident.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense is in the process of establishing a registry of those impacted by the Red Hill bulk fuel contamination.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Requirement for a covered Armed Force to submit posture statements in support of congressional budget process*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1002) that would require the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of each military department, and the chief of each covered Armed Force

to submit a written posture statement in support of budget priorities prior to the annual budget hearings of the congressional defense committees for fiscal year 2025.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees expect the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of each military department, and the chief of each Armed Force—including the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Space Force—to submit to the congressional defense committees a written posture statement in support of budget priorities prior to the annual budget hearings of the congressional defense committees. The conferees additionally expect that such statements will comply with all committee rules and hearing requirements provided to witnesses by the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*Establishment of a blockchain-distributed ledger technologies-smart contracts defense applications working group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1003) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a working group that would identify potential applications for blockchain technology, smart contracts, or distributed ledger technologies in the processes of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Drug interdiction and counter-drug activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1004) that would authorize to be appropriated in Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense the following amounts: \$5.0 million for Global Trader in the Office of Naval Intelligence Maritime Intelligence Support, \$5.0 million for the U.S. Northern Command Mexico Office of Defense Cooperation, and \$5.0 million for Advanced Analytics for Global Threat Network Disruption. The provision would also reduce the amount authorized to be appropriated in Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide for the Office of the Secretary of Defense by \$15.0 million.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

*Sense of the Senate on need for emergency supplemental appropriations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1004) that would express the sense of the Senate on need for emergency supplemental appropriations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Report on progress and challenges to achieving an unqualified audit opinion*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1005) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the progress made by each component of the Department of Defense that has not yet received an unqualified audit opinion on the progress made and the challenges toward achieving an unqualified opinion.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the robust statutory annual and semiannual reporting requirements pertaining to the annual Department of Defense-wide financial audit. The conferees also note the ongoing efforts of the Department of Defense to address shortfalls identified in recent reports by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), including the March 2023 report titled "DOD Needs to Improve System Oversight" (GAO-23-104539) and the May 2023 report titled "Additional Actions Needed to Achieve a Clean Audit Opinion on DOD's Financial Statements" (GAO-23-105784), and believe that such efforts are integral to retaining public trust during a lengthy and complicated process. The conferees appreciate the substantive, open, and frank engagement that has historically characterized the Department's audit-related reporting, including engagement above and beyond the statutory requirements, and emphasize the importance of sustaining this engagement into the future in order to maintain confidence and transparency regarding the Department's progress towards achievement of an unmodified audit opinion. Such clarity is particularly important given the large number of dependencies, in particular with regard to enterprise business systems modernization, information technology modernization, remediation of past records retention shortcomings, and related areas.

The conferees note that other matters related to the annual financial statements audit are contained elsewhere in this Act.

*Department of Defense spending reductions in absence of submitted financial statements or failure to achieve unqualified or qualified independent audit opinion*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1005B) that would reduce the discretionary budget authority available for the Department of Defense for each fiscal year by .5 percent if the Department of Defense has not submitted a financial statement for the previous fiscal year, or if such financial statement has not received either an unqualified or qualified audit opinion by an independent external auditor.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Threat analysis regarding fentanyl crisis*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1007) that would require a threat analysis of any potential threats the illicit fentanyl drug trade poses to the defense interests of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize the importance of the Secretary of Defense's role in combating the illicit fentanyl drug trade. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit a report that includes: (1) An analysis of the illicit fentanyl drug trade, new or emerging techniques or technologies that are likely to affect the evolution of the illicit fentanyl drug trade, and the adequacy of existing authorities that are likely affecting the evolution of the illicit fentanyl drug trade over the Southern border of the United States; (2) Any actions the Department of Defense has taken in response to such analysis; and (3) Any other matters the Secretary determines appropriate.

*Report on role of Department of Defense in supporting National Emergency Declaration combating fentanyl crisis*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1008) that would require a report on the role of the Department of Defense in supporting a national emergency declaration combating the fentanyl crisis.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize the importance of Executive Order 14059, entitled "Imposing Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved

in the Global Illicit Drug Trade," the declaration of a national emergency by the President to address the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States posed by international drug trafficking, and note that it is an appropriate whole-of-Government response to the problems posed by drug trafficking and, in particular, fentanyl; that the counternarcotics activities of the Department of Defense encompass unique capabilities that are critical for the efforts of the United States Government to combat the trafficking of illegal drugs, including fentanyl; and that the Department of Defense support for drug interdiction capacity and capability should be leveraged by Federal, State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, as appropriate and as permitted by law, to gain intelligence and lessons learned, and to enhance collaboration and effectiveness.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees that includes: (1) A description of Department of Defense activities in support of efforts to deal with the national emergency declared in Executive Order 14059 on December 15, 2021; and (2) An assessment of the resources and authorities required to fully leverage the capabilities of the Department of Defense to best support efforts to address the threat posed by illicit drugs, including fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, that necessitated the declaration of the national emergency in Executive Order 14059.

#### *Report on Iranian involvement in regional narcotics trade*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1010) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on Iranian involvement in the narcotics trade in the Middle East region.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that elements of this provision are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

#### *Building the capacity of armed forces of Mexico to counter the threat posed by transnational criminal organizations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1014) that would establish a pilot program for assessing the feasibility and advisability of building the capacity of the armed forces of Mexico in the United States on goals, jointly agreed to by the

Governments of the United States and Mexico, to counter the threat posed by transnational criminal organizations.

The House bill did not contain a similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that Mexican transnational criminal organizations represent a serious threat to the national security of the United States. The conferees understand that human trafficking operations by transnational criminal organizations present a serious human rights crisis in Central America and along our southern border. The conferees note with concern that over 70,000 Americans died from synthetic opioid overdoses in 2021 and that the rate of overdoses from illegal drugs trafficked into the United States by transnational criminal organizations continues to rise. The conferees believe that countering Mexican transnational criminal organizations is a national security priority, and that improving security cooperation with the Government of Mexico to address the illicit trafficking of synthetic opioids is an important aspect of any strategy to counter transnational criminal organizations.

#### *Expeditionary fast transport vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1018) that would prohibit the Navy from shifting expeditionary fast transport vessels into a reduced operational status and would require the development of a new concept of operations for use in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees agree that the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) should:

(1) Develop, in consultation with the Commander of the Military Sealift Command, a strategy and concept of operations for the use of expeditionary fast transport vessels in support of operational plans in the area of operations of United States Indo-Pacific Command; and

(2) Provide a report to the congressional defense committees describing this strategy and concept of operations.

The conferees expect the CNO to complete the development of a strategy and concept of operations not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, and to provide the report to the congressional defense committees within 30 days thereafter.

#### *Guam shipyard assessment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1019) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit an assessment of the ship building and repair capabilities located on Guam and the feasibility of reestablishing the former Ship Repair Facility, Guam.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy to conduct and complete an assessment, not later than June 1, 2024, regarding the ship building and repair capabilities located on Guam. The assessment shall include: (1) A description of the capabilities to conduct shipbuilding and ship repair activities in Guam; (2) A description of any planned improvements to shipbuilding and ship repair infrastructure in Guam; and (3) An evaluation of the feasibility and advisability of reestablishing a depot-level ship repair capability with dry-docking in Guam at the site of the former Ship Repair Facility, Guam, including an identification of options for operating the ship repair capability through a public-private partnership. The Secretary of the Navy shall brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives not later than 30 days after the completion of such analysis.

*Modification of authority to purchase used vessels under the National Defense Sealift Fund*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1021) that would amend section 2218 of title 10, United States Code, to allow the Department of Defense to continue modernizing the Ready Reserve Force and the Military Sealift Command surge sealift fleet.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Plan for extended prohibition on retirement of ships*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1022) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a plan to resource and retain any ships prevented from divestment by this Act through the end of fiscal year 2027 or the end of their expected service life.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees agree that, if the Secretary proposes to divest any of these vessels in the future, the Secretary should submit plan to resource and retain such ship or class of ships until:

(1) The end of fiscal year 2027; or  
(2) The end of the expected service life of the ships.

*Amphibious warship force availability*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1022) that would amend section 8062 of title 10, United States Code, to direct the Navy to schedule maintenance and repair activities for amphibious warships in order to ensure that 24 such warships are available for worldwide deployment at any given time.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

Elsewhere in this Act, we have provided guidance to the Navy regarding quarterly reporting of amphibious ship availability.

*Congressional notification regarding pending retirement of naval vessels viable for artificial reefing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1023) that would require congressional notification of pending retirements of naval vessels that are viable candidates for artificial reefing.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that naval vessels set for decommissioning, dismantling, and disposal are identified within the 30-year shipbuilding plan that is delivered annually to the defense committees. However, the conferees are concerned with how the Department of the Navy interacts with States and territories on transferring vessels that may be viable for artificial reefing. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy, not later than March 1, 2024, to submit to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the transfer of naval vessels that may be viable candidates for artificial reefing. The briefing shall include, at a minimum: (1) The Department of the Navy's process for transferring or selling vessels to states and territories for artificial reefing; (2) How the Navy determines what vessels are viable; and (3) The Department of the Navy's current procedures for interacting with States on this matter.

*Report on the potential for an Army and Navy joint effort for watercraft vessels*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1024) that would require the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than February 29, 2024, on the feasibility of conducting a joint Army and Navy effort to develop and field a family of watercraft vessels to support the implementation of the Marine Corps' concept of Expeditionary Advanced Base Operations and Army's operations in maritime environments.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army and not later than February 29, 2024, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the feasibility of conducting a joint Army and Navy effort to develop and field a family of watercraft vessels to support the implementation of the Marine Corps concept of expeditionary advanced base operations and Army operations in maritime environments. The report shall include an assessment of whether a shared base platform could meet requirements of the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Army, and, if so, an assessment of the benefits and challenges of procuring a technical data package to allow an acquisition strategy that could incorporate simultaneous construction of such platform by multiple builders and using block buy authorities.

The House report accompanying H.R. 2670 (H. Rept. 118-125) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 contained a similar reporting requirement titled "Study on Maneuver Support Vessel and Landing Ship Medium joint venture." The conferees intend the language above to supersede that reporting requirement.

*Sense of Congress regarding naming a naval vessel after William B. Gould*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1025) that would express the sense of Congress that a commissioned naval vessel should be named after William B. Gould.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Study on alternative vessel design for improved operations and shock impact mitigation on special operations personnel health and fatigue*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1026) that would require a performance study on alternative vessel types and hull designs for special operations surface craft.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress regarding naming of naval vessel after Major James Capers, Jr*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1027) that would express the sense of Congress that a commissioned naval vessel should be named after Major James Capers, Jr.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Limitation on authority of Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1035) that would limit the authority of Armed Forces to detain citizens of the United States under section 1021 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Unfavorable security clearance eligibility determinations and appeals*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1043) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide the same administrative due process in cases of unfavorable security clearance eligibility determinations for members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees that is currently provided for contractor personnel through the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA). The provision would be effective the earlier of September 30, 2024, or the date on which the DOD General Counsel certifies to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives that DOHA is prepared to execute its responsibilities under this section.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees encourage the Secretary to continue the Department's reforms of the security clearance eligibility appeal process, the first substantive changes having been announced earlier this year. The conferees strongly believe that the Department must work toward achieving comparable

administrative due process for military and civilian personnel subject to unfavorable security clearance eligibility determinations as is currently enjoyed by contractor personnel. The conferees direct the Department to provide quarterly briefings beginning March 2024 through March 2025 to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, on reform efforts in this field, including areas for future consideration.

*Prohibition on use of funds for advisory committees related to environmental, social, and governance aspects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1046) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to be used to establish an advisory committee related to environmental, social, and governance aspects, or for the Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion or successor committee.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Security clearance reinstatement for recently separated members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1047) that would require the Secretary of Defense, during the 1-year period following the date of the separation of any covered individual from the Armed Forces or the Department of Defense to: (1) Waive the requirement for a reinstatement review prior to the commencement of post-service employment by such individual in a civilian position requiring an equivalent level of security clearance as the security clearance held by such individual as of the date of the separation; (2) Deem the security clearance of such individual valid and eligible for immediate use for post-service employment in such civilian position; and (3) During the 2-year period following the conclusion of the period specified, complete the reinstatement review for such individual by not later than 180 days after the date of the initiation of such review.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees encourage the Secretary of Defense to make every reasonable effort to improve outreach to inform departing servicemembers, whether Active Duty or Reserve, of the

availability of credentialing opportunities related to cyber security, including improving the searchability functions of online resources for career training related to cybersecurity, as well as ensuring that Skillbridge includes a notice for all military members interested in cybersecurity job opportunities.

The conferees note that section 1045 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence when acting as the Security Executive Agent (SecEA), to establish a process to ensure that eligible former members of the Armed Forces or former civilian employees of the Department of Defense are granted the expeditious reestablishment of trust for accessing classified information or occupying a sensitive position.

The conferees understand that the Department has implemented reestablishment of trust procedures for covered individuals as required by section 1045 and in accordance with the SecEA guidance for Trusted Workforce 2.0. The conferees are also aware that the Department is updating its Personnel Security Program policies to match these procedures so that the reestablishment of trust will be codified in policy and include associated timeframes pursuant to the SecEA's Performance Management Standards.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on specific updates to policies and procedures to ensure compliance with section 1045.

#### *Availability of excess Department of Defense controlled property for transfer to Federal and State agencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1049) that would require the Secretary of Defense to make available for transfer under section 2576a(e) of title 10, United States Code, all excess controlled property of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

#### *Prohibition on use of funds to implement certain executive orders*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1050) that would prohibit the use of funds in the implementation of certain executive orders.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Briefing on commercial tools employed by the Department of Defense to assess foreign ownership, control, or influence*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1060) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on countering industrial espionage, including a description of commercial and organically developed tools employed by the Department of Defense to assess the risks of foreign ownership, control, or influence within the defense industrial base, and specific commercial solutions the Department is currently leveraging to assess and mitigate these risks.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the processes and tools used by the Department of Defense to assess and mitigate the risks of foreign ownership, control, or influence within the defense industrial base. This briefing shall include: (1) A description of the Department's processes for identifying technologies and programs most at risk for industrial espionage; (2) A description of commercially available data, tools, and solutions the Department is using to identify, track, assess, and mitigate these risks; (3) How such solutions described in (2) are currently being used or planned to be used in the processes of the Department for mitigating foreign ownership, control, or influence; and (4) Any other matters the Secretary deems appropriate regarding mitigation of foreign ownership, control, or influence within the defense industrial base.

*Ensuring reliable supply of critical minerals*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1063) that would require the United States Trade Representative to submit a report on the work of the Trade Representative to address the national security threat posed by the People's Republic of China's control of nearly two-thirds of the global supply of critical minerals.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Report on defense of Department of Defense facilities and forces in European and Indo-Pacific regions from missile and air attack*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1066) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study related to protecting military facilities in Europe and the Indo-Pacific regions from missile and air attack.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 30, 2024, a report assessing whether the Department of Defense has sufficient forces, systems, and capabilities to defend Department of Defense military facilities and deployed forces in the European and Indo-Pacific regions from hypersonic-, ballistic-, cruise-missile, and air attack, or to otherwise defeat such attacks. The report shall include a specific and detailed plan for ensuring the ability of the Department of Defense to defend Department of Defense military facilities and deployed forces in the European and Indo-Pacific regions from hypersonic-, ballistic-, cruise-missile, and air attack through 2030. The Secretary shall submit this report in unclassified form and may include a classified annex as appropriate.

*Report on establishment of joint force headquarters in Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1068) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the progress of the implementation plan required under section 1087 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees a briefing on the progress of the implementation plan required under section 1087 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-363). At a minimum, the required briefing shall include:

(1) A description of the personnel, supporting infrastructure, and operational chain of command relationships associated with the joint force headquarters that is required to be established by section 1087;

(2) An evaluation of the personnel, supporting infrastructure, and operational chain of command relationships that would be required to support the potential establishment of an additional, fully equipped and persistent

joint force headquarters that would be responsible for the operational employment of forces in the Western Pacific;

(3) An identification of the appropriate rank for the commander required to lead the efforts described in paragraphs (1) and (2) and the feasibility and advisability of using an existing component commander to lead these efforts;

(4) An analysis of how the Department's plan for Joint Task Force Micronesia aligns with the requirements described in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), and in section 1087; and

(5) An analysis of the advisability of establishing an additional joint task force or joint force headquarters responsible for the operational employment of forces in the Western Pacific.

Further, the conferees note that elsewhere in this Act are provisions: (1) Requiring an independent study for the purpose of improving the current command structure and force posture of the U.S. Armed Forces in the area of responsibility of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and (2) Withholding certain funding until the Secretary of Defense submits the implementation plan required under section 1087 of Public Law 117-363.

#### *Plan for Taiwan noncombatant evacuation operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1070) that would require the Secretary of Defense to maintain a plan for a noncombatant evacuation operation or any other evacuation mission conducted by the Department of Defense from Taiwan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to provide a briefing, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, regarding the Department of Defense's role in supporting potential noncombatant evacuation operations in the Indo-Pacific region.

#### *Feasibility study on establishment of Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance Center of Excellence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1071) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a feasibility study on establishing an Indo-Pacific Maritime Governance Center of Excellence focused on building partner capacity for maritime governance.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees strongly support efforts by the Department of Defense to build partner capacity for maritime governance, including by utilizing authorities contained in chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code, and by acting through the Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

*Report on airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance requirements within the area of operations of United States Africa Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1072) that would require the Commander, U.S. Africa Command (USAFRICOM) to submit a report that includes a description of the needs for airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) within the area of operations of USAFRICOM.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Commander, USAFRICOM to submit a report the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 31, 2024, regarding the needs for airborne intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance within the area of operations of USAFRICOM. The report shall include:

- (1) An accounting of the ISR requirements requested by USAFRICOM in the last 3 years;
- (2) An assessment of the rate at which such ISR requirements were fulfilled;
- (3) An assessment of the ISR shortfalls to meet current theater requirements;
- (4) An analysis of current commercial ISR capabilities and the feasibility and advisability of employing such capabilities to fill identified ISR shortfalls; and
- (5) Any other matters the Commander deems relevant.

*Report on institutions of higher education that host Confucius Institutes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1073) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report identifying each institution of higher education that received funds from the Department of Defense in the period of one year preceding the date of the report and hosted a Confucius Institute at the same time such funds were received.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the risk of Confucius Institutes operating in the United States, specifically at academic institutions that receive funding from the Department of Defense. The conferees further note that, according to the Department of Defense, no academic institutions receiving Department of Defense funding host a Confucius Institute, as of the summer of 2023. While there is one remaining Confucius Institute remaining in the United States, it is at an institution that does not receive any U.S. government funding.

*Public availability of information about cost of United States overseas military footprint*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1074) that would amend section 1090 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) by making information about the cost of United States' overseas military footprint publicly available.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on food purchasing by the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1075) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit and make publicly available on the website of the Department of Defense a report on food purchasing.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 6051).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the total amount spent by the Department of Defense (DOD) on the following for each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022: (1) The total amount spent on food service operations worldwide for all military personnel, contractors, and families, including all food service provided at all facilities such as combat operations, military installations, medical facilities, all vessels, all entertainment and hosting operations such as officer's clubs and other such facilities, and other programs, such as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-DOD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (the amount can be aggregated per each such category); (2) The amount, by dollar volume, of third party certified and verified foods (such as USDA Organic,

Equitable Food Initiative, Fair Trade Certified, and other categories determined to be appropriate by the Secretary); and (3) The amount, by dollar volume, of contracts for food service, food or food products, from women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses.

#### *Assessment of undersea cable repair contingencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1077) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide to Congress an assessment relating to the potential repair or replacement of cables damaged or cut by adversary action.

The Senate contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act and in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission and other relevant agencies, to submit to the congressional defense committees an assessment on the ability and preparedness of the USNS Zeus and the Cable Security Fleet to repair transoceanic submarine fiber optic cables that may be damaged or cut by adversaries.

The assessment shall include:

(1) A description of preparedness to address a situation in which the cables of partner nations in both the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans are damaged or severed at around the same time;

(2) A determination as to how long it would take for the Cable Security Fleet in coordination with partner nations to repair such cables; and

(3) The options available to provide connectivity in an emergency or crisis caused by or related to the damaging or severing of such cables.

#### *Technical and conforming amendments related to the Space Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1077) that would make technical and conforming amendments to titles 10 and 37, United States Code, related to the establishment of the Space Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Annual report on oversight of fraud, waste, and abuse*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1078) that would require the Inspector General of the Department of Defense

to submit an annual report on oversight of fraud, waste, and abuse.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Assessment of the effectiveness of low-cost anti-ship weapons in the Indo-Pacific*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1079) that would require the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command to conduct an assessment of the feasibility and effectiveness of developing low-cost anti-ship munitions, as well as the appropriate mix between existing long range, short range, and potential low-cost anti-ship weapons.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees agree that the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command should conduct an assessment of the feasibility and effectiveness of developing low-cost anti-ship munitions, as well as the appropriate mix between existing long range, short range, and potential low-cost anti-ship weapons. The Secretary of Defense should provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

#### *Report on Pacific Islands security strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a Pacific Islands security strategy.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees a report on the Department of Defense's strategy for engaging with the Pacific Islands, including an identification of any additional authorities or resources necessary to carry out the strategy.

#### *Public availability of reports*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080A) that would amend section 122a(b)(2)(D) of title 10, United States Code, to require that the Secretary of Defense provide public notice and submit a determination if certain reports are withheld from public disclosure.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 30, 2024, a report on departmental compliance with section 122a of title 10, United States Code. The report shall include a detailed description of the procedures and the criteria that are used by the Secretary to determine that a report, that would otherwise be a covered report, should not be made publicly available pursuant to subsection (b) (2) (D) of such section.

*Report on private military companies that are a concern to United States national security*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on all private military companies the Secretary determines are a concern to the national security of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence a report, not later than January 1, 2025, on all private military companies the Secretary determines are a concern to the national security of the United States. This report shall include following for each private military company covered by the report:

- (1) The number of personnel employed by the company;
- (2) Any country or region where the company is known to be operating;
- (3) An identification of any entity that has provided funding to the company and the amount of such funding;
- (4) Any illicit conduct in which the company is known to have engaged;
- (5) Any conflicts the company has had with the United States Armed Forces; and
- (6) Such other information as the Secretary determines appropriate.

The report required shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

*Study on certain grants awarded under defense community infrastructure pilot program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080C) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study on grants awarded under the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot

Program for supporting investments in child care options in areas in close proximity to military installations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the issue of servicemember access to high quality childcare has been a persistent concern of the congressional defense committees. This concern has led to infrastructure investments being pulled forward as well as novel authorities to improve infrastructure and overall availability of childcare around military installations. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than January 15, 2025, to provide a briefing on current efforts to alleviate childcare shortages at and around military installations. This briefing shall include: (1) A current list of child development centers in poor and failing condition; (2) A plan over the future years defense program to improve the condition or replace these facilities to include investments of facilities sustainment, restoration and maintenance funds, and military construction monies; and (3) An update on the implementation of other childcare authorities including the use of public-private partnerships.

#### *Report on recapitalization of Navy C-130 aircraft*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080D) that would require the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the recapitalization of Navy C-130 aircraft.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct, not later than February 1, 2024, the Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Chief of the Navy Reserve, submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on: (1) The status of recapitalization of C-130 aircraft by 2030, as stated in the 2022 Navigation Plan of the Chief of Naval Operations; and (2) The effects of such recapitalization on contested logistics and intra-theater airlift capacity.

#### *Assessment of suicide risk at military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080E) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and in collaboration with the Defense Suicide Prevention Office, to establish a procedure for assessing suicide risk at military

installations. This provision would also require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the strategy and procedure for assessing suicide risk at military installations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that the Secretary of Defense has already established the Suicide Prevention and Response Independent Review Committee (SPRIRC) to review and make recommendations regarding suicide prevention within the Department of Defense. The SPRIRC's final report, released on February 24, 2023, contained dozens of recommendations, which the Department is currently in the process of implementing.

#### *Annual reports on activities relating to unmanned aerial systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080F) that would require annual reports on incidents involving unmanned aerial systems and related training exercises.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on incidents involving unmanned aerial systems and related training exercises, not later than one year of the date of enactment of this Act, to the congressional defense committees.

#### *GAO Review and Report on Biological Weapons Experiments on and in relation to ticks, tick-borne disease*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080G) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of research and submit a report on biological experiments on and in relation to ticks and tick-borne disease.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that similar provisions were addressed in prior National Defense Authorization Acts—specifically, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92), the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283), and the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81).

#### *Report on Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL training program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080H) that would require the Secretary of the Navy to submit a report on the Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The House recesses.

The conferees note the House report accompanying H.R.2670 (House Report 118-125) requires the Secretary of the Navy to provide a briefing to the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives regarding the BUD/S training program not later than January 17, 2024. The conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy to provide the required briefing to the congressional defense committees not later than January 17, 2024. Furthermore, the conferees direct the Secretary of the Navy, as part of the required briefing, to provide a description of:

- (1) The standards, metrics, training doctrine, purposes, and administration of BUD/S;
- (2) The standards and practices governing medical care provide to candidates undergoing BUD/S training;
- (3) The standards and qualifications informing the selection of instructors for BUD/S;
- (4) The training pathway for candidates prior to induction for BUD/S;
- (5) Any changes governing training and screening for candidates prior to induction;
- (6) Any changes regarding the composition, qualifications, and conduct of the instructor cadre at BUD/S;
- (7) The policies regarding civilian participation in BUD/S, such as retired Navy personnel;
- (8) Any changes to policies regarding retired civilian personnel participating in BUD/S instruction;
- (9) Any corrective actions implemented after the death or serious injury of BUD/S candidates; and
- (10) Any other matters deemed relevant by the Secretary of the Navy.

*Report on unmanned traffic management systems at military bases and installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080I) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the threat of unmanned aerial systems to national security and an assessment of whether current unmanned traffic management systems at military bases and installations are sufficient to detect and respond to hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, regarding the threat of unmanned aerial systems to national security, and an assessment of whether current unmanned traffic management systems at military installations are sufficient to detect and respond to hostile or unidentified unmanned aerial systems.

*Briefing on joint exercises with Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080J) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the schedule of exercises between the U.S. Navy and Air Force and their Taiwanese counterparts.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees with a briefing on the planned exercises during fiscal year 2024 between the United States Armed Forces and the military forces of Taiwan.

*Report and transmission of documents on withdrawal of United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1080K) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on certain Department of Defense actions during the withdrawal of the U.S. Armed Forces withdrawal from Afghanistan and the subsequent noncombatant evacuation operations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Navy consideration of Coast Guard views on matters directly concerning Coast Guard capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1081) that would add a requirement that the Secretary of the Navy ensure that the views of the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard are given appropriate consideration before major decisions are made regarding Coast Guard capabilities in support of national defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees agree that open communications and close cooperation between the Navy and Coast Guard regarding future Coast Guard capabilities to support national defense is critical.

*Comprehensive strategy for talent development and management of Department of Defense computer programming workforce*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1081) that would require the Department of Defense to develop a strategy for the talent development and management of the Department's computer programming workforce.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees are strongly supportive of efforts to promote, expand, and, to the extent possible, standardize technical training for the computer programming and cyber workforce in the Department of Defense. We foresee such skills will be increasingly critical for emerging areas such as the adoption of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and automation for sophisticated command, control, and networking systems.

The conferees note that the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives directed the development of a Cyber Workforce Strategy Implementation Plan to address this issue, which was delivered earlier this year. This document comprehensively addresses military as well as civilian workforces, and across the four human capital pillars of identification of talent, recruitment, development of the individual, and retention. That plan has identified 38 initiatives the Department is pursuing, and based on anticipated timelines, action plans are just now being delivered to the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer (DOD CIO) for decision.

As activities are just starting to get underway, the conferees believe it is unadvisable at this time to add on additional requirements until such time as there is a better understanding of which of these initiatives is bearing fruit. The conferees are encouraged by the focus and effort placed on enhancing the military and civilian workforce in this space, including those in the computer programming and software fields, but is concerned that there may not be sufficient manpower within the DOD CIO office executing this work commensurate to the task. The conferees believe the Department should make sufficient resources available for this work, and also keep the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives regularly updated on progress with this effort.

*Requirement to update warfighting requirements for confronting Russia in Europe*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1083) that would require the Department of Defense to update warfighting requirements for confronting Russia in Europe.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2024, to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report describing the process by which the Department of Defense develops and updates operational plans and requirements in Europe, including:

- (1) When such plans were last updated; and
- (2) The timeline and mechanism for updates or adjustments to address the degradation of portions of the Russian conventional forces due to the war in Ukraine.

*Authorization of amounts to support initiatives for mobile mammography services for veterans*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1084) that would authorize to be appropriated to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs \$10,000,000 for the Office of Women's Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs under section 7310 of title 38, United States Code, to be used by the Secretary to expand access of women veterans to mobile mammography initiatives, advanced mammography equipment, and outreach activities to publicize those initiatives and equipment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Protection of covered sectors*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1085) that would amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 (Public Law 81-774) to add new authorities to allow the Secretary of Treasury (in coordination with the Secretary of Commerce) to implement an outbound investment screening process to protect certain technology sectors and prevent U.S. investment from supporting adversarial technology development.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sense of Congress regarding defense presence in the Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1086) that would express the sense of Congress regarding Department of Defense force posture and capabilities in the area of operations of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees believe that the Department of Defense should maintain sufficient force posture and capabilities in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and that the Indo-Pacific is a joint theater of operations that requires joint coordination among all service branches in order to meet the challenges of the region.

#### *Compliance with GAO recommendations on artificial intelligence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1087) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this act, to certify to the congressional defense committees that the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Digital and AI Officer and the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, has finalized and issued guidance and agreements to improve collaboration to better manage fragmentation among entities involved in artificial intelligence across the Department, as recommended by the Government Accountability Office in its 2023 Annual Report: Additional Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Billions of Dollars in Financial Benefits (GAO-23-106089), including guidance and agreements that define the roles and responsibilities of the military departments and other organizations of the Department which collaborate on artificial intelligence activities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note these recommendations are addressed elsewhere in this Act.

#### *Process for carrying out demilitarization and disposition of major end items*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1088) that would require the Secretary of Defense to certify to the congressional defense committees that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment has established a process to review and reconcile inconsistent demilitarization codes and document changes in such codes and developed guidance for the Armed Forces for the disposition of major end items.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note the recommendation of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that the Secretary of Defense ensure that the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency and the military services, establish a process to review and reconcile inconsistent demilitarization codes and document changes, including pending changes, in the Federal Logistics Information System to ensure that major end items' demilitarization codes are up to date and consistent across DOD and the military services. The conferees direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, on the status of the implementation of the GAO's recommendation.

*Reauthorization of voluntary registry for firefighter cancer incidence*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1088) that would amend section 2(h) of the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018 (42 U.S.C. 280e-5(h)) to extend the program through fiscal year 2028.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Designation of single entity to oversee implementation of predictive maintenance procedures*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1089) that would require the Secretary of Defense to certify that the Secretary has designated a single entity within each of the Armed Forces to oversee the implementation of predictive maintenance procedures, and that the Secretary has provided such entity with sufficient authority and resources to carry out the responsibility.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in the study published on December 8, 2022, titled "Military Readiness: Actions Needed to Further Implement Predictive Maintenance on Weapon Systems" (GAO-23-105556), that the military services should "designate a single entity with sufficient authority and resources necessary to support the implementation of predictive maintenance." The

conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on: (1) The status of the implementation of the GAO's recommendation; and (2) The feasibility of designating a single entity within each of the Armed Forces to oversee the implementation of predictive maintenance procedures.

*Declassification of certain reports of unidentified aerial phenomena*

The House bill contained an amendment (sec. 1090) that would require the Secretary of Defense to declassify any Department of Defense documents and other Department of Defense records relating to publicly known sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena that do not reveal sources, methods, or otherwise compromise the national security of the United States not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

*Briefing on Air National Guard active associations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the effects of making all Air National Guard KC-135 units active associations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

The conferees agree that the Secretary of the Air Force should investigate the potential increase in air refueling capacity and cost savings, including manpower, to be achieved if the Air Force were to change all Air National Guard KC-135 stand alone units into active association units. The Secretary should provide briefings to the congressional defense committees, not later than February 1, 2024, on the results of that investigation.

*Informing Consumers about Smart Devices Act*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090A) that would require disclosure of a camera or recording capability in certain internet-connected devices.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Semiconductor program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090G) that would amend title XCIX of division H of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to streamline National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review requirements for semiconductor manufacturing projects related to the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-167).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Studies and reports on treatment of service of certain members of the Armed Forces who served in female cultural support teams*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090I) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study and submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 31, 2024, on the treatment of service on female cultural support team for the purposes of eligibility for various benefits provided by the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that numerous women served with distinction alongside special operations forces and other combat units over the course of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. The conferees urge the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of Veterans Affairs to review the military records of the women who served in female cultural support teams, and similar units, in order to ensure that these servicemembers receive any benefits that they have earned.

*Readmission requirements for servicemembers*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090K) that would amend section 484C of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091c) to redefine "service in the uniformed forces" for purposes of readmission to colleges and universities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Authorization to use nonelectric vehicles at Yuma Proving Ground*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1091) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense assigned to the Yuma Proving Ground are authorized to use nonelectric vehicles in the performance of their duties.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees are aware that members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense may use nonelectric vehicles in the performance of their duties.

*Sense of Congress regarding support for Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officer program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1092) that would express the sense of Congress that the establishment of Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officers in the Army is encouraging, and that the Secretary of Defense should continue to support and fully fund the existing Energy Functional Specialist Civil Affairs Officer program and its academic partnership, and assess opportunities to expand the program to other armed forces and across the combatant commands.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Smart sleepers and bassinets at military exchanges*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1093) that would amend chapter 147 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to make sleepers and bassinets with up-to-date sleep technology available to buy or rent at military exchange stores.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress regarding removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1094) that would express the sense of Congress regarding the removal of priests from Walter Reed Medical Hospital.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress on rare earth magnet supply chain*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1095) that would express the sense of Congress regarding the rare earth magnet supply chain.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees encourage the Secretary of Defense to continue supporting efforts that support secure sources of supply regarding manufacturing capabilities of the domestic supply chain as it relates to rare earth permanent magnets that are essential to defense applications.

*Sense of Congress regarding use of MQ-9 Reaper in area of operations of United States Indo-Pacific Command*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1096) that would express the sense of Congress regarding use of MQ-9 Reaper in the area of operations of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees believe that the MQ-9 Reaper should be used to the greatest extent possible in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.

*Oversight requirements for Financial Improvement and Audit Remediation Plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1097) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) to provide a briefing on the status of the financial improvement and audit remediation plan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 240 of title 10, United States Code, contains robust recurring reporting requirements on the financial audit.

*Report on military requirements in the event of a Chinese attack of Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1099) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on current and future military posture, logistics, maintenance, and sustainment requirements to bolster the capacity of the United States to resist force in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that elsewhere in this Act, there are several reporting and briefing requirements related to the requirements and capacity of the United States Armed Forces to resist force in the event of a Chinese attack and attempted invasion of Taiwan.

*Report on obstacles to mission of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1099A) that would require the Director of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency to submit to Congress a report describing the most significant obstacles to the execution of DPAA's mission to recover and identify the remains of members of the Armed Forces, including such recommendations as the Director may have relating to legislative or administrative actions necessary to resolve these obstacles.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

The conferees note that the subject matter covered by this report is functionally addressed elsewhere in this conference report.

*Protection of ideological freedom*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1099B) that would amend section 2001 of title 10, United States Code, to prohibit the Department of Defense from compelling members of the Armed Forces to believe or declare a belief in certain politically-based concepts. The provision would also prohibit the Department from promoting certain race-based or ideological concepts.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House.

*Claims relating to Manhattan Project waste*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part I, that included amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426 as amended; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note).

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Short title [Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2023]*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included the title "Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2023".

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *References*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included references as to amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note)."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Extension of fund*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included references as to amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) to extend the compensation by 19 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Claims relating to atmospheric testing*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) to compensate for claims related to atmospheric testing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Claims relating to uranium mining*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) to compensate for claims related to uranium mining.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House/Senate recesses.

#### *Expansion of use of affidavits in determination of claims; regulations*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included amendments to the Radiation

Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) related to the use of affidavits in the determination of claims.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Limitation on claims*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that included amendments to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) extending the time for filing of claims by 19 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Grant program on epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling*

The Senate amendment contained division A, title X, subtitle I, part II, that authorizes a grant program through the Department of Health and Human Services programs relating to the epidemiological impacts of uranium mining and milling.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1099JJ) that would amend section 3621(9) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 73841(9)) to make various amendments to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Crypto asset anti-money laundering examination standards*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1099AAA) that would require the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and Federal functional regulators, as defined in section 1010.100 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, to establish a risk-focused examination and review process for financial institutions, as defined in that section, to assess the following relating to crypto assets, as determined by the Secretary: (1) The adequacy of reporting obligations and anti-money laundering programs under subsections (g) and (h) of

section 5318 of title 31, United States Code, respectively as applied to those institutions; and (2) Compliance of those institutions with anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism requirements under subchapter II of chapter 53 of title 31, United States Code.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

### *Combating anonymous crypto asset transactions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1099BBB) that would require the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report and provide a briefing, as determined by the Secretary, to the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives that assess the following issues: (1) Categories of anonymity-enhancing technologies or services used in connection with crypto assets, such as mixers and tumblers, in use as of the date on which the report is submitted; (2) As data are available, estimates of the magnitude of transactions related to the categories in paragraph (1) that are believed to be connected, directly or indirectly, to illicit finance, including crypto asset transaction volumes associated with sanctioned entities and entities subject to special measures pursuant to section 5318A of title 31, United States Code, and a description of any limitations applicable to the data used in such estimates; (3) Categories of privacy-enhancing technologies or services used in connection with crypto assets in use as of the date on which the report is submitted; (4) Legislative and regulatory approaches employed by other jurisdictions relating to the technologies and services described in paragraphs (1) and (3); and (5) Recommendations for legislation or regulation relating to the technologies and services described in paragraphs (1) and (3).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

### *Combating Cartels on Social Media Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 1099AAAA through 1099FFFF) that included the Combating Cartels on Social Media Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Establishing a coordinator for countering Mexico's criminal cartels*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6031) that would require the President to designate an existing official within the executive branch to serve as senior-level coordinator to coordinate all defense, diplomatic, intelligence, financial, and legal efforts to counter the drug- and human-trafficking activities of Mexico's cartels.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Permanent authorization of Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6075) that would permanently authorize the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-649).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sense of Congress on the importance of non-governmental recognition of military enlistees to improve community support for military recruitment*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6076) that would express a sense of Congress on the importance of non-governmental recognition of military enlistees to improve community support for military recruitment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Disclosures by directors, officers, and principal stockholders*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6081) that would amend section 16(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Public Law 73-291) to expand the disclosure requirements for directors, officers, and principal stockholders.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Report on artificial intelligence regulation in financial services industry*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6096) that would require each of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the National Credit Union Administration, and the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection to submit a report on its gap in knowledge relating to artificial intelligence.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

#### *Report on data sharing and coordination*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6099) that would require the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on ways to improve data sharing, interoperability, and quality, as may be appropriate, across the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees note that enhancing data sharing, interoperability, and quality is critical to maintaining decision-making advantages on the battlefield. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days following the enactment of this Act, a report on ways to improve data sharing, interoperability, and quality. The report shall include the following: (1) A description of policies, practices, and cultural barriers that impede data sharing and interoperability, and lead to data quality issues, among components of the Department; (2) The impact a lack of appropriate levels of data sharing, interoperability, and quality has on Departmental collaboration, efficiency, interoperability, and joint-decision making; (3) A review of current efforts to promote appropriate data sharing, including to centralize data management, such as the ADVANA program; (4) A description of near-, mid-, and long-term efforts that the Office of the Secretary of Defense plans to implement to promote data sharing and interoperability, including efforts to improve data quality; (5) A detailed plan to implement a data sharing and interoperability strategy that supports effective development and employment of artificial intelligence-enabled military applications; (6) A detailed assessment of the implementation of the Department of Defense Data Strategy issued in 2020, as well as the use of data decrees to improve management rigor in the Department when it comes to data sharing and interoperability; and (7) Any recommendations for Congress with respect to assisting the Department in these efforts.

## **TITLE XI—CIVILIAN PERSONNEL MATTERS**

*Sec. 1101 - Diversity, equity, and inclusion personnel grade cap*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 364) that would prohibit the Secretary concerned from appointing or employing a military or civilian employee whose annual pay rate exceeds the equivalent of the rate payable for GS-10 to any position with duties related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) policy.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 537) that would limit application of this provision to those with duties solely related to DEI policy.

The House recedes with an amendment that would limit application of the cap to Department of Defense civilian employees whose primary duties are related to DEI.

*Sec. 1102 - Authorization to pay a living quarters allowance for Department of the Navy civilian employees assigned to permanent duty in Guam for performing work, or supporting work being performed, aboard or dockside, of U.S. naval vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1102) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to pay certain civilian employees assigned to permanent duty in Guam a living quarters allowance for rent, heat, light, fuel, gas, electricity, and water, and, under certain conditions, reimbursement for initial repairs, alterations, and improvements to the privately leased residence in Guam.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1103 - Consolidation of direct hire authorities for candidates with specified degrees at science and technology reinvention laboratories*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1103) that would amend section 4091 of title 10, United States Code, to combine direct hire authorities for candidates with advanced degrees and candidates with bachelor's degrees seeking positions in the science and technology reinvention laboratories, and to permit allocations for such positions to be managed in an aggregate manner.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1206).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1104 - Direct hire authority for certain personnel of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1104) that would amend section 9905 of title 5, United States Code, to include in the direct hire authority provided in that section certain positions in support of aircraft operations, public safety, law enforcement, and first responders.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1207) that would also include direct hire authority for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense relating to oversight of the Ukraine conflict.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1105 - One-year extension of authority to waive annual limitation on premium pay and aggregate limitation on pay for Federal civilian employees working overseas*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1105) that would amend section 1101 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417), as most recently amended by section 1102 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), to extend for one year the authority of heads of executive agencies to waive the limitation on the aggregate of basic and premium pay of employees who perform work supporting certain military or contingency operations.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1201).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1106 - Extension of authority to grant competitive status to employees of inspectors general for overseas contingency operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1106) that would amend section 419 of title 5, United States Code, to reauthorize, until December 19, 2024, authority for certain persons employed by a lead Inspector General for an overseas contingency operation under that section to acquire competitive status under certain circumstances.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1212).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1107 - Extension of direct hire authority for domestic industrial base facilities and Major Range and Test Facilities Base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1107) that would amend section 1125 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) to extend the expiration date of direct hire authority for domestic industrial base and major range and test facilities until the end of 2035.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1209) that would extend such authority through the end of 2028.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1108 - Exclusion of nonappropriated fund employees from limitations on dual pay*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1109) that would amend section 5531 of title 5, United States Code, to exempt individuals employed by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities from the limitation on receiving basic pay from more than one position.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1203).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1109 - One-year extension of temporary authority to grant allowances, benefits, and gratuities to civilian personnel on official duty in a combat zone*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1110) that would extend for one year the discretionary authority of the head of a Federal agency to provide allowances, benefits, and gratuities comparable to those provided to members of the Foreign Service to the agency's civilian employees on official duty in a combat zone.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1202).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1110 - Modification to shore leave accrual for crews of vessels to support crew rotations and improve retention of civilian mariners*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1114) that would modify the amount of shore leave that Department of Defense civilian mariners earn while serving aboard an oceangoing vessel on an extended voyage.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would amend section 6305 of title 5, United States Code, to affect the change contained in the underlying House provision.

*Sec. 1111 - Assessments of staffing in Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1115) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of staffing within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and to provide a briefing and final report on such assessment to the congressional defense committees.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1112 - Military Spouse Employment Act*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1116) that would amend section 3330d of title 5, United States Code, to expand the benefits under that statute to include telework and remote work. The provision would also require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study and publish a report regarding the use of remote work by Federal agencies.

The Senate amendment contained a series of similar provisions (sections 11331-11333).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1113 - Amendments to the John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellows Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1117) that would amend section 932 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) to make various technical amendments to the John S. McCain Strategic Defense Fellows Program to improve program function and execution.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1215).

The House recesses with an amendment that would clarify total program participation may not exceed 60 individuals.

*Sec. 1114 - Including military service in determining family and medical leave eligibility for Federal employees*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1118) that would amend section 6381 of title 5, United States Code, to clarify that certain military service meets the definition of service under the Family and Medical Leave Act (Public Law 103-

3), and would count toward satisfaction of the 12-month probationary period for receipt of benefits under that Act applicable to Federal employees.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1115 - Exception to limitation on number of Senior Executive Service positions for the Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1204) that would amend section 1109 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) to clarify that the limitation on Senior Executive Service positions within the Department of Defense (DOD) contained in that section does not apply to positions funded through amounts appropriated to an agency other than DOD.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1116 - Extension of direct hire authority for the Department of Defense for post-secondary students and recent graduates*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1208) that would amend section 1106 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 117-328) by extending direct hire authority for the Department of Defense to recruit and appoint qualified recent graduates and current post-secondary students to competitive service positions in professional and administrative occupations until September 30, 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1117 - Authority to employ civilian faculty members at Space Force schools*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1210) that would amend section 9371 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to employ civilian faculty at Space Delta 13, the professional military education institution of the United States Space Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1118 - Report and sunset relating to inapplicability of certification of executive qualifications by qualification review boards of Office of Personnel Management*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1211) that would amend section 1109 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) by extending, until September 30, 2025, the authority for the Secretary of Defense to appoint individuals for service in the Senior Executive Service of the Department of Defense without such individuals being subject to the certification of executive qualifications by a qualification review board of the Office of Personnel Management. The provision would require the Secretary to provide a report to the appropriate congressional committees and the Comptroller General of the United States, not later than December 1, 2024, on the Department's use of this authority and assessment of its utility.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1119 - Expansion of noncompetitive appointment eligibility to spouses of Department of Defense civilians*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1213) that would amend section 3330d of title 5, United States Code, to add spouses of Department of Defense civilian employees to the noncompetitive appointment authority under that section in the case of civilian employees who are transferred by the Department from one official station to another for permanent duty within the Department. The provision would require the Department to submit annual reports on its use of the authority provided by this section to the Director, Office of Personnel Management. Finally, the provision would sunset the authority under this section on December 31, 2028.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1120 - Elimination of Government Accountability Office review requirement relating to Department of Defense personnel authorities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1214) that would amend section 9902 of title 5, United States Code, to repeal a requirement for the Comptroller General of the United States to receive, review, and issue a report that evaluates Department of Defense reports related to the implementation of

any civilian performance management and workforce incentive system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

#### *Authority to establish excepted service positions for army law enforcement activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1101) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish excepted service positions for Department of the Army law enforcement activities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees strongly encourage the Department of the Army to pursue the necessary authority through the Office of Personnel Management using existing mechanisms.

#### *Waiver of limitation on appointment of recently retired members of armed forces to DOD competitive service positions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1108) that would amend section 3326 of title 5, United States Code, to waive the limitation on the appointment of recently retired members of the Armed Forces to Department of Defense competitive service positions contained in that section.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, on the use of the direct hire authority contained in section 9905(a)(7) of title 5, United States Code, relating to medical personnel, over the past 5 years.

#### *Support United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command enterprises*

The House bill contained a provision (sec.1111) that would extend authority based on section 1762 of title 10, United States Code, to allow recruitment and retention of highly skilled personnel with expertise in space and nuclear deterrence matters.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*GAO report on civilian support positions at remote military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1113) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to assess and submit a report on civilian support positions at remote military installations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that this reporting requirement was mandated in the Joint Explanatory Statement (H. Prt. 117-70) accompanying the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023.

*Assessments of staffing in Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1119) that would require an assessment and validation of civil service positions within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering is currently undergoing a restructure making the workforce assessment required by the House provision premature.

*Assessments of staffing in DOD Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1120) that would require an assessment validating each civil service position in the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Comptroller General of the United States is required to perform a comprehensive review of the Department of Defense DEI workforce pursuant to the report of the Committee on Armed Services of the United States Senate to accompany S. 2226, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (S. Rep. 118-58).

*Expand Department of Defense civilian employment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1121) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each commercial position within the Department of Defense is filled by a civilian employee or performed by a contractor of the Department.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*National digital reserve corps*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1122) that would establish within the General Services Administration the National Digital Reserve Corps to assist in addressing the digital and cybersecurity needs of executive agencies.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Removal of Washington Headquarters Services direct support from personnel limitation on the Office of the Secretary of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1205) that would amend section 143(b) of title 10, United States Code, to modify the definition of "personnel" within the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) contained in that subsection, and to which the personnel limitation contained in section 143 applies, to no longer include military and civilian personnel assigned to, or employed by, direct support activities of the OSD or the Washington Headquarters Services (WHS).

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a workforce analysis of WHS to ensure the office is sufficiently staffed to execute its assigned missions, accounting for mission changes within WHS that may be driving additional workforce requirements. The conferees direct the Secretary to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than May 1, 2024, on the results of this analysis.

**TITLE XII—MATTERS RELATING TO FOREIGN  
NATIONS**

**SUBTITLE A—ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING**

*Sec. 1201 - Modification of support of special operations for irregular warfare*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1201) that would codify section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (Public Law 115-91), as amended.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1393).

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1202 - Modification of combatant commander initiative fund*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1202) that would amend section 166a of title 10, United States Code, to include incremental expenses related to security cooperation activities of the Department of Defense to the authorized activities under the Joint Chiefs of Staff Combatant Commander Initiative Fund. Additionally, this section would authorize funding for U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Southern Command for certain purposes under the Combatant Commander Initiative Fund.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1203 - Increase in small-scale construction limit and modification of authority to build capacity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1203) that would amend section 333 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to treat as stocks of the Department of Defense equipment procured under such section that has not yet been transferred to a foreign country or that has been returned by a foreign country to the United States. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 1210) that would amend section 333(a) of title 10, United States Code, to include counter-illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing operations.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1303) that would modify the definitions under chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the threshold limitation for small-scale construction projects to \$2.0 million, and would modify section 333 of title 10, United States Code to include counter-illicit trafficking operations and foreign internal defense; increase the monetary threshold for congressional notification regarding small-scale construction projects requiring additional documentation; treat as stocks of the Department of Defense equipment procured under such section that has not yet been transferred to a foreign country or that has been returned by a foreign country to the United States; and

authorize the Secretary of Defense to allow a foreign country to provide sole-source direction for assistance in support of programs carried out pursuant to section 333 and enter into an agreement with a foreign country to provide such sole-source direction.

The House recedes with an amendment that would strike the modification of section 333 to include counter-illicit trafficking operations and foreign internal defense, remove the increase in threshold for small-scale construction projects requiring additional documentation, and make other technical changes.

*Sec. 1204 - Modifications to security cooperation workforce development program and establishment of defense security cooperation university*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1205) that would modify section 384 of title 10, United States Code, regarding the Security Cooperation Workforce Development Program, and would establish the Defense Security Cooperation University structure.

The Senate amendment contained similar provisions (secs. 1309 and 1399J).

The House recedes with an amendment that makes a number of technical and clarifying modifications.

*Sec. 1205 - Extension and modification of authority for reimbursement of certain coalition nations for support provided to United States military operations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1305) that would extend and modify the authority for reimbursement of certain coalition nations for support provided to U.S. military operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1206 - Extension of cross-servicing agreements for loan of personnel protection and personnel survivability equipment in coalition operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1211) that would extend the duration of section 1207 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ``Buck'' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291) by an additional 5 years.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1307).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1207 - Modification of authority to provide support to certain governments for border security operations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1310) that would amend section 1226(a)(1) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92) by adding the Governments of Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1208 - Extension of legal institutional capacity building initiative for foreign defense institutions*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1304) that would extend the legal institutional capacity building initiative for foreign defense institutions to December 31, 2028.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1209 - Report on ex gratia payments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1212) that would modify ex-gratia reporting requirements to require additional information, including when a request was made and the steps the Department of Defense has taken to respond to the request.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1396).

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1210 - Authority to provide mission training through distributed simulation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1204) that would modify section 346 of title 10, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Defense to utilize mission training through distributed simulation activities with friendly foreign forces.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1302).

The House recesses with an amendment that would prohibit the authority granted by this provision from taking effect until the Secretary of Defense submits a report on the anticipated use

of mission training through distributed simulation by military personnel of friendly foreign countries.

*Sec. 1211 - Requirement for military exercises*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1206) that would require U.S. Central Command to engage in regular exercises with international partners to practice and simulate coalition strike, refueling, and other missions.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

**SUBTITLE B—MATTERS RELATING TO OTHER  
AUTHORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

*Sec. 1221 - Modification of authority for expenditure of funds for clandestine activities that support operational preparation of the environment and non-conventional assisted recovery capabilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1394) that would modify section 127f of title 10, United States Code, relating to the expenditure of funds for clandestine activities that support operational preparation of the environment.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would allow for the expenditure of funds under section 127f for the establishment, development, and maintenance of non-conventional assisted recovery capabilities.

*Sec. 1222 - Modification to the American, British, Canadian, and Australian armies' program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1306) that would amend section 1274 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239) to include the Air Force program known as the Five Eyes Air Force Interoperability Council.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1399D).

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1223 - First modification of initiative to support protection of national security academic researchers from undue influence and other security threats*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1308) that would limit the availability of funds for research, development, test and evaluation to an academic institution that maintains a contract with an entity that is identified on the list developed under 1286(c)(8)(A) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would have the Inspector General of the Department of Defense conduct a review of the implementation of section 1286 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) and National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 (NSPM-33).

*Sec. 1224 - Second modification of initiative to support protection of national security academic researchers from undue influence and other security threats*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1395) that would amend section 1286 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232) to support the protection of academic institutions and researchers from undue influence and other security threats.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would establish a deadline of June 1, 2024 for implementing the policies required by section 1286(c) of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115-232).

*Sec. 1225 - Extension of authority for Department of Defense support for stabilization activities in national security interest of the United States*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1306) that would extend the authority for Department of Defense support for stabilization activities to December 31, 2025.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1226 - Modification of Defense Operational Resilience International Cooperation Pilot Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1311) that would modify the Defense Operational Resilience International Cooperation pilot program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1227 - Extension of prohibition on in-flight refueling to non-United States aircraft that engage in hostilities in the ongoing civil war in Yemen*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399A) that would extend the prohibition on in-flight refueling to non-United States aircraft that engage in hostilities in the ongoing civil war in Yemen.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1228 - Limitation on availability of funds for International Security Cooperation Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1308) that would limit the obligation of funds for the International Security Cooperation Program of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to not more than 75 percent of the funds authorized for fiscal year 2024 until the Secretary of Defense submits the security cooperation strategy required by section 1206 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81).

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1229 - Protection and legal preparedness for members of the Armed Forces abroad*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1242) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to ensure that members of the Armed Forces stationed in a foreign country with which the United States maintains a Status of Forces Agreement are afforded certain rights, and would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to review local legal systems of certain foreign countries and to brief specified congressional committees on the findings of the review.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 13990) that would require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to review local legal systems of certain foreign countries and to brief specified congressional committees on the findings of the review.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of State, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, to review the legal protections afforded by bilateral

agreements between the United States and specified foreign countries and how the rights and privileges afforded under these agreements may differ from United States law. The amendment would require the Secretary to brief appropriate congressional committees on the findings of the review not later than December 31, 2024.

*Sec. 1230 - Report on hostilities involving United States Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1241) that would require the President to transmit a report to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives within 48 hours of any incident in which U.S. Armed Forces are involved in an attack or hostilities, whether in an offensive or defensive capacity, except in specified circumstances.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with technical amendments.

*Sec. 1231 - Congressional notification regarding the Global Engagement Center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1243) that would prohibit funding for the Global Engagement Center.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to notify the congressional defense committees not later than 30 days after making funds or personnel available to the Global Engagement Center.

**SUBTITLE C—MATTERS RELATING TO UKRAINE,  
RUSSIA, AND NATO**

*Sec. 1241 - Extension of Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1223) that would extend the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative through calendar year 2025 and authorize \$300 million for fiscal year 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1331).

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would extend the authority until December 31, 2026 and authorize \$300 million for fiscal year 2024 and \$300 million for fiscal year 2025.

*Sec. 1242 - Extension and modification of certain temporary authorizations related to munitions replacement*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1334) that would amend section 1244 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to modify and extend temporary authorities relating to the acquiring of defense stocks to replenish stocks sent to Ukraine. This section also adds additional munitions authorized for multi-year procurement.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment which extends the ability of the Department of Defense to use the temporary authorities relating to replenishing defense stocks to any stocks sent to Taiwan or Israel.

*Sec. 1243 - Report relating to allied and partner support to Ukraine*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1225) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan and subsequent reports relating to allied and partner support to Ukraine.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the submission of quarterly reports on the military contributions to Ukraine made by allied and partner countries. The reporting requirement would sunset on January 1, 2025.

*Sec. 1244 - Extension of prohibition on availability of funds relating to sovereignty of the Russian Federation over internationally recognized territory of Ukraine*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1333) that would extend, through fiscal year 2024, the prohibition on availability of funds relating to sovereignty of the Russian Federation over internationally recognized territory of Ukraine.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1245 - Study and report on lessons learned regarding information operations and deterrence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1535) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report containing an assessment of the information operations capabilities of Russia, including attributable, non-attributable, and deliberately misleading sources in and related to Ukraine, as well as an assessment of the efforts taken by the Secretary of Defense, and by the information operations components of the armed forces of partners and allies of the United States, to target and otherwise coordinate efforts against Russian military information operations.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1336).

The House recesses with an amendment that would modify the assessment elements.

*Sec. 1246 - Prohibition on New START treaty information sharing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1234) that would prohibit information sharing related to the New START Treaty and provide a waiver.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment to the waiver requiring Secretary of Defense concurrence with the Secretary of State that the Russian Federation is providing similar information to the United States as required by the New START Treaty; or it is in the national security interest of the United States to unilaterally provide such notifications to the Russian Federation.

*Sec. 1247 - Black Sea security and development strategy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6231) that included the Black Sea Security Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would streamline the elements of the strategy required.

*Sec. 1248 - Revival of authority for participation of NATO naval personnel in submarine safety programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1237) that would remove a sunset from an existing authorization to relating to participation of NATO naval personnel in submarine vessel safety and rescue systems and procedures.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1249 - Extension and modification of training for Eastern European national security forces in the course of multilateral exercises*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1332) that would extend training for Eastern European national security forces in the course of multilateral exercises and modify such training to include the Republic of Kosovo.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1250 - U.S. basing, training, and exercises in North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1335) that would require the Secretary of Defense to prioritize North Atlantic Treaty Organization member countries that have achieved defense spending of not less than 2 percent of their gross domestic product by 2024 when considering decisions related to United States military basing, training, and exercises.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to include host nation defense spending levels among the factors when making decisions related to United States military basing, training, and exercises.

*Sec. 1250A - Limitation on withdrawal from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 1399AA through 1399HH) that would limit the withdrawal from the North Atlantic Treaty except by and with the advice and consent of the Senate or pursuant to an Act of Congress.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment to remove the authorization of legal counsel to represent Congress.

*Sec. 1250B - Oversight of programs and operations funded with amounts appropriated by the United States for Ukraine*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 1222, 1227, 1228, and 1229) that would amend the direct hire authority for certain personnel of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, establish the Office of the Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance, require the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to submit a report reconciling all United States assistance to Ukraine, require the

Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to provide a briefing on the status of weapons the United States has committed to sending to Ukraine and to other regional allies and partners who are providing weapons to Ukraine, and require the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to submit a report on detailed oversight of United States assistance to Ukraine.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would designate the Lead Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve as the Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve, require quarterly reports on all oversight activities and findings of the Special Inspector General, authorize \$8 million for the Special Inspector to carry out the assigned duties, and require the publication of unclassified amounts appropriated by the United States for Ukraine every 90 days.

The conferees note that the Inspectors General of the Department of Defense (DOD), Department of State, and U.S. Agency for International Development have led a comprehensive interagency oversight effort regarding U.S. assistance to Ukraine. The conferees recognize the important work performed by these Inspectors General and other entities involved in Ukraine oversight. The conferees further note that the DOD Inspector General was designated the Lead Inspector General (Lead IG) for Operation ATLANTIC RESOLVE, a role which covers oversight of U.S. assistance to Ukraine, and began serving in that capacity on October 18, 2023. The conferees recognize that the "Lead IG model" for conducting oversight of named Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) has proved effective for past and ongoing OCOs. The amendment to designate the Lead Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve as the Special Inspector General for Operation Atlantic Resolve should not in any way be construed to reflect any dissatisfaction with the performance of the Inspectors General or the Lead Inspector General model. The conferees note that the amendment includes a rule of construction and other elements to ensure that the Special Inspector General carries out oversight duties in accordance with the Lead Inspector General statute.

## **SUBTITLE D—MATTERS RELATING TO ISRAEL**

### *Sec. 1251 - Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1217) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to produce a plan for enabling Israel to gain observer status in the Euro-North Atlantic Treaty Organization Joint Jet Pilot Training Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1252 - Extension of United States-Israel anti-tunnel cooperation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1216) that would extend section 1279(f) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92), as most recently amended by section 1279 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92), from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1399B).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1253 - Improvements relating to United States-Israel cooperation to counter unmanned aerial systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220G) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the status of cooperation between the United States and Israel on countering unmanned aerial systems and the threat to the United States and Israel posed by unmanned aerial systems from Iran and associated proxies of Iran.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, a report, in an unclassified form with a classified annex if necessary, on the current status of cooperation between the United States and Israel on countering unmanned aerial systems, including an assessment of: (1) Capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems under research and development; (2) Capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems that have been fielded to the Armed Forces of the United States or Israel pursuant to this section; (3) Proposed changes to authorizations, appropriations, or other provisions of law that would result in more effective capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems and expedite the provision to the Armed Forces of the United States and Israel of capabilities to counter unmanned aerial systems; and (4) The extent to which the United States-Israel Operations-Technology Working Group or any successor working group, is being used to carry out such activities. The conferees further direct that the

report includes: (1) An assessment of the threat to the United States and Israel posed by unmanned aerial systems from Iran and Iranian-linked groups, including an assessment of deployed or otherwise available anti-unmanned aircraft capabilities of the United States and Israel and the adequacy of such capabilities to offset such threat; and (2) The threat posed by unmanned aerial systems to the United States and Israel as a result of cooperation between Iran and Russia on the deployment of unmanned aerial systems in Ukraine, including the expanded manufacturing as a result of such cooperation.

*Sec. 1254 - Modification of authority for cooperation on directed energy capabilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1397) that would modify an existing authority to co-develop directed energy missile defense technologies with the Government of Israel, authorize an additional \$25.0 million for such activities, and specify offsetting reductions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would strike the additional funding and offset clauses since they are provided in the funding tables of the bill.

*Sec. 1255 - Ensuring peace through strength in Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220C) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment with respect to the quantity of precision-guided munitions and other munitions for use by Israel.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1399I).

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1256 - Assistance to Israel for aerial refueling*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 12010C) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to make available such resources as are necessary to train pilots and ground crews of the Israeli Air Force on the KC-46 aircraft prior to delivery of KC-46 aircraft to Israel. The provision would further require the Secretary to take certain actions with respect to the personnel exchange program relating to Israeli Air Force KC-46 personnel, provide a report on related matters, and rotationally deploy one or more U.S. Air Force KC-46 aircraft to Israel until either 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, or

Israel achieves full combat capability with their KC-46 aircraft.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1312).

The House recedes with an amendment that would remove the requirement to deploy KC-46 aircraft to Israel. Instead, the conferees agree to require the Secretary of Defense to: (1) Provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, on the costs and benefits of forward deployment of United States KC-46 aircraft to Israel; and (2) In consultation with the Secretary of State, consult with the Government of Israel to determine whether the Government of Israel desires to host rotational deployments of United States KC-46 aircraft in Israel.

*Sec. 1257 - Rules governing transfer of aerial refueling tankers to Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220A) that would allow the President to transfer to Israel one or more retired United States aerial refueling tankers, any United States aerial refueling tanker that the Secretary of Defense plans to retire during the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, or any other United States aerial refueling tanker the President considers appropriate.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1258 - Report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1249) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on whether any products sold at commissary or exchange stores in fiscal years 2022 or 2023 were produced by companies that have participated in a boycott action against Israel.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

**SUBTITLE E—MATTERS RELATING TO SYRIA, IRAQ,  
IRAN, AND AFGHANISTAN**

*Sec. 1261 - Middle East integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capability*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1301) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy for improved integrated maritime domain awareness and interdiction capabilities to counter seaborne threats in the Middle East. The provision would also direct the Secretary of Defense to undertake a cost feasibility study for such purposes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1262 - Modification of establishment of coordinator for detained ISIS members and relevant populations in Syria*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1325) that would modify the establishment of coordinator for detained Islamic State in Iraq and Syria members and relevant populations in Syria.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1263 - Extension and modification of authority to provide assistance to counter the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1214) that would extend and modify existing authority under section 1236 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ``Buck'' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), to provide support to partner forces in Iraq for countering the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1323) which would also modify this authority to provide equipment and training to the Iraqi Security Forces, including Kurdish Regional Guard Brigades, in order to increase their capabilities to counter attacks from unmanned aerial systems (UAS). The Senate amendment would also extend and modify the national security waiver on the costs of construction and repair through 2024, to ease providing such assistance.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment which would increase the caps on per project construction and repair projects to \$6 million. The provision would also delegate authority from the President to the Secretary of Defense to issue subsequent waivers with regards to limitations on construction and repair if certain conditions are met.

*Sec. 1264 - Extension and modification of authority to provide assistance to vetted Syrian groups and individuals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1213) that would extend and modify existing authority under section 1209 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. ``Buck`` McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Public Law 113-291), to provide assistance to vetted Syrian groups for countering the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1321) which would also extend and modify the national security waiver on the costs of construction and repair through 2024, to ease providing such assistance.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment which would increase the caps on per project construction and repair projects to \$6 million. The provision would also delegate authority from the President to the Secretary of Defense to issue subsequent waivers with regards to limitations on construction and repair if certain conditions are met.

*Sec. 1265 - Extension of authority to support operations and activities of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1322) that would extend the authority to support operations and activities of the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that the long stated goal of the Department of Defense is to transition the Office of Security Cooperation in Iraq to conduct activities in a manner that is similar to other regional security cooperation offices. The conferees further note that while progress toward that goal has been made, frustration remains regarding its delayed implementation.

*Sec. 1266 - Plan of action to equip and train Iraqi security forces and Kurdish Peshmerga forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1215) that would require a plan of action for Kurdish and Iraqi air defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1267 - Prohibition on transfers to the Badr Organization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220D) that would prohibit the Department of Defense to make any amounts appropriated available, directly or indirectly, to the Badr Organization.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1268 - Extension and modification of annual report on military power of Iran*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1218) that would amend the annual reporting requirement for the Department of Defense on Iran's military power to add more capabilities and forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees note that elements of other Iranian provisions from elsewhere in this Act are addressed in this provision.

*Sec. 1269 - Modification and update to report on military capabilities of Iran and related activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220F) that would require the Director of National Intelligence to submit an updated report on the military capabilities of Iran.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1270 - Prohibition on funds to Iran*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 1220B and 1220I) that would prohibit Department of Defense funds to be made available to the Government of Iran and other Iranian entities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1271 - Prohibition on transporting currency to the Taliban and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1219) that would prohibit any funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense being made available for the operation of any Department of Defense aircraft to transport currency or other items of value to the Taliban.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1272 - Prohibition on funding for the Taliban*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220K) that would prohibit the use of Department of Defense funds to be used to provide support to the Taliban or any Taliban affiliate.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment that would allow the Secretary of Defense to waive the prohibition of funding if it is determined to be in the national security interests of the United States or health and safety of the Afghan people.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Report on end-use monitoring*

The House bill contained a provision (section 1207) that would direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to specified congressional committees a report on Department of Defense and Department of State procedures related to investigating alleged violations of United States requirements on the use, transfer, and security of defense articles and services provided to foreign countries under specified provisions of U.S. law.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, on Department of Defense and Department of State procedures related to alleged violations of relevant end-use monitoring requirements pursuant to applicable provisions under section 333 of title 10, United States Code, or any other authority of the Department of Defense to provide defense items to a foreign country, and Foreign Military Sales pursuant to section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (Public Law 94-329). The report shall address the following:

(1) The extent to which the Department of Defense and the Department of State coordinate to track, report, and investigate allegations of violations on requirements related to the use, transfer, and security of defense articles and services provided to foreign countries;

(2) Findings of Department of Defense or Department of State investigations of such allegations, and actions taken in response to such findings;

(3) The extent to which the Department of Defense and the Department of State have identified lessons learned or designated areas for increased monitoring as a result of such investigations;

(4) The extent to which the Department of Defense and the Department of State have established expectations in policy and in transfer agreements regarding what would constitute such violations;

(5) Any lessons learned on end-use monitoring with respect to the conflict in Ukraine and the feasibility to apply such lessons to other regions affected by conflict; and

(6) Any other matters determined to be appropriate by the Comptroller General.

*Report on enhanced end-use monitoring*

The House bill contained a provision (section 1208) that would direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit to specified congressional committees a report on enhanced end-use monitoring of defense items provided to foreign countries pursuant to specified authorities.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, on enhanced end-use monitoring of defense items provided to foreign countries pursuant to section 333 of title 10, United States Code, or any other authority of the Department of Defense to provide defense items to a foreign country, and Foreign Military Sales under section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (Public Law 94-329). The report shall address the following:

(1) A description of the Department of Defense procedures for determining the items subject to enhanced end-use monitoring and the factors the Department considers in designating items for such monitoring;

(2) The extent to which, and how, the Department of Defense coordinates with the Department of State in designating items for such monitoring;

(3) The extent to which the Department of Defense considers changing conditions in a country or region in designating items for such monitoring;

(4) The extent to which security cooperation organizations at United States diplomatic missions overseas completed such monitoring as required by Department of Defense policy in each of the fiscal years 2018 through 2022;

(5) Any lessons learned on such monitoring with respect to the conflict in Ukraine and the feasibility to apply such lessons to other regions affected by conflict; and

(6) Any other matters determined to be appropriate by the Comptroller General.

*Report on partner country forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1209) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report that specifies partner countries whose military forces have participated in security cooperation or security assistance programs and subsequently engaged in a coup, insurrection, or action to overthrow a democratically elected government.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on support to partner country forces. Such briefing shall:

(1) Identify the processes undertaken by the Department to vet the units of partner countries whose military forces have participated in security cooperation training or equipping programs pursuant to chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code;

(2) Identify steps undertaken by the Department to strengthen observance and respect for the law of armed conflict, human rights and fundamental freedoms, the rule of law, and civilian control of the military by recipient units;

(3) Identify, to the extent practicable, instances where units of foreign countries whose militaries received such security cooperation training and equipping have subsequently violated relevant agreements of such assistance, and a description of any corrective actions taken by the Department; and

(4) Include any other matters deemed relevant by the Secretary.

*General Thaddeus Kosciuszko memorial exchange program for Polish-American defense cooperation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1210A) that would require the Commander, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, to seek to carry out a training program pursuant to section 322 of title 10, United States Code, between special operations forces under the jurisdiction of the Commander and the special operations forces of the Polish Army.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Report on coordination in the State Partnership Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1210B) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the feasibility of coordinating with private entities and State governments to provide resources and personnel to support technical exchanges under the Department of Defense State Partnership Program.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1313).

The House and Senate recess.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, on the advisability and feasibility of coordinating with private entities and State governments to provide resources and personnel to support technical exchanges under the Department of Defense State Partnership Program, established under section 341 of title 10, United States Code. The briefing shall address the following:

(1) An analysis of the gaps in implementation of the State Partnership Program, if any, that could be addressed through coordination with private entities and State governments;

(2) The types of personnel and expertise that could be helpful to partner country participants in the State Partnership Program;

(3) Any barriers to leveraging such expertise from private entities and State governments, as applicable;

(4) Recommendations for modifications to statute or regulation to address removing such barriers; and,

(5) Any other matters the Secretary deems appropriate.

*Modifications to the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220) that would amend the authority of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress regarding Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220E) that would express the sense of Congress regarding the importance of the bilateral relationship between the United States and Israel and the need to continue offering security assistance and related support.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees strongly condemn the horrific October 7, 2023 attack on Israel by Hamas terrorists. The conferees affirm that since 1948, Israel has been one of the strongest friends and allies of the United States. The conferees further affirm that Israel is a stable, democratic country in a region historically and currently marred by turmoil. The conferees further affirm that for these reasons it is essential to the strategic interest of the United States to continue to provide full security assistance and related support to Israel. The conferees further affirm that such assistance and support is especially vital as Israel confronts a number of present and potential challenges, including threats from Hamas terrorists, Iran, and Iranian-linked groups.

*Report on Middle East regional exercises*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220H) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report describing efforts to expand the frequency of bilateral and multilateral exercises involving Israel and United States regional partners and allies in the Middle East and otherwise promote and participate in such exercises.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees, in an unclassified form with a classified annex if necessary, a report describing efforts, if any, to expand the frequency of bilateral and

multilateral exercises involving Israel and the United States and regional partners and allies in the Middle East, and otherwise promote or participate in such exercises.

*Report on United States force capabilities in the CENTCOM area of responsibility*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220J) that would require the Commander, United States Central Command to submit a report on United States military capabilities in the United States Central Command area of responsibility.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Commander of United States Central Command, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees a report which includes an assessment of United States military capabilities in the United States Central Command area of responsibility, an identification of any gaps in capabilities, and recommendations for addressing any such gaps in capabilities.

*Report on agreements made by the United States with the Taliban*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220L) that would require the Secretary of State to submit any agreement made and entered into by the United States and the Taliban and any agreement made and entered into by third parties and the Taliban or notice of any such agreement.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on provision of funding and other assistance to Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1220M) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on provision of funding and assistance to Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, the Select Committee on

Intelligence of the Senate, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, a report which includes: (1) An assessment of whether United States assistance was provided or benefited the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces for military training or professional military education, including through assistance provided to the Ministry of Defense of Iraq; (2) An assessment of whether United States assistance has been provided to, or has benefitted, any person who is a member of any organization designated a foreign terrorist organization by the Secretary of State under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (Public Law 82-414); or (3) A person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be a specially designated national. The conferees further direct that the report provides a description of how the government of Iraq and the Federal budget of the Iraqi government provides direct funding to the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces; and an assessment of how the relationship and interactions between the Ministry of Defense of Iraq and the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces affect the Strategic Framework Agreement for a Relationship of Friendship and Cooperation between the United States and the Republic of Iraq, concluded in Baghdad, Iraq on November 17, 2008, and entered into force January 1, 2009.

*Direct hire authority for certain personnel of the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision that would provide direct hire authority for the Department of Defense Inspector General, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Department of State concerning oversight of certain matters involving Ukraine.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Extension of lend-lease authority to Ukraine*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1224) that would extend the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act of 2022 (Public Law 117-118) through fiscal year 2024 and include a requirement for the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, and Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate with a description of the defense articles lent or leased not later than 60 days following the exercise of the authority.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on war in Ukraine*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1226) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine that includes information on casualties, wounded, and materials or equipment losses for both sides of the conflict.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency to provide a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, describing the ongoing conflict in Ukraine that includes information on casualties, wounded, and materials or equipment losses for Russia and Ukraine since the full-scale invasion in February 2022.

*Report on allied contributions to the common defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1230) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on allied contributions to the common defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of continued investment by allies and partners to build, maintain, and modernize defense capabilities in order to enhance military readiness to support collective defense and credible deterrence. The conferees encourage continued progress on such capability and capacity development to meet shared global challenges.

*Statement of policy relating to NATO-Russia Founding Act*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1231) that would state as the policy of the United States that the NATO-Russia Founding Act does not prohibit the United States from establishing a permanent troop presence in Eastern Europe.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees affirm that it is the sense of Congress that NATO-Russia Founding Act does not prohibit the establishment of a permanent presence of the United States Armed Forces in Europe or constrain the deployment of United States Armed Forces or North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces.

*Strategy to delay, disrupt, and degrade Rosatom's proliferation activities and other revenue streams*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1232) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategy to combat Russia's aid to the People's Republic of China's (PRC) nuclear weapons program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note:

(1) Russia's state-owned nuclear energy corporation, Rosatom, is providing the PRC highly enriched uranium for Chinese Communist Party fast-breeder reactors;

(2) The Department of Defense's 2022 Report to Congress on the Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China noted that increased weapons-grade plutonium production is key to the PRC's nuclear program, stating: "The PRC is also supporting this expansion by increasing its capacity to produce and separate plutonium by constructing fast breeder reactors and reprocessing facilities." The report also cites the CFR-600 reactors and notes that each reactor will be capable of producing "enough plutonium for dozens of nuclear warheads annually." This buildup puts the PRC in violation of Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, requiring states to make good-faith efforts to cease an arms race and to engage in good-faith arms control negotiations;

(3) There are also credible reports that "Russia's state nuclear power conglomerate has been working to supply the Russian arms industry with components, technology and raw materials for missile(s)." Specifically, a letter from a Rosatom department chief, dated October 2022, shows Rosatom offering to provide goods to Russian military units and to Russian weapons manufacturers that are under sanctions;

(4) The United States Government has taken steps against Rosatom, such as sanctioning three Rosatom subsidiaries on February 24, 2023, and speaking out publicly against Rosatom's behavior; and

(5) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Dr. John F. Plumb, testified before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Strategic Forces on March 8, 2023, that "It's very troubling to see Russia and China cooperating on this . . . They may have talking points around it, but there's no getting around the fact that breeder reactors are plutonium, and plutonium is for weapons. So, I think the [Defense] Department is concerned. And of course, it matches our concerns about

China's increased expansion of its nuclear forces as well because you need more plutonium for more weapons."

Therefore, the conferees direct that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Energy, with the assistance of the Director of National Intelligence, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees, no later than March 31, 2024, a report for a strategy to delay, disrupt, and degrade Rosatom's and other Russian state-owned entities' proliferation activities and other revenue streams that directly fund Russia's military forces.

Further, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means: (1) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Financial Services, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives; and (2) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Foreign Affairs, the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate.

#### *Baltic Security Initiative*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1233) that would express the sense of Congress regarding the Baltic States and require a report setting forth a strategy of the Department of Defense to deepen security cooperation with the Baltic States.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1337).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to provide the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, with a report, not later than June 1, 2024, on the progress made in the implementation of the multi-year strategy and spending plan set forth in the June 2021 report of the Department of Defense entitled "Report on the Baltic Security Initiative" submitted pursuant to the Explanatory Statement for the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2021. The report shall include the following:

(1) An identification of any significant change to the goals, objectives, and milestones identified in the June 2021 report, in light of the radically changed security

environment in the Baltic region after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation on February 24, 2022, and with consideration to enhancing the deterrence and defense posture of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in the Baltic region, including through the implementation of the regional defense plans of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(2) An update on the Department of Defense funding allocated for such strategy and spending plan for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and projected funding requirements for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026 for each goal identified in such report;

(3) An update on the host country funding allocated and planned for each such goal;

(4) An assessment of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations set forth in the fiscal year 2020 Baltic Defense Assessment, and reaffirmed in the June 2021 report, that each Baltic country should—

(a) increase its defense budget;

(b) focus on and budget for sustainment of capabilities in defense planning; and

(c) consider combined units for expensive capabilities such as air defense, rocket artillery, and engineer assets.

(5) A description of any other steps taken to deepen Department of Defense security cooperation with the Baltic countries in order to—

(a) achieve United States national security strategy objectives;

(b) enhance regional planning and cooperation among the Baltic countries, particularly with respect to long-term regional capability projects; and

(c) enhance the Baltic countries' defenses and resiliency.

#### *Sense of Congress on defense by NATO member states*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1235) that would express the sense of Congress on defense by North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member states.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1338).

The conference agreement does not include these provisions. The conferees affirm that the success of NATO is critical to advancing United States national security objectives

in Europe, the Indo-Pacific region, and around the world. NATO remains the strongest and most successful military alliance in the world, founded on a commitment by its members to uphold the principles of democracy, individual liberty, and the rule of law, and the United States is steadfast in its ironclad commitment to NATO as the foundation of transatlantic security and to upholding its obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty, including Article 5.

The conferees note that the unprovoked and illegal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation has upended security in Europe and requires the full attention of the transatlantic alliance. Welcoming Finland as the 31st member of the NATO has made the alliance stronger and the conferees urge the remaining NATO member countries to swiftly ratify the accession protocols of Sweden so as to bolster the collective security of the alliance by increasing the security and stability of the Baltic Sea region and Northern Europe.

The conferees note the NATO Strategic Concept, agreed to at the Madrid Summit in 2022, outlined the focus of the alliance for the upcoming decade. Allies took further important steps at the 2023 Vilnius Summit by agreeing to a set of regional defense plans with assigned forces, capabilities, and high levels of readiness. Allies should continue to support these efforts, as well as making efforts to address the challenges posed by the coercive policies of the People's Republic of China that undermine the interests, security, and shared values of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Alliance.

The conferees commend the affirmation at the Vilnius Summit that defense spending of "at least 2 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)" be seen as a minimum investment to continue to ensure military readiness across the alliance. The conferees urge NATO member countries that have not yet met the 2 percent defense spending pledge to endeavor to meet the timeline as expeditiously as possible, and to continue to allocate at least 20 percent of their defense budgets on major equipment, including research and development.

The conferees further affirm that United States and NATO allies and partners should continue efforts to deliver needed assistance to Ukraine as Ukraine fights against the illegal and unjust war of the Russian Federation. U.S. investments under the European Deterrence Initiative remain critically important and have demonstrated their strategic value during the current Russian Federation-created war against Ukraine.

The conferees encourage the Department of Defense to pursue efforts consistent with the comprehensive, multilateral Baltic Defense Assessment. The Department should continue to prioritize robust support to the Baltic countries to accomplish

United States strategic objectives, including security cooperation often referred to as the Baltic Security Initiative pursuant to sections 332 and 333 of title 10, United States Code.

The conferees further note the updated U.S.-Greece Mutual Defense Cooperation Agreement signed last year is a reflection of our nations' shared commitment to peace and security and U.S. basing in the Hellenic Republic enables strategic access to exercise and operate in the region.

*Report on the security relationship between the United States and the Hellenic Republic*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1236) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to submit a report on the security relationship between the United States and the Hellenic Republic.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Determination of location for McCain Irregular Warfare Center*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1244) that would require the Secretary of Defense to select a permanent location for the ``John S. McCain III Center for Security Studies in Irregular Warfare Center'' based on specified criteria.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Designation of priority theaters of operation and combatant commands; priority for sales of defense articles and services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1245) that would require that the Secretary of Defense designate theaters of operation and combatant commands that are to be considered priority combatant commands for each fiscal year. This provision would also require the President and the Secretary of State to give priority to sales to countries located in theaters of operation and under the responsibility of combatant commands identified in such designation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses. The conferees direct that the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State provide a briefing, not later March 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of prioritizing Foreign Military Sales under existing law and

regulation and the mechanisms that could be used to effect such prioritization, including deferral of U.S. production.

*Report on how to protect United States defense technology sold to foreign partners*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1246) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report that outlines how the Secretary of Defense will prevent unauthorized users of United States defense technology sold or transferred to foreign partners and allies of the United States under the foreign military sales program or any other authority available to the United States from accessing sensitive information about the technical capabilities and limitations of the technology.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Inclusion of special operations forces in planning and strategy relating to the Arctic region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1247) that would require the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, to develop and submit a Special Operations Forces Arctic Security Strategy.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that issues relating to the U.S. Arctic Strategy, including the role for Special Operations Forces, are dealt with elsewhere in this Act.

*Briefing on nuclear capability of Iran*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1324) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on threats to global security posed by the nuclear weapon capability of Iran and progress made by Iran in enriching uranium at levels proximate to or exceeding weapons grade.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees a briefing describing threats to global security posed by the nuclear weapon capability of Iran, progress made by Iran in enriching uranium at levels proximate to or exceeding weapons grade, and recommendations for actions the United States may take to ensure that Iran does not acquire a nuclear weapon capability.

*Sense of the Senate on Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA) in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1339) that would express the sense of the Senate regarding the Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sense of the Senate regarding the arming of Ukraine*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1340) that would express the sense of the Senate that Ukraine would derive military benefit from the provision of munitions such as the dual-purpose improved conventional munition (DPICM). The provision would also express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Defense, in close coordination with the State Department, should assess the feasibility and advisability of providing such munitions.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that the United States began providing DPICM to Ukraine in the 42nd Presidential Drawdown Authority package of security assistance announced on July 7, 2023. The conferees also note that Ukraine committed to measures to minimize the risks associated with employment of DPICM.

*Extension and modification of certain temporary authorizations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1347) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan for enhancing U.S. security cooperation with Japan and add the Government of Taiwan to the temporary authorization established in section 1244 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that this matter is addressed elsewhere in this Act.

*Report on Department of Defense roles and responsibilities in support of National Strategy for the Arctic Region*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1381) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on Department of Defense roles and responsibilities in support of the National Strategy for the Arctic Region.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than June 1, 2024, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on Department of Defense roles and responsibilities in support of the National Strategy for the Arctic Region which includes: (1) An identification of the Department's lines of effort to support the implementation of the National Strategy for the Arctic Region, including the implementation plan for each applicable military department and the Office of Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict; (2) A plan for the execution of, and a projected timeline and the resource requirements for, each line of effort; and (3) Any other matter the Secretary considers relevant.

#### *Modification of Arctic Security Initiative*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1398) that would modify the Arctic Security Initiative.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees recognize the growing strategic importance of the Arctic in light of increased activity and investment in the region, including the increasing Russian and Chinese presence and cooperation there. The conferees recognize that the Department of Defense's mission requirements in the U.S. Arctic region are expected to grow, and urge the Department to implement a strategy to fulfill those requirements.

#### *Termination of authorization of non-conventional assisted recovery capabilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399) that would terminate the authority contained in section 943 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110-417), as amended, for non-conventional assisted recovery capabilities on December 31, 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Prohibition on delegation of authority to designate foreign partner forces as eligible for the provision of collective self-defense support by United States Armed Forces*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399C) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense from delegating the authority to designate foreign partner forces as eligible for the provision of collective self-defense support.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Cooperation with allies and partners in Middle East on development of integrated regional cybersecurity architecture*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399E) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to cooperate with allies and partners in the Middle East with respect to developing an integrated regional cybersecurity architecture and deepening military cybersecurity partnerships to defend military networks, infrastructure, and systems against hostile cyber activity.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note the importance of continuing to bolster regional cooperation on cybersecurity between the United States and Middle Eastern allies and partners to improve capabilities to defend against common threats. The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign affairs of the House of Representatives, a report on the current status of regional cybersecurity cooperation between the United States and its Middle Eastern allies and partners, including Abraham Accords countries, on additional activities that could be undertaken cooperatively including national capabilities that could be leveraged to undertake such activities and the feasibility of moving forward with such an arrangement.

*Foreign Advance Acquisition Account*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399F) that would create a subaccount within the Special Defense Acquisition Fund to be used to accelerate the production of United States-produced end items in reasonable anticipation of the sale of such end items through the Foreign Military Sales or direct commercial sales processes. Such funds could come from contributions from covered countries, including Australia, the United Kingdom, or a member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees remain interested in the potential for the Special Defense Acquisition Fund (SDAF) to anticipate Foreign Military Sales (FMS) in order to improve production lead times in the defense industrial base. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than April 1, 2024, on potential steps to understand anticipated sales as a means to better utilize the SDAF to improve production lead times, including the creation of a knowledge pathway of anticipated sales for FMS customers, an increase in the working balances of the SDAF, or other options proposed by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of State, including potential legislative proposals.

*Modification of Foreign Military Sales processing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399k) that would establish certain requirements relating to Foreign Military Sales processing, including requiring the Secretary of Defense to seek to ensure that specific response times are met as part of that process. The provision would also allow the Secretary to prioritize Foreign Military Sales within the Defense Priorities Allocation System.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sharing of information with respect to suspected violations of intellectual property rights*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399M) that would amend section 628A of the Tariff Act of 1930 (Public Law 71-361).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*International Children with Disabilities Protection Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 1399AAAA through 1399GGGG) that included the International Children with Disabilities Protection Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Western Hemisphere Partnership Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained subtitle K (secs. 1399AAAAA through 1399JJJJJ) that would include the Western Hemisphere Partnership Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sense of the Senate on digital trade and the digital economy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6291) that would express a sense of the Senate on digital trade and the digital economy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Assessment of certain United States-origin technology used by foreign adversaries*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6292) that would require the Director of National Intelligence to conduct an assessment to evaluate the top five technologies that originate in the United States and are not currently subject to export controls as prioritized by the Director of National Intelligence, in order to identify and assess the risk from those specified technologies that could be or are being used by foreign adversaries in foreign espionage programs targeting the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees are concerned by the ability of our adversaries to overtly and illicitly acquire advanced U.S.-developed commercial- and government-funded technologies and apply those technologies to enhance their espionage and defense capabilities. Therefore the conferees direct that the Secretary of State, in coordination with Director of National Intelligence and with such other heads of the elements of the intelligence community as the Director considers appropriate, conduct an assessment to evaluate the top five technologies that originate in the United States and are not currently subject to export controls as prioritized by the Director of National Intelligence, in order to identify and assess the risk from those specified technologies that could be or are being used by foreign adversaries in foreign espionage programs targeting the United States. The Secretary of State shall provide a copy of the assessment and any recommendations, not later than one year after the date of enactment of the Act, to the Committee on Armed Services, the Foreign Relations Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate and the Committee on

Armed Services, the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

*Virginia class submarine transfer certification*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6293) that would require the President of the United States to certify to the appropriate congressional committees prior to the transfer of one or more *Virginia*-class submarines that: (1) Such submarine will be used to support joint security interests of the United States and Australia; (2) That Submarine Rotational Forces-West has achieved full operational capability and can support four rotationally deployed *Virginia*-class submarines and one *Astute*-class submarine; and (3) That the Government of Australia has demonstrated the domestic capacity to fully perform a range of activities necessary for the ownership and operation of nuclear-powered submarines.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees have dealt with *Virginia*-class submarine transfers elsewhere in this Act.

**TITLE XIII—OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO  
FOREIGN NATIONS**

**SUBTITLE A—MATTERS RELATING TO THE INDO-  
PACIFIC REGION**

*Sec. 1301 - Sense of Congress on defense alliances and  
partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1303) that would express the sense of Congress on South Korea.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision that would express the sense of the Senate on defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region (sec. 1368).

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1302 - Extension of Pacific Deterrence Initiative and  
report, briefings, and plan under the Initiative*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1301) that would extend section 1251 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) related to the Pacific Deterrence Initiative (PDI) and the independent assessment of the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM).

The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 1302) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center, or another appropriate independent entity, to conduct an assessment of Department of Defense activities carried out pursuant to PDI.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1344) that would extend PDI and the independent assessment of the Commander of USINDOPACOM.

The agreement includes a provision that would extend PDI through fiscal year 2024 and extend the independent assessment of the Commander of USINDOPACOM through fiscal year 2026.

The conferees strongly support PDI as means to prioritize Department of Defense efforts in support of enhancing U.S. deterrence and defense posture, reassuring allies and partners, and increasing readiness and capability in the Indo-Pacific region, primarily west of the International Date Line. The budgetary display below captures investments included in this Act that support the objectives of the PDI.

Additionally, the conferees direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of PDI. At a minimum, the review shall include:

(1) A description of the Department of Defense process for building its budget request for PDI, including how the Department:

(a) defines PDI categories;

(b) evaluates PDI requests by the military services to determine whether requested funding is or is not included as part of the PDI budget request;

(2) An identification of any differences between Department of Defense budgeting process, execution, and oversight of PDI and the European Deterrence Initiative;

(3) Recommendations, if any, for improvements to the Department's budgeting process, execution, and oversight of PDI; and

(4) Any other matters deemed relevant by the Comptroller General.

The conferees further direct the Comptroller General to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the results of the review, not later than September 1, 2024, and issue a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of

Representatives to follow at a time agreed to at the time of the briefing.

**PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIATIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
<b>IMPROVE POSTURE AND PRESENCE</b>				
<b>Missile Procurement, Army</b>				
0214401A	Patriot Mods .....		6,700	67,526
0604319A	Indirect Fire Protection Capability .....			46,360
0208082A	Lower Tier Air Missile Defense Sensor .....			65,000
0208030A	PrecisionStrike Missile (PrSM) .....			58,000
0605456A	MSE Missile .....			67,000
<b>Other Procurement, Army</b>				
152	Theater MSV-L ships .....	76,660	104,676	
B00010	USARPAC MDTF M-Drive .....	2,500		
0214400A	IAMD Battle Command System .....		69,000	15,000
0211700A	Night Vision Devices .....		9,298	
0214400A	Sentinel Mods .....		91,000	
0216300A	Army Watercraft Esp .....		30,113	19,459
0804734A	Multi-Domain Intel .....			6,600
0219900A	Training Devices, Nonsystem .....			12,300
020700A	Synthetic Training Environment .....			4,000
<b>Procurement, Defense Wide</b>				
0208902C	Guam Defense System .....	40,000	26,514	169,627
<b>Operation and Maintenance, Army</b>				
111,087	GFMAP Directed Missions .....	97,700	122,574	
121,034	USARPAC Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination .....			39,236
121,018	USARPAC MDTF Cloud Services .....	3,500	3,951	
0203803A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....		939	1,403
0202218A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....		5,927	21,127
0202218A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....			6,086
0605040A	Cyberspace Activities—Cyberspace Operations			1,500
0202116A	Maneuver Units .....			96,000
240	INDOPACOM UFR—Theater Campaigning .....		18,790	360,000
0804734A	Training & Recruiting/Specialized Skills Training			2,100
0202614A	Operating Forces/Tactical SIGINT/PED Enhancements .....			46,000
0202218A	Operating Forces/Force ReadinessOps Support ..			430
<b>Operation and Maintenance, Navy</b>				
1CCS	INDOPACOM MISO .....	8,984		
1CCS	INDOPACOM UFR—MISO .....	28,000		
1CCH	Service Support to INDOPACOM .....	30,003	28,813	
1CCM	Service Support to INDOPACOM (Sub-Reg Campaign Plan) .....	53,398	50,304	
1CCM	Service Support to INDOPACOM (Other Core Missions) .....	12,593	12,695	
0201490N	Combatant Commanders Core Operations .....		5,613	1,200
0201160N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support			62,851
0201114N	Cyberspace Activities .....			2,484
0305251M	Operational Forces .....			500
0201490N	Combatant Commanders Core Operations .....			13,809
0201114N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support			10,000
0201204N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support			12,812
0303103N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support			4,138
0204282N	Cyberspace Activities .....			1,500
1CCM	MPE: Service Support to Other Nations			
	INDOPACOM .....	16,194	16,518	
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Critical Manpower Positions	4,600		
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Enhanced ISR Augmentation	41,000		
1D4D	Missile Defense, Navy Area .....	88,817	120,567	
1A1A	Unit Deployment Program .....	135,653	134,625	
1A1A	Marine Expeditionary Unit .....	35,334	35,065	
1A1A	III MEF Operating Budget .....		298,430	

## PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIATIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024—Continued

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
MISC	Mission and Other Flight Operations .....		468,120	524,946
MISC	Weapons Maintenance .....		153	361
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Theater Campaigning .....		18,067	36,000
0203498N	Combat Support Forces .....			93
<b>Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps</b>				
1A1A	III MEF Operating Budget .....		298,430	
1A1A	Operational Forces: Marine Rotational Force- Darwin .....	45,000	46,350	
1A1A	Unit Deployment Program .....	48,000	56,932	
1A1A	Marine Expeditionary Unit .....	4,526	3,755	
BSS1	Base Operating Support .....		110,335	
1A1A	INDOPACOM UFR—Theater Campaigning .....		14,093	8,000
0202056M	Base Operating Support .....			2,861
0202057M	Base Operating Support .....			1,027
0206479M	Base Operating Support .....			70,782
0208212M	Base Operating Support .....			4,022
0208532M	Base Operating Support .....			2,511
0208534M	Base Operating Support .....			3,596
0208538M	Base Operating Support .....			240
0208540M	Base Operating Support .....			4,181
0208541M	Base Operating Support .....			1,983
0208550M	Base Operating Support .....			26
0208553M	Base Operating Support .....			843
0208853M	Base Operating Support .....			955
0208854M	Base Operating Support .....			866
0360111M	Base Operating Support .....			3,061
0390110M	Base Operating Support .....			7
0701111M	Base Operating Support .....			707
0708542M	Base Operating Support .....			5,151
0808519M	Base Operating Support .....			14,163
0808520M	Base Operating Support .....			8,064
0808530M	Base Operating Support .....			18,836
0901212M	Base Operating Support .....			2,043
0202150M	Operational Forces .....			61,233
0206126M	Operational Forces .....			22,001
0206211M	Operational Forces .....			95,617
0206312M	Operational Forces .....			210,835
0206315M	Operational Forces .....			17,965
<b>Operation and Maintenance, Air Force</b>				
011A	Improve Posture and Presence .....	130,970	149,482	137,361
011C	Improve Posture and Presence .....	146,597	154,439	93,360
011M	Improve Posture and Presence .....	291,000	395,393	422,334
011W	Improve Posture and Presence .....	1,076,000	1,224,185	1,329,927
011Y	Improve Posture and Presence .....	819,655	798,902	777,034
011Z	Improve Posture and Presence .....	534,646	584,742	387,804
012C	Improve Posture and Presence .....	88,192	89,956	56,539
012D	Improve Posture and Presence .....			1,704
012F	Improve Posture and Presence .....	862	880	1,793
042A	Improve Posture and Presence .....	2,186	2,229	521
042B	Improve Posture and Presence .....			276
021A	INDOPACOM UFR—Theater Campaigning .....		18,917	104,000
0208064F	Cyberspace Activities .....			1,500
0207969F	Primary Combat Forces .....			96,000
<b>Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide</b>				
011A	MDA: Guam THAAD Battery & AN/TPY-2 Radar .....	12,800	12,536	12,464
011A	MDA: USFK THAAD Battery & AN/TPY-2 Radar ..	13,000	8,728	14,141
011A	MDA: Japan FBM TPY-2 (Radar 1 and 2) .....	24,900	29,476	24,483
1PLR	SOPAC/SOCKOR Operations and Support .....	37,027	45,685	31,094
1GTM	INDOPACOM UFR—Information Operations .....		27,500	
1PLR	INDOPACOM UFR—Theater Campaigning .....		9,034	
0208085JCY	Cyberspace Operations .....			10,800

## PACIFIC DETERRENCE INITIATIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024—Continued

(In Thousands of Dollars)

Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
0305251CY	Cyberspace Operations .....			4,500
0306250CY	Cyberspace Operations .....			21,520
	<b>Research and Development, Army</b>			
0604114A	Lower Tier Air Missile Defense (LTAMD) Sensor			383,688
0604759A	Major T&E Investment .....		3,109	3,197
0604820A	Radar Development .....			15,066
0605457A	Army Integrated Air and Missile Defense (AIAMD) .....		80,000	37,826
0605235A	Strategic Mid-Range Capability .....		5,016	40,177
0606002A	Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site .....			22,382
0607865A	Patriot Product Improvement .....			46,545
0604741A	Air Defense Command, Control and Intelligence			1,004
060504A	Cyber Space Activities .....			1,500
0604037A	Classified Programs .....			10,000
0605235A	System Dev, Demo/Strategic MRC .....			395,000
0605231A	System Dev, Demo/PrSM .....			196,000
	<b>Research and Development, Navy</b>			
0604601N	INDOPACOM UFR—Sea Urchin powered quickstrike mines .....		10,000	
0604601N	INDOPACOM UFR—Hammerhead .....		47,500	
	<b>Research and Development, Air Force</b>			
0102417F	Talon TACMOR Palau .....	42,300		5,111
0207325F	INDOPACOM UFR—JASSM software update .....		12,000	
0207142F	F-35 Squadrons .....			42,361
0401218F	KC-135s .....			23,894
	<b>Research and Development, Defense-Wide</b>			
0604102C	INDOPACOM UFR—Guam Defense System .....	60,000		147,000
0604102C	INDOPACOM UFR—Joint Fires Network .....			174,000
0604250D8Z	INDOPACOM UFR—Sea Urchin powered quickstrike mines .....		30,000	
0604102C	Guam Defense Development .....		383,486	385,132
0603892C	AEGIS BMD .....		45,000	80,400
0604878C	Aegis BMD Test .....			42,062
0603896C	Ballistic Missile Defense Command & Control, Battle Management & Comm. ....		20,000	38,490
0604879C	Ballistic Missile Defense Sensor Test .....			17,452
0603915C	Ballistic Missile Defense Targets .....			53,029
0603914C	Ballistic Missile Defense Test .....		7,000	15,044
0603890C	BMD Enabling Programs .....		18,000	441
02080591CY	CYBERCOM Activities .....			21,680
0306250CY	Cyber Operations Technology Support .....			7,480
	<b>Subtotal, IMPROVE POSTURE AND PRESENCE ...</b>	<b>4,091,597</b>	<b>6,460,542</b>	<b>8,072,140</b>
	<b>EXERCISES, TRAINING, EXPERIMENTATION</b>			
	<b>Other Procurement, Army</b>			
0219900A	Training Devices .....			16,300
	<b>Other Procurement, Navy</b>			
0204571N	Weapons Range Support Equipment .....			30,000
0204571N	Training and Education Equipment .....			31,500
0208550N	Training and Education Equipment .....			28,960
0201490N	Operating Forces Ipe .....		2,800	3,000
	<b>Procurement, Marine Corps</b>			
0206335M	Common Aviation Command and Control Sys- tem .....			2,000

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Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
0360110M	Marine Corps Enterprise Network (MCEN) .....			6,600
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Army</b>			
115	Land Forces Operations Support .....	4,419	4,722	
115012	Exportable Combat Training Center Rotations ...	234,661		
114	Theater Level Assets for Exercises .....	195,827	214,000	
0305169A	Servicewide Communications .....		9,583	9,645
0202158A	Echelons Above Brigade .....		13,538	7,520
0202214A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....		25,580	105,908
0202218A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....		4,851	3,114
0202117A	Maneuver Units .....		397,574	24,953
0202212A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....			11,850
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Navy</b>			
1CCM	Pacific Multi-Domain Training and Experimentation Capability .....		66,519	
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Pacific Multi-Domain Training and Experimentation Capability .....	59,410	19,000	
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Wargaming Analytical Tools .....	88,000	22,000	
0201114N	Planning, Engineering, and Program Support ...			1,400
0204140N	Combat Support Forces .....			1,510
0201114N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support .....			58,324
0204571N	Warfare Tactics .....		9,000	45,720
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps</b>			
1A1A	MARFORPAC Training Exercise Employment Plan .....	44,071	46,593	
0201204M	Base Operating Support .....			500
0208212M	Base Operating Support .....			28,810
0206335M	Field Logistics .....			500
0206312M	Operational Forces .....		43,593	34,950
0206315M	Operational Forces .....			19,200
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Air Force</b>			
011D/044A	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....	6,998	6,210	177,747
012D	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....	197	202	
011R	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....			13,300
011Z	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....			300
012A	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....			1,000
032C	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....	588	762	794
033C	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....	3,713	3,787	5,102
033D	Exercises, Training, and Experimentation .....	460	469	
0207603F	Air Operations Training .....			74,000
0207701F	Air Operations Training .....			66,192
0207500F	Base Support .....			300
0202176F	Facilities Sustainment, Restoration & Modernization .....			13,300
0305114F	Global C3I and Early Warning .....			1,000
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide</b>			
0804768J	Joint Chiefs of Staff—JTEEP .....		173,000	173,000
8PL1	INDOPACOM UFR—Joint Exercise Program .....	35,100		
1PLR	SOCAPAC/SOCKOR Exercises .....	22,573	18,386	19,164
	<b>Research and Development, Navy</b>			
0605853N	Management, Technical, International Support ..		15,819	20,336
	<b>Research and Development, Army</b>			
0532545A	Systems Dev & Demo/Theater level assets .....			2,700
0607312A	Operational Systems Development .....			1,500
0604121A	AdvComponent Dev & Prototype/Synthetic Training Environment .....			2,500
	<b>Research and Development, Defense-wide</b>			
0604250D8Z	Advanced Innovative Technologies .....		906,858	970,526

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Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
0603941D8Z	Test & Evaluation Science & Technology .....			10,000
	<b>Subtotal, EXERCISES, TRAINING, EXPERIMENTATION .....</b>	<b>696,017</b>	<b>2,004,846</b>	<b>2,025,025</b>
	<b>INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS</b>			
	<b>Military Construction, Navy</b>			
	Guam P-519 X-Ray Wharf Berth 2 .....	51,900		
	Guam Joint Communication Upgrade (INC) .....	84,000		31,330
	Japan Yokuska Pier 5 (Berths 2 and 3) (INC) ..	15,292		
	Japan Yokuska Ship Handling & Combat Training Facilities .....	49,000		
	INDOPACOM UFR: PDI Planning and Design .....	68,000	50,000	
	Australia Aircraft Parking Apron (INC) .....		72,446	134,624
	Hawaii Missile Magazines .....		10,000	
	Guam Brown Tree Snake Exclusion Barrier South .....		14,497	
	Guam Ground Combat Element Inf Btn 1 & 2 Fac .....		69,314	
	Guam 9th Engineer Support Battalion Ops. Fac. ....		35,188	
	Guam 9th Eng Supp Battalion Equip & Main Fac .....		41,590	
	Japan Kadena Marine Corps Barracks Complex .....		31,300	
	Japan Kadena Marine Corps Bachelor Enlisted Quarters .....		29,100	
	Planning & Design .....		59,700	25,849
	Planning & Design .....			62,195
	INDOPACOM UFR: Planning & Design .....			69,000
	Guam 9th ESB Training Complex .....			27,536
	Guam Artillery Battery Facilities .....			137,550
	Guam Consolidated MEB HQ/NCIS PHIL .....			19,740
	Guam Joint Consol. Comm. Center (INC) .....			107,000
	Guam Missile Integration Test Facility .....			56,140
	Guam Satellite Communications Facility (INC) ..			56,159
	Guam Training Center .....			89,640
	<b>Military Construction, Air Force</b>			
	RAAF Darwin Sq Ops Facility .....	7,400		
	RAAF Tindal Aircraft Maint Spt Fac .....	6,200		
	RAAF Tindal Sq Ops Facility .....	8,200		
	Guam LRM Anderson Airfield Dmg Repair Warehouse .....	30,000		
	Guam LRM Anderson Hayman Munitions Storage Igloos MSA 2 .....	9,824		
	Guam LRM Anderson Munitions Storage Igloos IV .....	55,000		
	Alaska JB Elmendorf-Richardson Extend Runway (Inc.) .....	79,000		107,500
	Japan Kadena Airfield Damage Repair Storage Facility .....	38,000		
	Japan Kadena Helicopter Rescue Ops Maintenance Hangar .....	35,000	71,000	
	Japan Kadena Replace Munitions Structures .....	26,100		
	Japan Misawa Airfield Damage Repair Facility ..	25,000		
	Japan Yokota Construct CATM Facility .....	25,000		
	Japan Yokota C-130J Corrosion Control Hangar ..	67,000	10,000	
	Planning and Design .....	27,200	12,424	
	INDOPACOM Add—Planning and Design .....	20,000		
	Japan Kadena Theater A/C Corrosion Control Ctr (INC) .....		17,000	
	Mariana Islands Tinian Fuel Tanks w/Pipeln & Hydrant Sys (INC) .....		92,000	21,000

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Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
	Mariana Islands Tinian Airfield Development Phase 1 (INC) .....		58,000	26,000
	Mariana Islands Tinian Parking Apron (INC) .....		41,000	32,000
	RAAF Tindal Aircraft Maintenance Support Facility .....			17,500
	RAAF Darwin Squadron Operations Facility .....			26,000
	RAAF Tindal Squadron Operations Facility .....			20,000
	RAAF Tindal Bomber Apron .....			93,000
	Japan Kadena Helo Rescue Ops Maintenance Hangar Inc 3 .....			46,000
	Guan North Aircraft Parking Ramp (Inc) .....			109,000
	Japan Kadena Theater A/C Corrosion Control Ctr, Inc .....			42,000
	Philippines Cesar Basa Transient Aircraft Parking Apron .....			35,000
	<b>Military Construction, Army</b>			
	Hawaii Ammunition Storage .....	51,000		
	Japan Vehicle Maintenance Shop .....		80,000	
0901211A	Guam National Guard Readiness Center Addition Planning & Design .....	34,000	11,000	11,000
	<b>Military Construction, Defense-Wide</b>			
	Hawaii JBPHH Primary Electrical Distribution .....		25,000	
	Japan Iwakuni Fuel Pier .....	57,700		
	Japan Kadena Truck Unload Facilities .....	22,300		
	Japan Kadena Operations Support Facility .....	24,000		
	Japan Misawa Additive Injection Pump and Storage Sys .....	6,000		
	Japan Yokota Hangar/AMU .....	33,100		
	Japan Iwakuni Bulk Storage Tanks PH 1 .....		85,000	
	Japan Yokota Bulk Storage Tanks PH 1 (INC) .....		44,000	
	Japan Yokota Operations and Warehouse Facilities .....		72,154	
	Guam Electrical Distribution System .....		34,360	
	MDA: Planning & Design .....		39,000	1,035
	MDA: Planning & Design .....		33,360	
0804768J	INDOPACOM Add—Unspecified Minor MILCON ... Exercise Related Minor Construction .....		16,130	7,659
	SOF Maintenance Hangar .....			88,900
	SOF Composite Maintenance Facility .....			11,400
	INDOPACOM Add—Military Construction Pilot Program .....			150,000
	INDOPACOM Add—Unspecified Minor MILCON ...			62,000
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Army</b>			
0202021A	Land Forces Systems Readiness .....			50
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Air Force</b>			
0202176F	Infrastructure Improvements .....	404,265	412,350	256,049
0204424F	Facilities Sustainment, Restoration & Modernization .....			199,907
	Other Combat Ops Spt Programs .....			1,009
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps</b>			
BSM1	Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization .....	112,136	127,167	
0202176M	Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization .....			4,101
0202178M	Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization .....			93,744
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Navy</b>			

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Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
0201114N	Planning, Engineering, and Program Support ....		63,660	66,320
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Defense Wide</b>			
1PLV	SOPAC/SOKCOR Equipment Support, Operations, & Sustainment .....	5,085	2,294	915
	<b>Subtotal, INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS .....</b>	<b>1,476,702</b>	<b>1,760,034</b>	<b>2,345,852</b>
	<b>LOGISTICS AND PREPOSITIONING OF EQUIPMENT</b>			
	<b>Other Procurement, Army</b>			
151	Army Watercraft .....	26,687	47,889	
0216300A	Maneuver Support Vessel (MSV) .....		104,676	91,043
0216300A	Distribution Systems, Petroleum & Water .....			7,800
	<b>Aircraft Procurement, Air Force</b>			
0202834F	Aircraft Replacement Support Equipment .....			17,877
	<b>Other Procurement, Air Force</b>			
0305114F	Air Traffic Control & Landing Sys .....			21,000
0207429F	Combat Training Ranges .....			47,800
0207604F	Combat Training Ranges .....			241,660
0204424F	Engineering and EOD Equipment .....			140
0208028F	Engineering and EOD Equipment .....			9,543
0208031F	Fuels Support Equipment (FSE) .....			186,818
0401135F	Mobility Equipment .....			105,655
0207430F	Base Maintenance Support Vehicles .....			4,074
0208028F	Base Maintenance Support Vehicles .....			141,589
0208028F	Cargo and Utility Vehicles .....			4,655
0901279F	Fire Fighting/Crash Rescue Vehicles .....			13,260
0702831F	Joint Light Tactical Vehicle .....			39,543
0208028F	Materials Handling Vehicles .....			8,399
0208028F	Runway Equipment .....			2,110
0208028F	Special Purpose Vehicles .....			51
0702831F	Special Purpose Vehicles .....			72,396
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Army</b>			
0208031A	Army Prepositioned Stocks .....	63,457	52,652	54,148
0406030A	Army Prepositioned Stocks .....		1,587	1,635
0406029A	Strategic Mobility .....		8,092	16,248
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Navy</b>			
1CCH	Movement Coordination Center .....		4,200	
1CCH	INDOPACOM UFR—Movement Coordination Center .....	500	2,400	
1CCY	Logistics Support Activities .....	7,033	8,520	
1D4D	Logistics Support Activities .....	53,355	49,754	
0201490N	Combatant Commanders Core Operations .....			4,200
0201114N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support .....			8,100
0702898N	Weapons Maintenance .....			1
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps</b>			
1B1B	MARFORPAC Maritime Prepositioning Force—MARCORLOGCOM .....	2,206	2,568	
0208034M	Maritime Prepositioning .....			2,295
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Air Force</b>			
011D	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....			93,475
012A	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....	103,785	109,684	65,739

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Line	Program	FY 2022 Authorized	FY 2023 Authorized	FY 2024 Authorized
012C	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....			164,451
021A	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....	26,662	30,131	24,848
021D	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....	5,501	7,665	2,924
041A	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....	60,126	57,966	1,009
042G	Improved Logistics and Prepositioning of Equipment .....	10,572	12,284	25,447
	<b>Subtotal, LOGISTICS AND PREPOSITIONING OF EQUIPMENT .....</b>	<b>359,884</b>	<b>500,068</b>	<b>1,479,933</b>
	<b>DEFENSE AND SECURITY CAPABILITIES OF ALLIES AND PARTNERS</b>			
	<b>Other Procurement, Army</b>			
02010300A	CBRN Defense .....		1,272	1,580
9,999	Classified Programs .....			2,148
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Air Force</b>			
834010/012F/1CCM	MPE/Bices .....	15,050	17,120	
012A	Building Defense and Security Capabilities of Allies and Partners .....			4,357
043A	Building Defense and Security Capabilities of Allies and Partners .....	405	548	548
044A	Building Defense and Security Capabilities of Allies and Partners .....	1,518	3,128	3,240
0303150F	Global C3I and Early Warning .....		30,000	
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Army</b>			
111,087	SFAB/MDTF Deployments .....	48,000	110,000	24,953
0202219A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....		5,000	
0202614A	Force Readiness Operations Support .....			39,236
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard</b>			
0509399A	Admin and Servicewide Activities .....			7,000
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Navy</b>			
1CCM	Mission Partner Environment .....		36,268	
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Mission Partner Environment .....	50,170		
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Future Fusion Centers .....	3,300		
1CCM	INDOPACOM UFR—Joint Training Team .....			28,000
0201490N	Combatant Commander Core Operations .....		19,000	19,500
0201492N	Combatant Commander Core Operations .....			5,170
1CCH	INDOPACOM UFR—Asia Pacific Regional Initiative .....		8,000	
0201114N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support .....		19,750	44,750
1001004N	Combatant Commanders Direct Mission Support .....		16,518	33,696
0204217N	Weapons Maintenance .....		40,299	43,575
	<b>Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide</b>			
1002200T	DSCA Sec. 333/332/MSI .....	370,095	416,393	515,707
1150491BB	Special Operations Command Theater Forces .....		9,523	10,144
	<b>Subtotal, DEFENSE AND SECURITY CAPABILITIES OF ALLIES AND PARTNERS .....</b>	<b>488,538</b>	<b>732,819</b>	<b>783,604</b>
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>7,112,738</b>	<b>11,458,309</b>	<b>14,706,554</b>

*Sec. 1303 - Modification of pilot program to develop young civilian defense leaders in the Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310B) that would modify a pilot program to develop young civilian defense leaders in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1304 - Indo-Pacific campaigning initiative*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1341) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish an Indo-Pacific Campaigning Initiative.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees note the budget request included \$786.2 million for campaigning activities in the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) area of responsibility, including \$96.0 million for the Army, \$96.0 million for the Air Force, \$72.0 million for the Marine Corps, and \$12.0 million for the Navy. The conferees note that authorizations included elsewhere in this Act add an additional \$508.0 million for USINDOPACOM campaigning activities, including an additional \$360.0 million for the Army, \$104.0 million for the Air Force, \$8.0 million for the Marine Corps, and \$36.0 million for the Navy.

*Sec. 1305 - Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness Initiative*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1343) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to establish an initiative with allies and partners of the United States, including Australia, Japan, and India, to be known as the "Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness Initiative," to bolster maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific region.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2024, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees that outlines ongoing and planned activities of the Indo-Pacific Maritime Domain Awareness Initiative and the resources needed to carry out such activities for fiscal year 2025.

*Sec. 1306 - Limitation on availability of funds pending feasibility study regarding delivery of harpoon missiles to foreign security partners*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1250) that would prohibit more than 90 percent of funds available for the Office of the Secretary of Defense to be obligated or expended until the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment submits a report on a plan to provide covered Harpoon missiles to security partners pursuant to the authority provided under section 506 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (Public Law 87-195).

The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 1829) that would require the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to submit a report on measures that the Department of Defense is taking to address systematic contracting delays related to key weapons procurement programs to Taiwan and lessons learned from the provision of the Harpoon Coastal Defense System to Ukraine that may be applicable to Taiwan and other allies and partners of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399H) that would require the Assistant Secretary of the Navy to develop plans to prepare Navy Harpoon block 1C missiles for rapid transfer to allies and partners if so ordered, and enable rapid transfer of additional enhanced coastal defense capabilities. The provision would further require the plans to be provided to the congressional defense committees not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would prohibit obligation of more than 85 percent of the funds available for the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition pending submission of a plan to provide covered Harpoon missiles to security partners and would require a briefing on the status of United States-provided security assistance to Taiwan.

#### *Sec. 1307 - Sense of Congress on Taiwan defense relations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1304) that would express the sense of Congress on Taiwan defense relations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

#### *Sec. 1308 - Oversight of Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310L) that would amend oversight of Taiwan security assistance programs and the regional contingency stockpile for Taiwan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1309 - Training, advising, and institutional capacity-building program for military forces of Taiwan*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1342) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a comprehensive training, advising, and institutional capacity-building program for the military forces of Taiwan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees believe that the comprehensive training, advising, and institutional capacity-building program for the military forces of Taiwan authorized by this provision should be established for the purposes of:

(1) Enabling a layered defense of Taiwan by the military forces of Taiwan, including in support of the use of an asymmetric defense strategy;

(2) Enhancing interoperability between the United States Armed Forces and the military forces of Taiwan;

(3) Encouraging information sharing between the United States Armed Forces and the military forces of Taiwan;

(4) Promoting joint force employment; and

(5) Improving professional military education and the civilian control of the military.

Furthermore, the conferees believe that, at a minimum, the comprehensive training, advising, and institutional capacity-building program for the military forces of Taiwan authorized by this provision should include efforts to improve the:

(1) Tactical proficiency of the military forces of Taiwan;

(2) Operational employment of the military forces of Taiwan to conduct a layered defense of Taiwan, including in support of an asymmetric defense strategy;

(3) Employment of joint military capabilities by the military forces of Taiwan, including through joint military training, exercises, and planning;

(4) Reform and integration of the reserve military forces of Taiwan;

(5) Use of defense articles and services transferred from the United States to Taiwan;

(6) Integration of the military forces of Taiwan with relevant civilian agencies, including the All-Out Defense Mobilization Agency;

(7) Ability of Taiwan to participate in bilateral and multilateral military exercises, as appropriate; and

(8) Defensive cyber capabilities and practices of the Ministry of National Defense of Taiwan.

In carrying out activities pursuant to this section, the conferees expect the Secretary of Defense to deconflict, coordinate, consult, or seek the concurrence, as appropriate, of the Secretary of State and the heads of other relevant departments and agencies in accordance with the requirements of the authorities provided in chapter 16 of title 10, United States Code, and other applicable statutory authorities available to the Secretary of Defense.

*Sec. 1310 - Prohibition on use of funds to support entertainment projects with ties to the Government of the People's Republic of China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1248) that would place restrictions on support to films by the Department of Defense and other departments and agencies of the United States Government that may be subject to conditions on content or altered for screening in the People's Republic of China or at the request of the Chinese Communist Party.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1361).

The House recedes with an amendment that would prohibit funds authorized by this Act for the Department of Defense from being used to knowingly provide active and direct support to any film, television, or other entertainment project if the Secretary of Defense has demonstrable evidence that the project has complied or is likely to comply with a demand from the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Chinese Communist Party, or an entity under the direction of the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party, to censor the content of the project in a material manner to advance the national interest of the People's Republic of China. The amendment would also authorize the Secretary of Defense to waive the prohibition if the Secretary submits a written certification to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives that such a waiver is in the national interest of the United States.

*Sec. 1311 - Determination on involvement of the People's Republic of China in the Mexican fentanyl trade*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1316) that would require the Secretary of Defense to certify whether Chinese Government officials assisted or were aware of the transportation of fentanyl precursors to Mexican drug cartels.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment requiring the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to determine if information available to the Department of Defense indicates that the Government of the People's Republic of China assisted in, or approved of, the transportation of pill presses, fentanyl products, or fentanyl precursors to one or more Mexican drug cartels, and if so, to issue that determination to the congressional defense committees.

*Sec. 1312 - Analysis of certain biotechnology entities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1880) that would prohibit the head of an executive agency from contracting with certain biotechnology providers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Department of Defense to conduct an assessment of biotechnology companies headquartered in China to determine if they should be identified as Chinese military companies operating in the United States in accordance with section 1260H of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283).

*Sec. 1313 - Studies on defense budget transparency of the People's Republic of China and the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1315) that would require an independent study of the defense budget of the People's Republic of China.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1357).

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

Not later than March 1, 2024, the Secretary of Defense shall provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on: (1) The current number of Department of Defense personnel specifically tasked with the mission of analyzing the Chinese military budget; (2) The total number of Department of Defense personnel needed to complete the study as described in subsection (a) of this section; and (3) Any additional authorities, to include hiring-related authorities or other resources-related support, necessary to complete such study.

*Sec. 1314 - Extension of authority to transfer funds for Bien Hoa dioxin cleanup*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1345) that would extend the authority to transfer funds for Bien Hoa dioxin cleanup through fiscal year 2024.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1315 - Extension and modification of pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1346) that would modify the pilot program to improve cyber cooperation with foreign military partners in Southeast Asia and extend the program until December 31, 2029.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would extend the pilot program until December 31, 2027.

*Sec. 1316 - Enhancing major defense partnership with India*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1351) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to ensure that India is appropriately considered for security cooperation benefits consistent with the status of India as a major defense partner of the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the head of any other relevant Federal department or agency, not later than March 1, 2024, to provide the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives with a briefing on the status of cooperative defense activities with India, including the lines of effort specified in the provision.

*Sec. 1317 - Report on enhanced security cooperation with Japan*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1348) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a plan for enhancing United States security cooperation with Japan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1318 - Report and notification relating to transfer of operational control on Korean Peninsula*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1354) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report that describes the conditions under which the military forces of the Republic of Korea would be prepared to assume wartime operational control of the United States and Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command and would require a notification not later than 30 days prior to wartime operational control of the United States and Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command being transferred to the Republic of Korea.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1319 - Study and report on command structure and force posture of United States Armed Forces in the Indo-Pacific region*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1356) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to conduct an independent study for the purpose of improving the current command structure and force posture of the United States Armed Forces in the area of responsibility of the United States Indo-Pacific Command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

## **SUBTITLE B—MATTERS RELATING TO THE AUKUS PARTNERSHIP**

*Secs. 1321 - 1354 - Matters relating to the AUKUS partnership*

The agreement includes provisions (Subtitle B - Matters Relating to the AUKUS Partnership) relating to the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States known as "AUKUS".

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Briefing on multi-year plan to fulfill defensive requirements of military forces of Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1305) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the status of the efforts to develop and implement the joint multi-year plan to fulfill defensive requirements of military forces of Taiwan required under section 5506 of the James M.

Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, a briefing on the status of efforts to develop and implement the joint multi-year plan to fulfill defensive requirements of military forces of Taiwan.

*Modifications to initiative to support protection of national security academic researchers from undue influence and other security threats*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1307) that would establish research security metrics to evaluate whether or not an institution is properly securing research being performed under Department of Defense grants or direction.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Expansion of international technology focused partnerships and experimentation activities in the Indo-Pacific*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 1309 and 1310) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan and roadmap to expand international technology-focused partnerships, agreements, and experimentation activities in the Indo-Pacific region and express the sense of Congress on emerging technology in the U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees believe the United States should continue efforts that strengthen United States defense alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region, including by prioritizing critical and emerging technology partnerships and bolstering innovation for dual-use technologies to ensure the United States military can operate in rapidly evolving digital threat environments and emerging-technology areas. Therefore, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide the congressional defense committees with a briefing on efforts

to expand international technology-focused partnerships, agreements, and experimentation activities in the Indo-Pacific region, including those that are intended to:

(1) Accelerate the creation and fielding of new capabilities and critical technologies as outlined in the National Defense Science and Technology Strategy, as directed by section 211 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81), consistent with the strategic plans of the Department of Defense with respect to the activities of Indo-Pacific Command;

(2) Leverage the technological and manufacturing capabilities of private sector and government organizations in the United States and international partners;

(3) Identify opportunities for cost sharing and financial and non-financial contributions by partner countries for activities to develop and deploy new operational capabilities;

(4) Enhance coordination with partner countries and their agencies that are currently involved, or could become involved, in co-production of capabilities;

(5) Advance capabilities, including unmanned capabilities, to respond to gray zone activity and enhance Indo-Pacific partner capacity to protect national resources; and

(6) Identify and accelerate the fielding of new capabilities and critical technologies that would improve the defensive capabilities of allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

*Report on reestablishment of civic action teams in Pacific Island countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310A) that would direct the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, in coordination with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees on the feasibility and advisability of reestablishing civic action teams in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia and on the benefits and challenges associated with establishing civic action teams in various Pacific island locations.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize the value of constructive departmental engagement in the Indo-Pacific region. Therefore, not later than June 30, 2024, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense

committees on: (1) The feasibility and advisability of reestablishing civic action teams in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, as authorized under the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-239), the Palau Compact of Free Association Act (Public Law 99-658 and Public Law 101-219), and the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-188); and (2) The potential benefits and challenges of establishing civic action teams in: the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. The briefing should include assessments of the estimated costs and activities of mutual interest to the Department of Defense and each potential host country.

### *Sense of Congress*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310C) that would express the sense of Congress that the United States and Taiwan should explore all measures to expand Taiwan's source of energy and harden Taiwan's facilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees believe the Department of Defense, in collaboration with other departments and agencies of the United States Government, should explore all measures to expand Taiwan's source of energy and harden Taiwan's facilities, as appropriate.

### *United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group Study and Report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310D) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study of the feasibility and advisability of establishing the United States-Taiwan Combined Planning Group or an alternative mechanism.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 5506 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) directs the Secretaries of Defense and State to engage with appropriate officials of Taiwan for the purposes of establishing a joint consultative mechanism to develop and implement a multi-year plan to provide for the acquisition of appropriate defensive capabilities by Taiwan and to engage with Taiwan in a series of combined training, exercises, and planning activities consistent with the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8).

### *Sense of Congress on liaisons with Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310E) that would express the sense of Congress on liaisons with Taiwan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees believe that building trust and familiarity between the United States and Taiwan is an important component of helping Taiwan to improve its self-defense capabilities and strengthening working-level communication and coordination would enhance the effectiveness of the United States' provision of defense articles to Taiwan, joint military exercises with Taiwan, and other efforts to improve Taiwan's self-defense capabilities. Additionally, the conferees believe the Secretary of Defense should utilize existing authorities for the purposes of: maximizing the deterrent effects of the United States' provision of defense articles to Taiwan; enhancing Taiwan's domestic defense procurements and investments; conducting exercises that involve complex challenges in multiple warfare domains; developing concepts of operation and tactics, techniques, and procedures to improve Taiwan's self-defense capabilities; and helping Taiwan to meet its needs relating to energy security, cyber defense of its critical infrastructure, resilience of its communications systems, defense against malign influence and information operations, and stockpiling of critical munitions and other appropriate defense articles.

### *Invitation to Taiwan to the Rim of the Pacific Exercise*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310F) that would require the Secretary of Defense to extend an invitation to the naval forces of Taiwan to fully participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercise conducted in 2024.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note section 1264 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) expressed the sense of Congress that the commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command possesses the authority to carry out joint military exercises with Taiwan and that the naval forces of Taiwan should be invited to participate in the Rim of the Pacific exercise, as appropriate, conducted in 2024.

### *Report on feasibility of providing assistance to Taiwan in developing an asymmetric naval self-defense capability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310G) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the feasibility of providing assistance to Taiwan in developing an asymmetric naval self-defense capability.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Study on determination of defense needs of Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310H) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the defense needs of Taiwan and the potential loan and lease of defense articles to the Government of Taiwan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 5506 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) requires a multi-year plan to fulfill defensive requirements of military forces of Taiwan.

#### *Limitation on certain maps*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310I) that would prohibit funds to be used to create, procure, or display any map that depicts Taiwan, Kinmen, Matsu, Penghu, Wuciou, Green Island, or Orchid Island as part of the territory of the People's Republic of China.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Limitation on funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310J) that would prohibit funds to be used to promote a "one country, two systems" solution for Taiwan.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Limitation on use of funds with respect to Taiwan military officers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310K) that would prohibit the use of funds to forbid Active-Duty military officers of Taiwan from wearing their uniforms during visits to the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress on defense intelligence sharing between the Republic of Korea, Japan, and Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310M) that would express the sense of Congress that defense intelligence sharing between the United States and the Republic of Korea, Japan, and Taiwan, is crucial for identifying and countering the malign activities of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that threaten the interests of the United States, our allies, and partners.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees believe that defense intelligence sharing between the United States and the Republic of Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and other Indo-Pacific allies and partners is crucial for identifying and countering the malign activities of the People's Republic of China and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea that threaten the interests of the United States, our allies, and partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

*Report on defense support for Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1310N) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report containing an evaluation of the Foreign Military Sales processes across all military services for the provision of defense articles, defense services, and training to Taiwan pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the reporting requirements in this provision are addressed elsewhere in this Act. The conferees also note that the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act contained in sections 5501 through 5512 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) includes authorities and reporting requirements intended to expedite evaluation of Foreign Military Sales for the provision of defense articles, defense services, and training to Taiwan pursuant to the Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8).

*Modifications to public reporting of Chinese military companies operating in the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1311) that would require the Secretary of Defense to consider information related to Chinese military companies that is provided jointly

by the chair and ranking member of any of the congressional defense committees.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees expect the Secretary of Defense to consider information provided jointly by the chairperson and ranking member of a congressional defense committee in making determinations related to Chinese military companies operating directly or indirectly in the United States or any of its territories and possessions.

*Modification to annual report on military and security developments involving the People's Republic of China*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 1312, 1317, and 1318) that would modify the annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China to include among its report elements lessons learned by China from Russia, a component on emerging technology developments involving China, and developments on the burgeoning relationship between China and Iran.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees believe future iterations of the Department of Defense's annual report on Military and Security Developments Involving the People's Republic of China required by section 1202 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65), as amended, should include, to the extent feasible, an analysis of any Chinese support for Russia's invasion of Ukraine; an analysis of any lessons learned by the People's Republic of China from Russia with respect to security and military matters; an identification and assessment of critical or emerging technologies in which the People's Liberation Army is invested, or for which there are Military-Civil Fusion Development Strategy programs of the People's Republic of China; and relevant developments with respect to the relationship between the People's Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

*Prohibition on use of funds for work performed by EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. in China on research supported by the Government of China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1313) that would prohibit use of funds for work by the EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., in China on research supported by the Chinese Government.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Study and report on implementation of naval blockades of shipments of fossil fuels to China in event of armed conflict*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1314) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to Congress that contains the findings of a study on the feasibility of implementing naval blockades of shipments of fossil fuels to China in the event of an armed conflict between the United States and China.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees regarding the reliance of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) on imported fossil fuels for energy. The required briefing shall include:

- (1) An overview of the PLA's energy sources;
- (2) A description of the means by which the PLA imports fossil fuels for energy, including an identification of the ground and sea lines of communication used by the PLA to import fossil fuels;
- (3) An assessment of the extent to which a disruption to the supply of imported fossil fuels would impact the readiness of the PLA; and
- (4) Any other matters deemed relevant by the Secretary.

*Report on military activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China in the Arctic region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1319) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on military activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China in the Arctic region.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that issues pertaining to global Russian and Chinese military activities are covered in detail in annual Military Power Reports.

*Report on activity of the People's Liberation Army, the Chinese Communist Party and Government of the People's Republic of China in Cambodia*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1320) that would require the President to submit a report on activity of the People's Liberation Army, the Chinese Communist Party, and Government of the People's Republic of China in Cambodia.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding activities of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Cambodia. At a minimum, the required briefing shall address:

(1) The involvement of the PLA in upgrading existing facilities or constructing new facilities at Ream Naval Base and Dara Sakor Airport in Cambodia;

(2) Any potential benefits, including any enhancement of the power projection capabilities of the PLA, that the PLA may accrue as a result of such upgrades or construction;

(3) The impact that the presence of the PLA in Cambodia may have on the interests, allies, and partners of the United States in the region; and

(4) Any other matters deemed relevant by the Director.

*Report on Chinese presence in Africa*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1321) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the threat posed by the People's Republic of China with respect to China's commercial sea lines of communication, increasing Chinese military presence on the African continent, displacing United States influence in the Southern Atlantic, and China's influence along strategic maritime routes.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that issues pertaining to Chinese military activities on the continent of Africa, as well as the potential threats posed by China to strategic maritime routes are covered in detail in the annual China Military Power Report.

*Plan for improvements to certain operating locations in Indo-Pacific region*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1349) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a classified survey to identify each United States operating location within the area of responsibility of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees a briefing regarding operating locations used by the United States Armed Forces within the area of responsibility of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command that may be used to respond militarily to aggression by the People's Republic of China. At a minimum, the required briefing shall include:

(1) An assessment of whether such operating locations are capable of mitigating damage to aircraft of the United States Armed Forces in the event of a missile, aerial drone, or other form of attack by the People's Republic of China;

(2) An identification of improvements designed to increase the survivability of aircraft of the United States Armed Forces in the event of a missile, aerial drone, or other form of attack by the People's Republic of China; and

(3) A description of other means for increasing survivability of such aircraft in the event of such an attack, including dispersal and deception.

*Report on range of consequences of war with the People's Republic of China*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1355) that would require the Director of the Office of Net Assessment to submit a report on the range of geopolitical and economic

consequences of a United States-People's Republic of China conflict in 2030.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Director of the Office of Net Assessment, not later than December 1, 2024, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, on the range of geopolitical and economic consequences of a United States-People's Republic of China conflict in 2030. The required report shall, at a minimum:

(1) Account for potential—

(a) attacks on the United States and the People's Republic of China, including cyber threats and the potential disruption of critical infrastructure;

(b) impacts on the United States Armed Forces and the military forces of United States allies and partners, including loss of life, capabilities, United States force posture, and United States alliances in the Indo-Pacific region;

(c) impacts on the military forces of the People's Republic of China, including loss of life and capabilities;

(d) impacts on the civilian populations of Japan, Taiwan, Australia, and other countries in the Indo-Pacific region;

(e) disruption of the global economy; and

(f) any other matter the Director of the Office of Net Assessment considers relevant; and

(2) Include a review of previous attempts in history to forecast the consequences and costs of war.

Furthermore, the conferees direct that the required report be submitted in unclassified form free of handling restrictions, but may include a classified annex, if necessary. Lastly, the conferees direct the Director of the Office of Net Assessment to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives on the conclusions of the required report not less than 14 days prior to the date on which the required report is submitted.

*Briefing on provision of security assistance by the People's Republic of China and summary of Department of Defense mitigation activities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1358) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing that describes the provision of security assistance and training by the People's Republic of China to foreign military forces for the purpose of achieving the national objectives of the People's Republic of China.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of State, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing that describes the provision of security assistance and training by the People's Republic of China to foreign military forces for the purpose of achieving the national objectives of the People's Republic of China. Furthermore, the conferees expect that future reports submitted under section 1206(c)(2) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) will include a summary of Department of Defense activities designed to mitigate the provision of security assistance and training by the People's Republic of China to foreign military forces for the purpose of achieving the national objectives of the People's Republic of China.

*Semiannual briefings on bilateral agreements supporting United States military posture in the Indo-Pacific region*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1359) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on bilateral agreements supporting the United States military posture in the Indo-Pacific region.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to jointly provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives regarding bilateral agreements supporting the

United States military posture in the Indo-Pacific region. At a minimum, the required briefing shall include:

(1) An update on notable changes to elements described in section 1262(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263); and

(2) An assessment of the impact on United States military operations if any individual or combination of allies and partners were to deny continued access, basing, or overflight rights, including with respect to—

- (a) forward presence;
- (b) agile basing;
- (c) pre-positioned materials; or
- (d) fueling and resupply.

*Semiannual briefings on military of the People's Republic of China*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1360) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing on the military activities of the People's Republic of China with respect to Taiwan and the South China Sea, efforts by the Department of Defense to engage with the People's Liberation Army, and United States' efforts to enable the defense of Taiwan and bolster maritime security in the South China Sea.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that there are a number of other reporting and briefing requirements found elsewhere in this Act and in the Taiwan Enhanced Resilience Act (subtitle A of title LV of Public Law 117-263).

*Prohibition on use of funds for the Wuhan Institute of Virology*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1362) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act from being made available for the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

The House bill contained related language.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that other provisions pertaining to this matter are contained elsewhere in this Act.

*Assessment Relating to Contingency Operational Plan of United States Indo-Pacific Command*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1365) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment, based on the contingency operational plan for a major conflict in the area of operations of the United States Indo-Pacific Command, to identify and characterize the dependencies of such plan on specific critical infrastructure facilities, capabilities, and services for the successful mobilization, deployment, and sustainment of forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees regarding the dependence of the Department of Defense on critical infrastructure facilities, capabilities, and services for the successful mobilization, deployment, and sustainment of forces in support of a contingency in the United States Indo-Pacific Command area of operations.

*Assessment of absorptive capacity of military forces of Taiwan*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1366) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the absorptive capacity of the military forces of Taiwan for military capabilities provided and approved by the United States for delivery to Taiwan in the last 10 years, including the date of projected or achieved initial and full operational capabilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to provide the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committees on Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives a briefing on the absorptive capacity of the military forces of Taiwan for military capabilities provided and approved by the United States for delivery to Taiwan in the last 10 years, including the date of projected or achieved initial and full operational capabilities.

*Analysis of risks and implications of potential sustained military blockade of Taiwan by the People's Republic of China*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1367) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff to complete a comprehensive analysis of the risks and implications of a sustained military blockade of Taiwan by the People's Republic of China.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives, and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, containing a comprehensive analysis of the risks and implications of a sustained military blockade of Taiwan by the People's Republic of China. At a minimum, the analysis and report shall include:

(1) An assessment of the means by which the People's Republic of China could execute a sustained military blockade of Taiwan, including the most likely courses of action through which the People's Republic of China could attempt to impose such a blockade;

(2) An identification of indications and warnings of a potential sustained military blockade of Taiwan by the People's Republic of China, and the likely timelines associated with such indications and warnings;

(3) An identification of other coercive actions that the People's Republic of China may potentially take in connection with such a blockade, including the seizure of outlying islands;

(4) An assessment of the impact of such a blockade on the ability of Taiwan to sustain its self-defense capabilities, economy, and population;

(5) An assessment of the potential negative impacts on the United States of such a blockade;

(6) An assessment of key military problems presented by such a blockade;

(7) An assessment of the military capabilities necessary to address the problems identified under subparagraph (6);

(8) An assessment of the potential challenges to risk mitigation and escalation management presented by such a blockade;

(9) An assessment of the extent to which the potential for such a blockade is addressed by the Joint Warfighting Concept and Joint Concept for Competing;

(10) An identification of any necessary changes to the United States Armed Forces' force design, doctrine, or

tactics, techniques, and procedures for responding to, or mitigating the impact of, such a blockade; and

(11) An assessment of the potential roles of partners and allies in addressing the challenges posed by such a blockade.

Lastly, in producing the required analysis and report, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to engage with the head of each appropriate Federal department or agency regarding the challenges posed by a potential sustained military blockade of Taiwan by the People's Republic of China.

*Extension of export prohibition on munitions items to the Hong Kong Police Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1370) that would extend the export prohibition on munitions items to the Hong Kong Police.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sense of Congress on the renewal of the Compacts of Free Association with the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6241) that would express the sense of Congress on the renewal of the compacts of Free Association with the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Eligibility of Taiwan for the strategic trade authorization exception to certain export control licensing requirements*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6242) that would require the President to take steps so that Taiwan may be treated as if it were included in the list of countries eligible for the strategic trade authorization exception under section 740.20(c)(1) of the Export Administration Regulations to the requirement for a license for the export, re-export, or in-country transfer of an item subject to controls under the Export Administration Regulations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

## **TITLE XIV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **SUBTITLE A—MILITARY PROGRAMS**

#### *Sec. 1401 - Working capital funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1401) that would authorize appropriations for Defense working capital funds at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1501).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1402 - Chemical agents and munitions destruction, defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1402) that would authorize appropriations for Chemical Agents and Munitions Destruction, Defense at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1502).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1403 - Drug interdiction and counter-drug activities, defense-wide*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1403) that would authorize appropriations for Drug Interdiction and Counter-Drug Activities, Defense-wide at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1503).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1404 - Defense Inspector General*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1404) that would authorize appropriations for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1504).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1405 - Defense Health Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1405) that would authorize appropriations for the Defense Health Program at the levels identified in section 4501 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1505).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

## **SUBTITLE B—NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE**

### *Sec. 1411 - Improvements to Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1512) that would amend sections of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98a) to provide additional flexibilities and authorities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with technical amendments.

### *Sec. 1412 - Authority to dispose of materials from the National Defense Stockpile*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1513) that would authorize the National Defense Stockpile to dispose of certain materials that have been determined to be excess to Stockpile requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

### *Sec. 1413 - Beginning balances of the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund for audit purposes*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1514) that would define the beginning balances of the National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund for audit purposes.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

### *Sec. 1414 - Critical mineral independence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1415) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a strategy to develop supply chains for the Department of Defense that are not dependent on mining or processing of critical minerals in or by covered countries.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1057).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE C—OTHER MATTERS**

### *Sec. 1421 - Modification of leasing authority of Armed Forces Retirement Home*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1523) that would amend section 1511(i) of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991 (24 U.S.C. 411(i)) to: (1) Authorize the Chief Operating Officer to enter into agreements with potential lessees to provide for a period of exclusivity, access, and study in exchange for payment to the Armed Forces Retirement Home trust fund, and (2) Provide that fund will remain available for obligation and expenditure to finance expenses of the Retirement Home related to the formation and administration of such agreements and leases.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would terminate this provision on September 30, 2026.

### *Sec. 1422 - Authority for transfer of funds to joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for Captain James A. Lovell Health Care Center, Illinois*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1413) that would authorize the transfer of \$172.0 million to the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund for operations of the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1521).

The Senate recesses.

### *Sec. 1423 - Authorization of appropriations for Armed Forces Retirement Home*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1414) that would authorize an appropriation of \$77.0 million from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund for fiscal year 2024 for the operation of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1522).

The Senate recesses.

## **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Expansion of National Defense Stockpile requirements for era of great power competition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1411) that would expand National Defense Stockpile requirements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Membership of Coast Guard on Strategic Materials Protection Board*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1412) that would amend the membership of the Strategic Materials Protection Board to include the Coast Guard.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **TITLE XV—CYBERSPACE—RELATED MATTERS**

### **SUBTITLE A—CYBER OPERATIONS**

*Sec. 1501 - Performance metrics for pilot program on sharing cyber capabilities and related information with foreign operational partners*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1703) that would amend section 398 of title 10, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to track the results of sharing cyber capabilities and related information with foreign operational partners.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would make technical corrections.

*Sec. 1502 - Harmonization and clarification of Strategic Cybersecurity Program and related matters*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1501) that would align and harmonize efforts and requirements for matters related to operational technologies found in Department of Defense networks, weapon systems, and base infrastructure. The originating legislative mandates are found across seven separate

National Defense Authorization Acts, with the earliest requirement established in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016 (Public Law 114-92).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would expand the membership of the "Strategic Cybersecurity Program" and clarify the responsibilities of the program office.

*Sec. 1503 - Modification of authority to use operation and maintenance funds for cyber operations-peculiar capability development projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1682) that would amend section 1640 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) by extending the authority to 2028 and increasing the limit to \$16.0 million.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1504 - Quarterly briefings on joint all domain command and control effort*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1062) that would amend 1076(a) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) to require the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense, the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, and a senior military service representative for each of the Armed Forces to provide to the congressional defense committees quarterly briefings on the progress of the Joint All Domain Command and Control (JADC2) effort of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require participation by multiple combatant commands in the first quarterly briefing of each calendar year, provision of funding tables for JADC2 efforts by components of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the military services, and a summary of lessons learned from large-scale exercises and experiments relevant to JADC2.

*Sec. 1505 - Authority for countering illegal trafficking by Mexican transnational criminal organizations in cyberspace*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1706) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense, in coordination

with other relevant Federal departments and agencies, and in consultation with the Government of Mexico as appropriate, to conduct detection, monitoring, and other operations in cyberspace to counter Mexican transnational criminal organizations that are engaged in smuggling of illegal drugs, controlled substances, or precursors thereof; human or weapons trafficking; or other illegal activities. The provision also would require the development and submission to appropriate committees of Congress a strategy for conducting cyber operations to counter these transnational criminal organizations, and quarterly briefings on such operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would eliminate the requirement for the development and submission to Congress of a strategy for conducting cyber operations to counter these transnational criminal organizations, and quarterly briefings on such operations. The amendment would also make clarifying changes.

*Sec. 1506 - Development of cyber support mechanisms for geographic combatant commands*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1714) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander, United States Cyber Command, and each commander of a geographic combatant command, to develop a regional cybersecurity strategy to support the operations of each geographic combatant command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would clarify the scope of the regional strategies required.

*Sec. 1507 - Review and plan relating to cyber red teams of Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1704) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy to direct the appropriate Assistant Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Principal Cyber Advisors of the military departments, to oversee the development and submission of a plan to modernize cyber red teams, establish joint service standards, and expand partnerships with the Department of Defense to increase the cyber talent workforce, among other things.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that aligns the provision with the Department of Defense's response to section 1660 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92).

## **SUBTITLE B—CYBERSECURITY**

*Sec. 1511 - Responsibility for cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection of defense industrial base*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1524) that would amend section 1724 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283) by requiring the Secretary of Defense to designate a principal staff assistant from within the Office of the Secretary of Defense to serve as the coordinating authority for cybersecurity issues relating to the defense industrial base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1512 - Cybersecurity enhancements for nuclear command, control, and communications network*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1717) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a cross-functional team to implement security enhancements for the nuclear command, control, and communications network.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1513 - Pilot program relating to semiconductor supply chain and Cybersecurity Collaboration Center*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1707) that would establish a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of improving the cybersecurity of the semiconductor manufacturing supply chain by enabling the National Security Agency Cybersecurity Collaboration Center to collaborate with semiconductor manufacturers in the United States.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make clarifying edits.

*Sec. 1514 - Transfer of data and technology developed under MOSAICS program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 227) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to transfer data and technology developed under the More Situational Awareness for Industrial Control Systems Joint Capabilities Technology Demonstration program to eligible private sector entities to enhance cyber threat detection and protection of critical industrial control system assets.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would add a notification requirement when a decision is made to transfer data or technology under this authority.

*Sec. 1515 - Modernization program for network boundary and cross-domain defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1712) that would require the Secretary of Defense to carry out a modernization program for network boundary and cross-domain defense against cyberattacks.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit an implementation plan regarding the modernization program required by this section.

*Sec. 1516 - Establishment of certain identity, credential, and access management activities as program of record*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1719) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish the Identity, Credential, and Access Management (ICAM) initiative as a program of record subject to milestone reviews, compliance with requirements, and operational testing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that grants the Secretary of Defense waiver authority over the establishment of a program of record for the Identity, Credential, and Access Management initiative under certain conditions.

*Sec. 1517 - Pilot program on assuring critical infrastructure support for military contingencies*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 331) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a pilot

program, known as the "Assuring Critical Infrastructure Support for Military Contingencies Pilot Program," under which military installations that play key roles in the mobilization, deployment, and sustainment of military forces in major contingency operations would be selected for analysis of dependencies on regional critical infrastructure and for prioritization and processes for restoration of services. The provision would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report, not later than one year after the enactment of this Act, to other executive branch officials and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1518 - Military cybersecurity cooperation with Taiwan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1505) that would require the Secretary of Defense to seek to cooperate with the Ministry of Defense of Taiwan on defensive military cybersecurity activities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1352).

The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1519 - Guidance regarding securing laboratories of the Armed Forces*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1718) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Information Officer, the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, and the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security, to issue Department-wide guidance regarding methods and processes to secure laboratories of the Armed Forces.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE C—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DATA MANAGEMENT**

*Sec. 1521 - Control and management of Department of Defense data; establishment of Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer Governing Council*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1725) that would require the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense to maintain the authority, but not the requirement, to access and control, on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, of all data collected, acquired, accessed, or utilized by Department of Defense components consistent with section 1513 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1522 - Modification to Department of Defense enterprise-wide procurement of cyber data products and services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1503) that would amend subsection (a) of section 1521 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) to include a new paragraph that requires the evaluation of emerging cyber technologies for efficacy and applicability to the requirements of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1523 - Management of data assets by Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1705) that would require the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, to enhance the management of data assets and data analytical tools.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would make clarifying edits regarding congressional intent that this provision applies to foreign data collection and acquisitions, and that data acquisition activities and plans are undertaken in cooperation and in coordination with the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency to ensure that any data collection, procurement, acquisition, use, or retention measure conducted pursuant to this section is in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including standards pertaining to data related to U.S. persons or any persons in the United States.

*Sec. 1524 - Course of education and pilot program on authentication of digital content provenance for certain Department of Defense media content*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1722) that would require, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Defense Media Activity (DMA) to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on developing a course of education at the Defense Information School (DINFOS) to teach the practical concepts and skills needed by Department of Defense (DOD) public affairs, audiovisual, visual information, and records management specialists, on the following: (1) The expertise and qualifications of the DOD personnel who will be responsible for teaching the proposed course of education; (2) The list of sources that will be consulted and used to develop the curriculum for the proposed course of education; (3) A description of the industry open technical standards that may be used to authenticate the digital content provenance of applicable DOD media content; and (4) The status of the implementation of the proposed course of education. The provision also would require that the Director of DMA establish, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, a course of education at DINFOS to teach the specialists to understand digital content provenance for applicable DOD media content; the challenges posed to Department missions and operations by digital content forgeries; how existing industry open technical standards may be used to authenticate the provenance of such content; hands-on techniques for capturing secure and authenticated digital content for documenting and communicating DOD themes and messages; and techniques and methods for completing post-production tasks of DOD content. The provision would also require the Director, not later than one year after the establishment of the required course, to provide a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the status of the development of the course curriculum, the course implementation plan, and the resources available and needed to carry out the requirements of the provision. In addition, the provision would require the Director, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, to commence a pilot program to assess the feasibility and advisability of implementing industry open technical standards for DOD digital content provenance, and report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than January 1, 2026 on the results of the pilot program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Director of DMA to establish the required course.

The conferees direct the DMA Director to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act, on developing a course of education at the Defense Information School (DINFOS) to teach the practical concepts and skills needed by Department of Defense (DOD) public affairs, audiovisual, visual information, and records management specialists, on the following: (1) The expertise and qualifications of the DOD personnel who will be responsible for teaching the proposed course of education; (2) The list of sources that will be consulted and used to develop the curriculum for the proposed course of education; (3) A description of the industry open technical standards that may be used to authenticate the digital content provenance of applicable DOD media content; and (4) The status of the implementation of the proposed course of education.

*Sec. 1525 - Prize competitions for business systems modernization*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 221) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments to conduct one or more prize competitions under section 4025 of title 10, United States Code, in order to support the business systems modernization goals of the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make conforming changes, including adding a briefing requirement and a date by which the prize competition or competitions should commence.

*Sec. 1526 - Requirements for deployment of fifth generation information and communications capabilities to military installations and other Department facilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec.1711) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement a strategy for the deployment of private networks, based on fifth generation information and communications capabilities and Open Radio Access Network architecture, to military bases and facilities. The provision also would require the Secretary to streamline and ensure consistency in the process of providing access to military bases and facilities to commercial wireless service providers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with technical and clarifying edits.

*Sec. 1527 - Required policies to establish datalink strategy of Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 142) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop and implement policies that establish a unified datalink strategy and provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees on these policies.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would include the congressional intelligence committees as recipients of the briefing.

## **SUBTITLE D—PERSONNEL**

*Sec. 1531 - Office for academic engagement relating to cyber activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1502) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a central program office, under the authority of the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, to establish, maintain, and oversee the activities of the Department of Defense in its relationship with academia, to include those entities involved in primary, secondary, and post-secondary education, with respect to cyber-related matters.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would make technical edits.

*Sec. 1532 - Selected Reserve order to active duty to respond to a significant cyber incident*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 522) that would amend section 12304 of title 10, United States Code, to: (1) Authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to order units and members of the Selected Reserve or Individual Ready Reserve, without the consent of the members, to Active Duty to respond to a significant cyber incident; and (2) Remove the requirement that an order to Active Duty to augment the active forces be for a named operational mission.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would authorize the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Department in

which the Coast Guard is operating to order units and members of the Selected Reserve, without the consent of the members, to Active Duty to respond to a significant cyber incident.

*Sec. 1533 - Post-graduate employment of Department of Defense Cyber Service Academy scholarship recipients in intelligence community*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1723) that would amend section 1535 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to authorize post-graduate employment of graduates of the Department of Defense Cyber and Digital Service Academy in non-Department of Defense intelligence community agencies, on a reimbursable basis. The provision would also rename the program authorized by that section as the Cyber Service Academy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1534 - Minimum number of scholarships to be awarded annually through Department of Defense Cyber Service Academy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision that would amend section 1535 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to require the Secretary of Defense to award no fewer than 1,000 scholarships per year under the Department of Defense Cyber and Digital Service Academy scholarship program. The provision would authorize the Secretary to award fewer than 1,000 scholarships in a fiscal year if the Secretary determines that fewer scholarships are needed to meet workforce needs, and provides notification to Congress of such determination.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1535 - Pilot program and other measures to enhance readiness and effectiveness of the Cyber Mission Force*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1701) that would require the Secretary of Defense to implement measures to enhance the readiness and effectiveness of the cyber mission force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make clarifying edits.

*Sec. 1536 - Authority to conduct pilot program on Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1521) that would provide the legal authority for the military services to accept voluntary and uncompensated services from civilian cybersecurity experts to train servicemembers on technical matters. It would solidify the legal basis for the United States Marine Corps Cyber Auxiliary program, as well as enable the other military services to establish their own Cyber Auxiliary programs. This section builds on committee report language titled "Cyber Auxiliary Utilization," which accompanied the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1216) that would require the Secretary of Army to carry out a pilot project to establish a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve. This Reserve would enable the Army to provide manpower to United States Cyber Command to support the Command's operations in cyberspace.

The House recedes with an amendment that would permit, but not require, the Secretary of the Army to carry out a pilot program for a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve in support of United States Cyber Command.

The conferees note the importance of the Department of Defense creatively leveraging robust cyber talent across the country. Moreover, the conferees remark that this provision is the twelfth piece of legislation since 2013 concerning how the Department of Defense can optimize and leverage robust American cyber talent in the National Guard, Reserve, or other mechanism for support to military cyber operations.

*Sec. 1537 - Requirements for implementation of user activity monitoring for certain personnel*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1721) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to require each head of a component of the Department of Defense to fully implement directives, policies, and program requirements for user activity monitoring (UAM) and least privilege access controls for Federal Government and contractor personnel granted access to classified information and classified networks. The provision also would require periodic testing and reporting of the effectiveness of UAM systems, triggers, and controls using threat-realistic behavior models.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require compliance with directives from the Committee on National Security Systems and the Secretary of Defense on user activity monitoring.

*Sec. 1538 - Study on occupational resiliency of Cyber Mission Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1534) that would require the Principal Cyber Advisor of the Department of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the principal cyber advisors of the military departments and the Commander of United States Cyber Command, to conduct a study on the personnel and resources required to enhance and support the occupational resiliency of the Cyber Mission Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

## **SUBTITLE E—ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

*Sec. 1541 - Modification to acquisition authority of senior official with principal responsibility for artificial intelligence and machine learning*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 826) that would modify the acquisition authority of the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office of the Department of Defense and require a demonstration of operational capability delivered with this authority.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1542 - Artificial intelligence bug bounty programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6097) that would require the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer of the Department of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to develop a bug bounty program for foundational artificial intelligence models being integrated into Department of Defense missions and operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1543 - Prize competition for technology that detects and watermarks use of generative artificial intelligence*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 218) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish and carry out a prize competition under section 4025 of title 10, United States Code, to evaluate technology, including applications, tools, and models, for the detection and watermarking of generative artificial intelligence.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1544 - Plans, strategies, and other matters relating to artificial intelligence*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 220) that would direct the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, to develop and implement a process to assess and report whether artificial technologies are developed and function responsibly.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 222)

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment that integrates some reporting elements into the requirements of the Senate provision.

*Sec. 1545 - Study to analyze vulnerability for artificial intelligence-enabled military applications*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6098) that would require the Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer (CDAO) of the Department of Defense to complete a study analyzing the vulnerabilities to the privacy, security, accuracy of, and capacity to assess, artificial intelligence-enabled military applications, as well as research and development needs for such applications.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

The conferees note that in conducting this study, the expectation is the Department will coordinate the assessment, to the maximum extent practicable, with a range of organizations within the Department, across the federal government, and with academia and industry to ensure broad-based input and consensus.

**SUBTITLE F—REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 1551 - Limitation on availability of funds for travel for Office of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness pending strategy relating to Defense Travel System*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 363) that would require the Secretary of Defense to terminate and replace the "Defense Travel System" with a new system for end-to-end travel management of the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 227).

The House recedes with an amendment that would reduce the scope for the limitation, but require a strategy for modernizing or replacing the Defense Travel Systems, and a certification from the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer that such strategy meets the validated requirements of the Department.

*Sec. 1552 - Management by Department of Defense of mobile applications*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1716) that would require the Secretary of Defense to evaluate and implement, to the maximum practicable extent, the recommendations of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense February 9, 2023 report entitled "Management Advisory: The DoD's Use of Mobile Applications" (Report No. DODIG-2023-041) with respect to managing mobile applications.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1553 - Report on Department of Defense Enterprise capabilities for cybersecurity*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 143) that would require the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the decision to exercise options on an existing contract to use cybersecurity capabilities to protect assets and networks across the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would make technical edits. The conferees also direct the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense to notify the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives of any future plans to alter the Department's current policy of utilizing third-party vendors to independently scan the

Department of Defense Information Network for both internal and external cyber vulnerabilities.

*Sec. 1554 - Report on technology modernization for Army Human Resources Command 2030 Transformation Plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1537) that would require the Secretary of the Army, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the Human Resources Command 2030 Transformation Plan of the Army that includes: (1) An estimated timeline for the completion of the implementation milestones of the Plan; and (2) An identification of future resource needs relating to the modernization of legacy information technology systems.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1555 - Certification requirement regarding contracting for military recruiting*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1532) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from contracting with any advertising or marketing agency that censors news sources based on subjective criteria.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment which would require the Secretary of Defense to certify, prior to contracting with any entities for the purpose of placing advertisements for military recruiting, that the entity does not provide such services as a result of certain biases.

## **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Authority to establish program of United States Cyber Command on dark web and deep web analysis tools*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1504) that would permit the Commander of United States Cyber Command to establish or augment a program for the purpose of analysis of information from "dark web" and "deep web" sources.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Updated strategy of Department of Defense relating to information environment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1506) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Commander of the United States Strategic Command and the Commander of the United States Cyber Command, to develop a strategy that updates the strategy contained in the document of the Department of Defense dated July 25, 2018, "Joint Concept for Operating in the Information Environment."

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Department of Defense published the "Strategy for Operations in the Information Environment" in July 2023 which provides the Department guidance to plan, resource, and apply informational power in concert with the 2022 National Defense Strategy. The conferees look forward to the publication of the "Department of Defense Operations in the Information Environment Implementation Plan" which will further clarify responsibilities while providing updated policies and guidance that we hope will improve our force posture to conduct such operations in the future. The conferees further note that, despite the strategic importance of these defining documents, past iterations of this strategy and supporting documents have had a disappointing lack of impact within the Department, the military services, or on global operations in this domain. The conferees look forward to working with the Department of Defense to strengthen the Department's capabilities in the information environment in order to execute an effective strategy.

*Modifications to rates of pay for certain cyber-related positions of Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1523) that would grant a new authority to the Secretary of Defense to grant pay cap waivers to civilians in critical areas. Other components of the Department of Defense have this authority, which creates artificial competition between the Department components.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Oversight for Command Post Computing Environment contract award*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1531) that would require the Secretary of the Army to inform the congressional defense committees within 14 days with a written

notification of an award associated with the Command Post Computing Environment, as well as the criteria used in the selection, and any other information determined as necessary by the Secretary.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*GAO review of cyberspace operations management*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1533) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of the Department of Defense's management of matters related to the execution of, and preparation for, cyberspace operations. This section would direct the Comptroller General to consider as part of the review the number of command staffs, secretariats, organizations, units, and personnel (including rank and grade levels) with any responsibility or management of budgetary, personnel, policy, or training matters affecting cyberspace operations across the Department of Defense, as well as other related issues.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees acknowledge the complexity of the Department's cyberspace operations organization and management and the need to better understand this structure. We direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the Department of Defense's cyberspace operations management and structure. At the discretion of the Comptroller General, this study may be published in two separate publications, with those portions able to be assessed promptly to be contained in a first report to be released no later than 150 days after enactment. Any subjects of the study which are not able to be comprehensively evaluated in time for the first report, shall be published in a second report to be published at the earliest date possible.

The aforementioned study shall include an evaluation and assessment by the Comptroller General of the following:

(1) The number of commands, organizations, units, and personnel (including an identification of the rank and grade thereof) responsible for conducting cyberspace operations across the Department of Defense;

(2) The command and control relationships associated with such commands, organizations, units, and personnel;

(3) The number of command staff, secretariats, organizations, units, and personnel (including an identification of the rank and grade thereof) with any responsibility for

budgetary, personnel, policy, or training matters, including the management of such matters, affecting cyberspace operations across the Department of Defense;

(4) The ratio of personnel specified in paragraph (1) determined to be fully trained and qualified, as defined by the Commander of the United States Cyber Command, relative to the total number of such personnel assigned to operational billets;

(5) The ratio of personnel specified in paragraph (3), relative to the total number of personnel assigned to billets within the Cyber Mission Force of the United States Cyber Command;

(6) An assessment of potential redundancy in effort or cost between the various entities specified in paragraph (3) with any responsibility for budgetary, personnel, policy, or training matters, including the management of such matters, affecting cyberspace operations across the Department of Defense;

(7) An evaluation of the sufficiency of authorities currently assigned to the position of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy to ensure that the Department of Defense has an effective and efficient force structure, and has trained and ready forces, necessary to conduct cyberspace operations at all echelons (including strategic, operational, and tactical echelons); and

(8) Any other matters the Comptroller General determines appropriate.

In addition to the elements described above, the Comptroller General shall take into consideration, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Office of the Department of Defense Principal Cyber Advisor;

(2) Office of the Department of Defense Chief Information Officer;

(3) Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy;

(4) Office of the Deputy Director for Global Operations, J-39, Joint Staff;

(5) Office of the Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber and Chief Information Officer, J-6, Joint Staff;

(6) Office of the Department of the Army Principal Cyber Advisor;

(7) Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7;

(8) Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2;

(9) Office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-6;

(10) United States Army Training & Doctrine Command;  
(11) United States Army Cyber Command;  
(12) Office of the Department of the Navy Principal  
Cyber Advisor;  
(13) Office of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations  
for Information Warfare, N2/N6;  
(14) United States Fleet Forces Command;  
(15) Naval Information Forces;  
(16) United States Fleet Cyber Command;  
(17) Office of the Department of the Air Force  
Principal Cyber Advisor;  
(18) Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for  
Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Cyber Effects  
Operations, A2/6, Air Staff;  
(19) Air Combat Command;  
(20) 16th Air Force;  
(21) Office of the United States Marine Corps Deputy  
Commandant for Information;  
(22) Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command; and  
(23) Office of the Deputy Chief of Space Operations  
for Operations, Cyber, and Nuclear, Space Staff.

We direct the Comptroller General to provide to the congressional defense committees interim briefings on the study every 45 days after the date of enactment of this Act until the second and final report is published.

#### *Report on State National Guard cyber units*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1536) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the feasibility of establishing a cyber unit in every National Guard of a State to ensure the ability of a State to quickly respond to cyber-attacks in such State.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

#### *Assessment of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1538) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report containing the results of an assessment of the implementation by the Department of Defense of innovative data analysis and information technology solutions that could improve risk management, agility, and capabilities for strategic defense purposes.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Report on modernized multilevel security system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1539) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence and in coordination with the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command and the commanders of such other combatant commands as the Secretary may determine appropriate, to submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a report on migrating the classified networks of the Department of Defense and the intelligence community, respectively, into a modernized multilevel security system.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees are aware of the Department's efforts to modernize its classified networks to provide for more secure tools to monitor and control access to the systems, while rapidly disseminating information. Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act, on the status of its classified networks modernization efforts.

*Cyber intelligence center*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1702) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a dedicated cyber intelligence capability to support the requirements of United States Cyber Command, the other combatant commands, the military departments, defense agencies, the Joint Staff, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense for foundational, scientific and technical, and all-source intelligence on cyber technology development, capabilities, concepts of operations, operations, and plans and intentions of cyber threat actors.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees agree that intelligence support to the planning and execution of cyber operations conducted below the level of armed conflict, for preparation of the operational environment, and at each level of operational art - strategic, operational, and tactical - must be substantially improved. The conferees believe that the causes of, and solutions to, this requirement are complex.

As a still-maturing combatant command in a new warfighting domain, Cyber Command itself must improve its ability to define and articulate its requirements for intelligence support at each level and phase of engagement with adversaries, as well as to actively engage the intelligence enterprise to fulfill them. It is likely that Cyber Command will continue to need assistance in maturing its requirements development process, and that the Secretary of Defense will need to ensure that such assistance is provided by the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency (NSA), and the intelligence components of the military departments. In addition, the other combatant commands need assistance and oversight in developing practical requirements for cyber operational support from Cyber Command.

At the strategic and operational level, there is a clear need for improved foundational intelligence. The conferees are concerned that the Department of Defense will continue to fail to address this persistent shortfall without a legislative mandate and the creation of an organizational element dedicated to the task. The conferees are not prepared at this time to dictate a specific organizational solution, but expect the Secretary of Defense to generate and implement one.

Equally problematic is the inability to produce fine-grained target systems analysis, and detailed network and systems engineering analysis at the necessary pace and scale. The Cyber Mission Forces do not possess sufficient deep technical expertise nor adequate access to the data required to generate the required level of analysis organically. A significant portion of the target systems analysis support that is currently lacking could be provided under a decentralized, federated model based on cooperative teaming among the existing service intelligence centers (and the Department's foreign material acquisition and human intelligence components). This would obviate the need to establish a new, separate center dedicated to the cyber domain, but making a coalition work effectively on a sustained basis could prove to be very challenging without a committed leadership entity. The conferees urge the Secretary to devise an effective and sustainable organizational solution.

The conferees conclude that the remaining, vital network and systems engineering analysis support for Cyber Command is likely to be achievable only via partnership with NSA. The NSA enterprise is best able to provide the required information and the analysis itself would need to be conducted under signals intelligence production authorities and oversight.

As the Department of Defense cannot burden the national intelligence mission and budget of NSA for this level of tailored support for military cyber operations, the conferees

believe that the Secretary of Defense should provide, separate from the national intelligence budget, the funding necessary for Cyber Command to acquire and sustain the required technical analytical capability and capacity. The conferees urge the Secretary to pursue this objective in stages, starting with a small-scale pilot deployment to develop a practical model that can be replicated. In addition, the conferees note the challenges in recruiting and retaining additional personnel with the necessary technical aptitude and experience in the same locales as the current NSA enterprise and urge the Secretary to adopt a more geographically distributed approach to this solution.

The executive branch recently completed another positive review of the dual-hat arrangement for the Commander of Cyber Command/Director of NSA. The foregoing assessment suggests that this partnership should be extended, with DOD's independent funding responsibilities clearly delineated.

Accordingly, the conferees urge the Secretary of Defense to develop an organization, and provide funding, personnel, and a management plan for the intelligence collection and analysis necessary to support the missions of Cyber Command and the other combatant commands in the disciplines of foundational intelligence, target systems analysis, and network and systems engineering analysis.

*Independent evaluation regarding potential establishment of United States Cyber Force and further evolution of current model for management and execution of cyber mission*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1708) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Public Administration to conduct an evaluation regarding the advisability of establishing a separate armed force dedicated to operations in the cyber domain, or refining and further evolving the current organizational approach for U.S. Cyber Command, which is based on the U.S. Special Operations Command model.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Policy and guidance on memory-safe software programming*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1713) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop Department of Defense-wide policy and guidance to implement the recommendations of the National Security Agency's (NSA) Software

Memory Safety Cybersecurity Information Sheet published in November 2022.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

### *Cyber incident reporting*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1715) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, the Commander, United States Cyber Command, and the Commander, Joint Force Headquarters Department of Defense Information Network, to establish a cyber incident reporting process within the Department.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The agreement does not include this provision.

The conferees note that Department of Defense systems continue to be the target of and susceptible to cyberattacks. We are concerned about the findings in the November 14, 2022 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report titled, "DOD Cybersecurity: Enhanced Attention Needed to Ensure Cyber Incidents Are Appropriately Reported and Shared" (GAO-23-105084), which determined that: (1) DOD has not fully implemented its processes for managing cyber incidents; (2) DOD does not have complete data on cyber incidents that are reported by DOD personnel; and (3) DOD does not document whether it notifies individuals' whose personal data is compromised in a cyber incident.

We therefore direct the Department to conduct a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than 180 days following the enactment of this Act, regarding how it is addressing the issues identified by the GAO to improve the Department's cybersecurity posture.

### *Strategy on cybersecurity resiliency of Department of Defense space enterprise*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1720) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chief Information Officer of the Department of Defense, the Commander, United States Cyber Command, the Secretary of the Air Force, and the Commander, United States Space Command, to develop and commence implementation of a Department-wide strategy regarding cyber protection activities for the Department of Defense space enterprise.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Requirement to support for cyber education and workforce development at institutions of higher learning*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1726) that would require the Secretary of Defense to support the development of foundational expertise in critical cyber operational skills at institutions of higher learning for current and future members of the Armed Forces and civilian employees of the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Improvements relating to cyber protection support for Department of Defense personnel in positions highly vulnerable to cyber attack*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1727) that would amend section 1645 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328; 10 U.S.C. 2224 note).

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees are aware of the need to provide additional cyber protection support for certain senior Department of Defense personnel who, due to their positions, may be uniquely vulnerable or subject to cyber attacks and adversary information collection activities. Section 1645 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) provided the Secretary of Defense with the authority to provide such support for personal technology devices of personnel deemed highly vulnerable to cyber attacks and hostile information collection activities. The conferees are concerned that the authority established for by section 1645 may not be sufficient to keep pace with the current threat environment, in particular with regard to personal accounts and networks used by such personnel outside of the scope of their employment with the Department of Defense.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than May 1, 2024, that contains: (1) An update on the implementation of and current status of the authorities granted under section 1645 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328); (2) An update on the frequency and nature of cyber threats faced by vulnerable

personnel; (3) An analysis of whether it is advisable to expand current authorities as established by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) to include personal networks, personal accounts, and other potential avenues of vulnerability in order to ensure adequate cyber protection support of relevant personnel; and (4) Such other information as the Secretary deems appropriate.

*Comptroller General report on efforts to protect personal information of Department of Defense personnel from exploitation by foreign adversaries*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1728) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to brief the appropriate congressional committees on Department of Defense efforts to protect personal information of its personnel from exploitation by foreign adversaries.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees agree with the concerns and tasking reflected in the Senate provision. The conferees direct that, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate, and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives on Department of Defense (DOD) efforts to protect personal information of its personnel from exploitation by foreign adversaries.

The briefing should provide:

(1) An assessment of DOD efforts to protect the personal information, including location data generated by smart phones, of members of the Armed Forces, civilian employees of the Department of Defense, veterans, and their families from exploitation by foreign adversaries;

(2) An assessment of the threat posed to DOD by adversary acquisition of comprehensive data on DOD military and civilian personnel, obtained through commercial sources, that can be used for information operations, to target cyber attacks, and to acquire indications and warning of preparations for military deployments and operations; and

(3) Recommendations to improve Department of Defense policies and programs to meaningfully address these threats.

The conferees further direct that the Comptroller General provide a report, in both classified and unclassified form, to

the previously specified committees at a time mutually agreed upon between the committees and the Comptroller General.

## **TITLE XVI—SPACE ACTIVITIES, STRATEGIC PROGRAMS, AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS**

### **SUBTITLE A—SPACE ACTIVITIES**

*Sec. 1601 - Delegation of certain authority of explosive safety board*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1608) that would establish an interim equivalency determination for trinitrotoluene (TNT) applied to launch vehicles and components that use methane during test and operations on or from a Federally owned or licensed facility and a process for TNT equivalency determinations to be assessed for launch vehicles while in flight.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would strike the findings, amend section 172 of title 10 of the United States Code, to have the Secretary of the Air Force delegate to the Commanders of the Space Launch Deltas the subject matter responsibility for explosives used by space launch vehicles; develop through the Secretaries of Defense, Transportation, and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a scientifically-valid yield determination for space launch vehicles while in flight; and require within 90 days of the completion of the Liquid Oxygen (LOX)-Methane Assessment working group process, the submission of a report to the appropriate congressional committees that includes a description of the effects of the LOX-Methane Assessment on existing and future maximum credible event analysis and any resulting effects on commercial space launch, civil space activities, and national security.

*Sec. 1602 - Classification review of space major defense acquisition programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1601) that would require review of classification guidance to ensure that it remains appropriate before milestone B approval of space major defense acquisition programs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1603 - Enhanced authority to increase space launch capacity through space launch support services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1602) that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to increase space launch capacity on Department of Defense ranges for space launch support services and to collect indirect costs from commercial entities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1606) that would authorize the Secretary of a military department to enter into agreements and receive cost reimbursement for all costs, both direct and indirect, associated with the provision of goods and services to commercial entities conducting space launch activities.

The Senate recedes with an amendment requiring the development of regulations with respect to contracts or other transactions, as well as direct and indirect reimbursement costs, for launch equipment and services provided to commercial entities.

*Sec. 1604 - Principal Military Deputy for Space Acquisition and Integration*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1604) that would require the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration to have a Principal Military Deputy for Space Acquisition and Integration, who would be an Active Duty officer in the Space Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1605 - Modification to updates of space policy review*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1606) that would limit the availability of 10 percent of the funds for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy for travel until the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees the reports required by sections 1609 and 1611 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that removes the findings, sense of Congress, and limitation on funding as such conditions were met.

*Sec. 1606 - Authorization for establishment of the National Space Intelligence Center as a field operating agency*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1604) that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to establish the National Space Intelligence Center as a field operating agency of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would strike language in the House provision referring to "notwithstanding any other provision of law prohibiting the establishment of a field operating agency."

*Sec. 1607 - Initial operational capability for Advanced Tracking and Launch Analysis System and requirements for system-level review*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1602) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to report to the congressional defense committees a date when the Advanced Tracking and Launch Analysis System (ATLAS) will be operational, and if it is not operational by that date, whether it should be cancelled and how it should be replaced.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment clarifying the review elements and the briefing requirement.

*Sec. 1608 - Use of middle tier acquisition program for proliferated warfighter space architecture of the Space Development Agency*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1605) that would require the Director of the Space Development Agency to use middle tier acquisition authority for the rapid fielding of satellites and associated systems for Tranche 1, Tranche 2, and Tranche 3 of the Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture of the Space Development Agency.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require the Space Acquisition Council to review each tranche and determine whether the use of middle tier acquisition is warranted.

*Sec. 1609 - Process and plan for Space Force space situational awareness*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1611) that would require the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration, in consultation with the Chief of Space Operations, to establish a process to identify and evaluate commercial space situational awareness capabilities. It

would also require them to develop and implement a plan to integrate the unified data library into Space Force operational systems.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1610 - Plan to improve threat-sharing arrangements with commercial space operators*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1609) that would require a plan for threat sharing with commercial space operators.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would remove the sense of Congress and make technical and conforming changes.

*Sec. 1611 - Plan for an integrated and resilient satellite communications architecture for the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1610) that would require a plan from the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition and Integration and the Chief of Space Operations, for an integrated and resilient satellite communications architecture for the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

## **SUBTITLE B—DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AND INTELLIGENCE-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

*Sec. 1621 - Military intelligence collection and analysis partnerships*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1391) that would allow the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency to accept and expend foreign partner funds in order for the foreign partner or partners to share with the Defense Intelligence Agency the expenses of joint and combined military intelligence collection and analysis activities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

## **SUBTITLE C—NUCLEAR FORCES**

*Sec. 1631 - Establishment of major force program for nuclear command, control, and communications programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1631) that would require the Department of Defense to establish a major force program for nuclear command, control, and communications (NC3) programs to aggregate and better track sustainment and modernization efforts across the NC3 enterprise.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that the Systems Engineering and Integration (SE&I) Division of the Nuclear Command, Control and Communications (NC3) Enterprise Center (NEC), which reports to the Commander of U.S. Strategic Command, serves as the principal systems engineering and technical integration staff for the Department's National Leadership Command Capability (NLCC). As part of this function, the SE&I Division authors the NLCC Program Tracking Report for each fiscal year, and which serves to provide much of the data collected in this provision. Prior to the creation of the NEC, this annual report was produced by the Defense Information System Agency.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Director of the NEC, acting through the Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, to deliver to the congressional defense committees the annual Program Tracking Report, not later than March 31st of each calendar year, to supplement the report described in paragraph (b) (1) of this provision.

*Sec. 1632 - Technical amendment to additional report matters on strategic delivery systems*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1621) that would to extend the requirement for the President to report to Congress if the plans to modernize or replace strategic delivery vehicles are not fully funded until the expiration of the Treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1633 - Amendment to annual report on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, nuclear weapons complex, nuclear weapons delivery systems, and nuclear weapons command and control systems*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1620) that would require an independent assessment by the Commander of U.S. Strategic Command on the plan for the nuclear weapons stockpile, nuclear weapons complex, nuclear weapons delivery systems, and nuclear weapons command and control systems.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 1634 - Matters relating to the acquisition and deployment of the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1613) that would authorize the use of multi-year procurement authority for the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile program. The provision would also amend section 1638 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to ensure that the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Site Activation Task Force reports directly to the Commander of the Air Force Global Strike Command, and would make technical and conforming amendments to the weapon system definition.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require a report assessing acquisition authorities, including multi-year procurement authority, necessary to ensure the Sentinel program meets current timelines.

*Sec. 1635 - Tasking and oversight authority with respect to intercontinental ballistic missile site activation task force for Sentinel Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1615) that would require the Secretary of Defense to delegate tasking and oversight authorities with respect to other components of the Department of Defense participating in the Sentinel Site Activation Task Force to the Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1636 - Study of weapons programs that allow Armed Forces to address hard and deeply buried targets*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1639) that would prohibit the deactivation, dismantlement, or retirement of more than 25 percent of the B83-1 nuclear gravity bombs that were in the active stockpile as of September 30, 2022, until 90

days after the Secretary of Defense submits to the congressional defense committees a study on options to hold at risk hard and deeply buried targets required by section 1674 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1622).

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would extend the existing prohibition related to deactivation, dismantlement, or retirement of the B83-1 nuclear gravity bombs, and would also authorize activities necessary to field near-term capabilities to address hard and deeply buried targets.

*Sec. 1637 - Repeal of requirement for review of nuclear deterrence postures*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1632) that would eliminate a duplicative reporting requirement contained in section 1753 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1638 - Retention of capability to redeploy multiple independently targetable reentry vehicles*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1633) that would extend a requirement of the current Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile to be capable of deploying multiple independently targeted reentry vehicles to the next-generation Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 1639 - Authorization to establish technology transition program for strategic nuclear deterrence*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 229) that would authorize the Commander of Air Force Global Strike Command, through the use of a partnership intermediary, to establish a technology transition program supporting the Air Force nuclear enterprise.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1640 - Matters relating to the nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile*

The House bill contained provisions (sec. 1641 and 1642) that would require the establishment of a program of record for the development of a nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile; the Administrator for Nuclear Security to initiate the development of an accompanying warhead variant; and quarterly reports from both the Department of the Navy and the National Nuclear Security Administration related to their development of the nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile and its associated warhead.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1618).

The House recedes with an amendment that would require, not later than 180 days after enactment of this act, an assessment by the Secretary of the Navy on the courses of action developed by the Joint Staff in response to the report by the Secretary of Defense in subsection 1642(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), to effectively deploy a nuclear-armed, sea-launched cruise missile from a *Virginia*-class submarine or other platforms that the Secretary considers appropriate. The amendment would further limit fiscal year 2024 funding for the travel by the Secretary of the Navy to not more than 90 percent made available until the report required in section 1642(b) (2) of the above has been submitted to the congressional defense committees.

*Sec. 1641 - Requirements relating to operational silos for the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1612) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to ensure the LGM-35A Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile program refurbishes and makes operable no fewer than 150 silos for intercontinental ballistic missiles each at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Malmstrom Air Force Base, and Minot Air Force Base.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1642 - Long-term sustainment of Sentinel ICBM guidance system*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1616) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to certify that there is a long-term capability in place to maintain and modernize the guidance system of the LGM-35A Sentinel Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) over the full life cycle of the program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1643 - Integrated master schedule for the Sentinel missile program of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1635) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide an integrated master schedule for the Sentinel missile program, as well as quarterly briefings on the program's progress.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would increase the quarterly briefings to monthly briefings, and require the integrated master schedule to adhere to the Government Accountability Office's best practices for project scheduling.

*Sec. 1644 - Operational timeline for Strategic Automated Command and Control System*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1619) that would require the full replacement of the Strategic Automated Command and Control System with the initial operating capability of the Sentinel LGM-35A weapon system.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1645 - Pilot program on development of reentry vehicles and related systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1634) that would authorize the Air Force to establish a pilot program related to the development of reentry vehicles.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require competition for grants and contracts.

*Sec. 1646 - Prohibition on reduction of the intercontinental ballistic missiles of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1638) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from reducing, or preparing to reduce, the responsiveness or alert level of the intercontinental ballistic missiles of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1611).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1647 - Limitation on availability of funds pending compliance with information requests from the Government Accountability Office*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1623) that would limit use of 50 percent of fiscal year 2024 funds authorized in the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account and available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, until the Comptroller General of the United States notifies the congressional defense committees that the Department of Defense has fully complied with Government Accountability Office (GAO) information requests.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would amend the limitation to the use of 35 percent of fiscal year 2024 funds authorized in the Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide account and available for the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, until the Comptroller General of the United States notifies the congressional defense committees that the Department of Defense has fully complied with GAO information requests.

The conferees reaffirm the understanding that the GAO's statutory right of access encompasses the information required for congressionally-directed studies, including the information, guidance, and other documentation related to nuclear planning, targeting, capabilities, and operations required to conduct this study. Accordingly, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than March 1, 2024, to provide the congressional defense committees with a report on how the Department of Defense plans to comply with the Comptroller General's information requests pursuant to the conduct of the study required by section 1652 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81).

The conferees further direct the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to review the processes and procedures by which the Department evaluates, responds to, complies with, or denies Government Accountability Office information requests and the consistency of such processes and procedures with the authorities granted the Comptroller General of the United States under section 716 of title 31, United States Code.

*Sec. 1648 - Congressional notification of decision to delay strategic delivery system test event*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1637) that would require congressional notification of a decision to delay a strategic delivery system test event.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes with technical and clarifying amendments.

*Sec. 1649 - Congressional notification of nuclear cooperation between Russia and China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1643) that would require congressional notification in the event of certain cooperative activities involving China and Russia.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1650 - Plan for decreasing the time to upload additional warheads to the intercontinental ballistic missile fleet*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1614) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force, in coordination with the Commander of U.S. Strategic Command, to develop a plan to decrease the amount of time required to upload additional warheads to the intercontinental ballistic missile force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require additional coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, and that the exercise of such a plan would occur in the event that Presidential guidance is given. The amendment would further require an explanation of additional policy guidance that might be required to execute such a plan, including associated costs and limitations, as well as making clarifying and technical changes.

## **SUBTITLE D—MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS**

*Sec. 1661 - Deputy Director of Office of Missile Defense Agency*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1661) that would require the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to be a military officer.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1632) that would require the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to be a military officer appointed by the President for a period of six years.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would add a requirement for a Deputy Director of the Missile Defense Agency to be a military officer.

*Sec. 1662 - Modification of program accountability matrices requirements for next generation interceptors for missile defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1635) that would extend program accountability matrices requirements to the product development phase of the next generation interceptors for missile defense of the United States homeland.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1663 - National missile defense policy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1662) that would update the U.S. national missile defense policy.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1638).

The Senate recesses with an amendment to section that would state the U.S. will rely on nuclear deterrence to address more sophisticated and larger quantity near-peer intercontinental missile threats to the homeland.

*Sec. 1664 - Modification of requirement for Comptroller General to review and assess missile defense acquisition programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1633) that would amend the requirement for the Comptroller General of the United States to review and assess missile defense acquisition programs by extending the date of the requirement to 2030 and broadening the definition of the subject matter.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1665 - Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system and Israeli cooperative missile defense program co-development and co-production*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1634) that would authorize funding for the procurement of the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense system, David's Sling Weapon System, and Arrow 3 Upper Tier Interceptor Program as outlined under the Memorandum of Agreement between the United States and

the Government of Israel for cooperative missile defense programs.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1666 - Programs to achieve initial and full operational capabilities for the Glide Phase Interceptor program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1663) that would authorize the Missile Defense Agency to develop a Glide Phase Interceptor for hypersonic defense.

The Senate bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1667 - Rescission of memorandum on missile defense governance*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1668) that would require the rescission of the Directive-type Memorandum 20-002 relating to "Missile Defense System Policies and Governance."

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would further qualify that, consistent with section 205(b) of title 10, United States Code, any such replacement shall provide the Missile Defense Agency with greater flexibility and agility with regards to milestone A (or equivalent) acquisition decisions while continuing the need for oversight with respect to ensuring integration of the joint force air and missile defense capabilities.

The conferees recognize the value of flexible acquisition authorities for the development of missile capabilities given the need to pace rapidly evolving and expanding threats. However, such flexibility should also include rigorous, effective oversight, particularly for programs requiring investments commensurate to those of major defense acquisition programs. Accordingly, the conferees expect the Department of Defense to ensure that replacement policy guidance for Directive-type Memorandum 20-002 includes mechanisms to enable robust acquisition oversight for any missile defense programs that are expected to reach the expenditure thresholds for a major defense acquisition program outlined by section 4201 of title 10, United States Code, and provides for regularized reporting to Congress as described by section 4351 of title 10, United States Code.

*Sec. 1668 - Limitation on availability of funds for Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation until submission of report on missile defense roles and responsibilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1636) that would limit the amount obligated or expended by the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation to not more than 50 percent of the amount authorized by this Act for operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, and available for the Office of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, until the Secretary of Defense provides the report required by section 1675(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1669 - Strategy for integrated air and missile defense of Hawaii and the Indo-Pacific region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1666) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the integrated air and missile defense sensor architecture of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and specific programs of record which support additional sensor coverage for the State of Hawaii.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1637) that would require the Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in coordination with the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, the Commander of U.S. Northern Command, the Director of the Missile Defense Agency, and the Director of the Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defense Organization, to develop a comprehensive strategy for developing, acquiring, and operationally establishing an integrated air and missile defense architecture for the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command area of responsibility. The provision would also require the submission of an annual report outlining: (1) The activities conducted and progress made in developing and implementing the strategy over the previous year; (2) The planned activities for developing and implementing the strategy in the upcoming year; and (3) A description of likely risks and impediments to the successful implementation of the strategy.

The House recedes with an amendment that would consolidate the requirements into a single provision and make other clarifying changes.

*Sec. 1670 - Report on potential enhancements to integrated air and missile defense capabilities in Europe*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1669) that would establish a policy and require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Conference of National Armaments Directors for Ballistic Missile Defense on options to improve the existing air and missile defense capabilities in Europe.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require a report, not later than 240 days after the date of enactment of this Act, by the Secretary of Defense on NATO's Integrated Air and Missile Defense using a 360 degree approach tailored to address threats emanating from all strategic directions, including efforts and challenges to such an integrated air and missile defense capability, an assessment of operational and technical feasibility, the funding profile, and such other information the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.

*Sec. 1671 - Independent analysis of space-based missile defense capability*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1670) that would require the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to update a prior study related to the feasibility and advisability of developing a space-based missile defense capability.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE E—OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 1681 - Extension of authorization for protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1644) that would amend section 130i(i) of title 10, United States Code, to provide an extension of the authorization for protection of certain facilities and assets from unmanned aircraft.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1682 - Electromagnetic warfare*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1641) that would amend part I of subtitle A of title 10, United States

Code, by adding a new chapter to consolidate and update electronic warfare (EW) provisions and ensure proper oversight of the EW implementation plan.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

#### *Sec. 1683 - Cooperative threat reduction funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1683) that would allocate specific funding amounts for each program under the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Program from within the overall \$350.9 million that the committee would authorize for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. The allocation reflects the amount of the budget request for fiscal year 2024. This provision would specify that funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program, established under the Department of Defense Cooperative Threat Reduction Act (50 U.S.C. 3711), would be available for obligation for fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1401).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1684 - Matters relating to space-based ground and airborne moving target indication systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1685) that would establish a working group within the Department of Defense to address joint service requirements for replacing the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System with future moving target indicator systems.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1603) that would designate the Department of the Air Force as responsible for the mission of space-based ground and airborne moving target indication and the presenter of such a capability to the combatant commands. In addition, the provision would enable the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to serve as the decision authority for milestone A approval for space-related acquisition programs for ground and airborne moving target indication that are funded by the Military Intelligence Program.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to be responsible for presenting space-based ground and airborne moving target indication systems to the combatant commands, strikes the clause associated with final authority for such tasking, and includes elements of the

House provision while removing the Space Force from the Moving Target Indication Working Group membership since it is a co-chair of the group.

*Sec. 1685 - Positioning, navigation, and timing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1684) that would require the Chairs of the Positioning, Navigation, and Timing Oversight Council to provide quarterly briefings to the congressional defense committees on the status of Military code (M-Code) implementation, including the status of Military Global Positioning System User Equipment Increments 1 and 2, with details on expected dates of M-Code compliance for all sea-, air-, and land-based terminals across the services' platforms.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1607) that would require Program Element 0604201F to be an acquisition category (ACAT) 1D program.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that strikes the findings of the House provision and requires the program to be a ACAT 1D program.

*Sec. 1686 - Actions to address serious deficiencies in electronic protection of systems that operate in the radio frequency spectrum*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1645) that would require the Secretary of Defense to address deficiencies in the electronic protection of systems that operate in the federal radio frequency (RF) spectrum. Recent exercises and assessments reveal that a broad array of military systems that transmit and receive in the federal RF spectrum, including radars and signals intelligence sensors, navigation systems, data links, and other communications systems, lack sufficient protection against adversary jamming and spoofing, as well as against interference from systems operated by friendly forces within that federal spectrum.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 1687 - Limitation on use of funds for certain unreported programs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1646) that would prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 on any classified program

involving unidentified anomalous phenomena that has not been briefed to the appropriate committees of Congress, congressional leadership, and the Director of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would: (1) Remove the direction to provide information to the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office; and (2) Summarize the prohibition on spending for any unreported activities involving unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP) protected under any form of special access or restricted access limitations.

The conferees agree that this prohibition on spending on unreported UAP programs could cover:

(1) Recruiting, employing, training, equipping, and operations of, and providing security for, Government or contractor personnel with a primary, secondary, or contingency mission of capturing, recovering, and securing unidentified anomalous phenomena craft or pieces and components of such craft;

(2) Analyzing such craft, or pieces or components thereof, including for the purpose of determining properties, material composition, method of manufacture, origin, characteristics, usage and application, performance, operational modalities, or reverse engineering of such craft or component technology;

(3) Managing and providing security for protecting activities and information relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena from disclosure or compromise;

(4) Actions relating to reverse engineering or replicating unidentified anomalous phenomena technology or performance based on analysis of materials or sensor and observational information associated with unidentified anomalous phenomena;

(5) The development of propulsion technology, or aerospace craft that uses propulsion technology, systems, or subsystems that is based on or derived from or inspired by inspection, analysis, or reverse engineering of recovered unidentified anomalous phenomena craft or materials; and

(6) Any aerospace craft that uses propulsion technology other than chemical propellants, solar power, and electric ion thrust.

#### *Sec. 1688 - Indo-Pacific missile strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1688) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the

congressional defense committees a strategy for ground-based theater-range conventional missiles in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1350).

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would expand the strategy requirement also to cover shorter-range missile systems and to make other technical adjustments.

*Sec. 1689 - Study on the future of the Integrated Tactical Warning Attack Assessment System*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1642) that would require the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to conduct a study on the future of the Integrated Tactical Warning/Attack Assessment System.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1690 - Research and analysis on multipolar deterrence and escalation dynamics*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1664) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to seek to enter into an agreement with a university affiliated research center to study the evolving nuclear environment and tripolar nuclear deterrence dynamics.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Modification to prohibition on foreign commercial satellite services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1603) that would modify the prohibition on foreign commercial satellite services for ground stations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees recognize the utility of operating satellite ground control from polar regions, which enable low-latency communications due to frequent satellite revisit rates, and the U.S. Government's increased reliance on these sites commensurate with increased reliance on commercial communications capabilities. Many polar areas already in use, and with potential for growth for this purpose, are governed by special

treaties that allow multiple countries to use the territory—Svalbard, Norway and potentially Antarctica are notable examples.

Due to the growing importance and recognized vulnerability of critical data downloads to satellite ground stations located on Svalbard Island, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, assessing the feasibility and efficacy of an additional ground station location on U.S. soil, and to begin the process of creating security, resiliency, and redundancy for some of the nation's most critical national security data and infrastructure.

#### *Limitation on use of funds for WGS-12 satellite*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1605) that would prohibit the Secretary of the Air Force from issuing a contract for the procurement of WGS-12 satellites until the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisitions and Integration certifies that the requirements cannot be met by commercial providers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees are concerned that the funding for WGS-12, like its predecessor WGS-11, was not requested by the U.S. Space Force in its budget request and that the service, enabled by Congress, continues to rely on only purpose-built systems instead of working to bring more commercial capabilities into the satellite communications (SATCOM) architecture.

The conferees believe that going forward the U.S. Space Force should work with other service components to develop hybrid terminals that will enable the use of a resilient-by-design architecture that takes advantage of commercial broadband services while also allowing access to on-orbit WGS.

The conferees direct the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisitions and Integration in consultation with the Joint Staff to submit a report the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, on how the follow-on system for wideband communications will incorporate commercial SATCOM including budget profile and acquisition strategy. The report should also address how the other services plan to upgrade terminals on their platforms.

#### *National security space launch program phase three acquisition*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1607) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to maximize competition in the acquisition strategy for the National Security Space Launch Program, provide opportunities for emerging launch providers while assuring access to proven launch capabilities for low-risk tolerant payloads, and establish certain requirements for the two-lane acquisition approach.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1601).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

*Briefing on classification practices and foreign disclosure policies required for combined space operations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1608) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence to provide a briefing on the classification practices and foreign disclosure policies required to enable the development and conduct of combined space operations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to brief the congressional defense committees, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, not later than March 1, 2024, on the classification practices and foreign disclosure policies required to enable the development and conduct of combined space operations among the following countries:

- (1) Australia;
- (2) Canada;
- (3) France;
- (4) Germany;
- (5) New Zealand;
- (6) The United Kingdom;
- (7) The United States; and
- (8) Any other ally or partner country, as determined

by the Secretary of Defense or the Director of National Intelligence.

The briefing shall include the following elements:

(1) The military and national intelligence information required to be shared with the countries listed above so as to enable the development and conduct combined space operations;

(2) The policy, organizational, or other barriers that currently prevent such information sharing for combined space operations;

(3) The actions being taken by the Department of Defense and the intelligence community (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) to remove the barriers to such information sharing, and the timeline for implementation of such actions;

(4) Any statutory changes required to remove such barriers; and

(5) Any other matter, as determined by the Secretary of Defense or the Director of National Intelligence.

The conferees also direct the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, not later than April 31, 2024, on the implementation of the actions described in (3).

#### *Report on national security space vehicle processing capabilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1612) that would require a report from the Secretary of the Air Force on projected needs for national security space vehicle processing capabilities and potential for public-private partnerships.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, not later than April 1, 2024, a report on: (1) The projected needs for national security space vehicle processing capabilities; and (2) The potential for public-private partnerships to enable new projected payload processing providers to add processing capabilities.

#### *Report on Space Force use of nuclear thermal propulsion and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1613) that would require the Chief of Space Operations to report on the use by the Space Force of nuclear thermal propulsion and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Chief of Space Operations to submit to congressional defense committees, not later than March 31, 2024, a report on the use by the Space Force of nuclear thermal propulsion and nuclear electric propulsion space vehicles. Such report shall include: (1) A description of how the Space Force uses such vehicles; (2) A description of how the Space Force plans to use such vehicles in the future; and (3) An identification of any potential benefits that such vehicles can provide to bolster the national security of the United States.

*Report on space activities of certain foreign adversary nations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1614) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide a report on the space activities of certain foreign nations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the congressional defense committees; the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, Transportation; and the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, not later than March 31, 2024, that evaluates the potential national security risks posed by the space-related activities of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China, including activities involving satellites, space stations, moon exploration, and the acquisition of minerals from the moon. The report should be submitted in classified form, but may include an unclassified summary.

*Sense of Senate on Polaris Sales Agreement*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1617) that would express the sense of the Senate recognizing the 60th anniversary of the Polaris Sales Agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

The conferees note the following:

(1) On December 21, 1962, President John F. Kennedy and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Harold Macmillan met in Nassau, Bahamas, and issued a joint statement (commonly referred to as the "Statement on Nuclear Defense Systems"), agreeing that the United States would make Polaris missiles available on a continuing basis to the United Kingdom for use in submarines;

(2) On April 6, 1963, Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States David Ormsby-

Gore signed the Polaris Sales Agreement, reaffirming the Statement on Nuclear Defense Systems and agreeing that the United States Government shall provide and the Government of the United Kingdom shall purchase from the United States Government Polaris missiles, equipment, and supporting services;

(3) The HMS Resolution launched the first Polaris missile of the United Kingdom on February 15, 1968, and, in 1969, commenced the first strategic deterrent patrol for the United Kingdom, initiating a continuous at-sea deterrent posture for the United Kingdom that remains in effect;

(4) The Polaris Sales Agreement was amended to include the Trident II (D5) strategic weapon system on October 19, 1982, in Washington, D.C., through an exchange of notes between Secretary of State Jonathan Howe and Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States Oliver Wright; and

(5) Through an exchange of letters in 2008 between the Secretary of Defense the Honorable Robert Gates and the Secretary of State for Defence of the United Kingdom the Right Honorable Desmond Browne and under the auspices of the Polaris Sales Agreement, the United States Government and the Government of the United Kingdom agreed to continue cooperation to design a common missile compartment for the follow-on ballistic missile submarines of each nation.

Therefore, the conferees:

(1) Recognize the 60th anniversary of the Polaris Sales Agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

(2) Congratulate the Royal Navy for steadfastly maintaining the Continuous At-Sea Deterrent;

(3) Recognize the important contribution of the Continuous At-Sea Deterrent to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(4) Reaffirm that the United Kingdom is a valued and special ally of the United States; and

(5) Look forward to continuing and strengthening the shared commitment of the United States and the United Kingdom to sustain submarine-based strategic deterrents well into the future.

*Designation of official responsible for missile defense of Guam*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1631) that would amend section 1660(b) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to designate the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment as the senior official of the Department of

Defense who shall be responsible for the missile defense of Guam.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Report on acceleration of nuclear modernization priorities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1644) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report related to the ability of the Department of Defense to accelerate nuclear modernization programs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize steps taken to prioritize and expedite nuclear modernization programs, including the utilization of DX category ratings and Defense Production Act authorities. However, the conferees believe further steps will be necessary to speed the development and delivery of these capabilities in order to decrease operational risk for the warfighter, offset schedule disruptions within the programs, and mitigate macroeconomic perturbations.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment to provide a report, not later than April 1, 2024, to the congressional defense committees that identifies additional options to accelerate the current schedule for nuclear modernization programs, as well as any additional authorities or reforms necessary.

*Assessment of the ability of the United States to detect low-yield nuclear weapon tests*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1645) that would require the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, in coordination with the Director of National Intelligence, to provide a report on the ability of the United States to detect and monitor supercritical nuclear weapon tests conducted at very low yields.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Administrator for Nuclear Security, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than April 30, 2024, on the ability of the Department of Defense (DOD) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) platforms to unilaterally detect and monitor supercritical nuclear weapon tests conducted at very low yields.

The report shall include specific DOD and NNSA planned investments to detect and monitor low-yield nuclear weapon tests conducted at the Novaya Zemlya nuclear test site of the Russian Federation and the Lop Nor nuclear test site of the People's Republic of China, as well as globally. The report may be submitted in classified form, but if so submitted shall include an unclassified summary.

*Limitation on use of funds pending submission of report on missile defense interceptor site*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1665) that would limit certain funds until the submission of a report required by section 1665 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees note that on June 29, 2023, the Missile Defense Agency submitted the report required by section 1665 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263). The conferees direct the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than February 1, 2024, on the report. This briefing shall include a description of the methodology used to develop the report, a description of construction costs broken out by facility, and a phased plan for construction activities.

Additionally, as added in the funding table in section 4601 of division D of this Act, up to \$20 million is authorized to be appropriated for Missile Defense Agency military construction to begin planning and design activities for an east coast missile defense interceptor site.

*Report on potential enhancements to Aegis Ashore sites in Poland and Romania*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1667) that would require the Director of the Missile Defense Agency to provide a report on potential enhancements to the Aegis Ashore missile defense sites in Poland and Romania.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct that, no later than April 30, 2024, the Director of the Missile Defense Agency shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on potential enhancements to Aegis Ashore sites in Poland and Romania. This report shall include the following elements:

(1) An assessment of the feasibility and advisability of—

(a) enhancing associated sensor systems to detect a broader array of missile threats;

(b) fielding a mixed fleet of defensive interceptor systems; and

(c) physical hardening of the facilities;

(2) A funding profile, by year, detailing the complete costs associated with any options assessed under paragraph (1); and

(3) Such other information as the Director considers appropriate.

This report shall be in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

*Strategy on production capacity and schedule for the Precision Strike Missile*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1671) that would express the Sense of Congress relating to the Precision Strike Missile and require an assessment of projected production capacity for the missile and capacity increases, and a strategy for increasing production capacity.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Army to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than February 29, 2024, on an assessment of the Precision Strike Missile (PrSM) program to include: (1) An analysis of the capacity of the industrial base to meet steady-state and wartime surge requirements for production of PrSM munitions within the next 5 years; (2) Options for accelerating the production of PrSM munitions beyond current future years defense program projections; (3) Funding profile and technology risk assessment of accelerating PrSM increment 2 initial operating capability to fiscal year 2027; and (4) An investment plan to reach procurement of 400 PrSM munitions per year in the shortest amount of time.

*Inclusion of Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives as recipient of quarterly information operations briefings*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1681) that would amend section 1631(d)(1) of the National Defense

Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) to include the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives as a recipient of the Quarterly Information Operations Briefing.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Reporting mechanism on use of consultants, informants, and other human sources to acquire intelligence information*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1686) that would require the Secretary of Defense to establish a mechanism for documenting and reporting to the congressional defense committees regarding the use of consultants, informants, or other human sources by any element of the Department of Defense, including any military department, to acquire intelligence information.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on concept of operations for offensive hypersonic systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1687) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to provide a report related to the development and implementation of a concept of operations for offensive hypersonic systems.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to submit a report to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, describing concepts of operations and total munitions requirements for offensive hypersonic systems. The report shall include the following: (1) A description of efforts to develop concepts of operations for offensive hypersonic systems currently in development; (2) An assessment of how the use of hypersonic weapons will be considered with regard to strategic deterrence and stability; (3) A description of scenarios and simulations modeling the use of offensive hypersonic systems in defined environments; (4) Criteria to be used for validation of the military requirements for the use of offensive hypersonic systems; (5) Identification of existing operational authorities governing the employment of offensive hypersonic systems; (6) A description of how hypersonic capabilities are incorporated into force development and design; (7) A munitions requirement for each offensive hypersonic

weapons program currently in development, including requirements provided by each military department and combatant command; and (8) Identification of any operational gaps which additional offensive hypersonic weapon capabilities would address.

*Exclusive means for the Secretary of Defense to acquire location information, web browsing history, internet search history, and Fourth Amendment-protected information*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1689) that would require a specific judicial process to obtain certain information for use by the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than December 31, 2024, on the Department's policies regarding the procurement, collection, or acquisition of data that includes personally identifiable information of United States persons or persons inside the United States from third party sources, including sources that sell or provide commercially available data, for cybersecurity, intelligence, counter-intelligence, law enforcement, or any other purpose, in situations wherein the individuals concerned have not consented to such data procurement, collection, or acquisition by a government entity.

*Annual report on development of long-range stand-off weapon*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6511) that would require the Administrator for Nuclear Security, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council, to provide a report on the joint development of the long-range stand-off weapon, including the missile developed by the Air Force and the W80-4 warhead life extension program conducted by the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Chairman of the Nuclear Weapons Council, in coordination with the Secretary of the Air Force and the Administrator for Nuclear Security, to submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the joint development of the long-range stand-off weapon, including the missile developed by the Air Force and the W80-4 warhead life extension program conducted by the National Nuclear Security

Administration, not later than March 1, 2024. The report shall include the following elements:

(1) An estimate of the date on which the long-range stand-off weapon will reach initial operational capability;

(2) A description of any development milestones for the missile developed by the Air Force or the warhead developed by the National Nuclear Security Administration that depend on corresponding progress at the other agency;

(3) A description of coordination efforts between the Air Force and the National Nuclear Security Administration during the period covered by the report;

(4) A description of any schedule delays projected by the Air Force or the National Nuclear Security Administration and the anticipated effect such delays would have on the schedule of work of the other agency;

(5) Plans to mitigate the effects of any delays described in paragraph (4);

(6) A description of any ways, including through the availability of additional funding or authorities, in which the development milestones described in paragraph (2) or the estimated date of initial operational capability referred to in paragraph (1), could be achieved more quickly; and

(7) An estimate of the acquisition costs for the long-range stand-off weapon and the W80-4 warhead life extension program.

The report required shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may include a classified annex.

## **TITLE XVII—SPACE FORCE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### *Sec. 1701 - Short title*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1701) that would cite the short title of this title as the "Space Force Personnel Management Act."

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1801).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

## **SUBTITLE A—SPACE FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL SYSTEM WITHOUT COMPONENT**

### *Sec. 1711 - Establishment of military personnel management system for the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1711) that would add a new subtitle to title 10, United States Code, to establish a single military personnel management system for the United States Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1811).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1712 - Composition of the Space Force without component*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1712) that would amend section 9081 of title 10, United States Code, to change the composition of the Space Force by striking references to components of the Space Force that would no longer exist upon the activation of the Space Force Personnel System authorized by this title.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1812).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 1713 - Definitions for single personnel management system for the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1713) that would amend section 101 of title 10, United States Code, to add new definitions related to the establishment of the Space Force personnel system created by this title.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1813).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1714 - Basic policies relating to service in the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1714) that would amend chapter 2001 of title 10, United States Code, by adding new sections to establish basic policies relating to service in the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1814)

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1715 - Status and participation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1715) that would amend subtitle F of title 10, United States Code, as added

by section 1711 to establish requirements related to status and participation of members of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1815).

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would apply certain existing laws related to status and participation of members of the reserve components to members of the Space Force and make other conforming amendments.

#### *Sec. 1716 - Officers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1716) that would further amend subtitle F of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 1715 of this Act, to establish laws related to the appointment, advancement, and removal of officers of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1816).

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would apply certain existing statutory requirements for officers of the Armed Forces to officers of the Space Force, and make other conforming amendments.

#### *Sec. 1717 - Enlisted members*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1717) that would amend subtitle F of title 10, United States Code, to establish personnel requirements for enlisted members of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1817).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1718 - Retention and separation generally*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1718) that would further amend subtitle F of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 1717 of this Act, to establish additional requirements for retention and separation of members of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1818).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1719 - Separation of officers for substandard performance of duty or for certain other reasons*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1719) that would further amend subtitle F of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 1718 of this Act, to establish procedures for separating officers of the Space Force from military service due to substandard performance of duty and other reasons.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1819).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1719A - Retirement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1720) that would further amend subtitle F of title 10, United States Code, as amended by section 1719 of this Act, to establish procedures and requirements for the retirement of members of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1820).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

## **SUBTITLE B—CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATED TO SPACE FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL SYSTEM**

#### *Sec. 1721 - Amendments to Department of the Air Force provisions of title 10, United States Code*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1731) that would amend part II, subtitle D of title 10, United States Code, to make technical and conforming amendments to Department of the Air Force personnel provisions of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1831).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1722 - Amendments to subtitle A of title 10, United States Code*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1732) that would make technical and conforming amendments related to the Space Force to subtitle A of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1832).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1723 - Title 38, United States Code (Veterans' Benefits)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1733) that would make technical and conforming amendments to section 101 of title 38, United States Code, related to veterans' benefits for members of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1833).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

## **SUBTITLE C—TRANSITION PROVISIONS**

### *Sec. 1731 - Transition period*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1741) that would define the transition period for establishment of the Space Force personnel system.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1841).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

### *Sec. 1732 - Change of duty status of members of the Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1742) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to change the duty status of each member of the Regular Space Force to Space Force active status and, at the same time, order the member to sustained duty under section 20105 of title 10, United States Code, as added by section 1715 of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1842).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

### *Sec. 1733 - Transfer to the Space Force of members of the reserve components of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1743) that would authorize the transfer of certain personnel from the reserve components of the Armed Forces to the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1843).

The House recedes with technical and conforming amendments.

### *Sec. 1734 - Placement of officers on the Space Force officer list*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1744) that would require the placement of officers who transfer into the Space Force on the Space Force officer list.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1844).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

#### *Sec. 1735 - Disestablishment of Regular Space Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1745) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to disestablish the Regular Space Force, not later than the end of the transition period, once there are no longer any members remaining in the Regular Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1845).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1736 - End strength flexibility*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1746) that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to vary the end strength authorized by Congress for a fiscal year upon a determination by the Secretary that such action would enhance manning and readiness in essential units or in critical specialties.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1846).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

#### *Sec. 1737 - Promotion authority flexibility*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1747) that would allow the Secretary of the Air Force, during the transition period, to convene selection boards to consider officers on the Space Force officer list for promotion, and to promote Space Force officers selected by such boards.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 1847).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

## **SUBTITLE D—OTHER AMENDMENTS RELATED TO THE SPACE FORCE**

#### *Sec. 1741 - Title 10, United States Code*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1751) that would make technical and conforming amendments to title 10, United States Code, related to the designation of grades, promotions, and other matters pertaining to officers of the Space Force.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1851).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1742 - Other provisions of law*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1752) that would make technical and conforming amendments to titles 19, 28, and 50, United States Code, to include the Space Force in certain statutory provisions providing benefits and protections to members of the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1852).

The Senate recesses.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Space Force Personnel Management Act transition plan*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1802) that would establish certain predicates to the transition of the Regular Space Force to the Space Force.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

**TITLE XVIII—OTHER DEFENSE MATTERS**

**SUBTITLE A—OTHER DEFENSE MATTERS**

*Sec. 1801 - Technical and conforming amendments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1851) that would make technical and conforming amendments to current law.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 1802 - Extension of authority to engage in certain commercial activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1801) that would extend the authority to engage in certain commercial activities.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1647).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 1803 - Modification to requirements relating to combating military reliance on Russian energy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1803) that would modify section 1086 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) to expand the assessment to include energy plans for all operating bases within U.S. European Command.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would require the Department to provide to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 1, 2024, a list of all operating bases in the region.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2024, on the resources required to complete the assessment and plans required by section 1086 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) and the resources required to include the additional bases identified in the provision in future assessment and energy plans.

*Sec. 1804 - U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090C) that would amend chapter 1 of title 36, United States Code, to designate 9 March as U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Day each year. The provision would also amend chapter 9 of title 36, United States Code, to establish a U.S. Hostage and Wrongful Detainee Flag, as well as prescribe the manner in which this flag should be displayed.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1805 - Improvements to Department of Veterans Affairs-  
Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6071) that would amend section 320 of title 38, United States Code, to

modify the membership and structure of the Department of Veterans Affairs-Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1806 - Access to and use of military post offices by United States citizens employed overseas by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization who perform functions in support of military operations of the Armed Forces*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1046) that would amend section 406 of title 39, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Defense to authorize the use of military post office boxes by United States citizens employed overseas by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization who perform functions in support of military operations of the Armed Forces. The provision would also require a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the status of the revision of applicable regulations, and any legal or financial hurdles to implementation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1807 - Extension of admission to Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for certain non-immigrant H-2B workers*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1041) that would amend section 6(b)(1)(B) of the Joint Resolution titled ``A Joint Resolution to approve the 'Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America', and for other purposes'' (48 U.S.C. 1806(b)(1)(B)), approved March 24, 1976, by extending the deadline for certain nonimmigrant H-2B workers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sec. 1808 - Support for execution of bilateral agreements concerning illicit transnational maritime activity in Africa*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1804) that would enable the Secretary of Defense to provide assistance to the Coast Guard in executing existing maritime laws agreed upon

between the United States and friendly African countries for the purposes of combatting transnational organized illegal activity.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, not later than March 1, 2024, a list of countries with which the United States has maritime law enforcement agreements to combat transnational organized illegal maritime activity, including illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

*Sec. 1809 - National Cold War Center designation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1852) that would authorize the museum located at Blytheville Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas as the "National Cold War Center."

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1090F).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 1810 - Revision of requirement for transfer of certain aircraft to State of California for wildfire suppression purposes*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1854) that would transfer certain HC-130H aircraft to California for wildfire suppression.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 6079).

The agreement includes the House provision with an amendment that would include: (1) A requirement for demilitarizing the aircraft before transfer; (2) A provision that California would be required to use the Department of Defense excess personal property program to dispose of the aircraft and materials when the State is finished with them; and (3) A stipulation that any costs incurred after the transfer would be the responsibility of the State of California.

*Sec. 1811 - Limitation on funds for Wuhan Institute of Virology and EcoHealth Alliance, Inc.*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1882) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act

from being made available for the Wuhan Institute of Virology and for EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. or any of its affiliates.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1364) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to be made available for EcoHealth Alliance Inc. or any of its affiliates.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that prohibits Department of Defense funding for fiscal year 2024 for any work performed in China by EcoHealth Alliance, Inc., including by any subsidiary of EcoHealth Alliance Inc., any organization that is directly controlled by EcoHealth Alliance Inc., or any organization or individual that is a subgrantee or subcontractor of EcoHealth Alliance Inc. for such work, including to provide any grants for such purpose.

## **SUBTITLE B—DRONE SECURITY**

*Secs. 1821 - 1833 - American Security Drone Act of 2023*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 827) that would expand the prohibition on Department of Defense (DOD) contractors operating certain unmanned aircraft systems regardless of whether specific operations are in support of a DOD contract.

The Senate amendment contained similar provisions (sec. 1091-1099D) prohibiting: (1) The purchase or use of certain unmanned aircraft systems by most agencies of the Federal Government following two years after enactment of this Act, except in certain limited circumstances; (2) Immediately the use of a Government-issued purchase cards to procure any covered unmanned aircraft system from a covered foreign entity; and (3) Any other entity from using Federal funds for such purchase or use.

The House recedes with an amendment that would: (1) Add the Department of State to the list of agencies that may operate covered unmanned aircraft under certain circumstances; and (2) Exempt the intelligence community from any reporting on managing or reporting about current inventories of covered unmanned systems.

The conferees are concerned with the Department of Defense's delay in issuing implementation guidance regarding section 817 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263). Implementing guidance was initially scheduled to be released in March, 2023, and was then delayed to December, 2023. Given our concerns about potential national security risks associated with continued use of drones from covered countries by the defense

industrial base, we believe it is important for the Department to provide clear, timely implementation guidance, no later than the October 1, 2024 deadline, when signing any such contracts will be banned. Additionally, the conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing, not later than 90 days after the enactment of this Act. That briefing should include the results of an evaluation of the impact that continued use of prohibited drones for non-defense applications by defense contractors may have on the security of the Department and its contractors.

## **SUBTITLE C—UNIDENTIFIED ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA**

### *Secs. 1841 - 1843 - Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena*

The Senate amendment contained a set of provisions (sections 9001 - 9015) under Division G that constituted the Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena Disclosure Act of 2023. Closely modeled on the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, this Act would establish under the National Archives a government-wide collection of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) records and a mandate to declassify and publicly release these records; grounds for postponement of disclosure; a government-wide records Review Board, composed of qualified and impartial citizens nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, with the authority to review and approve, or postpone, the public release of records; a process and structure for supporting the Review Board with competent staff under an Executive Director; a requirement for the Review Board to develop a Controlled Disclosure Campaign plan for records the release of which have been postponed, wherein the President retains ultimate authority over the disclosure of records; and a mandate that the Federal Government exercise eminent domain over any and all recovered UAP physical and biological material that may be held by private persons or entities.

The House bill contained no similar provisions.

The House recesses with an amendment.

The conference agreement includes only the requirements to establish a government-wide UAP records collection; to transfer records to the collection; and to review the records for disclosure decisions under a set of authorized grounds for postponing disclosure. The agreement does not include the provisions that would establish an independent Review Board, a Review Board staff, eminent domain authority, or a controlled disclosure process.

The conferees note that lack of sufficient reciprocal access between Department of Defense and intelligence community personnel has led to operational inefficiencies and unnecessary risk of disclosures of protected information. Therefore, the conferees direct the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence to brief the congressional defense committees, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and congressional leadership on options to improve reciprocal access and coordination on similar issues.

## **SUBTITLE D—WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM**

### *Secs. 1851 - 1853 - World Trade Center Health Program*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1087) that would amend title XXXIII of the Public Health Service Act (Public Law 78-410) to make changes to the World Trade Center Health Program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

#### *Report on national security threats of foreign-owned agricultural land near military installments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1868) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on foreign-owned agricultural land located within 50 miles of a U.S. military installation.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1086).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

#### *Modification of defense sensitive support notification requirement*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1802) that would modify the requirement for notifications to Congress regarding Defense Sensitive Support (DSS) provided to non-Department of Defense Federal departments or agencies pursuant to section 1055(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that information submitted pursuant to section 1055(b)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328) involving the provision of DSS is important to fulfilling the oversight responsibilities of the defense committees. The conferees are supportive of working with the Department of Defense to ensure that the notifications provided under this requirement are scoped to prioritize sensitive operational support and minimize the administrative burden associated with providing information on routine administrative or logistical support, while maintaining robust and timely oversight of the DSS process.

*Clarification of waiver authority for organizational and consultant conflicts of interest under the Federal Acquisition Regulation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1805) that would elevate waiver decisions for conflict of interest waivers. The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Genealogy collection of family members of servicemembers killed at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1806) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to contract with entities to conduct genealogical research of deceased servicemembers of the USS *Arizona*, identify family members of such servicemembers, and solicit genetic samples from family members and servicemembers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Director, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than April 1, 2024, on the Department's ability to collect family reference samples for servicemembers of the USS *Arizona* (including efforts by military service casualty offices), and any obstacles to such collection. The briefing should include: (1) Resource constraints for the DPAA and the military departments; (2) Technology challenges; (3) Any improvements that can be made to the sample collection process; (4) Challenges the Department and the military services face gathering family reference sample collection in other cases; and (5) Any other matters deemed relevant.

*Limitation on display of cut flowers or greens not produced in the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1807) that would prohibit a cut flower or a cut green from being officially displayed in any public area of a building of the Executive Office of the President, the Department of State, or the Department of Defense unless such cut green or cut flower is produced in the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Limitation on funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1809) that would prohibit funds from being used by a Federal department or agency to refer to Taiwan as anything other than "Taiwan" in a publication or on a departmental or agency website.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on China benefitting from United States taxpayer-funded research*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1810) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the extent to which China has benefitted from United States taxpayer-funded research.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on increasing national cemetery capacity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1821) that would require the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, to jointly submit to Congress a report that contains a proposal to increase national cemetery capacity through the expansion or modification of a national cemetery that has, or will have, the capacity to provide full military honors.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the report accompanying H.R. 4350 (H. Rept. 117-118) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 required the Secretary of Defense to submit a

report to the congressional defense committees on potential locations for future national cemeteries.

*Study and report on damage to infrastructure in Guam resulting from Typhoon Mawar*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1823) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on damage to infrastructure in Guam resulting from Typhoon Mawar.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a damage assessment for defense infrastructure in Guam resulting from Typhoon Mawar, not later than March 1, 2024, and brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2024, regarding the findings of such damage assessment. The briefing shall include: (1) A list of damaged defense infrastructure in Guam damaged by Typhoon Mawar and the extent to which such damage impairs military readiness in Guam; (2) An analysis of existing authorities the Secretary could use to support recovery from such damage in Guam; and (3) A description of any efforts by the Secretary to coordinate with local governments in Guam to support such recovery.

*Report on Iranian military assistance to Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1824) that would require the President to submit a report on Iranian military assistance to Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees a report in an unclassified form with a classified annex if necessary, on Iranian military assistance to Bolivia, Brazil and Venezuela, which includes: (1) An assessment of the size of Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps, Ministry of Information and Security, and Iranian military presence in Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela, including the number of personnel, trainers, bases, and military advisors registered as embassy attaches; (2) An assessment of the amount and nature of any military aid or equipment provided, and any benefits that may have been given to Iran or Iranian personnel in return by Bolivia, Brazil, and Venezuela, such as

passports, diplomatic benefits, access to facilities or the establishment of facilities; and (3) A description of known supply routes of military equipment to these countries from Iran.

*Report on Iran-Russia nuclear-related cooperation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1825) that would require the President to submit a report on Iran-Russia nuclear-related cooperation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives in an unclassified form with a classified annex if necessary, a report on nuclear related cooperation between Iran and Russia including: (1) An assessment of the trade in covered goods, services, and technology between the two countries, including the involvement of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and any other military entity of Iran; (2) A description of the extent to which Russia is providing diplomatic support to Iran at the International Atomic Energy Agency's Board of Governors and the resulting impact on efforts to refer Iran's noncompliance with its nuclear safeguards obligations to the United Nations Security Council; (3) An assessment of the economic value and importance to the nuclear industry of the trade described; (4) An assessment of the extent to which Russia is supporting Iran's research and development activities related to delivery systems or dual use technology relevant to weaponization; and (5) An assessment of whether covered goods, services, and technology described could be used in a nuclear, chemical, biological, radiological, ballistic missile, or conventional weapons program and the resulting impact on the security of the United States and its partners and allies.

*Report on expediting fighter aircraft sales to Israel*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1826) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on expediting fighter aircraft sales to Israel.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that maintaining Israel's defense capabilities, including through upgrades and sales of F-15 and F-35 fighter aircraft to Israel, is a priority for national security interests of the United States. The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense, not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, to provide to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives, a report in an unclassified form with a classified annex if necessary, which includes the current state of, and delivery schedule for, the sale or transfer of F-15s and F-35s to Israel; and a review of measures that could increase the overall production rate of these aircraft as appropriate or expedite the delivery schedule.

*Report on system dependencies, uptime, and key factors of electronic health record system*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1827) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, on the electronic health record system and other system dependencies, uptime, and key factors that affect the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Director of the Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization (FEHRM) to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than 180 days after the enactment of this Act, on the electronic health record system and other system dependencies and key factors that affect the Department of Defense and its coordination with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Report on regime stability in Russia*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1828) that would require the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to submit a report including the manner and extent to which regime instability in Russia would affect United States national security, the security of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, and the geopolitical aftershocks throughout Eurasia, an assessment of the stability of the Putin regime, and

clarity on the command and control structure of Russia's nuclear arsenal in different contexts.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that an unstable Russia presents varied, serious, and complex security challenges and threats to the United States and its allies, partners, and interests. We also note that the challenge to the Russian state by personnel of the Wagner private military company in June 2023 suggests that Russian command-and-control of state- and state-directed forces may have serious deficiencies with important ramifications for United States and allied assessments of Russian policy, doctrine, strategy, tactics, and intentions.

Therefore, the conferees direct the Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency to conduct an assessment of the stability of Russian defense forces. The assessment should include:

(1) An overview of Russian command-and-control of its national defense forces, the Wagner Group, and other private military companies under the direction of or aligned with the Russian state;

(2) The manner and extent to which any deficiencies in Russian command-and-control affect United States national security or the security of NATO allies and partners, including assumptions about Russian intent, indications and warning of threats to the United States, its allies, partners, or interests, and Russian defense forces ability or willingness to obey orders from political leadership;

(3) A description of Russian nuclear forces, including their command-and-control structure, an analysis of the strengths and weaknesses of that structure, and the relationship between Russian nuclear forces and Russian-controlled or directed private military companies; and

(4) Any other matter the Director deems relevant.

The assessment shall be submitted to Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, not later than March 1, 2024.

*Report on efforts to dissuade allies from purchasing weapons from the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1830) that would require the Secretary of State to submit a report on efforts to dissuade allies from purchasing weapons from the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Exemption under Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 for certain activities that may result in incidental take of Rice's whale*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1853) that would require the Secretary of Commerce, Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense to provide exemptions to training and testing activities conducted by the Secretary of the Air Force on the Eglin Gulf Test and Training Range, located at Eglin Air Force Base, that may result in incidental take of the Rice's whale.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Restrictive housing reform*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1855) that would place limitations on restrictive housing in military prisons.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees are interested in the Department of Defense's (DOD) use and monitoring of restrictive housing in military correctional and confinement facilities. The conferees are aware of concerns related to restrictive housing in the United States prison system. Some of those concerns include variations in confinement conditions for confined individuals and the forms of restrictive confinement. A prisoner's experience with restrictive confinement can vary considerably depending on certain external factors, such as the length of stay, conditions of confinement, and degree of social isolation, as well as factors specific to each confined person, such as age and psychological resiliency. Moreover, according to interviews conducted by The Stanford Lab, confined individuals located in restrictive housing broadly express severe psychological disturbances with lasting detrimental consequences as a result of their experience in restrictive housing.

Given the potentially pronounced and enduring effects of long-term isolation, the Committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of restrictive housing confinement conditions for military correctional and confinement facilities, to include minimum security confinement facilities. The review should include the following elements:

- (1) Policies and processes related to placement into restrictive housing, including reasons or purposes for placement or retention of confined individuals in restrictive housing,

restrictions on placement or retention, and processes that exist to review placement or retention decisions; (2) Processes to return confined individuals from restrictive housing to less restrictive conditions (including ultimately to the general population); (3) Policies and processes regarding the time confined individuals in restrictive housing may spend outside cells and options for outside and in-cell enrichment, such as for educational opportunities, recreation, medical or behavioral health treatment, social interactions, and skill building; (4) Policies and processes related to correctional staff, including training on use of force and restrictive housing policies, how compliance with training requirements is tracked, and how alleged violations of use of force are addressed; (5) The extent to which DOD collects data regarding the total number of confined individuals in restrictive housing, broken down by the length of time they remain in such housing, and the number of individuals in disciplinary segregation, administrative detention, and other restrictive housing; (6) The extent that DOD's policies, processes, and practices are similar to or differ from those of the Federal Bureau of Prisons or other relevant standards; and (7) Any other areas that the Comptroller General considers relevant to the review.

The Committee directs the Comptroller General to provide preliminary observations to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by March 15, 2025, with a report to follow on an agreed upon date.

*Sense of Congress regarding unmanned aerial, surface, and underwater vehicles*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1856) that would express the sense of Congress regarding unmanned vehicles.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize that unmanned systems will play an increasingly important role in modern warfare, particularly in bolstering deterrent capability for the Indo-Pacific region. The conferees believe that continued investment in research, development, and fielding of such systems will advance national security goals, and that encouragement and coordination of allied and partner investments for unmanned aerial, surface, and underwater vessels should be factored into decision-making processes.

*Sense of Congress regarding naming of vessel for Battle of Dai Do*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1857) that would express the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should name an amphibious or expeditionary vessel after the Battle of Dai Do.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Risk framework for foreign phone applications of concern*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1858) that would require the Secretary of Defense to create categorical definitions of foreign phone applications of concern with respect to personnel or operations of the Department of Defense, distinguishing among categories such as applications for shopping, social media, entertainment, or health; and create a risk framework with respect to Department personnel or operations that assesses each foreign phone application (or, if appropriate, grouping of similar such applications) that is from a country of concern for any potential impact on Departmental personnel and Departmental operations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Sense of Congress supporting Project Pele*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1859) that would support Project Pele which seeks to develop, demonstrate, and deploy an advanced portable nuclear microreactor at Idaho National Laboratory by 2025.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees believe Project Pele has the potential to bolster the national security of the United States by providing reliable, resilient, and clean baseload energy for military bases and operations domestically and abroad. The conferees note a \$5.0 million increase for Project Pele in the funding authorization tables of this bill, over and above the program funding contained in the President's Budget Request, and note that this level of support is consistent with that contained in past National Defense Authorization Acts.

*National strategy for utilizing microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1860) that would require the President to develop a national strategy to utilize microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

#### *Waiver process for certain humanitarian aid*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1861) that would amend the waiver process for certain humanitarian aid.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note the Department of Defense provides important support to interagency humanitarian assistance efforts through a variety of means, including the Denton Program and humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and humanitarian mine action funded by Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid funds. Further, the Department of Defense support for humanitarian assistance can play an important role to meet the needs of the Pacific Islands. The conferees commend these efforts and encourage further efforts to facilitate assistance to the region.

#### *Report*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1862) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the status of the formulation of policies by the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency to record and track alleged incidents of misuse of United States-provided equipment in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note the importance of end-use monitoring (EUM) of U.S. security assistance for providing assurances that transferred defense articles and services are being used by recipient countries for their intended purposes. The conferees further note that the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) and the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) contained multiple provisions to address the monitoring of United States-provided equipment to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. Section 1336 of Public Law 117-81 required the Secretary of Defense to submit a report that included: (1) A description of any ongoing or planned security cooperation activities between the United States and the

Northern Triangle countries focused on protection of human rights and adherence to the rule of law; and (2) a description of efforts to investigate credible information on gross violations of human rights by the military or national security forces of the governments of Northern Triangle countries since January 1, 2017, including the possible use in committing such violations of defense articles provided by the United States.

In response to a separate requirement in section 1336, the Government Accountability Office reviewed the EUM procedures in producing a November 2022 report entitled, ``Northern Triangle: DOD and State Need Improved Policies to Address Equipment Misuse'' (GAO-23-105856). Subsequently, Public Law 117-263 required the Comptroller General to provide a briefing on the findings and recommendations of that report and any additional recommendations regarding the use of EUM procedures to ensure that U.S. security assistance is used for its intended purposes. The briefing led to provisions included elsewhere in this Act to require the Comptroller General to submit additional reports regarding EUM and enhanced EUM.

Finally, section 1336 required the Secretary of Defense to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to complete an evaluation, not later than June 30, 2024, of Department of Defense security cooperation programs in United States Southern Command area of responsibility that includes: (1) How such programs in general and in Northern Triangle countries in particular advance U.S. Southern Command's Theater Campaign Plan; (2) How such programs in general and in Northern Triangle countries in particular promote the rule of law and human rights in the United States Southern Command area of responsibility; and (3) How such programs in general and in Northern Triangle countries in particular advance the objectives of the 2022 National Defense Strategy.

*Expanded eligibility for bereavement leave for members of the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1863) that would amend section 701 of title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility for bereavement leave under such statute.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The House recedes.

The conferees note that the section 622 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) created bereavement leave as a codified benefit for members of the Armed Services to ensure that no member could be denied paid time off following the death of a child or spouse. This

benefit was a compromise borne out of a separate legislative proposal, section 622 of H.R. 4350, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, as passed by the House of Representatives, that would have guaranteed paid leave time for parents who lose a child if the servicemember's parental leave had already been approved but not yet fully used. But that proposal would not have provided any guaranteed paid leave for parents who had already used their parental leave, and it would not have provided any guaranteed leave for members following the death of a child after the child's first year of life, as parental leave was required to be used within a year of the birth or adoption of such child. Section 622 would also not have provided any guaranteed time off for members upon the death of a spouse.

The conferees note that bereavement leave was never intended to create an entirely novel statutory entitlement to cover any loss that a servicemember might face, but rather to ensure that members who face the most difficult loss, the death of a child or spouse, could not be denied leave time to grieve such death. The annual leave policy under section 701 of title 10, United States Code, provides a generous benefit for members to take leave for personal reasons, including personal loss. Such statutory entitlement is bolstered by standing Department of Defense policies that provide for emergency leave, advance leave, compassionate reassignment, and many other policies supportive of servicemembers when in need. Bereavement leave is one additional backstop to ensure that no member could be denied a period of paid time off from work following the death of a child or spouse. Because of this, bereavement leave was made non-chargeable if affected servicemembers had fewer than 30 days of leave so that none could be denied such leave on the grounds that they had already used their accumulated paid leave.

The conferees expect that servicemembers who experience the loss of a close family member are afforded as much time off as possible, including via bereavement leave or emergency leave; alternate duties as required; and other accommodations as situationally appropriate.

#### *Sense of Congress on cooperation over space exploration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1864) that would express a sense of Congress in support of United States-Israel space cooperation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that:

(1) United States-Israel space cooperation and collaboration is in the best interest of the United States and can expand economic, national security, and social benefits for the American people; and

(2) Joint United States-Israel cooperation in the space arena should be supported in areas of research, development, test, and evaluation, including:

(a) between the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Israel Space Agency; and

(b) between the United States Air Force, United States Space Force, and the Israeli Air Force.

*Annual review and update of online information relating to suicide prevention*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1866) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to annually review suicide prevention policies and update contact information provided online to members, and to submit to the congressional defense committees an annual certification that such review and update was performed.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to review any information relating to suicide prevention or behavioral health, including any contact information for related resources, that is published by the Department of Defense and the military departments; to make any updates to such information as may be necessary; and to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than June 1, 2025, indicating that this review and update were completed.

*Prohibition on certain exports*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1867) that would require the Secretary of Energy to prohibit the export or sale of petroleum products drawn down from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to certain countries.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 3143).

The conference agreement does not include either provision.

*GAO study of availability of affordable housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1869) that would require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study to identify and assess the availability of affordable housing in areas having high housing costs and military or defense-related facilities or operations and the effects that limited availability of affordable housing in such areas has on defense production and readiness.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that this provision largely duplicates a requirement in the Joint Explanatory Statement (H. Prt. 117-13) accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022. The Government Accountability Office is in the process of conducting that review and expects to publish its report by summer 2024.

*Implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1870) that would require the Secretary of State to submit a report on efforts of the Department of State to implement the advanced capabilities pillar of the Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States partnership known as "AUKUS".

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on Taiwan and Ukraine relating to certain weapons systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1871) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on Taiwan and Ukraine relating to certain weapons systems.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Improving outreach related to cybersecurity job preparation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1872) that would require the Secretary of Defense to make every reasonable effort to improve outreach to inform departing servicemembers, whether Active Duty or Reserve, of the availability of credentialing opportunities related to cyber security, including improving the searchability functions of online resources for career training related to cybersecurity, as well as ensuring that Skillbridge includes a notice for all military members interested in cybersecurity job opportunities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees encourage the Secretary of Defense to make every reasonable effort to improve outreach to inform departing servicemembers, whether Active Duty or Reserve, of the availability of credentialing opportunities related to cyber security, including improving the searchability functions of online resources for career training related to cybersecurity, as well as ensuring that Skillbridge includes a notice for all military members interested in cybersecurity job opportunities.

*Report on Port Authority of Guam capacity*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1873) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the reliability and capacity of the Port Authority of Guam to support Department of Defense operations in Guam.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

*Report on utility requirements in Guam*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1874) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the utility requirements in Guam that are necessary to support Department of Defense missions.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the utility requirements in Guam that are necessary to support Department of Defense missions. The briefing shall include an assessment of: (1) The reliability of power utility poles in Guam with respect to military readiness and mission considerations and the extent to which such utility poles can sustain damage from extreme weather conditions; (2) The feasibility and advisability of costs associated with the construction of underground power supplies in support of the Department of Defense; (3) The reliability of water and wastewater infrastructure in Guam with respect to military readiness and mission considerations; and (4) The feasibility and advisability of costs associated with investing to improve such infrastructure in support of the Department of Defense.

*Disclosure requirements for persons performing research or development projects for Department of Defense*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1875) that would require persons performing research or development projects for the Department of Defense to disclose the percentage of the total costs of the program or project financed with Federal funding, the dollar amount of Federal funds obligated for the project or program, or the percentage and dollar amount of the total costs of the project or program that will be financed from nongovernmental sources.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Promoting the MilTax program and tax preparation services*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1876) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that each servicemember receives, not later than March 1 of each year, an annual written notice by mail, email, in-person notice, or other electronic notification of the availability of the MilTax program and other tax preparation assistance programs furnished by the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees encourage the military services to ensure that servicemembers receive adequate and timely information regarding tax preparation programs provided by the Department.

#### *Study on construction of child development centers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1877) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a recommendation for a strategy for military construction projects for a sufficient number of child development centers as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at such child development centers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees strongly encourage the Secretary of Defense to request military construction projects for a sufficient number of child development centers (as defined in section 2871 of title 10, United States Code) as necessary to eliminate wait lists for members of the Armed Forces seeking childcare at such child development centers.

#### *Geosynthetics performance testing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1878) that would increase PE 62144A by \$3.3 million to carry out the

development, testing, and certification phase of the Geosynthetics Reinforced Performance pavement test, with a corresponding decrease to operation and maintenance, Defense-wide, for administration and service-wide activities, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The specific authorization of appropriations amounts can be found in the funding tables.

#### *Prohibition on funding research in China*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1879) that would prohibit the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Energy, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Transportation, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or any other Federal agency from directly or indirectly conducting or supporting, through grants, subgrants, contracts, cooperative agreements or other funding vehicles, research that will be conducted with the government of the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Limitation on use of funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1881) that would prohibit funds from being used to engage in direct, bilateral cooperation with the Government of the People's Republic of China or China-affiliated organizations on biomedical research programs without explicit authorization from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and unless such activities are specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Prohibition on use of funds*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1883) that would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act to be used to further any nuclear agreement with Iran that has not received explicit Congressional approval.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Authority for remembrance of Congressman Don Young with a memorial marker or niche cover and ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1885) that would require that the memory of Congressman Don Young be honored with a memorial marker or niche cover and ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery, notwithstanding section 2409 of title 38, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

The conferees acknowledge that section 2409 of title 38, United States Code, provides a pathway to honor Congressman Don Young's service in Arlington National Cemetery.

## **DIVISION B—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATIONS**

*Sec. 2001 - Short title*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2001) that would cite division B of this Act as the "Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024".

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2001).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2002 - Expiration of authorizations and amounts required to be specified by law*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2002) that would ensure that the authorizations provided in titles XXI through XXVII of this Act expire on October 1, 2026, or the date of the enactment of an Act authorizing funds for military construction for fiscal year 2027, whichever is later.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2002).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2003 - Effective date*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2003) that would provide that titles XXI through XXVII of this Act would take effect on October 1, 2023, or the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2003).

The agreement includes this provision.

## **TITLE XXI—ARMY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

### *Sec. 2101 - Authorized Army construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2101) that would contain a list of authorized Army construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2101).

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 2102 - Family housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2102) that would authorize new construction, improvements, and planning and design of family housing units for the Army for fiscal year 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2102).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 2103 - Authorization of appropriations, Army*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2103) that would authorize appropriations for Army military construction levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2103).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

### *Sec. 2104 - Extension of authority to use cash payments in special account from land conveyance, Natick Soldier Systems Center, Massachusetts*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2104) that would extend the authority to use cash payments related to the conveyance of the Natick Soldier Systems Center in Massachusetts until October 1, 2027.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2104).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2105 - Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2018 project at Kunsan Air Base, Korea*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2105) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2018 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2105).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2106 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2019 Army military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2106) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2019 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2106).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2107 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2021 Army military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2107) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2021 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2107).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

## **TITLE XXII—NAVY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

*Sec. 2201 - Authorized Navy construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2201) that would contain a list of authorized Department of the Navy construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2201).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2202 - Family housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2202) that would authorize new construction, improvements, and planning and design of family housing units for the Department of the Navy for fiscal year 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2202).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2203 - Authorization of appropriations, Navy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2203) that would authorize appropriations for Department of Navy military construction levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2203).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2204 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2019 Navy military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2204) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2019 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2204).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2205 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2021 Navy military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2205) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2021 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2205).

The Senate recesses.

## **TITLE XXIII—AIR FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

*Sec. 2301 - Authorized Air Force construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2301) that would contain a list of authorized Air Force construction

projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2301).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2302 - Family housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2302) that would authorize new construction, improvements, and planning and design of family housing units for the Department of the Air Force for fiscal year 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2302).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2303 - Authorization of appropriations, Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2303) that would authorize appropriations for Air Force military construction levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2303).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2304 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2017 Air Force military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2304) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2017 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2304).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2305 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2018 Air Force military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2305) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2018 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2305).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2306 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2019 Air Force military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2306) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2019 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2306).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2307 - Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2021 Air Force military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2307) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2021 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2307).

The Senate recesses.

## **TITLE XXIV—DEFENSE AGENCIES MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

*Sec. 2401 - Authorized Defense Agencies construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2401) that would contain a list of authorized defense agencies construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2401).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 2402 - Authorized Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2402) that would contain a list of authorized energy resilience and conservation investment projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2402).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2403 - Authorization of appropriations, Defense Agencies*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2403) that would authorize appropriations for Defense Agencies' military construction at the levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2403).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2404 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2018 Defense Agencies military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2404) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2018 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2404).

The Senate recesses with an amendment.

*Sec. 2405 - Extension and modification of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2019 Defense Agencies military construction projects*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 2405 and 2406) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2019 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2405).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2406 - Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2021 project at Defense Fuel Support Point Tsurumi, Japan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2407) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2021 project until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2406).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2407 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2021 Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2408) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2021

Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2408 - Authority to carry out military construction projects to improve certain fiscal year 2022 utility systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2409) that would provide the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department with authority to contract with the conveyee of a utility system for certain fiscal year 2022 utility system improvement projects.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2407).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2409 - Additional authority to carry out certain military construction projects to improve certain fiscal year 2023 utility systems*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2410) that would provide the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of a military department with authority to contract with the conveyee of a utility system for certain fiscal year 2023 utility system improvement projects.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2408).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

## **TITLE XXV—INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **SUBTITLE A—NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SECURITY INVESTMENT**

*Sec. 2501 - Authorized NATO construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2501) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to make contributions to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program in an amount not to exceed the sum of the amount specifically authorized in section 2502 of this Act and the amount collected from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as

a result of construction previously financed by the United States.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2501).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2502 - Authorization of appropriations, NATO*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2502) that would authorize appropriations for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program at the levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2502).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

**SUBTITLE B—HOST COUNTRY IN-KIND  
CONTRIBUTIONS**

*Sec. 2511 - Republic of Korea funded construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2511) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept military construction projects totaling \$456.6 million pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Korea for required in-kind contributions.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2511).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2512 - Republic of Poland funded construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2512) that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to accept seven military construction projects totaling \$284.5 million pursuant to agreement with the Republic of Poland for required in-kind contributions.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2512).

The Senate recesses.

**TITLE XXVI—GUARD AND RESERVE FORCES  
FACILITIES**

*Sec. 2601 - Authorized Army National Guard construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2601) that would contain the list of authorized Army National Guard construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2601).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2602 - Authorized Army Reserve construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2602) that would contain the list of authorized Army Reserve construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2602).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2603 - Authorized Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2603) that would contain the list of authorized Navy Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2603).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2604 - Authorized Air National Guard construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2604) that would contain the list of authorized Air National Guard construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2604).

The House receded with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2605 - Authorized Air Force Reserve construction and land acquisition projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2605) that would contain the list of authorized Air Force Reserve construction projects for fiscal year 2024. The authorized amounts are listed on an installation-by-installation basis.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2605).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2606 - Authorization of appropriations, National Guard and Reserve*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2606) that would authorize appropriations for National Guard and Reserve military construction at the levels identified in section 4601 of division D of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2606).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2607 - Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2018 project at Hulman Regional Airport, Indiana*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2607) that would extend the authorization of a certain fiscal year 2018 project until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2607).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2608 - Extension of authority to carry out fiscal year 2019 project at Francis S. Gabreski Airport, New York*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2608) that would extend the authorization of a certain fiscal year 2019 project until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2608).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2609 - Extension of authority to carry out certain fiscal year 2021 National Guard and Reserve military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2609) that would extend the authorization of certain fiscal year 2021 projects until October 1, 2024.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2609).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2610 - Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2023 project at Camp Pendleton, California*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2610) that would modify the authorization of a fiscal year 2023 project.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2611).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2611 - Authority to conduct restoration and modernization projects at the First City Troop Readiness Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2612) that would authorize the Army National Guard to repair the roof of the South 23rd Street Readiness Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania if certain conditions are met.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Modification of authority to carry out fiscal year 2022 project at Nickell Memorial Armory, Kansas*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2610) that would modify the authorization contained in section 2606 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) for the construction of a sensitive compartmented information facility project at Nickell Memorial Armory, Kansas.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

**TITLE XXVII—BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE  
ACTIVITIES**

*Sec. 2701 - Authorization of appropriations for base realignment and closure activities funded through Department of Defense Base Closure Account*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2701) that would authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for ongoing activities that are required to implement the decisions of the 1988, 1991, 1993, 1995, and 2005 base realignment and closure rounds.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 2701).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 2702 - Prohibition on conducting additional base realignment and closure (BRAC) round*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2702) that would prohibit the Department of Defense from conducting another base realignment and closure round.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **SUBTITLE A—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

*Sec. 2801 - Modifications to Defense Community Infrastructure Program*

The House bill contained provisions (secs. 2801 and 2861) that would eliminate the sunset clause for the Defense Community Infrastructure Program and make insular territories eligible for a reduced cost sharing community funding requirement under the Defense Community Infrastructure Program.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2814).

The Senate recesses with an amendment that includes one of the House provisions.

*Sec. 2802 - Modification to authority for unspecified minor construction*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2802) that would increase the unspecified minor military construction authority limit from \$6.0 million to \$9.0 million and for projects with high area construction costs the authority limit is increased from \$10.0 million to \$14.0 million. This provision

would also add demolition projects to the definition of an unspecified minor military construction project.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2812).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2803 - Application of dollar limitations for unspecified minor military construction projects to locations outside the United States*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2803) that would amend section 2805(f) of title 10, United States Code, to address widely varying unspecified minor military construction costs due to variations in labor, materials, equipment, and design requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2804 - Increase to amount of certain funds for military installation resilience projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2806) that would amend section 2815 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the maximum annual amount the Secretary of Defense can spend on military installation resilience projects to \$200.0 million.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would modify the maximum annual amount to \$125.0 million.

*Sec. 2805 - Authority for certain construction projects in friendly foreign countries*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2808) that would allow the Secretary of Defense to use operations and maintenance funds for planning and design, as well as construction of projects, necessary to support U.S. military requirements related to strategic laydown opportunities at an air port of debarkation, sea port of debarkation, or rail or other logistics support location.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment.

*Sec. 2806 - Temporary expansion of authority for use of one-step turn-key procedures for repair projects*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2811) that would amend section 2862 of title 10, United States Code, to temporarily modify the authority for use of one-step turn-key selection procedures for repair projects.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would cap the authority at \$8.0 million.

*Sec. 2807 - Authorization of cost-plus incentive-fee contracting for military construction projects to mitigate risk to the Sentinel program schedule and cost*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1636) that would provide the Secretary of Defense authority to authorize cost-plus incentive-fee contracting for military construction projects associated with the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile program for not more than the first two low-rate initial production lots.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2804).

The House recesses with a technical amendment that would adopt the single lot, low-rate initial production at each location and strike the briefing requirement as that will be required elsewhere in this Act.

*Sec. 2808 - Inclusion on Department of Defense Form 1391 of information on consideration of certain methods of construction for certain military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2807) that would require a covered official to certify that they have considered all relevant construction methods and materials in the Unified Facilities Criteria before advancement of a construction project beyond the design phase.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2877).

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2809 - Incorporation of cybersecurity supply chain risk management tools and methods*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2876) that would amend section 2911 of title 10, United States Code, by adding a new paragraph.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment that would instead amend section 2914 of title 10, United States Code, and

strike the reporting requirements. The conferees note the reporting requirement from the original House provision is contained in the Senate report accompanying S. 2226 (S. Rept. 118-58) for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

*Sec. 2810 - Authority for Indo-Pacific posture unspecified minor military construction projects*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2801) that would temporarily grant military construction authority, limited to \$15.0 million per project, to the Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, through March 31, 2029.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2811 - Authority to conduct energy resilience and conservation projects at installations at which certain energy projects have occurred*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2871) that would clarify that the Department of Defense has the authority to pair Energy Resilience Conservation Investment Program projects with area wide contracts.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE B—MILITARY HOUSING REFORMS**

*Sec. 2821 - Establishment of the Military Family Readiness Working Group for Military Housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2822) that would establish the Department of Defense Military Housing Readiness Council to review and make recommendations to the Department of Defense regarding policies for privatized military housing.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2851).

The House recedes with an amendment that would create a Housing Working Group under the Military Family Readiness Council.

*Sec. 2822 - Improvements to privatized military housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2823) that would amend section 2878(f)(2) of title 10, United States Code, by adding an assessment by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment of the extent to which the lessor complied with the Military Housing Privatization Initiative Tenant Bill of Rights.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2841).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2823 - Notification relating to legal counsel for nondisclosure agreements*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2843) that would amend section 2890(f)(1) of title 10, United States Code, by allowing the military services to inform members of the Armed Forces of the possible consequences of entering into a nondisclosure agreement with respect to privatized military housing and encourage members to seek legal counsel before entering into such an agreement if they have questions about specific contractual terms.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2824 - Inclusion of questions regarding military housing for members of the Armed Forces in status of forces survey*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2852) that would require the Secretary of Defense to include specific questions in the annual Status of Forces Survey specifically related to how housing conditions influence retention.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2825 - Implementation of Comptroller General recommendations relating to strengthening oversight of privatized military housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2842) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, published April 6, 2023, titled, "DOD Can Further Strengthen Oversight of Its Privatized Housing Program," (GAO-23-105377) within 1 year of enactment or report to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives explaining why the Secretary has not implemented those recommendations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes with an amendment.

## **SUBTITLE C—COVERED MILITARY UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING REFORMS**

*Sec. 2831 - Design standards for covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2827) that would amend section 2856 of title 10, United States Code, by establishing uniform standards for floor space, number of members allowed, and habitability of military unaccompanied housing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2832 - Establishment of standards for habitability of covered military unaccompanied housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2826) that would require the Department of Defense to develop health and safety standards for barracks, including standards on fire and electrical safety.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2824).

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 2833 - Modification of procedures for issuance of waivers of covered privacy and configuration standards; temporary biannual briefing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2825) that would mandate the Secretary of each service approve any waivers for on-base housing that does not meet that service's minimum standards.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2828).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2834 - Certification of habitability of covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2822) that would require the Secretary of Defense to include with the President's annual budget submission a certification from the

Secretary of each military department that the construction costs for all needed repairs and improvements for each unaccompanied housing facility under the respective service Secretary is below 20 percent of the replacement cost of such facility, as mandated by Department of Defense Manual 4165.63, "DOD Housing Management."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2835 - Pilot program for military construction projects to replace certain covered military unaccompanied housing facilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2813) that would temporarily grant the Secretary of a military department the authority to replace substandard enlisted barracks using operation and maintenance or unspecified minor military construction funding for 5 years.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2836 - Establishment of civilian employees for oversight of covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2825) that would require the Secretary of Defense, within 30 days of enactment of this Act, to prescribe regulations to require the establishment of civilian oversight through the installation housing office to oversee military unaccompanied housing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2837 - Maintenance work order management process for covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2823) that would require the Secretary of each military department to establish and administer a clearly defined work order system to be used for military unaccompanied housing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2838 - Uniform index for evaluating the condition of covered military unaccompanied housing facilities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2821) that would require the Secretary of Defense to prescribe

regulations to complete and issue a uniform facility condition index for military unaccompanied housing, not later than October 1, 2024.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2839 - Annual reports on the condition of covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2830) that would establish, for the next 5 years, an annual report on military unaccompanied housing for establishing a baseline document of necessary repair costs for barracks throughout the Department of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2840 - Submission of temporary housing support certification to Members of Congress*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1884) that would require the Secretary of Defense to provide notification before the Department of Defense uses, creates, or repurposes a military base to house migrants.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2841 - Elimination of flexibilities for construction standards for covered military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2826) that would require the Secretary of Defense to modify all Department of Defense directives granting the flexibility for any adequacy or construction standard for military unaccompanied housing.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE D—REAL PROPERTY AND FACILITIES ADMINISTRATION**

*Sec. 2851 - Guidance on Department of Defense-wide standards for access to military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2831) that would standardize base installation access across the Department of Defense.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2879).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 2852 - Authority to make grants for security and fire protection for former Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas; briefing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2834) that would allow the Secretary of the Army to convey the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Arkansas to the State of Arkansas.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment that would strike the conveyance portion and leave intact the reporting requirement and provide authorization for security services and fire protection at the covered property.

*Sec. 2853 - Plan and report on critical infrastructure systems at military installations*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 341) that would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to implement a standardized system to measure and report on the condition and performance of non-privatized critical infrastructure systems located on military installations.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2854 - Closure and disposal of the Pueblo Chemical Depot, Pueblo County, Colorado*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2849) that would require the Secretary of the Army to close Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo County, Colorado not later than 1 year after the completion of the chemical demilitarization mission in such location in accordance with the Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2703).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2855 - Limitation on authority to modify or restrict public access to Greenbury Point Conservation Area at Naval Support Activity Annapolis, Maryland*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2872) that would prevent the Navy from using land within the minimum safe distance of live fire training conducted by cadets at the Naval Academy to construct a golf course on that land.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2856 - Authorization for the Secretary of the Navy to resolve the electrical utility operations at Former Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2873) that would authorize the Navy to divest of its electrical utility operations at former Naval Air Station Barbers Point in Hawaii.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2857 - Inclusion of military installation resilience in real property management and installation master planning of Department*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2875) that would implement the recommendations of the Department of Defense Inspector General report, published March 30, 2023, titled, "Audit of Military Department Climate Change Assessment and Adaptation Plans in the Southeastern Continental United States," (DODIG-2023-61) within 1 year of enactment of this Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would require the Department of Defense to certify implementation of the recommendations through prior National Defense Authorization Act requirements.

*Sec. 2858 - Modification of authority to relocate Joint Spectrum Center to Fort Meade, Maryland*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2810) that would move the offices of the Joint Spectrum Center to the headquarters of the Defense Information Systems Agency at Fort Meade, Maryland, or another appropriate location chosen by the Secretary of Defense.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

## **SUBTITLE E—LAND CONVEYANCES**

*Sec. 2861 - Extension of sunset for land conveyance, Sharpe Army Depot, Lathrop, California*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2841) that would extend the timeline for the conveyance of the Sharpe Army Depot in Lathrop, California.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2862 - Clarification of authority of Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at Nevada test and training range*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2844) that would clarify the authority of the Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at Nevada Test and Training Range.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment and notes that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continues to have primary jurisdiction for management of the majority of the Joint-Use Area and is entitled to adequate access to its primary jurisdiction lands for its management activities. The conferees recognize the importance of carefully balancing the Air Force's training needs with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's conservation mission in the Joint-Use Area. The conferees expect the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Air Force to continue using the Interagency Committee to facilitate coordination and minimize potential conflict with respect to the Joint-Use Area. The conferees also expect the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Air Force to continue to use the Intergovernmental Executive Committee as a means to engage the public and solicit their feedback on the management of natural and cultural resources in the Joint-Use Area.

*Sec. 2863 - Extensions, additions, and revisions to the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 relating to the Barry M. Goldwater Range, Arizona*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1865) that would extend and amend the existing military land withdrawal for the Barry M. Goldwater Range, Arizona.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2805).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2864 - Land acquisition, Westmoreland State Park, Virginia*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2843) that would authorize the Department of the Navy to purchase or lease, from the Commonwealth of Virginia, land at Westmoreland State Park for national security purposes.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2809).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2865 - Land conveyance, Naval Weapons Station Earle, New Jersey*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2848) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey land to Colts Neck Township, New Jersey.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with an amendment that would include a fair market valuation clause.

*Sec. 2866 - Land conveyance, Paine Field Air National Guard Station, Everett, Snohomish County, Washington*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2846) that would authorize the Secretary of the Air Force to convey land to the City of Everett, Washington.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2867 - Land conveyance, Wetzel County Memorial Army Reserve Center, New Martinsville, West Virginia*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2862) that would grant permissive authority to the Secretary of the Army to convey to the City of New Martinsville, West Virginia, approximately 2.96 acres, known as the former Wetzel County Memorial Army Reserve Center, for the purpose of providing emergency management response or law enforcement services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 2868 - Land conveyance, BG J Sumner Jones Army Reserve Center, Wheeling, West Virginia*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2861) that would grant the Secretary of the Army permissive authority to convey to the City of Wheeling, West Virginia approximately 3.33 acres known as the former BG J Sumner Jones Army Reserve Center, located within the city, for the purpose of providing emergency management response or law enforcement services.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **SUBTITLE F—PILOT PROGRAMS AND REPORTS**

*Sec. 2871 - Modification of pilot program on increased use of sustainable building materials in military construction*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2815) that would modify the existing sustainable materials pilot program authorized in section 2861 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) as amended by extending the pilot program by one calendar year from its original sunset date and requiring each military department to construct at least one project from mass timber and one project from low carbon concrete.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2872 - Modification of pilot program on establishment of account for reimbursement for use of testing facilities at installations of the Department of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2851) that would clarify language in the pilot program created under section 2862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 117-81) to allow facilities covered by the pilot program to use funds allocated to Facility Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization as well as user fees collected from customers.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 7882).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2873 - Pilot program to provide air purification technology in covered military housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2852) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot

program to provide air purification technology in privatized military housing.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would make the pilot program permissive.

*Sec. 2874 - Joint Housing Requirements and Market Analysis for certain military installations in Hawaii*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2855) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a joint Housing Requirements and Market Analysis for each military installation in Hawaii.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2875 - Quarterly briefings on military construction related to the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2853) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to provide quarterly briefings on the contracts for construction projects related to the Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

## **SUBTITLE G—OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 2881 - Increase of limitation on fee for architectural and engineering services procured by military departments*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2876) that would amend sections 7540(b), 8612(b), and 9540(b) of title 10, United States Code, to increase the cap for architectural and engineering services for the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, respectively, from 6 percent to 10 percent.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 2882 - Development and operation of Marine Corps Heritage Center and National Museum of the Marine Corps*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2862) that would codify authority to provide for the development and

operation of the Marine Corps Heritage Center and National Museum of the Marine Corps at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2808).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 2883 - Technical corrections*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2881) that would make technical corrections to section 2902(c) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 2884 - Modification of authority of Secretary of the Army to enter into cooperative agreements relating to access and management of Air Force Memorial*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2807) that would amend section 2863 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398) to revise the access and management fund for the Air Force Memorial to reflect the Air Force as the responsible agency.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 2885 - Designation of National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2864) that would designate the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force located in Pooler, Georgia as the official National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 6078).

The House recesses.

*Sec. 2886 - Continuing education curriculum on use of innovative products for military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2870) that would require the establishment of a continuing education curriculum for contracting officers and program managers at Navy Facilities Command and the Army Corps of Engineers responsible

for managing military construction and planning and design projects.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2878).

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 2887 - Guidance on encroachment that affects covered sites*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2869) that would require the Secretaries of the military departments to develop and implement guidance on identifying, mitigating, and reporting potentially harmful encroachment on military installations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 2888 - Extension and modification of annual updates to master plans and investment strategies for Army ammunition plants*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 114) that would extend and modify the annual updates to master plans for Army Ammunition Plants.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 2889 - Limitation on use of funds for United States Space Command headquarters*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2866) that would limit the use of funds to construct or modify facilities for temporary or permanent use by United States Space Command for headquarter operations until the Secretary of the Air Force delivers a report on the selection of a permanent location to the congressional defense committees. The section would also limit the availability of funds made available to the Secretary of the Air Force for travel expenditures until delivery of the report.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 1609).

The House recedes with an amendment that none of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to acquire, construct, plan, or design a new headquarters building for the United States Space Command until June 30, 2024, when the Inspector General of the Department of Defense and the Comptroller General of the United

States shall complete reviews of the selection announced in July of 2023.

*Sec. 2890 - Plan for use of excess construction materials on Southwest border*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2854) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a proposal to utilize, transfer, or donate unused border wall materials to states on the southern border.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 2880).

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Ordering authority for maintenance, repair, and construction of facilities of Department of Defense*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2802) that would allow the head of a department or organization within the Department of Defense to place an order, on a reimbursable basis, with any other such department or organization for a project for the maintenance and repair of a facility of the Department of Defense or for a minor military construction project.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Modification of authority to carry out Defense Laboratory Modernization Program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2803) that would make research, development, test, and evaluation facilities involved in the development, production, and sustainment of combat capabilities eligible for the Defense Laboratory Modernization Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that development and engineering center facilities require appropriate investments to perform their critical functions. These facilities are important for capability development and sustainment functions but may not be considered traditional defense laboratories based on the internal Department of Defense definitions. The conferees believe that existing authorities may be helpful for addressing infrastructure requirements, and therefore direct the Secretary

of Defense to submit a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on how Defense Laboratory Modernization Program authorities may be used to meet potential infrastructure requirements for development and engineering centers.

*Expansion of maximum amount of funds available for certain Defense Laboratory Improvement Program projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2804) that would increase the maximum amount of funds available for Defense Laboratory Improvement Program projects to \$200.0 million.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the continued importance of laboratory modernization and recommend the Department of Defense use existing defense laboratory modernization authorities to meet its facility and infrastructure requirements.

*Prioritization of certain military construction projects to improve infrastructure at certain facilities determined to be critical to national security*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2805) that would direct the Secretary of Defense to prioritize projects when considering military resilience projects under section 2815 of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Authority to lease land parcel for hospital and medical campus, Barrigada Transmitter Site, Guam*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2806) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to lease to the Government of Guam parcels of land to construct medical facilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Reporting requirements and congressional notification for certain military construction projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2809) that would clarify reporting requirements and require notifications

to Members of Congress on certain military construction projects in their district.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the military departments are inconsistent in the methods by which they notify Member offices on military construction awards with some relying on passive postings of awards, and others proactive reaching out to interested Members of Congress. The conferees encourage the military departments to be proactive in their communication to maximize transparency of these awards.

*Authority to operate certain transient housing of the Department of Defense transferred to Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2821) that would transfer the jurisdiction for the administration of military transient lodging to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing by December 1, 2023 as to the anticipated steady state cost avoidance that could be anticipated if a lodging privatization effort were adopted, any barriers to implementing, and any impact to traveling servicemembers. The conferees further note that the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) report published on June 9, 2021, titled "Military Lodging: DOD Should Provide Congress with More Information on Army's Privatization and Better Guidance to the Military Services" (GAO-21-214), noted that the Army may be overstating its cost avoidance due to the methodology it uses to calculate said cost avoidance, which was why the required briefing was asked to consider GAO's concerns over the existing Army program.

The conferees finally note that chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, provides authority to the Secretaries concerned to privatize lodging facilities should they choose and that congressional action is not necessary for the privatization of transient lodging to take place. The conferees expect that should a service Secretary deem it appropriate to transition to a privatized model, any such implementation should take into consideration any organizational changes such as those laid out in the House provision. Therefore, the conferees direct the

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment and the respective Assistant Secretaries for Energy, Installations, and Environment for each military department to provide a briefing on the feasibility of assuming responsibility for transient housing matters to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives by May 1, 2024.

*Establishing additional requirements for a military housing complaint database*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2824) that would require the Department of Defense to modify tools that allow service members and their families to identify housing-related complaints.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on capacity of Department of Defense to provide survivors of natural disasters with emergency short-term housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2827) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the capacity of the Department of Defense to provide survivors of natural disasters with emergency short-term housing.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) required the Secretary of Defense to submit a report analyzing the capacity of the Department of Defense to provide survivors of natural disasters with emergency short-term housing. The conferees direct the Secretary to coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency on the required report and in addition to the congressional defense committees, submit the required report to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The conferees eagerly await this report as it will help inform the conferees' understanding of the Department of Defense's ability to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency in the event of a natural disaster.

*Requirement for security cameras in common areas and entry points of military unaccompanied housing*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 2829) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure all

renovations of military unaccompanied housing that exceed 20 percent of the replacement cost include security cameras in common areas and entry points.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

The conferees note that outstanding reporting requirements remain related to the potential use of security cameras in military housing.

#### *Real property usage in the National Capital Region*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2832) that would require the Department of Defense to report usage data for all real property assets within the National Capital Region.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to provide a briefing, not later than April 1, 2024, to the congressional defense committees on the use of organic Department of Defense facilities and facilities leased by the Department. The briefing shall include the following: (1) Daily access rates by individuals at facilities with a capacity of 3,500 personnel or greater, disaggregated by government and contractor personnel; (2) Workforce capacity at facilities with a capacity of 3,500 personnel or greater; (3) Current telework guidance for individuals working at organic Department of Defense facilities and facilities leased by the Department; and (4) Existing lease agreements for facilities.

#### *Revision to Unified Facilities Criteria on use of life safety accessibility hardware for covered doors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2833) that would require the Department of Defense to include life safety accessibility hardware in the construction, renovation, replacement, or other retrofit of sensitive compartmented information facilities.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note the received reporting requirement from the Department of Defense related to this provision. The conferees encourage the Secretary of Defense to continue to revise, as appropriate, applicable specifications, guidance, and technical documentation relating to the construction, renovation, replacement, or retrofit of doors in sensitive compartmented information facilities to ensure that life safety

accessibility hardware is used for such construction, renovation, replacement, or retrofit.

*Land conveyance, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2842) that would provide the Secretary of the Air Force with authority to convey approximately 80 acres located adjacent to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, for the purpose of independent-living and assisted-living apartments for veterans.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

The conferees encourage the Air Force to pursue a conveyance under the existing authorization.

*Removal of prohibition on use of certain areas in Culebra, Puerto Rico*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2845) that would remove the prohibition on the use of certain areas in Culebra, Puerto Rico.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the feasibility and advisability of amending the Military Construction Act, 1974, in order to authorize the decontamination or limited removal of restriction for certain portions of the former bombardment area on the island of Culebra, Puerto Rico.

*Nonapplicability of certain Navy instruction to Johnson Valley, San Bernardino County, California*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2847) that would prohibit the applicability of instruction number 11011.47D of the Secretary of the Navy to apply to Johnson Valley, San Bernardino County, California.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recedes.

*Report relating to the Child Development Center at Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County, Illinois*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2856) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the Child Development Center at Scott Air Force Base.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the information requested by this provision is otherwise readily available.

*Report on aging infrastructure in support of aircraft operations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2857) that would require the Secretary of the Air Force to submit a report on aging infrastructure in support of aircraft operations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of the Air Force to brief the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, with an assessment of aging infrastructure in direct support of mobility aircraft operations, as determined by the Secretary, including aging runways, ramps, and control towers. The briefing shall include a plan to remediate such infrastructure, prioritized by military installation.

*Report on environmental risks that threaten to endanger military installations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2858) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report assessing the risks relating to flooding and other natural weather phenomenon, that threaten to endanger military installations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit an assessment to the congressional defense committees, not later than March 1, 2024, regarding the risks relating of flooding and other extreme weather effects that threaten military installations. The assessment shall include potential mitigation strategies for such extreme weather risks, including an assessment of military installations within the Mississippi Delta.

*Survey of certain counties for placement of facilities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2859) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit the results of a survey of certain counties to assess potential placement of

operational, training, or other facilities for use by the military departments in such counties.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Prohibition on joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base with civil aviation*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2863) that would permanently prohibit the joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base with civil aviation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that section 2874 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) prohibits the joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB) by civil aviation on or before September 30, 2026. The conferees also note that the May 2023 report on "Assessment of Impacts of Civil Aviation to Military Readiness and Military Activity at Homestead Air Reserve Base" outlines several concerns about how potential civilian joint use agreements could adversely impact military operations at HARB. The conferees direct the Secretary of the Air Force to provide a briefing to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on the long-term strategy for Homestead Air Reserve Base to include how it will be utilized in future Air Force strategic basing decisions.

*Recognition of Memorial, Memorial Garden, and K9 Memorial of the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as a national memorial, memorial garden, and K9 memorial, respectively, of Navy SEALs and their predecessors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2865) that would recognize the U.S. Navy SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida as a national memorial.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Limitation on use of funds for closure of combat readiness training centers*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2867) that would restrict the use of funds for the closure of Department of the Air Force Combat Readiness Training Centers.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize the importance of the Air Force Combat Readiness Training Centers and encourage the Department of the Air Force to keep the congressional defense committees apprised of any potential changes to the scope or mission of the Combat Readiness Training Centers.

*Limitation on availability of certain funds until submission of certain report on military housing*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2868) that would restrict the use of authorized funds for certain Department of Defense officials until the report on military housing required under section 3041 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 (Public Law 116-92) is submitted.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on easements for energy infrastructure*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2871) that would require the Secretary of Defense to submit a report on the policies and procedures of the Department of Defense regarding the consideration and approval of easements for energy infrastructure that could provide military installations with access to hydrogen pipelines and support United States energy distribution and export.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to the congressional defense committees, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Energy Natural Resources of the Senate, not later than June 1, 2024, a report on the policies and procedures of the Department of Defense regarding the consideration and approval of easements for energy infrastructure that could provide military installations with access to hydrogen pipelines and support domestic energy distribution and export.

*Sense of Congress relating to feasibility study for Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, Richmond, Kentucky*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2872) that would express the sense of Congress regarding a feasibility

study for Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant at Richmond, Kentucky.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees appreciate the Department of the Army delivering its feasibility study as required by the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) assessing potential missions for growth of the organic industrial base (OIB) mission the Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD) in Richmond, Kentucky as the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP) concludes operations. The conferees note that the feasibility study identifies three opportunities—production of critical chemicals, production of metal components for 155mm artillery munitions, and production of metal shipping containers—assessed to have high readiness impact and high feasibility while aligning with the stated mission of the OIB. Accordingly, the conferees direct the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Commanding General, Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than February 1, 2024, on the costs, estimated funding profile as it relates to the OIB modernization strategy, and facility efforts required to support the three potential opportunities for OIB augmentation at BGAD identified in the feasibility study. The briefing should include, but not limited to, estimated military construction facility needs, estimated costs and potential timelines on construction to include initial operational capability, ability to use existing conversion authorities to include industrial facilities modernization funding, and workforce estimates to help inform and better assess the transition of BGAD capability to address these opportunities and any others the Department determines a priority.

*Study and report on certain easements and leases owned by the Department of Defense in Hawaii*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2873) that would require the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to carry out a study on covered property interests and submit a report on such covered property.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study and submit to the congressional defense committees, not later than June 1, 2024, a briefing on: (1) The location, size, and expiration date of each covered property interest; (2) The

ways in which the Secretary of Defense uses and intends to use each covered property interest; (3) The major milestones and expected timeline for renegotiation and renewal of each covered property interest; (4) Any renegotiation and renewal actions with respect to each covered property interest during fiscal years 2019 through 2023; (5) Any such renegotiation and renewal actions planned to occur during fiscal years 2024 through 2030; (6) Each law or policy governing the extension of each covered property interest; (7) Relevant coordination efforts among the Secretaries of the military departments and the Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command; (8) Relevant coordination efforts among the Secretaries of the military departments, the Governor of Hawaii, the heads of the appropriate county governments in Hawaii, and communities in areas in proximity to a covered property interest; (9) Risks to renewing each covered property interest; and (10) Recommendations of the Secretary of Defense with respect to necessary legislative actions to ensure the renewal of covered property interests, including such legislative actions to provide Hawaii with financial assistance to aid administrative processes of Hawaii relating to such covered property interests.

*Requirement to maintain access to category 3 subterranean training facility*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2874) that would require the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Department of Defense maintains access to a covered category 3 subterranean training facility on a continuing basis.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Limitation on use of funds for preparation for renewal of certain project of the Department of the Air Force*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 2875) that would limit the use of funds authorized to be appropriated for the renewal of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning chiller replacement standardization project of the Department of the Air Force until the Secretary of the Air Force submits a certification relating to the competition methodology and metrics for performance have been established.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Report on plan to replace houses at Fort Leonard Wood*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 7851) that would require the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on the plan of the Army to replace all of the houses at Fort Leonard Wood that the Army has designated as being in need of repair.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

*Study on impact on members of the Armed Forces and dependents of construction projects that affect quality of life*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 7881) that would require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the correlation between military construction projects and facilities sustainment, restoration, and modernization projects at installations of the Department of Defense that affect the quality of life of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

The conferees note the impact that failing facilities have on retention of servicemembers as individual as well as how families are impacted by degrading conditions. With hundreds of billions of dollars in maintenance backlog, the services must make their facilities a priority as a failure to do will continue to have a negative impact on both readiness and morale.

## **DIVISION C—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY AUTHORIZATIONS AND OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **TITLE XXXI—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS**

#### **SUBTITLE A—NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

*Sec. 3101 - National Nuclear Security Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3101) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the activities of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 3101).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 3102 - Defense environmental cleanup*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3102) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Department of Energy's defense environmental cleanup activities.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 3102).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 3103 - Other defense activities*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3103) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Department of Energy's other defense activities.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 3103).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

*Sec. 3104 - Nuclear energy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3104) that would authorize the appropriation of funds for the Department of Energy's nuclear energy activities.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 3104).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

**SUBTITLE B—PROGRAM AUTHORIZATIONS,  
RESTRICTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS**

*Sec. 3111 - Transfer of cybersecurity responsibilities to  
Administrator for Nuclear Security*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3122) that would transfer cybersecurity responsibilities from the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Office of Defense Nuclear Security to the NNSA Administrator.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 3112 - Redesignating duties related to departmental radiological and nuclear incident responses*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3122) that would amend the National Nuclear Security Administration Act by adding "To lead the technical nuclear forensics efforts of the United States" to the list of Administration's responsibilities.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3123) that would redesignate the duties associated with departmental radiological and nuclear response from the Office of Defense Programs to the Administrator who has delegated this responsibility to the Office of Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 3113 - Cybersecurity Risk Inventory, Assessment, and Mitigation Working Group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3113) that would establish a working group within the National Nuclear Security Administration related to cybersecurity and require the working group to develop a comprehensive strategy to assess and mitigate certain cybersecurity risks.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses with a technical amendment designating the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs as Chairperson, unless the Administrator designates another member of the working group to serve as Chairperson in lieu of the Deputy Administrator.

*Sec. 3114 - Modification of authority to establish certain contracting, program management, scientific, engineering, and technical positions*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3121) that would increase the authorized number of certain personnel within the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 3124).

The House recesses.

The conferees recognize the National Nuclear Security Administration's expanding workload, especially related to weapon modernization programs. The conferees support the corresponding increase in excepted service personnel to help meet these growing demands. However, the conferees believe it is important that the additional personnel authorized under this section be assigned in a manner that is responsive to, and

reflective of, mission requirements. Accordingly, the conferees direct the Administrator for Nuclear Security to provide a briefing to the congressional defense committees, not later than August 1, 2024, detailing the allocation of additional excepted service personnel.

*Sec. 3115 - Criminal penalties for interference with the transport of special nuclear materials, nuclear weapons components, or restricted data*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3116) that would make it a Federal crime for whoever knowingly obstructs, resists or interferes with a nuclear materials courier engaged in the transport of any atomic weapons, special nuclear material, nuclear weapons components, or Restricted Data.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment revising the standard to whoever knowingly and willfully impedes the passage of a vehicle of a nuclear materials courier engaged in the transport of any atomic weapons, special nuclear material, atomic weapons components, or Restricted Data.

*Sec. 3116 - Prohibition on expansion of Advanced Recovery and Integrated Extraction System pending achievement of 30 pit-per-year base capability*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3112) that would prohibit an expansion of the Advanced Recovery and Integrated Extraction System (ARIES) process in Los Alamos National Laboratory's (LANL) Plutonium Facility (PF-4) before LANL reaches the capacity to produce 30 plutonium pits per year.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would limit expansion of ARIES while allowing continued operations until the Administrator certifies the base capability to produce 30 war reserve plutonium pits per year.

*Sec. 3117 - Plutonium Modernization Program management*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3113) that would amend section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a) to require the Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to manage the Plutonium Modernization Program under the provisions of Defense Programs Program Execution Instruction (PEI), Enhanced Management Category A.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment.

The conferees note that the Comptroller General of the United States has reported on serious deficiencies in the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) management and oversight of the plutonium modernization program. Best practices for program schedule development and cost estimating are identified in two Government Accountability Office (GAO) guides, "GAO Schedule Assessment Guide: Best Practices for Project Schedules" (GAO-16-89G) and "Cost Estimating and Assessment Guide: Best Practices for Developing and Managing Program Costs" (GAO-20-195G). However, a recent GAO report dated January 12, 2023 titled, "Nuclear Weapons: NNSA Does Not Have a Comprehensive Schedule or Cost Estimate for Pit Production Capability" (GAO-23-104661) found that, when assessed against best practices, the plutonium modernization program's integrated master schedule was not comprehensive and that the program lacked a life cycle cost estimate.

The conferees also note that NNSA Policy 413.2 "Program Management Policy" permits program management requirements to be tailored based on risk and complexity in certain instances. The conferees are aware that the plutonium modernization program is currently managed under NNSA guidance—specifically the Enhanced Management B category of the Program Execution Instruction—that permits the program to tailor aspects of the program's integrated master schedule and cost estimates. The conferees are concerned, however, that such tailoring does not impose sufficient management and oversight rigor for a program of this cost and importance, and may impede congressional oversight.

Therefore, the conferees direct NNSA to develop and manage the plutonium modernization program, or any subsequently developed program, using an integrated master schedule and a life cycle cost estimate that fully meets GAO best practices for both schedule development and cost estimating.

*Sec. 3118 - Modification of certain requirements and authorities relating to the removal or security of fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment at vulnerable sites worldwide*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3112) that would indefinitely extend the Department of Energy's ability to accept external contributions related to its work to mitigate the threats posed by high-risk, proliferation-attractive fissile materials, radiological materials, and related equipment, technologies, and knowledge.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 3116), as well as additional provisions (sec. 3117 and sec.

3125) that would make further technical and conforming changes to section 4306B of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (Public Law 83-703).

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would make technical and conforming changes.

*Sec. 3119 - Extension of briefing and reporting requirements for certain National Nuclear Security Administration contracts*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3126) that would amend section 4807(f)(1) of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2787(f)(1)) to extend the period for briefing requirements to 2032.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 3120 - Modification of minor construction threshold for plant projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3114) that would strike the sunset in section 4701(2) of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (Public Law 107-314) regarding minor construction threshold for plant projects.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3121 - Modifications relating to unfunded priorities of the National Nuclear Security Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3115) that would amend existing law regarding the submission of unfunded priorities of the National Nuclear Security Administration to include projects that mitigate risk.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3122 - Limitation on establishing an enduring bioassurance program within the National Nuclear Security Administration*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3115) that would limit the establishment of an enduring bioassurance program within the National Nuclear Security Administration.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3123 - Modification of reporting requirements for uranium capabilities replacement project*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3127) that would repeal the reporting requirements for the Uranium Capabilities Replacement Project.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the Administrator for Nuclear Security to submit an annual report on the technological maturity, scope, cost and schedule of the project. The amendment would also require the Comptroller General to assess the report and brief the congressional defense committees within 180 days of its submission.

*Sec. 3124 - Prohibition on availability of funds for naval nuclear fuel systems based on low-enriched uranium*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 1640) that would prohibit funds from being used for research and development of a naval nuclear fuel system based on low-enriched uranium.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 3111).

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 3125 - Prohibition on availability of funds to reconvert or retire W76-2 warheads*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3119) that would prohibit the National Nuclear Security Administration from reconverting or retiring W76-2 warheads. It would provide a waiver if the Administrator for Nuclear Security, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, certifies to the congressional defense committees that Russia and China do not possess similar capabilities and that the Department of Defense does not have a valid military requirement for the W76-2 warhead.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Sec. 3126 - Limitation on availability of funds pending submittal of spend plan for development of sea-launched cruise missile warhead*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3118) that would limit the availability of funds for the Office of the Administrator for Nuclear Security until the spend plan required by subsection (d) of section 1642 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public

Law 117-263) is provided to the congressional defense committees.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3127 - Deadlines for commencement of operations of certain atomic energy replacement projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3117) that would codify the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) plans with respect to constructing new facilities related to high explosives production at the Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas, and tritium activities at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3114) that would require the NNSA to establish a conventional high explosives production capability with sufficient capacity to support full rate production of the main explosives used for the W87-1 warhead, once the W87-1 modification program enters into phase 6.5 of the joint nuclear weapons life cycle process, as defined in section 4220 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2521). The provision would also require the Administrator for Nuclear Security to provide an annual briefing to the congressional defense committees on NNSA's progress in establishing such a program on the day after the President's budget is submitted, starting in fiscal year 2025, which would end once the capability has been achieved.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would adjust the requirements to more closely align with anticipated schedules.

*Sec. 3128 - Integrated schedule for future-years nuclear security program*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3118) that would require the Administrator for Nuclear Security to develop an integrated master schedule related to nuclear warhead development.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would require, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the future years nuclear security program to include a high-level milestone schedule document that aligns schedules for major production infrastructure activities and weapons modernization programs.

## **SUBTITLE C—OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 3131 - U.S. nuclear fuel security initiative*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3144) that would direct the Secretary of Energy to: (1) Establish a program, to be known as the "Nuclear Fuel Security Program," to increase the quantity of low-enriched uranium (LEU) and high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) produced by U.S. nuclear energy companies; (2) Expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program of the Department of Energy to ensure the availability of domestically produced, converted, enriched, deconverted, and reduced uranium in the event of a supply disruption; and (3) Establish a program, to be known as the "HALEU for Advanced Nuclear Reactor Demonstration Projects Program."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3132 - Updated financial integration policy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3131) that would direct the National Nuclear Security Administration to issue an updated financial integration policy.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes.

*Sec. 3133 - Plan for domestic enrichment capability to satisfy Department of Defense uranium requirements*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3132) that would direct the Administrator of the National Nuclear Security Administration to develop and submit to the congressional defense committees a strategy to establish a uranium enrichment capability dedicated to satisfying Department of Defense requirements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 3134 - Briefings on implementation of enhanced mission delivery initiative*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3118) that would require the Administrator for Nuclear Security to provide a briefing on the status of implementing the 18 principal recommendations and associated sub-elements of the report entitled "'Evolving the Nuclear Security Enterprise: A Report of the Enhanced Mission Delivery Initiative,'" published by the National Nuclear Security Administration in September 2022.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a technical amendment.

### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

#### *Limitation on use of funds pending submission of certain National Nuclear Security Administration reports*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3120) that would limit the availability of funds for the Administrator for Nuclear Security for travel until a briefing required in the committee report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (H. Rept. 117-397) and a report required in the committee report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (H. Rept. 117-118) are provided.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

The conferees note that the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has submitted the necessary material referred to in the House provision. However, the conferees remain concerned that NNSA's management and operating (M&O) contract construct is not optimized to meet mission requirements and recognize the relevant findings of the report entitled "Evolving the Nuclear Security Enterprise: A Report of the Enhanced Mission Delivery Initiative," published by NNSA in September 2022. The conferees appreciate NNSA's willingness to explore changes to the current contract model and note its decision to extend the maximum performance period for the Pantex Plant M&O contract of up to 20 years in an effort to enhance performance and provide greater stability. The conferees expect the Administration for Nuclear Security to keep the congressional defense committees fully informed about the Pantex Plant M&O contract, as well as any further steps to evolve and improve the broader M&O contracting process. Additionally, the conferees note the Comptroller General's related review of NNSA's acquisition planning process and encourage NNSA to work closely with the Government Accountability Office in this effort.

#### *Analyses of nuclear programs of foreign countries*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3120) that would improve the ability of the Department of Energy to conduct comprehensive, integrated analyses of the nuclear programs of foreign countries.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Enhancing National Nuclear Security Administration supply chain reliability*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3121) that would require the National Nuclear Security Administration to establish a supply chain reliability assurance program that would facilitate collaboration with the Department of Defense and industrial partners to maintain a reliable domestic supplier base for critical materials and improve coordination with the Infrastructure and Operations Program and the Programmatic Recapitalization Working Group to improve planning for material requirements and potential disruptions to commercial or contractor supply chains.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Biennial detailed report on nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship, management, and responsiveness plan*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3131) that would modify the requirement for a plan for sustaining the nuclear weapons stockpile.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Independent assessment of plutonium pit aging milestones and progress*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3133) that would require an independent assessment related to plutonium aging.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees remain interested in progress made by the National Nuclear Security Administration to evaluate plutonium pit aging and encourage the Administrator for Nuclear Security to enter into an agreement with the scientific advisory group JASON, as directed by section 3124 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) as soon as possible, but no later than December 31, 2030, as required by subsection (b) (2).

*Sense of Congress regarding use of advanced nuclear reactors by the Armed Forces*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3134) that would express the sense of the House regarding the use of advanced nuclear reactors by the Armed Forces.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision. The House recesses.

The conferees note that:

(1) Aspects of the Armed Forces have intentions to use advanced nuclear reactors at United States military bases, both domestically and internationally, because of advanced nuclear technologies' potential ability to generate clean electricity consistently and reliably;

(2) The Armed Forces currently rely on fossil fuel, which presents potential safety risks and national security risks associated with such reliance;

(3) Advanced nuclear reactors can provide clean, uninterrupted electricity to power a wide array of domestic and international military operations;

(4) The Armed Forces have grown accustomed to an operational energy supply chain in times of peace, but the United States also needs to prepare for the logistical challenges arising from the battles of tomorrow; and

(5) Energy use on the battlefield will increase significantly over the next decade, and advanced nuclear reactors will be an important solution to providing a secure, dense, and firm energy supply.

#### *Military department use of advanced nuclear reactors*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3135) that would require the Secretary of each of the military departments to submit a statement that, if the military department concerned certifies in such statement that it is interested in potentially using advanced nuclear technology, an identification of what the individual branch would need in regards to enhancing regulatory certainty relating to deploying advanced nuclear reactors for military operations and logistical support.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Defense to brief the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, not later than March 1, 2024, on each of the military departments' current efforts regarding advanced nuclear technology, including an identification of what the individual branch would need in regards to potential obstacles related to deploying advanced nuclear reactors for military operations and logistical support.

*Integration of technical expertise of Department of Energy into policymaking*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3141) that would require the Secretary of Energy to improve the integration of the scientific and technical expertise of the Department of Energy, especially the expertise of the national laboratories, into policymaking.

The House bill contained no such provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 8141) that includes the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

**TITLE XXXII—DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES  
SAFETY BOARD**

*Sec. 3201 - Authorization*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3201) that would authorize \$47,230,000 for the operation of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 3201).

The conference agreement includes this provision.

**TITLE XXXIV—NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES**

*Sec. 3401 - Authorization of appropriations*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3401) that would authorize \$13.0 million for fiscal year 2024 for operation and maintenance of the Naval Petroleum Reserves.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

**TITLE XXXV—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**

## **SUBTITLE A—MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**

*Sec. 3501 - Authorization of appropriations for Maritime Administration*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3501) that would authorize funds for the Maritime Administration.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 3501).

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would, among other changes: (1) Increase the authorization for port infrastructure development and Student Incentive Payment programs; (2) Incorporate authorization of appropriation for developing a national maritime strategy; and (3) Authorize additional funding for National Defense Reserve Fleet vessel design.

## **SUBTITLE B—MARITIME INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Sec. 3511 - Port infrastructure development program eligible projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3511) that would amend the types of projects eligible for certain grants under the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3512 - Assistance for small inland river and coastal ports and terminals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3512) that would clarify the criteria for determining the eligibility of small inland river and coastal ports for assistance under the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would clarify the circumstances under which the Secretary of Transportation could use independent audit data in determining whether a port qualifies as a small inland river or coastal port under the section 54301 of title 46, United States Code.

*Sec. 3513 - Port infrastructure development program: eligibility of shore power projects; selection criteria*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3513) that would define additional projects that would be eligible to receive grants under the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would waive consideration of the cost effectiveness as a criterion in making grants for shore power projects for noncontiguous States or territories under section 54310 of title 46, United States Code.

*Sec. 3514 - Codification of existing language; technical amendments*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3514) that would codify language from previous National Defense Authorization Acts related to the Port Infrastructure Development Program and Maritime Administration navigation and inspection laws. This section would also make technical amendments to the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-627) and other sections of title 46, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with technical amendments.

## **SUBTITLE C—REPORTS**

*Sec. 3521 - Reports on maritime industry, policies, and programs*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3521) that would amend chapter 553 of title 46, United States Code, to require the Administrator of the Maritime Administration to report annually to Congress on the compliance of all federal agencies with cargo preference laws. The House bill also contained a provision (sec. 3523) that would require the Administrator of the Maritime Administration to submit a report on port preferences for U.S.-flag vessels.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would combine the two House provisions and would additionally require: (1) The Secretary of Transportation to submit a report annually for the next five years on a survey of United States shipbuilding and repair facilities in accordance with sections 50102 and 50103 of title 46, United States Code, and section 502(f) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936 (Public Law 74-835); (2) The Administrator of the Maritime Administration to submit a report on increasing effectiveness of marine highways; and (3) The Comptroller General to submit the findings of a study on the availability of Federal student aid for mariner training.

*Sec. 3522 - Reports on availability of used sealift vessels and the scrapping and recycling of imported vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3522) that would require the Commander of U.S. Transportation Command to submit a report on the expected availability of used commercial sealift vessels over the next 5 years.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would: (1) Add the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate as a recipient of the used vessel report; and (2) Require the Administrator of the Maritime Administration and the Deputy Under Secretary for International Affairs of the Department of Labor to conduct a study of domestic United States ship scrapping capacity and capability to handle scrapping and recycling of imported vessels.

*Sec. 3523 - Study on foreign ownership and control of marine terminals*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3523) that would require the Maritime Administrator to submit a report to Congress on any preference afforded by port authorities and marine terminal operators to certain vessels documented under the laws of the United States.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would shift the original House port preference report to another section in this Act, and require the Secretary of Transportation to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center under which the center would evaluate how foreign state-owned enterprises with leases, long-term concessions, partial ownership, or ownership of marine terminals (including marine terminal operators) at the 15 largest United States container ports affect, or could affect, United States national and economic security.

*Sec. 3524 - Reports to Congress*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3524) that would require the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on the implementation of changes in cargo preference legislation made to section 2631 of title 10, United States Code, by section 1024 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes.

## **SUBTITLE D—OTHER MATTERS**

### *Sec. 3531 - Cargoes procured, furnished, or financed by the United States Government*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3531) that would amend section 55305 of title 46, United States Code, to designate the Maritime Administration as the authority to determine non-availability of qualified United States flag capacity at a fair and reasonable rate for commercial vessels to support a waiver of requirements under section 55305 or section 55314 of title 46, United States Code. The section would also set the duration of any such waivers and require congressional notifications for waivers issued.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would modify the conditions for documenting a vessel under the laws of the United States, and permit a port captain to waive the requirements of inspection for small passenger vessels, specifically overnight fishing charters.

### *Sec. 3532 - Recapitalization of National Defense Reserve Fleet*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3532) that would amend section 3546 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263) regarding a plan for recapitalizing the National Defense Reserve Fleet (NDRF), provide limitations on certain Navy expenditures until a report is submitted containing a detailed description of the acquisition strategy for a domestic new build sealift program for recapitalizing the NDRF, and eliminate a provision that would make a requirement to complete of a design of a roll-on, roll-off cargo vessel subject to the availability of appropriations.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would make the requirement to complete the cargo vessel design subject to the availability of appropriations made specifically available to the Navy for reimbursements to the Ready Reserve Force (RRF), a subset of the NDRF.

The conferees believe that the Department of Defense needs a modernized RRF to support potential wartime demands for hauling equipment and cargo, and that a new build sealift program for the RRF, based on a possible design by the Department of Transportation, could help in that effort.

*Sec. 3533 - United States Merchant Marine Academy and Coast Guard Academy matters; Maritime Administration requirements.*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3533) that would prohibit any expenditure of funds by the Maritime Administration for travel expenses in fiscal year 2024 until the date on which the Secretary of Transportation submits the reports required by section 3515(a) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263). The reports were to describe implementation of the recommendations of a National Academy of Public Administration panel report on the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. The section would make certain exceptions to this prohibition for travels expenses related to the administration of grants under the Port Infrastructure Development Program, Small Shipyards Grant program, Maritime Environmental and Technical Assistance Program, or the Marine Highways Transportation program.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would: (1) Remove the limitation of travel funds for the Maritime Administration; (2) Require quarterly updates during fiscal year 2024 on the status of any outstanding reports required by section 3515 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263); (3) Require the Secretary of Transportation to develop a training course on the workings of Congress, offer that training course at least once each year, prescribe the content required in that training course, and identify the officials required to complete the course; (4) Direct the Comptroller General to conduct an assessment of Maritime Administration staffing requirements; and (5) Direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to provide a briefing plan to improve Coast Guard Academy student housing and facilities.

*Sec. 3534 - Maritime workforce working group*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3534) that would require the Maritime Administrator to convene a working group to examine and assess the size of the pool of credentialed mariners necessary to support the United States flag fleet.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would: (1) Expand participation in the working group; (2) Increase the range of topics to be covered by the working group; and (3)

Provide a temporary change in credentialing requirements for able seaman.

*Sec. 3535 - Consideration of life-cycle cost estimates for acquisition and procurement of vessels*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3535) that would require the Secretary of Transportation to consider the life-cycle cost estimates of new National Defense Reserve Fleet vessels during design and evaluation.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 3536 - Loans for retrofitting to qualify as a vessel of the United States*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3538) that would expand the coverage of loan guarantee authority for retrofitting or similar activities conducted on a vessel to qualify that vessels as a United States vessel.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes.

*Sec. 3537 - Accountability for National Maritime Strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3539) that would require the Administrator of the Maritime Administration to provide to the appropriate congressional committees biannual briefings on the status of establishing a national maritime strategy and detail required elements of such briefings.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recedes with a technical amendment.

**LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Update to categorical exclusions used by Maritime Administration in reviewing environmental impacts of transportation projects*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3515) that would require the Secretary of Transportation to survey the Maritime Administration on the use of categorical exclusions in the review of transportation projects since 2013 and publish the results of that survey in the Federal Register along with any new categorical exclusions relevant to maritime projects or projects sponsored by the Maritime Administration. The provision would also require the Secretary of Transportation to begin a rulemaking process for the new categorical exclusions

identified, as well as develop a process for considering new categorical exclusions in the future.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

#### *Source restrictions on auxiliary ship components*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3536) that would require the Secretary of Defense to finalize the rule from the Federal Register on September 29, 2020, titled "Source Restrictions on Auxiliary Ship Components."

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees note that the Secretary published the final rule in the Federal Register earlier this year since the House bill was passed.

#### *Authorization of appropriations for national maritime strategy*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 3537) that would authorize \$2.0 million for the Maritime Administration to implement the development of a national maritime strategy, as required by section 3542 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117-263).

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

The conferees recommendation for this authorization in included elsewhere in this Act.

## **DIVISION D—FUNDING TABLES**

#### *Sec. 4001 - Authorization of amounts in funding tables*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 4001) that would provide for the allocation of funds among programs, projects, and activities in accordance with the tables in division D of this Act, subject to reprogramming guidance in accordance with established procedures.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 4001).

The House recesses.

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	FY 2024 Request	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
<b>DISCRETIONARY AUTHORIZATIONS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>			
<b>National Defense Funding, Base Budget Request</b>			
<b>Function 051, Department of Defense-Military</b>			
<b>Division A: Department of Defense Authorizations</b>			
<b>Title I—Procurement</b>			
Aircraft Procurement, Army .....	3,012,440	300,770	3,313,210
Missile Procurement, Army .....	4,962,017	-16,750	4,945,267
Weapons & Tracked Combat Vehicles, Army .....	3,765,521	939,096	4,704,617
Procurement of Ammunition, Army .....	2,967,578	30,611	2,998,189
Other Procurement, Army .....	8,672,979	52,774	8,725,753
Aircraft Procurement, Navy .....	17,336,760	672,149	18,008,909
Weapons Procurement, Navy .....	6,876,385	-122,072	6,754,313
Procurement of Ammunition, Navy & Marine Corps .....	1,293,273	27,008	1,320,281
Shipbuilding & Conversion, Navy .....	32,848,950	74,424	32,923,374
Other Procurement, Navy .....	14,535,257	4,279	14,539,536
Procurement, Marine Corps .....	3,979,212	-60,872	3,918,340
Aircraft Procurement, Air Force .....	20,315,204	-665,390	19,649,814
Missile Procurement, Air Force .....	5,530,446		5,530,446
Procurement of Ammunition, Air Force .....	703,158	-32,056	671,102
Other Procurement, Air Force .....	30,417,892	279,153	30,697,045
Procurement, Space Force .....	4,714,294	-528,100	4,186,194
Procurement, Defense-Wide .....	6,056,975	126,100	6,183,075
National Guard & Reserve Equipment .....		100,000	100,000
<b>Subtotal, Title I—Procurement .....</b>	<b>167,988,341</b>	<b>1,181,124</b>	<b>169,169,465</b>
<b>Title II—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation</b>			
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army .....	15,775,381	190,771	15,966,152
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy .....	26,922,225	-199,668	26,722,557
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Air Force .....	46,565,356	-272,748	46,292,608
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Space Force .....	19,199,340	502,576	19,701,916
Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Defense- Wide .....	36,185,834	744,163	36,929,997
Operational Test & Evaluation, Defense .....	331,489		331,489
<b>Subtotal, Title II—Research, Development, Test and Evaluation .....</b>	<b>144,979,625</b>	<b>965,094</b>	<b>145,944,719</b>
<b>Title III—Operation and Maintenance</b>			
Operation & Maintenance, Army .....	59,554,553	268,327	59,822,880
Operation & Maintenance, Army Reserve .....	3,630,948	-16,300	3,614,648
Operation & Maintenance, Army National Guard .....	8,683,104	-70,500	8,612,604
Counter-ISIS Train and Equip Fund .....	397,950		397,950
Operation & Maintenance, Navy .....	72,244,533	-149,876	72,094,657
Operation & Maintenance, Marine Corps .....	10,281,913	-58,009	10,223,904
Operation & Maintenance, Navy Reserve .....	1,380,810	-8,100	1,372,710
Operation & Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve .....	329,395	-4,900	324,495

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	FY 2024 Request	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
Operation & Maintenance, Air Force .....	62,750,095	-766,744	61,983,351
Operation & Maintenance, Space Force .....	5,017,468	-54,027	4,963,441
Operation & Maintenance, Air Force Reserve .....	4,116,256	-70,500	4,045,756
Operation & Maintenance, Air National Guard .....	7,253,694	-84,200	7,169,494
Operation & Maintenance, Defense-Wide .....	52,767,563	-233,835	52,533,728
United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces	16,620		16,620
DOD Acquisition Workforce Development Fund .....	54,977		54,977
Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid .....	114,900		114,900
Cooperative Threat Reduction Account .....	350,999		350,999
Environmental Restoration, Army .....	198,760		198,760
Environmental Restoration, Navy .....	335,240		335,240
Environmental Restoration, Air Force .....	349,744		349,744
Environmental Restoration, Defense .....	8,965		8,965
Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Sites .....	232,806		232,806
<b>Subtotal, Title III—Operation and Maintenance .....</b>	<b>290,071,293</b>	<b>-1,248,664</b>	<b>288,822,629</b>
<b>Title IV—Military Personnel</b>			
Military Personnel Appropriations .....	168,320,510	-2,108,861	166,211,649
Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Fund Contributions ...	10,553,456		10,553,456
<b>Subtotal, Title IV—Military Personnel .....</b>	<b>178,873,966</b>	<b>-2,108,861</b>	<b>176,765,105</b>
<b>Title XIV—Other Authorizations</b>			
National Defense Stockpile Transaction Fund .....	7,629		7,629
Working Capital Fund, Army .....	29,213		29,213
Working Capital Fund, Air Force .....	83,587		83,587
Working Capital Fund, Defense-Wide .....	114,667		114,667
Working Capital Fund, DECA .....	1,447,612		1,447,612
Chemical Agents & Munitions Destruction .....	1,091,844		1,091,844
Drug Interdiction and Counter Drug Activities .....	886,426	32,500	918,926
Office of the Inspector General .....	525,365		525,365
Defense Health Program .....	38,413,960	-110,658	38,303,302
<b>Subtotal, Title XIV—Other Authorizations .....</b>	<b>42,600,303</b>	<b>-78,158</b>	<b>42,522,145</b>
<b>Total, Division A: Department of Defense Authoriza- tions .....</b>	<b>824,513,528</b>	<b>-1,289,465</b>	<b>823,224,063</b>
<b>Division B: Military Construction Authorizations</b>			
<b>Military Construction</b>			
Army .....	1,470,555	441,734	1,912,289
Navy .....	6,022,187	-718,147	5,304,040
Air Force .....	2,605,314	552,700	3,158,014
Defense-Wide .....	2,984,682	213,889	3,198,571
NATO Security Investment Program .....	293,434	50,000	343,434
Army National Guard .....	340,186	391,892	732,078
Army Reserve .....	107,076	127,000	234,076
Navy and Marine Corps Reserve .....	51,291	15,000	66,291
Air National Guard .....	178,722	182,543	361,265
Air Force Reserve .....	291,572	55,000	346,572
Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund .....	496		496

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<b>Subtotal, Military Construction</b> .....	<b>14,345,515</b>	<b>1,311,611</b>	<b>15,657,126</b>
<b>Family Housing</b>			
Construction, Army .....	304,895	11,389	316,284
Operation & Maintenance, Army .....	385,485		385,485
Construction, Navy and Marine Corps .....	277,142		277,142
Operation & Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps .....	363,854		363,854
Construction, Air Force .....	237,097	27,000	264,097
Operation & Maintenance, Air Force .....	314,386		314,386
Operation & Maintenance, Defense-Wide .....	50,785		50,785
Improvement Fund .....	6,611		6,611
<b>Subtotal, Family Housing</b> .....	<b>1,940,255</b>	<b>38,389</b>	<b>1,978,644</b>
<b>Base Realignment and Closure</b>			
Base Realignment and Closure—Army .....	150,640	50,000	200,640
Base Realignment and Closure—Navy .....	108,818	50,000	158,818
Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force .....	123,990	50,000	173,990
Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-wide .....	5,726		5,726
<b>Subtotal, Base Realignment and Closure</b> .....	<b>389,174</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>539,174</b>
<b>Total, Division B: Military Construction Authoriza- tions</b> .....	<b>16,674,944</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>18,174,944</b>
<b>Total, 051, Department of Defense-Military</b> .....	<b>841,188,472</b>	<b>210,535</b>	<b>841,399,007</b>
<b>Division C: Department of Energy National Security Authorization and Other Authorizations</b>			
<b>Function 053, Atomic Energy Defense Activities</b>			
<b>Environmental and Other Defense Activities</b>			
Nuclear Energy .....	177,733	-17,733	160,000
Weapons Activities .....	18,832,947	288,729	19,121,676
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....	2,508,959	-64,707	2,444,252
Naval Reactors .....	1,964,100		1,964,100
Federal Salaries and Expenses .....	538,994	-20,000	518,994
Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	7,073,587	-29,824	7,043,763
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D .....	427,000	-427,000	0
Other Defense Activities .....	1,075,197		1,075,197
<b>Subtotal, Environmental and Other Defense Activi- ties</b> .....	<b>32,598,517</b>	<b>-270,535</b>	<b>32,327,982</b>
<b>Independent Federal Agency Authorization</b>			
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board .....	47,230		47,230
<b>Subtotal, Independent Federal Agency Authorization</b> .....	<b>47,230</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,230</b>
<b>Subtotal, 053, Atomic Energy Defense Activities</b> .....	<b>32,645,747</b>	<b>-270,535</b>	<b>32,375,212</b>

**Function 054, Defense-Related Activities****Other Agency Authorizations**

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## SUMMARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024—Continued

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	FY 2024 Request	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
Maritime Security Program .....	318,000		318,000
Tanker Security Program (previously authorized) .....	60,000	60,000	120,000
<b>Subtotal, Other Agency Authorizations .....</b>	<b>378,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>438,000</b>
<b>Subtotal, 054, Defense-Related Activities .....</b>	<b>378,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>438,000</b>
<b>Subtotal, Division C: Department of Energy National Security Authorization and Other Authorizations ..</b>	<b>33,023,747</b>	<b>-210,535</b>	<b>32,813,212</b>
<b>Total, National Defense .....</b>	<b>874,212,219</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>874,212,219</b>
<b>MEMORANDUM: NON-DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS .....</b>	<b>692,224</b>	<b>431,280</b>	<b>1,123,504</b>
Title XIV—Armed Forces Retirement Home (Function 700) .....	77,000		77,000
Title XXXIV—Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves (Function 270) .....	13,010		13,010
Title XXXV—Maritime Administration (Function 400) ..	602,214	431,280	1,033,494
<b>MEMORANDUM: TRANSFER AUTHORITIES (NON-ADD)</b>			
Title X—General Transfer Authority .....	[8,000,000]	[-2,000,000]	[6,000,000]
<b>MEMORANDUM: DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARMED SERVICES COM- MITTEE (NON-ADD)</b>			
Defense Production Act .....	968,605		968,605

## NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET AUTHORITY IMPLICATION

(In Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2024 Request	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
<b>Summary, Discretionary Authorizations Within the Jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee</b>			
<b>SUBTOTAL, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (051)</b> .....	<b>841,188,472</b>	<b>210,535</b>	<b>841,399,007</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL, ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE PROGRAMS (053)</b> .....	<b>32,645,747</b>	<b>-270,535</b>	<b>32,375,212</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL, DEFENSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES (054)</b> .....	<b>378,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>438,000</b>
<b>TOTAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE</b> .....	<b>874,212,219</b>		<b>874,212,219</b>
<b>Scoring adjustments</b>			
Transfers to non-Defense budget functions (051) .....	-187,000		-187,000
Defense Production Act, Negative subsidies (051) .....	-9,000		-9,000
<b>Subtotal, Scoring Adjustments</b> .....	<b>-196,000</b>		<b>-196,000</b>
<b>National Defense Discretionary Programs not In the Jurisdiction of the Armed Services Committee or Do Not Require Additional Authorization (CBO Estimates)</b>			
Defense Production Act Purchases .....	968,605		968,605
Indefinite Account: Disposal of DOD Real Property .....	7,000		7,000
Indefinite Account: Lease of DOD Real Property .....	32,000		32,000
<b>Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 051</b> .....	<b>1,007,605</b>		<b>1,007,605</b>
Corps of Engineers—Civil Works, Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program .....	200,000		200,000
<b>Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 053</b> .....	<b>200,000</b>		<b>200,000</b>
Other Discretionary Programs .....	11,125,000		11,125,000
<b>Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 054</b> .....	<b>11,125,000</b>		<b>11,125,000</b>
<b>Total Defense Discretionary Adjustments (050)</b> .....	<b>12,136,605</b>		<b>12,136,605</b>
<b>Budget Authority Implication, National Defense Discretionary</b>			
Department of Defense--Military (051) .....	842,000,077	210,535	842,210,612
Atomic Energy Defense Activities (053) .....	32,845,747	-270,535	32,575,212
Defense-Related Activities (054) .....	11,503,000	60,000	11,563,000
<b>Total BA Implication, National Defense Discretionary</b> .....	<b>886,348,824</b>		<b>886,348,824</b>
<b>National Defense Mandatory Programs, Current Law (CBO Baseline)</b>			
Concurrent receipt accrual payments to the Military Retirement Fund .....	19,704,000		19,704,000
Revolving, trust and other DOD Mandatory .....	2,104,000		2,104,000
TID for CHIPS Act (Defense) .....	400,000		400,000
Offsetting receipts .....	-2,001,000		-2,001,000
<b>Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 051</b> .....	<b>20,207,000</b>		<b>20,207,000</b>
Energy employees occupational illness compensation programs and other .....	2,339,000		2,339,000
DOE Defense environmental cleanup and Weapons activities .....	37,000		37,000
CDC-Wide Activities and Program Support .....	56,000		56,000
<b>Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 053</b> .....	<b>2,432,000</b>		<b>2,432,000</b>
Payment to CIA retirement fund .....	514,000		514,000
Radiation exposure compensation .....	26,000		26,000
<b>Subtotal, Budget Sub-Function 054</b> .....	<b>540,000</b>		<b>540,000</b>

**NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET AUTHORITY IMPLICATION—Continued**

(In Thousands of Dollars)

	<b>FY 2024 Request</b>	<b>Conference Change</b>	<b>Conference Authorized</b>
<b>Total National Defense Mandatory (050)</b> .....	<b>23,179,000</b>		<b>23,179,000</b>
<b>Budget Authority Implication, National Defense Discretionary and Mandatory</b>			
Department of Defense--Military (051) .....	862,207,077	210,535	862,417,612
Atomic Energy Defense Activities (053) .....	35,277,747	-270,535	35,007,212
Defense-Related Activities (054) .....	12,043,000	60,000	12,103,000
<b>Total BA Implication, National Defense Discretionary and Mandatory</b> .....	<b>909,527,824</b>		<b>909,527,824</b>

# TITLE XLI—PROCUREMENT

## SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT.

### SEC. 4101. PROCUREMENT (In Thousands of Dollars)

Line	Item	FY 2024 Request		House Authorized		Senate Authorized		Conference Change		Conference Authorized	
		Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost
<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>											
<b>FIXED WING</b>											
003	FUTURE UAS FAMILY .....		53,453		53,453		53,453				53,453
005	SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS .....		20,769		20,769		20,769				20,769
<b>ROTARY</b>											
006	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN .....	42	718,578	42	718,578	42	718,578			42	718,578
007	AH-64 APACHE BLOCK IIIA REMAN AP .....		110,360		110,360		110,360				110,360
008	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP) .....	24	668,238	24	668,238	24	668,238			24	668,238
009	UH-60 BLACKHAWK M MODEL (MYP) AP .....		92,494		92,494		92,494				92,494
010	UH-60 BLACK HAWK L AND V MODELS .....	26	153,196	26	153,196	26	153,196			26	153,196
011	CH-47 HELICOPTER .....	6	202,487	10	379,987	6	202,487	4	177,500	10	379,987
	Four Additional Aircraft .....			(4)	(177,500)			(4)	(177,500)		
012	CH-47 HELICOPTER AP .....		18,936		18,936		18,936				18,936
	CH-47F Block II—Adv Procurement .....			2	(22,500)				(22,500)		
012A	UH-72B LAKOTA HELICOPTER .....			2	20,000				20,000		20,000
	Two aircraft .....			(2)	(20,000)				(20,000)		
<b>MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT</b>											
013	MQ-1 PAYLOAD .....		13,650		13,650		13,650				13,650
014	GRAY EAGLE MODS2 .....		14,959		14,959		14,959				14,959
	Program increase .....				(25,000)				68,000		68,000
016	AH-64 MODS .....		113,127		113,127		113,127				113,127
017	CH-47 CARGO HELICOPTER MODS (MYP) .....		20,689		20,689		20,689				20,689
022	UTILITY HELICOPTER MODS .....		35,879		35,879		35,879				35,879
	Black Hawk Mods—60kVA Generators .....				(15,000)				18,000		18,000
	Litter Basket Stabilization Systems .....				(15,000)				(3,000)		
023	NETWORK AND MISSION PLAN .....		32,418		32,418		32,418				32,418



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		Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	
<b>MODIFICATIONS</b>												
021	PATRIOT MODS .....		212,247		212,247		212,247					212,247
022	STINGER MODS .....		36,484		36,484		36,484					36,484
023	AVENGER MODS .....		22,274		22,274		22,274					22,274
025	MLRS MODS .....		168,198		168,198		168,198					168,198
026	HIMARS MODIFICATIONS .....		76,266		76,266		76,266					76,266
027	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>											
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....		6,573		6,573		6,573					6,573
028	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT &amp; FACILITIES</b>											
	AIR DEFENSE TARGETS .....	8,064	11,701	8,064	11,701	8,064	11,701					11,701
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, ARMY .....	8,064	4,962,017	8,064	4,951,517	8,064	4,962,017		-16,750	8,064	4,945,267	4,945,267
<b>PROCUREMENT OF WEAPONS AND TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES, ARMY</b>												
<b>TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>												
001	ARMORED MULTI PURPOSE VEHICLE (AMPV) .....	91	554,777	91	552,277	91	554,777		-2,500	91	552,277	552,277
	Program decrease .....				[-2,500]							
003	MOBILE PROTECTED FIREPOWER .....	33	394,635	33	386,235	33	394,635		-8,000	33	386,635	386,635
	Excessive growth—systems, technical support .....				[-8,400]							
<b>MODIFICATION OF TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>												
004	STRYKER UPGRADE .....	85	614,282	105	756,682	85	614,282		135,400	132	749,682	749,682
	Excessive growth—fleet modifications .....				[-4,600]							
	Program increase .....			[20]	[147,000]					[47]		
005	BRADLEY FIRE SUPPORT TEAM (BFST) VEHICLE .....	128	5,232	128	5,232	128	5,232			128	5,232	5,232
006	BRADLEY PROGRAM (MOD) .....		158,274		252,774		158,274		58,796		217,070	217,070
	Program increase .....				[94,500]				[65,000]			
	Unjustified growth: modification 7 installation .....								[-6,204]			
007	M109 FV MODIFICATIONS .....	24	90,986	30	579,152	24	90,986			35	674,152	674,152
008	PALADIN INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT (PIM) .....		469,152		110,000		469,152		205,000		674,152	674,152
	Program increase .....			[6]					[205,000]			
009	IMPROVED RECOVERY VEHICLE (M88 HERCULES) .....	24	41,058	24	41,058	24	41,058			24	41,058	41,058
012	JOINT ASSAULT BRIDGE .....	24	159,804	24	159,804	24	159,804			24	159,804	159,804
013	ABRAMS UPGRADE PROGRAM .....	34	697,883	47	974,383	34	697,883		542,400	87	1,240,283	1,240,283



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		Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost
	Excess to need .....										
008	CTG. 30MM, ALL TYPES .....		107,805		107,805		107,805				107,805
009	CTG. 40MM, ALL TYPES .....		148,970		148,970		148,970				148,970
010	CTG. 50MM, ALL TYPES .....		28,000		28,000		28,000				28,000
	<b>MORTAR AMMUNITION</b>										
011	60MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....		35,160		35,160		35,160				35,160
012	81MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....		40,562		40,562		40,562				40,562
013	120MM MORTAR, ALL TYPES .....		106,784		106,784		106,784				106,784
	<b>TANK AMMUNITION</b>										
014	CARTRIDGES, TANK, 105MM AND 120MM, ALL TYPES .....		300,368		300,368		300,368				300,368
	<b>ARTILLERY AMMUNITION</b>										
015	ARTILLERY CARTRIDGES, 75MM & 105MM, ALL TYPES .....		21,298		21,298		21,298				21,298
016	ARTILLERY PROJECTILE, 155MM, ALL TYPES .....		150,839		150,839		150,839				150,839
018	PRECISION ARTILLERY MUNITIONS .....		96,406		96,406		96,406				96,406
019	ARTILLERY PROPELLANTS, FUZES AND PRIMERS, ALL .....		172,947		172,947		172,947				172,947
	<b>MINES</b>										
020	MINES & CLEARING CHARGES, ALL TYPES .....		71,182		71,182		71,182				71,182
021	CLOSE TERRAIN SHAPING OBSTACLE .....		55,374		55,374		55,374				55,374
	<b>ROCKETS</b>										
022	SHOULDER LAUNCHED MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES .....		18,630		18,630		18,630				18,630
023	ROCKET, HYDRA 70, ALL TYPES .....		87,293		87,293		87,293				87,293
	<b>OTHER AMMUNITION</b>										
024	CAD/PAD, ALL TYPES .....		6,564		6,564		6,564				6,564
025	DEMOLITION MUNITIONS, ALL TYPES .....		24,238		24,238		24,238				24,238
026	GRENADES, ALL TYPES .....		48,374		48,374		48,374				48,374
027	SIGNALS, ALL TYPES .....		23,252		23,252		23,252				23,252
028	SIMULATORS, ALL TYPES .....		11,309		11,309		11,309				11,309
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>										
030	AMMO COMPONENTS, ALL TYPES .....		3,976		3,976		3,976				3,976
031	NON-LETHAL AMMUNITION, ALL TYPES .....		3,281		3,281		3,281				3,281
032	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION (AMMO) .....		17,436		17,436		17,436				17,436
033	AMMUNITION PECULIAR EQUIPMENT .....		13,133		13,133		13,133				13,133
034	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION (AMMO) .....		18,068		18,068		18,068				18,068

035	CLOSEOUT LIABILITIES .....	102	102	102	
	<b>PRODUCTION BASE SUPPORT</b>				
036	INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....	726,135	726,135	726,135	
037	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS DEMILITARIZATION .....	80,602	183,752	183,752	
	Unjustified growth—EP1800 Conventional Ammunition Demilitarization	[-98,450]			
	Unjustified growth—EP1803 Non Army Missile Demilitarization	[-4,700]			
038	ARMS INITIATIVE .....	4,057	4,057	4,057	
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARMY .....</b>	<b>2,951,388</b>	<b>2,957,578</b>	<b>30,611</b>	<b>2,998,189</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>				
	<b>TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>				
001	SEMITRAILERS, FLATBED: .....	22,751	22,751	22,751	
002	SEMITRAILERS, TANKERS .....	40,359	40,359	40,359	
003	HI MOB MULTI-PURP WHLD VEH (HMMWV) .....	25,904	25,904	25,904	
004	GROUND MOBILITY VEHICLES (GMV) .....	36,223	36,223	36,223	
	Program increase	[25,000]			
006	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICL .....	839,413	839,413	839,413	
	Unit cost increases				
	Vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles.				
007	TRUCK, DUMP, 20T (CCE) .....	20,075	20,075	20,075	
	Program increase	[30,000]			
008	FAMILY OF MEDIUM TACTICAL VEH (FMIV) .....	110,734	110,734	110,734	
009	FAMILY OF COLD WEATHER ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE .....	28,745	28,745	28,745	
010	FIRETRUCKS & ASSOCIATED FIGHTING EQUIP .....	55,340	55,340	55,340	
011	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES (FHTV) .....	66,428	66,428	66,428	
	Incomplete development goals	[-14,993]			
	Program increase	[50,000]			
012	PLS ESP .....	51,868	51,868	51,868	
014	TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLE PROTECTION MTS .....	3,792	3,792	3,792	
015	MODIFICATION OF IN SVC EQUIP .....	80,326	80,326	80,326	
	HMMWV ABS/FESC	[70,000]			
	<b>NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>				
016	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES .....	2,203	2,203	2,203	
017	NON-TACTICAL VEHICLES, OTHER .....	8,246	8,246	8,246	
	<b>COMM—JOINT COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
018	SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM .....	151,185	151,585	151,185	
	Program decrease	[-10,400]			

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		Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	
019	TACTICAL NETWORK TECHNOLOGY MOD IN SVC .....		358,646		376,646		358,646		-2,503			356,143
	On-the-Move Satellite Communications Terminals .....				[18,000]				[9,500]			
	SATCOM obsolescence previously funded .....								[-12,003]			
020	DISASTER INCIDENT RESPONSE COMMS TERMINAL (DI) .....		254		254		254					254
021	JCSSE EQUIPMENT (USRDECOM) .....		5,097		5,097		5,097					5,097
	<b>COMM—SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS</b>											
024	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE WIDEBAND SATCOM SYSTEMS .....		101,181		101,181		101,181					101,181
025	TRANSPORTABLE TACTICAL COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS .....		54,849		54,849		54,849					54,849
026	SHF TERM .....		41,634		41,634		41,634					41,634
027	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING .....		202,370		202,370		202,370					202,370
028	EHF SATELLITE COMMUNICATION .....		19,122		19,122		19,122					19,122
030	GLOBAL BRODCST SVC—GBS .....		531		531		531					531
	<b>COMM—C3 SYSTEM</b>											
031	COE TACTICAL SERVER INFRASTRUCTURE (TSI) .....		77,999		77,999		77,999					77,999
	<b>COMM—COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS</b>											
032	HANDHELD MANPACK SMALL FORM FIT (HMS) .....		765,109		760,066		765,109		-5,043			760,066
	Excess to need .....				[-5,043]				[-5,043]			
033	ARMY LINK 16 SYSTEMS .....		60,767		60,767		60,767					60,767
035	UNIFIED COMMAND SUITE .....		18,999		18,999		18,999					18,999
036	COTS COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT .....		492,001		484,901		492,001		-7,100			484,901
	Program decrease .....				[-7,100]				[-7,100]			
037	FAMILY OF MED COMM FOR COMBAT CASUALTY CARE .....		1,374		1,374		1,374					1,374
038	ARMY COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS .....		52,485		52,485		52,485					52,485
	<b>COMM—INTELLIGENCE COMM</b>											
039	CI AUTOMATION ARCHITECTURE-INTEL .....		16,767		16,767		16,767					16,767
041	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE .....		119,989		119,989		119,989					119,989
	<b>INFORMATION SECURITY</b>											
042	INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY PROGRAM-ISSP .....		701		701		701					701
043	COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) .....		159,712		159,712		159,712					159,712
044	DEFENSIVE CYBER OPERATIONS .....		13,848		13,848		13,848					13,848
045	INSIDER THREAT PROGRAM—UNIT ACTIVITY MONIT .....		1,502		1,502		1,502					1,502
047	BIOMETRIC ENABLING CAPABILITY (BEC) .....		453		453		453					453
	<b>COMM—LONG HAUL COMMUNICATIONS</b>											



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		Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—TACTICAL C2 SYSTEMS</b>										
083	ARMY COMMAND POST INTEGRATED INFRASTRUCTURE .....		78,512		78,512		78,512				78,512
084	FIRE SUPPORT C2 FAMILY .....		10,052		10,052		10,052				10,052
085	AIR & INSL DEFENSE PLANNING & CONTROL SYS .....		68,892		68,892		68,892				68,892
086	IAMD BATTLE COMMAND SYSTEM .....		412,556		412,556		412,556				395,456
	Excess Interim Contractor Support .....				[-17,100]						[-17,100]
087	LIFE CYCLE SOFTWARE SUPPORT (LCS) .....		4,270		4,270		4,270				4,270
088	NETWORK MANAGEMENT INITIALIZATION AND SERVICE .....		37,194		37,194		37,194				37,194
089	GLOBAL COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM-ARMY (GCSS-A) .....		1,987		1,987		1,987				1,987
090	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (IPP) .....		5,318		5,318		5,318				5,318
091	MOD OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (ENFRE) .....		4,997		4,997		4,997				4,997
	<b>ELECT EQUIP—AUTOMATION</b>										
092	ARMY TRAINING MODERNIZATION .....		10,130		10,130		10,130				10,130
093	AUTOMATED DATA PROCESSING EQUIP .....		61,489		61,489		61,489				61,489
094	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE) .....		4,198		4,198		4,198				4,198
096	HIGH PERF COMPUTING MOD PGM (HPCMP) .....		76,053		76,053		76,053				76,053
097	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM .....		6,061		6,061		6,061				6,061
098	CSS COMMUNICATIONS .....		56,804		56,804		56,804				56,804
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>										
151A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....		1,781		1,781		1,781				1,781
	<b>CHEMICAL DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT</b>										
102	BASE DEFENSE SYSTEMS (BDS) .....		70,781		70,781		70,781				70,781
103	CBRN DEFENSE .....		63,198		63,198		63,198				63,198
	<b>BRIDGING EQUIPMENT</b>										
104	TACTICAL BRIDGING .....		1,157		1,157		1,157				1,157
105	TACTICAL BRIDGE, FLOAT-RIBBON .....		82,228		82,228		82,228				82,228
106	BRIDGE SUPPLEMENTAL SET .....		4,414		4,414		4,414				4,414
	<b>ENGINEER (NON-CONSTRUCTION) EQUIPMENT</b>										
110	ROBOTICS AND APPLIQUE SYSTEMS .....		68,893		68,893		68,893				68,893
112	FAMILY OF BOATS AND MOTORS .....		4,785		4,785		4,785				4,785
	<b>COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>										
113	HEATERS AND ECUS .....		7,617		7,617		7,617				7,617
115	PERSONNEL RECOVERY SUPPORT SYSTEM (PRSS) .....		5,356		5,356		5,356				5,356

116	GROUND SOLDIER SYSTEM .....	167,129	148,324	167,129	-12,867	154,262
	Excess to need .....		[-18,805]			
117	MOBILE SOLDIER POWER .....	15,967	15,967	15,967		15,967
118	FORCE PROVIDER .....	34,200	34,200	34,200		34,200
120	CARGO AERIAL DEL. & PERSONNEL PARACHUTE SYSTEM .....	45,792	45,792	45,792		45,792
121	FAMILY OF ENGR COMBAT AND CONSTRUCTION SETS .....	12,118	12,118	12,118		12,118
	<b>PETROLEUM EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
123	QUALITY SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT .....	2,507	2,507	2,507		2,507
124	DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, PETROLEUM & WATER .....	40,989	40,989	40,989		40,989
	<b>MEDICAL EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
125	COMBAT SUPPORT MEDICAL .....	86,829	86,829	86,829		86,829
	<b>MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
126	MOBILE MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS .....	17,287	17,287	17,287		17,287
	<b>CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
128	TRACTOR, FULL TRACKED .....	29,878	29,878	29,878		29,878
129	ALL TERRAIN CRANES .....	27,725	30,725	27,725	3,000	30,725
	FOATC Type I Cranes .....		[3,000]			
131	FAMILY OF DIVER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	1,811	1,811	1,811		1,811
132	CONST EQUIP ESP .....	8,898	8,898	8,898		8,898
	<b>RAIL FLOAT CONTAINERIZATION EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
133	ARMY WATERCRAFT ESP .....	30,592	30,592	30,592		30,592
134	MANEUVER SUPPORT VESSEL (MSV) .....	149,449	191,476	149,449	42,027	191,476
	One additional vessel .....		[42,027]			
	<b>GENERATORS</b> .....					
136	GENERATORS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIP .....	78,364	78,364	78,364		78,364
137	TACTICAL ELECTRIC POWER RECAPITALIZATION .....	11,088	11,088	11,088		11,088
	<b>MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
138	FAMILY OF FORKLIFTS .....	12,982	12,982	12,982		12,982
	<b>TRAINING EQUIPMENT</b> .....					
139	COMBAT TRAINING CENTERS SUPPORT .....	56,619	56,619	56,619		56,619
140	TRAINING DEVICES, NONSYSTEM .....	226,379	226,379	226,379		226,379
141	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (STE) .....	234,965	234,965	234,965		234,965
	Excess to need—RVCT .....		[-9,534]			
	Excess to need—STE Live .....		[-7,226]			
	STE Live Training System .....		[-5,000]			
142	GAMING TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF ARMY TRAINING .....	9,698	9,698	9,698		9,698
	<b>TEST MEASURE AND DIG EQUIPMENT (TMD)</b> .....					
143	INTEGRATED FAMILY OF TEST EQUIPMENT (IFTE) .....	36,149	36,149	36,149		36,149
144	TEST EQUIPMENT MODERNIZATION (TEMOD) .....	32,623	32,623	32,623		32,623
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b> .....					

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145	PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEMS (OPA3)		132,739		132,739		132,739				132,739
146	BASE LEVEL COMMON EQUIPMENT		34,460		34,460		34,460				34,460
147	MODIFICATION OF IN-SVC EQUIPMENT (OPA-3)		35,239		35,239		35,239				35,239
148	BUILDING, PRE-FAB, RELOCATABLE		31,011		31,011		31,011				31,011
149	SPECIAL EQUIPMENT FOR TEST AND EVALUATION		52,481		52,481		52,481				52,481
	<b>OPA2</b>										
151	INITIAL SPARES—C&E		9,169		9,169		9,169				9,169
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, ARMY</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8,672,979</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8,742,030</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8,672,979</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>52,774</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8,725,753</b>
	<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>										
	<b>COMBAT AIRCRAFT</b>										
001	F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET	19	41,329	19	41,329	19	41,329			19	41,329
002	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV		2,382,069		2,382,069		2,410,569		-28,500		2,382,069
	Flyaway unit cost growth				[-28,500]						
003	JOINT STRIKE FIGHTER CV AP		189,425		189,425		189,425				189,425
004	JSF STOVL	16	2,126,317	16	2,036,717	16	2,126,317		-42,666	16	2,083,651
	Flyaway unit cost growth				[-89,600]						
005	JSF STOVL AP		193,125		193,125		193,125				193,125
006	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT)	15	1,698,050	15	1,698,050	15	1,698,050			15	1,698,050
007	CH-53K (HEAVY LIFT) AP		456,567		456,567		456,567				456,567
008	V-22 (MEDIUM LIFT)		27,216		27,216		27,216			1	162,216
	Program increase—one additional CVW-22 aircraft								135,000	1	162,216
009	H-1 UPGRADES (UH-1Y/AH-1Z)		4,292		4,292		4,292		[1]		4,292
010	P-8A POSEIDON	2	391,257	2	391,257	2	31,257	2	360,000	2	391,257
	Two additional aircraft			[2]	[360,000]			[2]			
011	E-20 ADV HAWKEYE		182,817		182,817		182,817			2	620,817
	Two additional aircraft								[438,000]	[2]	
013	<b>TRAINER AIRCRAFT</b>										
	MULTI-ENGINE TRAINING SYSTEM (METS)	26	289,141	26	289,141	26	289,141			26	289,141
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>										
015	KC-130J	2	241,291	2	241,291	2	241,291			2	241,291
017	MQ-4 TRITON	2	416,010	2	416,010	2	416,010			2	416,010
019	MQ-8 UAV		1,546		1,546		1,546				1,546

021	MQ-25 .....	3	346,697	3	545,697	3	346,697	3	545,697	3	346,697
	Scheduling delays .....		[-199,000]				[-199,000]				[-199,000]
022	MQ-25 AP .....		37,976		50,576		37,976		50,576		37,976
	Scheduling delays .....		[-12,600]				[-12,600]				[-12,600]
023	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS .....	5	71,663	5	89,563	5	71,663	5	89,563	5	71,663
	Auxiliary Equipment carryover .....										
	Early to need .....		[-17,900]				[-17,900]				[-17,900]
023A	UC-12W .....	2	45,000	2	45,000	2	45,000	2	45,000	2	45,000
	USMC UPL—2 additional aircraft .....		[45,000]				[45,000]				[45,000]
	<b>MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT</b>										
024	F-18 A-D UNIQUE .....		116,551		116,551		116,551		116,551		116,551
025	F-18E/F AND EA-18G MODERNIZATION AND SUSTAINM .....		605,416		605,416		605,416		605,416		605,416
026	MARINE GROUP 5 UAS SERIES .....		98,063		98,063		98,063		98,063		98,063
027	AEA SYSTEMS .....		24,110		24,110		24,110		24,110		24,110
028	AV-8 SERIES .....		22,829		22,829		22,829		22,829		22,829
029	INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST) .....		179,193		179,193		179,193		179,193		179,193
030	ADVERSARY .....		69,336		69,336		69,336		69,336		69,336
031	F-18 SERIES .....		640,236		640,236		640,236		640,236		640,236
	F/A-18 C/D/E/F and EA-18G training equipment pre- viously funded.										
032	H-53 SERIES .....		41,414		41,414		41,414		41,414		41,414
033	MH-60 SERIES .....		106,495		106,495		106,495		106,495		106,495
034	H-1 SERIES .....		143,284		143,284		143,284		143,284		143,284
	UH-1Y—SIEPU Upgrades .....		[29,000]				[29,000]				[29,000]
035	EP-3 SERIES .....		8,548		8,548		8,548		8,548		8,548
036	E-2 SERIES .....		183,246		183,246		183,246		183,246		183,246
037	TRAINER A/C SERIES .....		16,376		16,376		16,376		16,376		16,376
039	C-130 SERIES .....		198,220		198,220		198,220		198,220		198,220
	Technical insertion (OSIP 019-14) Block 7 GFE unjusti- fied growth.										
040	FEWSG .....		651		651		651		651		651
041	CARGO/TRANSPORT A/C SERIES .....		13,930		13,930		13,930		13,930		13,930
042	E-6 SERIES .....		164,571		164,571		164,571		164,571		164,571
043	EXECUTIVE HELICOPTERS SERIES .....		60,498		60,498		60,498		60,498		60,498
044	T-45 SERIES .....		170,357		170,357		170,357		170,357		170,357
045	POWER PLANT CHANGES .....		21,079		21,079		21,079		21,079		21,079
046	JPATS SERIES .....		28,005		28,005		28,005		28,005		28,005
048	COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT .....		53,614		53,614		53,614		53,614		53,614
049	COMMON AVIONICS CHANGES .....		136,199		136,199		136,199		136,199		136,199
050	COMMON DEFENSIVE WEAPON SYSTEM .....		6,585		6,585		6,585		6,585		6,585

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051	ID SYSTEMS .....		13,085		13,085		13,085				13,085
052	P-8 SERIES .....		316,168		316,168		316,168				316,168
053	MAGTF EW FOR AVIATION .....		24,901		24,901		24,901				24,901
054	MQ-8 SERIES .....		14,700		14,700		14,700				14,700
055	V-22 (TILT/ROTOR ACFT) OSPREY .....		215,997		215,997		215,997				215,997
	V-22 Nacelle Improvement .....		(10,890)		(10,890)		(10,890)				(10,890)
056	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NGJ) .....		426,396		426,396		426,396				426,396
	Contract savings .....										(-2,520)
057	F-35 STOVL SERIES .....		311,921		311,921		311,921				311,921
058	F-35 CV SERIES .....		166,909		166,909		166,909				166,909
059	QRC .....		28,206		28,206		28,206				28,206
060	MQ-4 SERIES .....		93,951		93,951		93,951				93,951
	OSIP (003-23) previously funded .....										(-3,788)
	OSIP (003-23) previously funded .....										(-3,788)
062	AIRCRAFT SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....		2,451,244		2,451,244		2,451,244				2,451,244
	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....										
063	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIP & FACILITIES .....		566,156		566,156		566,156				566,156
	COMMON GROUND EQUIPMENT .....										
	Program decrease .....		(-5,000)		(-5,000)		(-5,000)				(-5,000)
064	AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....		133,815		133,815		133,815				133,815
065	WAR CONSUMABLES .....		44,632		44,632		44,632				44,632
066	OTHER PRODUCTION CHARGES .....		49,907		49,907		49,907				49,907
067	SPECIAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		404,178		404,178		404,178				404,178
	Flyaway unit cost growth .....		(-19,400)		(-19,400)		(-19,400)				(-19,328)
	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, NAVY .....	88	17,336,760	92	17,409,650	88	17,336,760	7	672,149	95	18,008,909
<b>WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>											
001	BALLISTIC MISSILES .....										
	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE .....	8	341,434	8	341,434	8	341,434				
	Early to need .....										
	MODIFICATION OF MISSILES .....										
002	TRIDENT II MODS .....		1,284,705		1,284,705		1,284,705				1,284,705
	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES .....										
003	MISSILE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES .....		7,954		7,954		7,954				7,954
	CONFERENCE CHANGE .....										
	CONFERENCE AUTHORIZED .....										



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	<b>SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>											
032	TORPEDO SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		133,187		133,187		133,187					133,187
033	ASW RANGE SUPPORT .....		4,146		4,146		4,146					4,146
	<b>DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION</b>											
034	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....		5,811		5,811		5,811					5,811
	<b>GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS</b>											
035	SMALL ARMS AND WEAPONS .....		14,165		14,165		14,165					14,165
	<b>MODIFICATION OF GUNS AND GUN MOUNTS</b>											
036	CIVS MODS .....		4,088		4,088		4,088					4,088
037	COAST GUARD WEAPONS .....		55,172		55,172		55,172					55,172
038	GUN MOUNT MODS .....		82,682		82,682		82,682					82,682
039	LGS MODULE WEAPONS .....	18	3,264	18	3,264	18	3,264			18		3,264
040	AIRBORNE MINE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEMS .....		14,357		14,357		14,357					14,357
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>											
042	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	1,758	177,819	1,758	177,819	1,758	177,819					177,819
	<b>TOTAL WEAPONS PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>6,876,385</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>7,024,277</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>6,876,385</b>		<b>-122,072</b>	<b>1,758</b>		<b>6,754,313</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS</b>											
	<b>NAVY AMMUNITION</b>											
001	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS .....		43,519		43,519		43,519					38,893
002	02181 laser guided bombs contract award delay .....								-4,626			
003	JRAM .....	1,464	73,689	1,464	73,689	1,464	73,689			1,464		73,689
	<b>AIRBORNE ROCKETS, ALL TYPES</b>											
004	1M G6 rocket motor unit cost growth .....		67,423		67,423		67,423		-5,195			62,228
005	MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION .....		11,862		11,862		11,862					11,862
	<b>PRACTICE BOMBS</b>											
006	01050 BLU-109 contract award delay .....		52,481		52,481		52,481		-6,156			46,325
007	CARTRIDGES & CART ACTUATED DEVICES .....		72,426		72,426		72,426					72,426
008	AIR EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES .....		104,529		104,529		104,529					104,529
009	JATOS .....		7,433		7,433		7,433					7,433
	<b>5 INCH/54 GUN AMMUNITION</b>											
010	Insufficient justification .....		30,871		30,871		30,871		-5,030			25,841
	<b>INTERMEDIATE CALIBER GUN AMMUNITION</b>											
	Insufficient justification .....		41,261		41,261		41,261					41,261



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	Explosion welding .....				[5,000]						
	Program increase .....				[150,000]						
013	FFG-FRIGATE .....	2	2,173,698	2	2,163,698	2	2,173,698		(500,000)	2	2,163,698
	Insufficient justification .....				[-10,000]						
	<b>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS</b>										
014	LPD FLIGHT II .....			1	1,863,000	[1]	[1,863,000]		1,000,000		1,000,000
	Program increase for LPD-33—USMC UFR .....				750,000				[1,000,000]		
016	LPD-17 .....			[1]	[750,000]						
018	LHA REPLACEMENT .....		1,830,149		1,830,149		1,830,149				1,830,149
020	EXPEDITIONARY FAST TRANSPORT (EFF) .....				5,000						
	Expeditionary Medical Ship long-lead time material (LLTM) .....				[5,000]						
	<b>AUXILIARIES, CRAFT AND PRIOR YR PROGRAM COST</b>										
021	AS SUBMARINE TENDER .....	1	1,733,234	1	248,000	1	1,733,234		-1,485,234	1	248,000
	Late contract award .....				[-1,485,234]						
022	TAO FLEET OILER .....	1	815,420	1	815,420	1	815,420			1	815,420
025	LCU 1700 .....	2	62,532	2	62,532	2	62,532			2	62,532
026	OUTFITTING .....		557,365		557,365		557,365		-17,684		539,681
	Outfitting early to need .....								[-17,684]		
028	SERVICE CRAFT .....		63,815		93,815		63,815		30,000		93,815
	Yard, Repair, Berthing, and Messing Barge .....			1	[30,000]				[30,000]		
029	AUXILIARY PERSONNEL LIGHTER .....			1	72,000		72,000		72,000		72,000
	Additional AP-67 class berthing barge .....					[1]	[72,000]				
	Auxiliary Personnel Lighter .....										
030	LCAC SLEP .....	1	15,286	1	15,286	1	15,286			1	15,286
031	AUXILIARY VESSELS (USED SEALIFT) .....	2	142,008	2	142,008	2	142,008			2	142,008
032	COMPLETION OF PY SHIPBUILDING PROGRAMS .....		1,648,559		1,648,559		1,648,559				1,648,559
	<b>TOTAL SHIPBUILDING AND CONVERSION, NAVY</b> .....	<b>14</b>	<b>32,848,950</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32,888,616</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34,783,950</b>		<b>74,424</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32,923,374</b>
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b>										
	<b>SHIP PROPULSION EQUIPMENT</b>										
001	SURFACE POWER EQUIPMENT .....		14,003		14,003		14,003				14,003



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030	LCS COMMON MISSION MODULES EQUIPMENT .....		49,060		19,060		49,060					49,060
	Excess to need .....		(-30,000)									
031	LCS MCM MISSION MODULES .....		93,961		58,961		93,961		-14,291			79,670
	Excess to need .....				(-35,000)				(-14,291)			
033	LCS SUW MISSION MODULES .....		12,102		12,102		12,102					12,102
034	LCS IN-SERVICE MODERNIZATION .....		171,704		146,704		171,704		-17,030			154,674
	Excessive cost growth .....				(-25,000)				(-17,030)			
035	SMALL & MEDIUM UUV .....		61,951		51,951		61,951					61,951
	Late contract award—Razorback .....				(-5,000)							
	Late execution—Viperfish .....				(-5,000)							
	<b>LOGISTIC SUPPORT</b>											
036	LSD MIDLIFE & MODERNIZATION .....		7,594		7,594		7,594					7,594
	<b>SHIP SONARS</b>											
037	SPQ-9B RADAR .....		7,267		7,267		7,267					7,267
038	AN/SQQ-89 SURF ASW COMBAT SYSTEM .....		138,065		138,065		138,065					138,065
039	SSN ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT .....		463,577		463,577		463,577					463,577
	Excessive cost growth .....				(-10,000)							
040	UNDERSEA WARFARE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		23,452		23,452		23,452					23,452
	<b>ASW ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>											
041	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE SYSTEM .....		46,726		46,726		46,726					46,726
042	SSD .....		14,560		14,560		14,560					14,560
043	FIXED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM .....		420,069		420,069		420,069					420,069
044	SURTASS .....		33,910		33,910		33,910					33,910
	<b>ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT</b>											
045	AN/SIQ-32 .....		329,513		329,513		329,513					329,513
	<b>RECONNAISSANCE EQUIPMENT</b>											
046	SHIPBOARD IW EXPLOIT .....		379,230		354,230		379,230		-16,925			362,305
	Excessive cost growth .....				(-15,000)				(-16,925)			
	Program decrease .....											
047	AUTOMATED IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AIS) .....		4,082		4,082		4,082					4,082
	<b>OTHER SHIP ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>											
048	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY .....		37,677		37,677		37,677					37,677
049	NAVAL TACTICAL COMMAND SUPPORT SYSTEM (NTCSS) .....		15,374		15,374		15,374					15,374

050	ATDS .....	50,148	50,148	50,148	50,148
051	NAVY COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (NCCS) .....	3,918	3,918	3,918	3,918
052	MINESKEEPING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT .....	16,814	16,814	16,814	16,814
054	NAVSTAR GPS RECEIVERS (SPACE) .....	37,319	37,319	37,319	37,319
055	AMERICAN FORCES RADIO AND TV SERVICE .....	2,750	2,750	2,750	2,750
056	STRATEGIC PLATFORM SUPPORT EQUIP .....	6,437	6,437	6,437	6,437
	<b>AVIATION ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>				
057	ASHORE ATC EQUIPMENT .....	89,237	89,237	89,237	89,237
058	AFLOAT ATC EQUIPMENT .....	90,487	90,487	90,487	90,487
	Excessive cost growth .....			-2,118	
				[-2,118]	
059	ID SYSTEMS .....	59,234	59,234	59,234	59,234
060	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM .....	3,343	3,343	3,343	3,343
061	NAVAL MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	39,180	39,180	39,180	39,180
	<b>OTHER SHORE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT</b>				
062	MARITIME INTEGRATED BROADCAST SYSTEM .....	6,994	6,994	6,994	6,994
063	TACTICAL/MOBILE C4I SYSTEMS .....	52,026	52,026	52,026	52,026
064	DCGS-N .....	16,579	16,579	16,579	16,579
065	CANES .....	467,587	467,587	467,587	467,587
	Program increase .....	15,000]			
066	RADIAC .....	16,475	16,475	16,475	16,475
067	CANES-INTELL .....	48,207	48,207	48,207	48,207
068	GPETE .....	25,761	25,761	25,761	25,761
069	IMAF .....	16,475	16,475	16,475	16,475
070	INTEG COMBAT SYSTEM TEST FACILITY .....	6,345	6,345	6,345	6,345
071	EMI CONTROL INSTRUMENTATION .....	4,282	4,282	4,282	4,282
073	IN-SERVICE RADARS AND SENSORS .....	255,256	255,256	255,256	255,256
	Insufficient justification .....			-15,000	
				[-15,000]	
	<b>SHIPBOARD COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
074	BATTLE FORCE TACTICAL NETWORK .....	74,180	74,180	74,180	74,180
075	SHIPBOARD TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS .....	29,776	29,776	29,776	29,776
076	SHIP COMMUNICATIONS AUTOMATION .....	96,916	96,916	96,916	96,916
077	COMMUNICATIONS ITEMS UNDER \$5M .....	14,107	14,107	14,107	14,107
	<b>SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
078	SUBMARINE BROADCAST SUPPORT .....	73,791	73,791	73,791	73,791
	Navy UPL—VIOLET .....				
079	SUBMARINE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT .....	83,178	83,178	83,178	83,178
	<b>SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
080	SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS .....	72,871	72,871	72,871	72,871
081	NAVY MULTIBAND TERMINAL (NMT) .....	37,921	37,921	37,921	37,921
	<b>SHORE COMMUNICATIONS</b>				

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082	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) .....		5,065		5,065		5,065				5,065	
	<b>CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT</b>											
083	INFO SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM (ISSP) .....		154,890		154,890		154,890				154,890	
084	MID INTEL EXPLOITATION TEAM .....		1,079		1,079		1,079				1,079	
	<b>CRYPTOLOGIC EQUIPMENT</b>											
085	CRYPTOLOGIC COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP .....		17,483		17,483		17,483				17,483	
	<b>OTHER ELECTRONIC SUPPORT</b>											
086	COAST GUARD EQUIPMENT .....		77,458		77,458		77,458				77,458	
	<b>SONOBUOYS</b>											
088	SONOBUOYS—ALL TYPES .....		311,177		321,177		311,177				311,177	
	Increase industrial capacity .....				[10,000]							
	<b>AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>											
089	MINOTAUR .....		5,396		5,396		5,396				5,396	
090	WEAPONS RANGE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		147,556		147,556		147,556				147,556	
091	AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		162,273		162,273		162,273				162,273	
092	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) .....		11,930		11,930		11,930				11,930	
093	ELECTROMAGNETIC AIRCRAFT LAUNCH SYSTEM (EMALS) .....		17,836		17,836		17,836				17,836	
094	METEOROLOGICAL EQUIPMENT .....		19,703		19,703		19,703				19,703	
095	LEGACY AIRBORNE MCM .....		12,202		12,202		12,202				12,202	
097	AVIATION SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		82,115		82,115		82,115				82,115	
098	UMCS-JUNIMAN CARRIER AVIATION/COMMISSION CNTRL .....		152,687		152,687		152,687				152,687	
099	ARCHITECT & CAP FOR AUTONOMY IN NAV ENTER .....		1,612		1,612		1,612				1,612	
	<b>SHIP GUN SYSTEM EQUIPMENT</b>											
100	SHIP GUN SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT .....		6,404		6,404		6,404				6,404	
	<b>SHIP MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT</b>											
101	HARPOON SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		227		227		227				227	
102	SHIP MISSILE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		294,511		294,511		294,511				294,511	
103	TOMAHAWK SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		92,432		92,432		92,432				92,432	
	<b>FBM SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>											
104	STRATEGIC MISSILE SYSTEMS EQUIP .....		325,318		325,318		325,318				325,318	
	<b>ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>											
105	SSN COMBAT CONTROL SYSTEMS .....		133,063		133,063		133,063				133,063	
106	ASW SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		27,469		27,469		27,469				27,469	

107	OTHER ORDNANCE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT	27,864	27,864	27,864	27,864	27,864
108	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL EQUIP .....	6,171	6,171	6,171	6,171	6,171
	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....					
109	OTHER EXPENDABLE ORDNANCE	56,630	56,630	56,630	56,630	56,630
	ANTI-SHIP MISSILE DECOY SYSTEM .....	61,130	61,130	61,130	61,130	61,130
	CONUS-Based Repair, Refurbishment and Production of	(4,500)	(4,500)	(4,500)	(4,500)	(4,500)
	NULKA Decoy Canisters.					
110	SUBMARINE TRAINING DEVICE MODS .....	76,954	76,954	76,954	76,954	76,954
111	SURFACE TRAINING EQUIPMENT .....	209,487	209,487	209,487	209,487	209,487
	<b>CIVIL ENGINEERING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>					
112	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES .....	3,827	3,827	3,827	3,827	3,827
113	GENERAL PURPOSE TRUCKS .....	4,570	4,570	4,570	4,570	4,570
114	CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EQUIP .....	56,829	56,829	56,829	56,829	56,829
115	FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT .....	16,583	16,583	16,583	16,583	16,583
116	TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	24,236	24,236	24,236	24,236	24,236
117	AMPHIBIOUS EQUIPMENT .....	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504	4,504
118	POLLUTION CONTROL EQUIPMENT .....	3,898	3,898	3,898	3,898	3,898
119	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....	67,286	67,286	67,286	67,286	67,286
120	PHYSICAL SECURITY VEHICLES .....	1,286	1,286	1,286	1,286	1,286
	<b>SUPPLY SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>					
121	SUPPLY EQUIPMENT .....	33,258	33,258	33,258	33,258	33,258
122	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	6,977	6,977	6,977	6,977	6,977
123	SPECIAL PURPOSE SUPPLY SYSTEMS .....	659,529	659,529	659,529	659,529	659,529
	Program decrease .....	(-3,666)	(-3,666)	(-3,666)	(-3,666)	(-3,666)
	<b>TRAINING DEVICES</b>					
124	TRAINING SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083	2,083
125	TRAINING AND EDUCATION EQUIPMENT .....	106,542	106,542	106,542	106,542	106,542
	Excessive cost growth .....					
	Program decrease .....	(-15,000)	(-15,000)	(-15,000)	(-15,000)	(-15,000)
	<b>COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>					
126	COMMAND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	44,448	44,448	44,448	44,448	44,448
	AFRICOM UPL—Somalia Persistent Presence	(36,900)	(36,900)	(36,900)	(36,900)	(36,900)
127	MEDICAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	12,529	12,529	12,529	12,529	12,529
129	NAVAL MIP SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	5,408	5,408	5,408	5,408	5,408
130	OPERATING FORCES SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	12,105	12,105	12,105	12,105	12,105
131	CAISR EQUIPMENT .....	7,670	7,670	7,670	7,670	7,670
132	ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	52,597	52,597	52,597	52,597	52,597
	Excessive cost growth .....	(-10,000)	(-10,000)	(-10,000)	(-10,000)	(-10,000)
133	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	108,901	108,901	108,901	108,901	108,901
134	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	42,154	42,154	42,154	42,154	42,154

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	<b>OTHER</b>										
139	NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE SERVICE .....		177,585		177,585		177,585				177,585
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....		23,176		23,176		23,176				23,176
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>										
143A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....		16,290		27,790		16,290		1,700		17,990
	Program increase .....				[11,500]				[1,700]		
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>										
142	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....		645,900		625,900		645,900				645,900
	Program decrease .....				[-20,000]						
143	VIRGINIA CLASS (VACL) SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....		470,000		470,000		470,000				470,000
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>										
144	UNDISTRIBUTED .....				-26,000						
	Decommission CG-69 USS Vicksburg .....				[-56,000]						
	Restore CG-63 USS Cowpens .....				[30,000]						
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, NAVY</b> .....		<b>14,535,257</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14,433,591</b>		<b>14,535,257</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4,279</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14,539,536</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS</b>										
	<b>TRACKED COMBAT VEHICLES</b>										
001	AAV7A1 PIP .....		3,353		3,353		3,353				3,353
002	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE FAMILY OF VEHICLES .....	80	557,564	80	552,464	80	557,564		-3,500	80	554,064
	Unjustified growth—Program Management .....				[-5,100]				[-3,500]		
003	LAV PIP .....		42,052		42,052		42,052				42,052
	<b>ARTILLERY AND OTHER WEAPONS</b>										
004	155MM LIGHTWEIGHT TOWED HOWITZER .....		489		489		489				489
005	ARTILLERY WEAPONS SYSTEM .....		165,268		165,268		165,268				165,268
006	WEAPONS AND COMBAT VEHICLES UNDER \$5 MILLION .....		14,004		14,004		14,004				14,004
	<b>GUIDED MISSILES</b>										
007	TOMAHAWK .....	34	105,192	34	105,192	34	105,192			34	105,192
008	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) .....	90	169,726	90	169,726	90	169,726			90	169,726
009	NAVAL STRIKE MISSILE (NSM) AP .....		39,244		39,244		39,244				39,244
010	GROUND BASED AIR DEFENSE .....		249,103		249,103		249,103		4,500		253,603
	Program increase .....								[4,500]		
011	ANTI-ARMOR MISSILE-JAVELIN .....		54,883		54,883		54,883				54,883



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	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>										
057A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....		2,799		2,799		2,799				2,799
	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES</b>										
043	ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLES .....		34,169		34,169		34,169				34,169
	<b>TACTICAL VEHICLES</b>										
044	MOTOR TRANSPORT MODIFICATIONS .....		17,299		17,299		17,299				17,299
045	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	396	232,501	396	232,501	396	232,501			396	232,501
	Vehicle safety data recorders with predictive logistics for weapons and vehicles.		[1,000]								
046	TRAILERS .....		2,034		2,034		2,034				2,034
	<b>ENGINEER AND OTHER EQUIPMENT</b>										
047	TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS .....		12,956		12,956		12,956				12,956
048	POWER EQUIPMENT ASSORTED .....		28,889		28,889		28,889				28,889
049	AMPHIBIOUS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....		15,691		15,691		15,691				15,691
050	EOD SYSTEMS .....		41,200		41,200		41,200				41,200
	<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT</b>										
051	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....		53,949		53,949		53,949				53,949
	<b>GENERAL PROPERTY</b>										
052	FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT .....		5,457		5,457		5,457				5,457
053	TRAINING DEVICES .....		96,577		96,577		96,577				96,577
054	FAMILY OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT .....		29,883		29,883		29,883				29,883
055	ULTRA-LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (ULTV) .....		17,034		17,034		17,034				17,034
	<b>OTHER SUPPORT</b>										
056	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....		27,691		27,691		27,691				27,691
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>										
057	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....		35,657		35,657		35,657				35,657
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, MARINE CORPS</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,978,212</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,978,312</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,983,712</b>		<b>-60,872</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>3,918,340</b>
	<b>AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>										
001	STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE .....		1,617,093		1,617,093		1,617,093				1,617,093
002	B-21 RAIDER AP .....		708,000		708,000		708,000				708,000
	<b>TACTICAL FORCES</b>										

003	F-35	48	4,752,321	48	4,877,121	48	4,773,381
	Flyaway unit cost growth		[-124,800]				[-103,740]
004	F-35 AP	24	402,000	24	402,000	24	402,000
005	F-15EX	24	2,469,591	24	2,469,591	24	2,442,861
	DAF requested realignment of funds						[-227,178]
	Other support costs unjustified growth						[-26,730]
	Technical realignment		[-200,448]				[-200,448]
006	F-15EX AP	24	350,600	24	228,000		228,000
	FY25 6 additional aircraft		[92,000]				
	Program increase		[30,600]				
	<b>TACTICAL AIRLIFT</b>						
007	KC-46A MDAP	15	2,882,590	15	2,882,590	15	2,835,019
	Commodities activation excess to need						[-47,571]
	Cost overestimation: Other government costs						[-41,000]
							[-6,571]
008	<b>OTHER AIRLIFT</b>						
	C-130		34,921		34,921		34,921
	<b>HELICOPTERS</b>						
011	MH-139A	7	228,807	7	228,807	7	228,807
012	COMBAT RESCUE HELICOPTER	7	282,533	7	282,533	2	379,749
	Obsolescence ahead of need						97,216
	Program increase—two aircraft						[-22,784]
							[120,000]
	<b>MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT</b>						
013	CIVIL AIR PATROL A/C		11,900		3,013		11,900
	Program increase		[8,887]				[8,887]
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>						
015	TARGET DRONES	20	42,226	20	42,226	20	42,226
017	E-11 BACVHAG	1	67,367	1	67,367	1	67,367
	<b>STRATEGIC AIRCRAFT</b>						
019	B-2A	107,980	107,980	107,980	104,380		104,380
	Excess to need: IFF transponder						-3,600
020	B-1B	12,757	9,782	9,782	9,782		9,782
	DAF requested realignment of funds						[-2,975]
	Technical realignment		[-2,975]				[-2,975]
021	B-52	65,815	51,798	51,798	48,599		48,599
	Cost overestimation: Tactical data links program sup-						[-3,199]
	part.						
	DAF requested realignment of funds						[-14,017]
	Technical realignment		[-14,017]				[-14,017]
022	LARGE AIRCRAFT INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES	21,723	21,723	21,723	21,723		21,723
	<b>TACTICAL AIRCRAFT</b>						

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024	E-11 BACNHAG .....		58,923		58,923		58,923					58,923	
025	F-15 .....		34,830		155,278		155,278		120,448			155,278	
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....						[120,448]						
	Technical realignment .....								[120,448]				
026	F-16 .....		297,342		397,342		297,342		63,401			360,743	
	Comms suite upgrade installation delays .....								[5,454]				
	Comms suite upgrade kits previously funded .....								[5,705]				
	IVEWS restoration .....				[100,000]				[100,000]				
	SLP costs previously funded .....								[25,440]				
027	F-22A .....		794,676		794,676		794,676		434,997			359,679	
	Sensor enhancement delays .....								[434,997]				
028	F-35 MODIFICATIONS .....		451,798		451,798		451,798					451,798	
029	F-15 EPAW .....		280,658		280,658		280,658		15,681			264,977	
	SEPM unjustified growth .....								[15,681]				
	<b>AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT</b>												
031	C-5 .....		24,377		24,377		24,377					24,377	
032	C-17A .....		140,560		140,560		140,560					140,560	
033	C-32A .....		19,060		19,060		19,060					19,060	
034	C-37A .....		13,454		13,454		13,454					13,454	
	<b>TRAINER AIRCRAFT</b>												
035	GLIDER MODS .....		5,270		5,270		5,270					5,270	
036	T-6 .....		2,942		2,942		2,942					2,942	
037	T-1 .....		10,950		10,950		10,950					10,950	
038	T-38 .....		125,340		125,340		125,340					125,340	
	<b>OTHER AIRCRAFT</b>												
040	U-2 MODS .....		54,727		54,727		54,727					54,727	
042	C-12 .....		446		446		446					446	
044	VC-25A MOD .....		29,707		29,707		29,707					29,707	
045	C-40 .....		8,921		8,921		8,921					8,921	
046	C-130 .....		71,177		93,177		71,177		20,000			91,177	
	IMAFFS .....				[22,000]				[20,000]				
047	C-130J MODS .....		121,258		121,258		121,258					121,258	
048	C-135 .....		153,595		153,595		153,595					153,595	



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		Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost	Qty	Cost
	Excess to need .....				[-229,400]						[-229,400]
	Program decrease .....				[-5,000]						[-5,000]
	T-7A depot activation ahead of need .....										[-33,609]
	Technical realignment .....				[80,000]						
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>										
083A	TOTAL AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE .....	115	17,165	115	17,165	115	17,165	2	-665,390	117	17,165
			20,315,204		20,743,124		20,328,837				19,649,814
	<b>MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>										
001	MISSILE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT—BALLISTIC .....		69,319		69,319		69,319				69,319
003	BALLISTIC MISSILES .....		539,300		539,300		539,300				539,300
004	GROUND BASED STRATEGIC DETERRENT AP .....		66,816		66,816		66,816				66,816
	<b>STRATEGIC</b>										
	<b>TACTICAL</b>										
005	REPLAC EQUIP & WAR CONSUMABLES .....		37,318		37,318		37,318				37,318
006	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE .....	550	915,996	550	915,996	550	915,996			550	915,996
007	JOINT AIR-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE AP .....		769,672		769,672		769,672				769,672
008	JOINT STRIKE MISSILE .....	48	161,011	48	161,011	48	161,011			48	161,011
009	LRASMO .....	27	87,796	27	87,796	27	87,796			27	87,796
010	LRASMO AP .....		99,871		99,871		99,871				99,871
011	SIDEWINDER (AIM-9X) .....	192	95,643	192	95,643	192	95,643			192	95,643
012	AMRAAM .....	457	489,049	457	489,049	457	489,049			457	489,049
013	AMRAAM AP .....		212,410		212,410		212,410				212,410
014	PREDATOR HELIFRE MISSILE .....		1,049		1,049		1,049				1,049
015	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB .....	874	48,734	874	48,734	874	48,734			874	48,734
016	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB II .....	920	291,553	920	291,553	920	291,553			920	291,553
017	STAND-IN ATTACK WEAPON (SAIW) .....	14	41,947	14	41,947	14	41,947			14	41,947
	<b>INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES</b>										
018	INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS/POL PREVENTION .....		793		793		793				793
	<b>CLASS IV</b>										
019	ICBM FUZE MOD .....		115,745		115,745		115,745				115,745

020	ICBM FUZE MOD AP .....	43,044	43,044	43,044	43,044	43,044	43,044
021	MM III MODIFICATIONS .....	48,639	48,639	48,639	48,639	48,639	48,639
022	AIR LAUNCH CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) .....	41,494	41,494	41,494	41,494	41,494	41,494
023	MISSILE SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	6,840	6,840	6,840	6,840	6,840	6,840
024	MSL SPRS/REPAIR PARTS (INITIAL) .....	75,191	75,191	75,191	75,191	75,191	75,191
029	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	419,498	419,498	419,498	419,498	419,498	419,498
029A	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAMS .....	851,718	851,718	851,718	851,718	851,718	851,718
	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	5,530,446	5,530,446	5,530,446	5,530,446	5,530,446	5,530,446
	TOTAL MISSILE PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE .....	3,082	3,082	3,082	3,082	3,082	3,082
	<b>PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE</b>						
	<b>ROCKETS</b>						
001	ROCKETS .....	18,483	18,483	18,483	18,483	18,483	18,483
002	CARTRIDGES .....	101,104	101,104	101,104	101,104	101,104	101,104
	Small cal/ground munitions—(A143) 7.62MM ball linked unit cost adjustment.					-500 [-500]	
	<b>BOMBS</b>						
004	GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS .....	142,118	142,118	142,118	142,118	142,118	142,118
005	Previously funded items .....	14,074	14,074	14,074	14,074	14,074	14,074
006	MASSIVE ORDNANCE PENETRATOR (MOP) .....	132,364	132,364	132,364	132,364	132,364	132,364
	Unjustified request						
	JOINT DIRECT ATTACK MUNITION .....	1,772	1,772	1,772	1,772	1,772	1,772
	FSC other government costs unjustified growth						
007	B-61 .....	68	68	68	68	68	68
008	B61-12 TRAINER .....	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100
	<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>						
009	CAD/PAD .....	51,487	51,487	51,487	51,487	51,487	51,487
010	EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) .....	6,707	6,707	6,707	6,707	6,707	6,707
011	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	585	585	585	585	585	585
013	FIRST DESTINATION TRANSPORTATION .....	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299	2,299
014	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5,000,000 .....	5,115	5,115	5,115	5,115	5,115	5,115
	<b>FLARES</b>						
015	EXPENDABLE COUNTERMEASURES .....	79,786	79,786	79,786	79,786	79,786	79,786
	<b>FUZES</b>						
016	FUZES .....	109,562	109,562	109,562	109,562	109,562	109,562
	<b>SMALL ARMS</b>						
017	SMALL ARMS .....	29,306	29,306	29,306	29,306	29,306	29,306

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<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT OF AMMUNITION, AIR FORCE</b>		1,772	703,158	1,772	703,158	1,772	703,158	1,772	-32,056	1,772	671,102	
<b>PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE</b>												
<b>SPACE PROCUREMENT, SF</b>												
001	AF SATELLITE COMM SYSTEM .....		64,345		64,345		64,345					64,345
003	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS .....		52,665		52,665		52,665					52,665
004	FAMILY OF BEYOND LINE-OF-SIGHT TERMINALS .....		25,057		25,057		25,057					25,057
005	FABT FORCE ELEMENT TERMINAL .....		121,634		121,634		121,634					121,634
007	GENERAL INFORMATION TECH—SPACE .....		3,451		3,451		3,451					3,451
008	GPS/II FOLLOW ON .....		119,700		119,700		119,700		-49,300		70,400	70,400
	Request for Equitable Adjustment .....				[-49,300]							
009	GPS III SPACE SEGMENT .....		121,770		121,770		121,770		-18,100		103,670	103,670
	Unjustified growth SV 03-10 production .....				[-18,100]							[-18,100]
010	GLOBAL POSITIONING (SPACE) .....		893		893		893					893
011	HERITAGE TRANSITION .....		6,110		6,110		6,110					6,110
012	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND STATIONS .....		580		580		580					580
013	SPACEBORNE EQUIP (COMSEC) .....		83,168		83,168		83,168					83,168
014	MILSATCOM .....		44,672		44,672		44,672					44,672
015	SBIR HIGH (SPACE) .....		39,438		39,438		39,438					39,438
016	SPECIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES .....		840,913		380,213		380,213		-460,700		380,213	380,213
	Classified overrun .....				[-497,000]							
	Space Force realignment of funds .....											
	Space Force Unfunded Priorities List Classified Program A .....				[-497,000]							
	USSF UPL—Classified program A .....				[36,300]							
017	MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM .....		101,147		101,147		101,147					101,147
018	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH .....	10	2,142,846	10	2,142,846	10	2,142,846	10		10	2,142,846	2,142,846
020	PTES HUB .....	12	56,482	12	56,482	12	56,482	12		12	56,482	56,482
021	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM .....		74,848		74,848		74,848					74,848
022	SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY LAUNCH .....	5	529,468	5	529,468	5	529,468	5		5	529,468	529,468
023	SPACE MODS .....		166,596		166,596		166,596					166,596
024	SPACE/LIFT RANGE SYSTEM SPACE .....		114,505		114,505		114,505					114,505
<b>SPARES</b>												

025	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....	906	906						
026	SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	3,100	3,100						
027	UNDISTRIBUTED .....								
	UNDISTRIBUTED .....								
	WGS-12 delayed contract award .....		-434,000						
	WGS-12 delayed contract award .....		[-434,000]						
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, SPACE FORCE .....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4,714,294</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4,253,594</b>	<b>-528,100</b>	<b>4,186,194</b>		
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE .....</b>								
001	PASSENGER CARRYING VEHICLES .....	6,123	6,123						
002	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES .....	3,961	3,961						
003	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	1,027	1,027						
004	CARGO AND UTILITY VEHICLES .....	45,036	47,338			2,302	47,338		
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....								
	DAF requested realignment of funds from OMAF SAG .....								
	11R .....								
	Technical realignment .....								
	<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES .....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12,302</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12,302</b>	<b>12,302</b>			
005	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE .....	57,780	57,780						
006	Utility unjustified unit cost growth .....								
007	SECURITY AND TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	390	390						
	SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES .....	79,023	82,803			3,780	82,803		
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....								
	DAF requested realignment of funds from OMAF SAG .....								
	11R .....								
	Technical realignment .....								
	<b>FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT .....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13,780</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13,780</b>	<b>13,780</b>			
008	FIRE FIGHTING/CRASH RESCUE VEHICLES .....	70,252	70,252						
009	<b>MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT .....</b>	<b>75,895</b>	<b>75,895</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>75,895</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>75,895</b>		
	MATERIALS HANDLING VEHICLES .....								
	DAF requested realignment of funds from OMAF SAG .....								
	11R .....								
	DAF requested realignment of funds from OPAF line 11 .....								
	Technical realignment .....								
	<b>BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,090</b>			
010	RUNWAY SNOW REMOV AND CLEANING EOU .....	22,030	22,030						
011	BASE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT VEHICLES .....	223,354	240,634			17,280	240,634		
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....								
	11R .....								
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....								

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	DAF requested realignment of funds from OMAF SAG 11R. [18,233]										
	Technical realignment [17,280]										
013	COMM SECURITY EQUIPMENT(COMSEC)		98,600		98,600		98,600		[17,280]		98,600
	COMSEC EQUIPMENT		98,600		98,600		98,600		[17,280]		98,600
015	INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS		5,393		5,393		5,393				5,393
016	INTERNATIONAL INTEL TECH & ARCHITECTURES		5,012		5,012		5,012				5,012
017	INTELLIGENCE TRAINING EQUIPMENT		40,042		40,042		40,042				40,042
	INTELLIGENCE COMM EQUIPMENT		40,042		40,042		40,042				40,042
	ELECTRONICS PROGRAMS		67,581		67,581		67,581				67,581
018	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL & LANDING SYS		3,841		3,841		3,841				3,841
019	NATIONAL AIRSPACE SYSTEM		1,867		1,867		1,867				1,867
020	BATTLE CONTROL SYSTEM—FIXED		83,735		83,735		83,735				83,735
022	3D EXPEDITIONARY LONG-RANGE RADAR		28,530		28,530		28,530				28,530
023	WEATHER OBSERVATION FORECAST		73,593		73,593		73,593				73,593
024	STRATEGIC COMMAND AND CONTROL		8,221		8,221		8,221				8,221
025	CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN COMPLEX		17,078		17,078		17,078				17,078
026	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS		3,861		3,861		3,861				3,861
029	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM		206,142		206,142		206,142				206,142
030	SPCL COMM-ELECTRONICS PROJECTS		212,093		212,093		212,093				212,093
	GENERAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		212,093		212,093		212,093				212,093
	DAF requested realignment of funds								5,951		5,951
	Insufficient justification								[-25,000]		[-25,000]
	Technical realignment								[30,951]		[30,951]
031	AF GLOBAL COMMAND & CONTROL SYS		2,582		2,582		2,582				2,582
032	BATTLEFIELD AIRBORNE CONTROL NODE (BACN)		30		30		30				30
033	MOBILITY COMMAND AND CONTROL		3,768		3,768		3,768				3,768
034	AIR FORCE PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM		208,704		208,704		208,704				208,704
035	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES		346,340		346,340		346,340				346,340
	Unit cost growth: P6CTS										-3,050
036	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMM N		84,102		84,102		84,102				84,102
037	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE (WAS)		11,594		11,594		11,594				11,594
038	C3 COUNTERMEASURES		148,818		148,818		148,818				148,818

044	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) .....	5,032	5,032	5,032	5,032		
046	<b>AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS</b> BASE INFORMATION TRANSPORT INFRASTR (BITI) WIRED .....	108,532	322,704	322,704	322,704	214,172	322,704
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....						
	Technical realignment .....						
047	AFNET .....	154,911	154,911	154,911	154,911	[214,172]	152,618
	Insufficient justification .....						
048	JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT ELEMENT (JCSE) .....	5,381	5,381	5,381	5,381		5,381
049	USCENTCOM .....	18,025	18,025	18,025	18,025		18,025
050	USSTRATCOM .....	4,436	4,436	4,436	4,436		4,436
051	USSPACECOM .....	27,073	27,073	27,073	27,073		27,073
	<b>ORGANIZATION AND BASE</b>						
052	TACTICAL C-E EQUIPMENT .....	226,819	226,819	226,819	226,819		226,819
053	RADIO EQUIPMENT .....	30,407	30,407	30,407	30,407		30,407
054	BASE COMM INFRASTRUCTURE .....	113,563	113,563	113,563	113,563		113,563
	<b>MODIFICATIONS</b>						
055	COMM ELECT MODS .....	98,224	98,224	98,224	98,224	17,000	115,224
	NORTHCOM UPL—Over the Horizon Radar Acceleration .....					[17,000]	
	<b>PERSONAL SAFETY &amp; RESCUE EQUIP</b>						
056	PERSONAL SAFETY AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT .....	60,473	60,473	60,473	60,473		60,473
057	<b>DEPOT PLANT+MTRLS HANDLING EQ</b>						
058	POWER CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT .....	9,235	9,235	9,235	9,235		9,235
	MECHANIZED MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP .....	15,662	15,662	15,662	15,662		15,662
	<b>BASE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT</b>						
059	BASE PROCURED EQUIPMENT .....	77,875	77,875	77,875	77,875		77,875
060	ENGINEERING AND EOD EQUIPMENT .....	288,968	288,968	288,968	288,968	13,234	293,968
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....						
	DAF requested realignment of funds from OMAF SAG .....						
	11R .....						
	Recovery of Air Bases Denied by Ordnance Program .....						
	Technical realignment .....						
061	MOBILITY EQUIPMENT .....	207,071	232,271	232,271	232,271	25,200	232,271
	DAF requested realignment of funds from OMAF SAG .....						
	11R .....						
	Technical realignment .....						
062	FUELS SUPPORT EQUIPMENT (FSE) .....	218,790	218,790	218,790	218,790	[25,200]	208,336
	All Terrain Berm Storage System schedule discrepan-						
	ancies .....						
	Fuel storage bladder unjustified unit cost growth .....						
063	BASE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	51,914	51,914	51,914	51,914	[−3,239]	51,914

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	Technical realignment .....				[5,950]						
	<b>SPECIAL SUPPORT PROJECTS</b>										
065	DARP RC135 .....		28,882		28,882		28,882				28,882
066	DCGS-AF .....		129,655		129,655		129,655				129,655
070	SPECIAL UPDATE PROGRAM .....		1,042,833		1,042,833		1,042,833				1,042,833
	<b>CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS</b>										
072A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....		25,456,490		25,456,490		25,456,490				25,456,490
	<b>SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS</b>										
071	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS (CYBER) .....		1,032		1,032		1,032				1,032
072	SPARES AND REPAIR PARTS .....		12,628		12,628		12,628				12,628
	<b>TOTAL OTHER PROCUREMENT, AIR FORCE</b>		<b>30,417,892</b>		<b>30,417,901</b>		<b>30,417,901</b>		<b>279,153</b>		<b>30,697,045</b>
	<b>PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>										
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, SDA</b>										
001	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DPAA .....	10	516	10	516	10	516			10	516
002	MAJOR EQUIPMENT, OSD .....		186,006		186,006		186,006				186,006
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DISA</b>										
011	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY .....		12,275		12,275		12,275				12,275
012	TELEPORT PROGRAM .....		42,399		42,399		42,399				42,399
014	ITEMS LESS THAN \$5 MILLION .....		47,538		47,538		47,538				47,538
015	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM NETWORK .....		39,472		39,472		39,472				39,472
016	WHITE HOUSE COMMUNICATION AGENCY .....		118,523		118,523		118,523				118,523
017	SENIOR LEADERSHIP ENTERPRISE .....		94,591		94,591		94,591				94,591
018	JOINT REGIONAL SECURITY STACKS (JRSS) .....		22,714		22,714		15,714				22,714
	Program decrease .....										
	Program reduction .....										
019	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER .....		107,637		97,637		107,637				97,637
	Insufficient justification .....										
020	FOURTH ESTATE NETWORK OPTIMIZATION (4ENO) .....		33,047		33,047		33,047				33,047
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DLA</b>										
028	MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....		30,355		30,355		30,355				30,355
	<b>MAJOR EQUIPMENT, DCSA</b>										
029	MAJOR EQUIPMENT .....		2,135		2,135		2,135				2,135



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	Commercial-off-the-Shelf (COTS) Miniaturized Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) Ground Control Stations.				[2,500]						
059	NON-STANDARD AVIATION		25,782		25,782		25,782		-4,000		21,782
	Theater Basing Initiatives excess to need								[-4,000]		
060	U-28		7,198		7,198		7,198				7,198
061	MH-47 CHINOOK		149,883		149,883		149,883				149,883
062	CV-22 MODIFICATION		75,981		75,981		75,981				75,981
063	MQ-9 UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE		17,684		17,684		17,684				17,684
064	PRECISION STRIKE PACKAGE		108,497		108,497		108,497				108,497
065	AC/MC-130J		319,754		319,754		319,754				319,754
066	C-130 MODIFICATIONS		18,796		18,796		18,796				18,796
	<b>SHIPBUILDING</b>										
067	UNDERWATER SYSTEMS		66,111		73,111		78,171		7,000		73,111
	Deep Submergence Collective Propulsion Seal Delivery Vehicle (SDV) Sonar Payload for Subsea Seabed Acceleration.				[7,000]		[12,060]				
	<b>AMMUNITION PROGRAMS</b>										
068	ORDNANCE ITEMS <\$5M		147,831		147,831		147,831				147,831
	<b>OTHER PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS</b>										
069	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS		203,400		203,400		203,400				203,400
070	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS		5,718		5,718		5,718				5,718
071	OTHER ITEMS <\$5M		106,816		106,316		106,816		-2,500		106,316
	Program decrease				[-2,500]						
072	COMBATANT CRAFT SYSTEMS		55,064		58,730		55,064		[-2,500]		55,064
	Combat Craft Assault for Naval Special Warfare—one craft.				[3,666]						
073	SPECIAL PROGRAMS		20,412		20,412		20,412				20,412
074	TACTICAL VEHICLES		56,561		56,561		56,561				56,561
075	WARRIOR SYSTEMS <\$5M		329,837		379,824		344,637		40,600		370,437
	Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems (CUAS) Group 3 Defeat Acceleration.				[14,800]						

	USSOCOM UPL—Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems (CUAS) Group 3 Defeat Acceleration.				[49,987]		[40,600]		
076	COMBAT MISSION REQUIREMENTS .....	4,987	4,987		4,987				4,987
077	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE .....	23,639	23,639		23,639				23,639
078	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS .....	322,341	322,341		322,341				322,341
	<b>CBOP</b>								
079	CHEMICAL BIOLOGICAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS .....	159,884	159,884		159,884				159,884
080	CB PROTECTION & HAZARD MITIGATION .....	231,826	231,826		231,826				231,826
	Chemical nerve agent countermeasures .....				(5,000)				
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT, DEFENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>6,056,975</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>6,232,414</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>6,112,835</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,183,075</b>
	<b>NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT</b>								
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>								
006	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		100,000		100,000		100,000		100,000
	Program increase .....		(100,000)		(100,000)		(100,000)		
	<b>TOTAL NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE EQUIPMENT</b>		<b>100,000</b>		<b>100,000</b>		<b>100,000</b>		<b>100,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROCUREMENT .....</b>	<b>17,863</b>	<b>167,986,341</b>	<b>17,928</b>	<b>168,612,352</b>	<b>17,865</b>	<b>169,840,643</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>169,169,465</b>

## TITLE XLII—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

### SEC. 4201. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION.

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<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, ARMY</b>							
<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>							
001	0601102A	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	296,670	301,670	296,670	5,000	301,670
		AI-Enhanced Quantum Computing .....		[5,000]		[5,000]	
002	0601103A	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	75,672	75,672	75,672		75,672
003	0601104A	UNIVERSITY AND INDUSTRY RESEARCH CENTERS .....	108,946	112,946	108,946	2,000	110,946
		Biotechnology research .....		[2,000]			
		Hypervelocity research and testing .....		[2,000]		[2,000]	
004	0601121A	CYBER COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH ALLIANCE .....	5,459	5,459	5,459		5,459
005	0601601A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING BASIC RESEARCH.	10,708	10,708	10,708		10,708
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>497,455</b>	<b>506,455</b>	<b>497,455</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>504,455</b>
<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>							
006	0602002A	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT-APPLIED RESEARCH.	5,613	5,613	5,613		5,613
008	0602134A	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT ADVANCED STUDIES .....	6,242	6,242	6,242		6,242
009	0602141A	LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY .....	85,578	100,578	85,578	10,000	95,578
		Armaments technology for unmanned systems .....		[2,500]		[2,500]	

010	0602142A	Convergent Advanced Manufacturing for Extreme Environments.	34,572	15,000	34,572	20,500	2,500	34,572
011	0602143A	Critical energetic materials chemistries	104,470	2,500	114,470	8,000	2,500	124,970
		Overmatching the Speed of Battle		2,500		2,500		
		Universal Nanocrystalline Alloys Lethality		2,500		2,500		
		ARMY APPLIED RESEARCH	34,572	34,572				
		SOLDIER LETHALITY TECHNOLOGY	104,470	1,16,970				
		Airborne Pathfinder						
		Body armor research		2,500		2,500		
		Digital night vision technology		5,000		5,000		
		Pathfinder program		2,500		2,500		
		Wafer-Level Vacuum Packaging (WLVP) of Microbolometers		2,500		2,500		
012	0602144A	GROUND TECHNOLOGY	60,005	74,905	80,005	25,500	2,500	85,505
		Cold weather research		2,500				
		Critical hybrid advanced materials processing			7,000			
		Engineered repair materials for roadways			3,000			
		Engineered Repair Materials for Roadways to Support Effective Maneuver of Military Assets.		1,500				
		Geosynthetics Performance Testing		3,300				
		HMMAR Production		2,500				
		Polar proving ground and training program		2,500				
		Research and development of smart concrete materials		2,600				
		Titanium metal powder production technology						
013	0602145A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY	166,500	167,000	181,500	14,000	10,000	180,500
		Fuel cells for next generation combat vehicles						
		High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV - Humvee) Gunner Restraint System (GRS).		500				
		Hydrogen fuel source research and development						
014	0602146A	NETWORK C3I TECHNOLOGY	81,618	91,618	81,618	5,000	10,000	86,618
		Intelligent Resilience of Communications Signals		2,500				
		Man-portable doppler radar		5,000				
		Secure Microelectronic Interposer Technology		2,500				

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015	0602147A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES TECHNOLOGY .....	34,683	37,183	34,683	2,500	37,183
		Additive manufacturing for low-cost missile applications		[2,500]		[2,500]	
016	0602148A	FUTURE VERTICLE LIFT TECHNOLOGY .....	73,844	76,344	73,844	2,500	76,344
		eVTOL power source development .....		[2,500]		[2,500]	
017	0602150A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY .....	33,301	60,801	38,301	27,500	60,801
		Counter UAS research .....		[5,000]			
		Counter-Unmanned Aircraft Systems technology .....		[2,500]	[5,000]	[5,000]	
		High energy laser enabling and support technology .....		[20,000]		[2,500]	
		High energy Laser in a Box .....		24,142	24,142	[20,000]	24,142
018	0602180A	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES.	24,142	24,142	24,142		24,142
019	0602181A	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	14,297	14,297	14,297		14,297
020	0602182A	C3I APPLIED RESEARCH .....	30,659	30,659	30,659		30,659
021	0602183A	AIR PLATFORM APPLIED RESEARCH .....	48,163	53,163	48,163	1,500	49,663
		Unmanned aerial and ground sensor network .....		[2,500]		[1,500]	
		Vision-Based Navigation for Small Unmanned Aerial Systems.		[2,500]			
022	0602184A	SOLDIER APPLIED RESEARCH .....	18,986	18,986	18,986		18,986
023	0602213A	C3I APPLIED CYBER .....	22,714	22,714	22,714		22,714
024	0602386A	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—APPLIED RESEARCH .....	16,736	16,736	16,736		16,736
025	0602785A	MANPOWER/PERSONNEL/TRAINING TECHNOLOGY .....	19,969	19,969	19,969		19,969
026	0602787A	MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY .....	66,266	76,166	71,266	9,900	76,166
		Precision Medicine for Bone Injuries .....		[4,900]		[4,900]	
		Preventing trauma-related stress disorder .....		[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	
		WRAIR Mitochondria TBI program .....		[5,000]			
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>948,358</b>	<b>1,048,658</b>	<b>1,003,358</b>	<b>118,900</b>	<b>1,067,258</b>

Code	Description	027	028	029	030	031	032	033	034	036	037	038	039	040	041	042
	<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>															
027	MEDICAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	4,147	12,147	12,147	4,147	8,000	12,147	12,147	8,000	12,147	12,147	8,000	12,147	12,147	8,000	12,147
028	Hearing Protections Communications .....		[8,000]	[8,000]		[8,000]			[8,000]						[8,000]	
	<b>MANPOWER, PERSONNEL AND TRAINING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.</b>															
029	ARMY AGILE INNOVATION AND DEMONSTRATION .....	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156	23,156
030	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187	13,187
	<b>Tactical artificial intelligence and machine learning .....</b>															
031	ALL DOMAIN CONVERGENCE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332	33,332
032	C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225	19,225
033	AIR PLATFORM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165	14,165
034	SOLDIER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214	1,214
036	LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	20,582	30,582	30,582	20,582	-2,827	20,582	20,582	-2,827	20,582	20,582	-2,827	20,582	20,582	-2,827	20,582
	<b>Battlefield Armaments and Ammunition Supply Chain .....</b>		[10,000]	[10,000]												
	<b>Energetics Materials and Manufacturing Technology .....</b>		[2,500]	[2,500]												
	<b>Program decrease .....</b>		[-5,000]	[-5,000]												
	<b>Systems materials and hardened structures .....</b>		[2,500]	[2,500]												
037	ARMY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280	136,280
038	SOLDIER LETHALITY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	102,778	109,278	109,278	102,778	2,500	102,778	102,778	2,500	102,778	102,778	2,500	102,778	102,778	2,500	102,778
	<b>Autonomous Long Range Resupply .....</b>		[2,500]	[2,500]												
	<b>Paratrooper and Powered Paragliders Autopilot System (PAPPAS).</b>		[4,000]	[4,000]												
039	GROUND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	40,597	45,597	45,597	40,597	7,500	45,597	45,597	7,500	45,597	45,597	7,500	45,597	45,597	7,500	45,597
	<b>3D Printed Cold Weather Structures .....</b>		[2,500]	[2,500]												
	<b>Advanced composites and multi-material protective systems.</b>															
	<b>Research supporting rapid entry in Arctic conditions .....</b>		[2,500]	[2,500]												
040	COUNTER IMPROVISED-THREAT SIMULATION .....	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672	21,672
041	BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR MATERIALS—ADVANCED RESEARCH	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871	59,871
042	C3I CYBER ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847	28,847

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043	0603461A	HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. Excessive cost growth .....	255,772	250,772	265,772		255,772
		High Performance Computing Modernization Program increase.		[-5,000]	[10,000]		
044	0603462A	NEXT GENERATION COMBAT VEHICLE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. Advanced Manufacturing Center of Excellence .....	217,394	227,394	224,394	17,500	234,894
		Next Generation Combat Vehicle Advanced Technology (Silent Watch Hydrogen Fuel Cell).		[10,000]	[7,000]	[12,500]	
045	0603463A	NETWORK C3I ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	105,549	105,549	105,549		105,549
046	0603464A	LONG RANGE PRECISION FIRES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	153,024	225,024	158,024	35,000	188,024
		AI-Li solid rocket motors .....		[10,000]			
		Aluminum-Lithium Alloy Solid Rocket Motor .....		[10,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	
		Assured Munition Position, Navigation, Timing, and Navigational Warfare.					
		ERAMS Advanced Technology .....		18,000			
		Maneuvering Submunitions for Precision Strike Missile .....		[9,000]		[5,000]	
		Missile Virtual Interactive Testbeds And Labs .....		[15,000]		[5,000]	
		XM1155 Glide Flight Projectile .....		[20,000]		[20,000]	
047	0603465A	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	158,795	178,795	158,795	15,000	173,795
		Additive manufacturing .....		[10,000]		[10,000]	
		Army Aviation Cybersecurity and Electromagnetic Activity (CEMA).		[5,000]			
		Next Generation Vertical Takeoff and Landing Concepts for Unmanned Aircraft.		[5,000]		[5,000]	
048	0603466A	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	21,015	34,315	26,015	2,500	23,515

049	0603920A	Armaments Based Counter Small Unmanned Aerial Systems. Rapid Assurance Modernization Program-Test SHORAD S&T Engineering and Integration (SSEI) Lab HUMANITARIAN DEMINING Program increase	[7,000] [6,300] 23,000 [13,932]	[5,000] 9,068	[2,500] 13,932 [13,932]	23,000
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>1,609,718</b>	<b>1,492,986</b>	<b>104,105</b>	<b>1,560,091</b>
051	0603305A	<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PROTOTYPES</b> ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION Artificial Intelligence Decision Aids for All Domain Operations. Capability for Advanced Protective Technologies Assessment and Integration (CAPTAIN). Integrated Environmental Control and Power Pulsed Laser for Hypersonic Defense Resilient Position, Navigation, and Timing Development (PNT).	43,904 [6,000] [8,000] [5,000] [5,000] [7,000]	12,904	20,000 [5,000] [8,000] [5,000] [2,000]	32,904
052	0603308A	ARMY SPACE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION Essential Multi-Function Multi-Mission Payload Development.	24,120 [5,000]	19,120	5,000 [5,000]	24,120
054	0603619A	LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER—ADV DEV	47,537	47,537		47,537
055	0603639A	TANK AND MEDIUM CALIBER AMMUNITION	91,323	91,323		91,323
056	0603645A	ARMORED SYSTEM MODERNIZATION—ADV DEV Slow expenditure—Ground Combat Platform	29,926 [-13,100]	43,026		43,026
057	0603747A	SOLDIER SUPPORT AND SURVIVABILITY	3,550	3,550		3,550
058	0603766A	TACTICAL ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM—ADV DEV	65,567	65,567		65,567
059	0603774A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT	73,675	73,675		73,675
060	0603779A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—DEMVAL Program decrease	36,720	31,720	2,500 [-2,500]	34,220
061	0603790A	Underwater Cut and Capture Demonstration NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT	[5,000] 4,143	4,143	[5,000]	4,143

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062	0603801A	AVIATION—ADV DEV .....	1,502,160	1,464,160	1,502,160	-1,356	1,500,804
		FARA—Excess to need .....		[-50,000]		[-13,356]	
		Modular Communication, Command, and Control Suite (MC3—Suite) .....		[12,000]		[12,000]	
063	0603804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ADV DEV .....	7,604	7,604	7,604		7,604
064	0603807A	MEDICAL SYSTEMS—ADV DEV .....	1,602	1,602	1,602		1,602
065	0603827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	27,681	25,825	27,681	-1,856	25,825
		Excessive growth—Program management .....		[-1,333]		[-1,333]	
		Slow expenditure rate—Advance Development .....		[-523]		[-523]	
066	0604017A	ROBOTICS DEVELOPMENT .....	3,024	3,024	3,024		3,024
067	0604019A	EXPANDED MISSION AREA MISSILE (EMAM) .....	97,018	97,018	97,018		97,018
068	0604020A	CROSS FUNCTIONAL TEAM (CFT) ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT & PROTOTYPING .....	117,557	117,557	117,557		117,557
069	0604035A	LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) SATELLITE CAPABILITY .....	38,851	38,851	38,851		38,851
070	0604036A	MULTI-DOMAIN SENSING SYSTEM (MDSS) ADV DEV .....	191,394	191,394	191,394		191,394
071	0604037A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) ADV DEV .....	10,626	10,626	10,626		10,626
072	0604100A	ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES .....	11,095	11,095	11,095		11,095
073	0604101A	SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (SUAV) (6.4) .....	5,144	5,144	5,144		5,144
074	0604103A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT TOOL (EWPMT) .....	2,260	2,260	2,260		2,260
075	0604113A	FUTURE TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM (FTUAS) .....	53,143	24,096	53,143		53,143
		Slow expenditure rate .....		[-29,047]			
076	0604114A	LOWER TIER AIR MISSILE DEFENSE (LTAMD) SENSOR .....	816,663	816,663	816,663		816,663
077	0604115A	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES .....	281,314	281,314	281,314		281,314
078	0604117A	MANEUVER—SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE (M-SHORAD) .....	281,239	240,065	281,239	-7,245	273,994
		Delayed expenditure—contract award delay .....		[-41,174]		[-7,245]	

079	0604119A	ARMY ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT & PROTO-TYPING.	204,914	204,914	204,914	204,914	204,914
080	0604120A	ASSURED POSITIONING, NAVIGATION AND TIMING (PNT) ..... Slow expenditure rate—ALINAV .....	40,930	40,930	33,090	40,930	40,930
		Slow expenditure rate—Mounted APNT .....			[-5,236]		
081	0604121A	SYNTHETIC TRAINING ENVIRONMENT REFINEMENT & PROTOTYPING.	109,714	109,714	[-2,604]	109,714	109,714
		Slow expenditure rate—Reconfig Virtual Collective Trainer			78,686		
		Slow expenditure rate—STE Live .....			[-3,524]		
		Slow expenditure rate—SVI .....			[-25,451]		
082	0604134A	COUNTER IMPROVED-THREAT DEMONSTRATION, PROTO-TYPE DEVELOPMENT, AND TESTING.	16,426	16,426	[-2,053]	16,426	16,426
083	0604135A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE FIRES .....	31,559	31,559	16,426	31,559	31,559
084	0604182A	HYPERSONICS .....	43,435	43,435	31,559	43,435	43,435
085	0604403A	FUTURE INTERCEPTOR .....	8,040	8,040	43,435	8,040	8,040
086	0604531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	64,242	64,242	8,040	64,242	64,242
087	0604541A	UNIFIED NETWORK TRANSPORT .....	40,915	40,915	64,242	40,915	40,915
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	19,200	19,200	40,915	19,200	19,200
		Pilot program .....			29,200		
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PROTOTYPES.</b>	<b>4,420,315</b>	<b>4,420,315</b>	<b>[10,000]</b>	<b>4,420,315</b>	<b>4,437,358</b>
							<b>17,043</b>
091	0604201A	<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b>					
092	0604270A	AIRCRAFT AVIONICS .....	13,673	13,673	13,673	13,673	13,673
093	0604601A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	12,789	12,789	12,789	12,789	12,789
		INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS .....	64,076	64,076	62,732	64,076	64,076
		Slow expenditure .....			[-1,344]		
094	0604604A	MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	28,226	28,226	3,226	28,226	3,226
		Incomplete development goals .....			[-25,000]		
		Program decrease .....					
095	0604611A	JAVELIN .....	7,827	7,827	7,827	7,827	7,827

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096	0604622A	FAMILY OF HEAVY TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	44,197	44,197	44,197		44,197
097	0604633A	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL .....	1,134	11,134	1,134	10,000	11,134
		Integrated Mission Planning & Airspace Control Tools (IM-PACT).		[10,000]		[10,000]	
098	0604641A	TACTICAL UNMANNED GROUND VEHICLE (TUGV) .....	142,125	142,125	142,125		142,125
099	0604642A	LIGHT TACTICAL WHEELED VEHICLES .....	53,564	9,671	53,564	-43,893	9,671
		Incomplete development goals .....		[-43,893]		[-43,893]	
100	0604645A	ARMORED SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION (ASM)—ENG DEV .....	102,201	102,201	102,201		102,201
101	0604710A	NIGHT VISION SYSTEMS—ENG DEV .....	48,720	133,143	56,220	34,109	82,829
		Enhanced Night Vision Goggle—Binocular capability enhancements.			[7,500]		
		Repurchase from Procurement for IVAS 1.2 development .....		[89,451]		[39,137]	
		Slow expenditure—Joint Effects Targeting System (JETS)		[-5,028]		[-5,028]	
102	0604713A	COMBAT FEEDING, CLOTHING, AND EQUIPMENT .....	2,223	2,223	2,223		2,223
103	0604715A	NON-SYSTEM TRAINING DEVICES—ENG DEV .....	21,441	21,441	21,441		21,441
104	0604741A	AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CONTROL AND INTELLIGENCE—ENG DEV.	74,738	84,738	74,738	10,000	84,738
		Software Integration Digital Eco-system .....		[10,000]		[10,000]	
105	0604742A	CONSTRUCTIVE SIMULATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	30,985	30,985	30,985		30,985
106	0604746A	AUTOMATIC TEST EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT .....	13,626	13,626	13,626		13,626
107	0604760A	DISTRIBUTIVE INTERACTIVE SIMULATIONS (DIS)—ENG DEV	8,802	8,802	8,802		8,802
108	0604798A	BRIGADE ANALYSIS, INTEGRATION AND EVALUATION .....	20,828	20,828	20,828		20,828
109	0604802A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS—ENG DEV .....	243,851	258,851	243,851	10,000	253,851
		Long Range Precision Guidance Kit .....		[15,000]		[10,000]	
110	0604804A	LOGISTICS AND ENGINEER EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV .....	37,420	37,420	42,420	5,000	42,420
		Ultra-Lightweight Camouflage Net System .....			[5,000]	[5,000]	

111	0604805A	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS—ENG DEV.	34,214	34,214	34,214	34,214
112	0604807A	MEDICAL MATERIEL/MEDICAL BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE EQUIPMENT—ENG DEV.	6,496	6,496	6,496	6,496
113	0604808A	LANDMINE WARFARE/BARRIER—ENG DEV	13,581	13,581	13,581	13,581
114	0604818A	ARMY TACTICAL COMMAND & CONTROL HARDWARE & SOFTWARE.	168,574	160,778	168,574	168,574
		Slow expenditure rate—Expeditionary Army Command Post		[-5,049]		
		Slow expenditure rate—Sustainment Transport System		[-2,747]		
115	0604820A	RADAR DEVELOPMENT	94,944	94,944	94,944	94,944
116	0604822A	GENERAL FUND ENTERPRISE BUSINESS SYSTEM (GFEBBS)	2,965	2,965	2,965	2,965
117	0604827A	SOLDIER SYSTEMS—WARRIOR DEMVAL	11,333	11,333	11,333	11,333
118	0604852A	SUITE OF SURVIVABILITY ENHANCEMENT SYSTEMS—EMD	79,250	79,250	79,250	78,050
		Maintain program management level of effort				[-1,200]
119	0604854A	ARTILLERY SYSTEMS—EMD	42,490	42,490	42,490	42,490
120	0605013A	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	104,024	104,024	104,024	104,024
121	0605018A	INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM-ARMY (PPS-A)	102,084	102,084	102,084	102,084
123	0605030A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK CENTER (JTNC)	18,662	18,662	18,662	18,662
124	0605031A	JOINT TACTICAL NETWORK (JTN)	30,328	30,328	30,328	30,328
125	0605035A	COMMON INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (CIRCM)	11,509	11,509	11,509	11,509
126	0605036A	COMBATING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (CWMD)	1,050	1,050	1,050	1,050
128	0605041A	DEFENSIVE CYBER TOOL DEVELOPMENT	27,714	27,714	27,714	27,714
129	0605042A	TACTICAL NETWORK RADIO SYSTEMS (LOW-TIER)	4,318	4,318	4,318	4,318
130	0605047A	CONTRACT WRITING SYSTEM	16,355	16,355	16,355	16,355
131	0605049A	MISSILE WARNING SYSTEM MODERNIZATION (MWSM)	27,571	27,571	27,571	27,571
132	0605051A	AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY DEVELOPMENT	24,900	24,900	24,900	24,900
133	0605052A	INDIRECT FIRE PROTECTION CAPABILITY INC 2—BLOCK 1	196,248	196,248	196,248	196,248
134	0605053A	GROUND ROBOTICS	35,319	35,319	35,319	35,319
135	0605054A	EMERGING TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES	201,274	149,834	201,274	149,834
		Program decrease		[-2,500]		
		Prototype delay		[-48,940]		
137	0605144A	NEXT GENERATION LOAD DEVICE—MEDIUM	36,970	25,559	36,970	36,970

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139	0605148A	Unjustified cost growth .....		[-11,411]			
140	0605203A	TACTICAL INTEL TARGETING ACCESS NODE (TITAN) EMD ....	132,136	132,136	132,136		132,136
141	0605205A	ARMY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION .....	81,657	81,657	81,657		81,657
		SMALL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (SUAV) (6.5) .....	31,284	31,284	31,284		27,361
		Unjustified growth .....				[-3,923]	
142	0605206A	CI AND HUMINT EQUIPMENT PROGRAM-ARMY (CIHEP-A) ....	2,170	2,170	2,170		2,170
143	0605216A	JOINT TARGETING INTEGRATED COMMAND AND COORDINATION SUITE (JTIC2S) .....	9,290	9,290	9,290		9,290
144	0605224A	MULTI-DOMAIN INTELLIGENCE .....	41,003	41,003	41,003		41,003
146	0605231A	PRECISION STRIKE MISSILE (PRSM) .....	272,786	272,786	272,786		272,786
147	0605232A	HYPERSONICS EMD .....	900,920	900,920	900,920		900,920
148	0605233A	ACCESSIONS INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT (AIE) .....	27,361	27,361	27,361		27,361
149	0605235A	STRATEGIC MID-RANGE CAPABILITY .....	348,855	348,855	348,855		348,855
150	0605236A	INTEGRATED TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS .....	22,901	22,901	22,901		22,901
151	0605450A	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) .....	3,014	3,014	3,014		3,014
152	0605457A	ARMY INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (AIAMD) ....	284,095	273,195	284,095		284,095
		Capability development excess growth .....		[-10,900]			
153	0605531A	COUNTER—SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS SYS DEV & DEMONSTRATION .....	36,016	36,016	36,016		36,016
154	0605525A	MANNED GROUND VEHICLE .....	996,653	875,753	996,653		875,753
		OMFV slow expenditure .....		[-120,900]			
155	0605766A	NATIONAL CAPABILITIES INTEGRATION (MIP) .....	15,129	15,129	15,129		15,129
156	0605812A	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLTV) ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT PH. ....	27,243	26,143	27,243		26,143
		Slow expenditure .....		[-1,100]			
157	0605830A	AVIATION GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT .....	1,167	1,167	1,167		1,167
158	0303032A	TROJAN—RH12 .....	3,879	3,879	3,879		3,879

159	0304270A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	137,186	137,186	137,186	137,186
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION .....</b>	<b>5,639,364</b>	<b>5,485,003</b>	<b>5,651,864</b>	<b>5,461,017</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>				<b>-178,347</b>
160	0604256A	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	38,492	38,492	38,492	38,492
161	0604258A	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	11,873	26,873	11,873	21,873
		Program Increase .....		[5,000]		[5,000]
		U.S. Replacement for Foreign Engines for Aerial Targets ...		[10,000]		[5,000]
162	0604759A	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	76,167	76,167	76,167	76,167
163	0605103A	RAND ARROYO CENTER .....	37,078	37,078	37,078	37,078
164	0605301A	ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL .....	314,872	314,872	314,872	314,872
165	0605326A	CONCEPTS EXPERIMENTATION PROGRAM .....	95,551	95,551	95,551	95,551
167	0605601A	ARMY TEST RANGES AND FACILITIES .....	439,118	439,118	449,118	439,118
		Radar Range Replacement Program .....			[10,000]	
168	0605602A	ARMY TECHNICAL TEST INSTRUMENTATION AND TARGETS ..	42,220	72,220	42,220	47,220
		Rapid Assurance Modernization Program .....		[30,000]		[5,000]
169	0605604A	SURVIVABILITY/LETHALITY ANALYSIS .....	37,518	37,518	37,518	37,518
170	0605606A	AIRCRAFT CERTIFICATION .....	2,718	2,718	2,718	2,718
172	0605706A	MATERIEL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS .....	26,902	26,902	26,902	26,902
173	0605709A	EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN ITEMS .....	7,805	7,805	7,805	7,805
174	0605712A	SUPPORT OF OPERATIONAL TESTING .....	75,133	75,133	75,133	75,133
175	0605716A	ARMY EVALUATION CENTER .....	71,118	71,118	71,118	71,118
176	0605718A	ARMY MODELING & SIM X-CMD COLLABORATION & INTEG	11,204	11,204	11,204	11,204
177	0605801A	PROGRAMWIDE ACTIVITIES .....	93,895	93,895	93,895	93,895
178	0605803A	TECHNICAL INFORMATION ACTIVITIES .....	31,327	36,227	31,327	31,327
		Modeling & Simulation—Infrastructure .....		[4,900]		
179	0605805A	MUNITIONS STANDARDIZATION, EFFECTIVENESS AND SAFE-	50,409	50,409	50,409	50,409
		TY .....				
180	0605857A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY MGMT SUPPORT ...	1,629	1,629	1,629	1,629
181	0605898A	ARMY DIRECT REPORT HEADQUARTERS—R&D - MHA .....	55,843	55,843	55,843	55,843
182	0606002A	RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE ..	91,340	95,340	91,340	91,340
		Mission Control Center Modernization .....		[4,000]		

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183	0606003A	COUNTERINTEL AND HUMAN INTEL MODERNIZATION .....	6,348	6,348	6,348		6,348
185	0606942A	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS CYBER VULNERABILITIES .....	6,025	6,025	6,025		6,025
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>1,624,585</b>	<b>1,678,485</b>	<b>1,634,585</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>1,639,585</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT</b>							
187	0603778A	MLRS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	14,465	14,465	14,465		14,465
188	0605024A	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	7,472	7,472	7,472		7,472
189	0607131A	WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PRO-GRAMS. ....	8,425	8,425	8,425		8,425
190	0607136A	BLACKHAWK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	1,507	1,507	11,507	21,500	23,007
		Program increase .....			[10,000]	[21,500]	
191	0607137A	CHINOOK PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	9,265	24,265	19,265	12,500	21,765
		714C Engine Enhancement .....		[15,000]		[7,500]	
		Program increase .....			[10,000]	[5,000]	
192	0607139A	IMPROVED TURBINE ENGINE PROGRAM .....	201,247	191,062	201,247	-10,185	191,062
		Excessive growth—Government Planning .....		[-1,721]		[-1,721]	
		Slow expenditure rate .....		[-8,464]		[-8,464]	
193	0607142A	AVIATION ROCKET SYSTEM PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT. ....	3,014	3,014	3,014		3,014
194	0607143A	UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM UNIVERSAL PRODUCTS .....	25,393	25,393	25,393		25,393
195	0607145A	APACHE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT .....	10,547	35,547	20,547	7,500	18,047
		Apache future development program increase .....			[10,000]	[7,500]	
		Apache modernization .....		[25,000]			
196	0607148A	AN/TPQ-53 COUNTERFIRE TARGET ACQUISITION RADAR SYSTEM. ....	54,167	54,167	54,167		54,167
197	0607150A	INTEL CYBER DEVELOPMENT .....	4,345	4,345	4,345		4,345
198	0607312A	ARMY OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	19,000	19,000	19,000		19,000

199	0607313A	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	6,389	6,389	6,389	6,389	6,389
200	0607315A	ENDURING TURBINE ENGINES AND POWER SYSTEMS .....	2,411	2,411	2,411	2,411	2,411
201	0607665A	FAMILY OF BIOMETRICS .....	797	797	797	797	797
202	0607865A	PATRIOT PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT .....	177,197	177,197	177,197	177,197	177,197
203	0203728A	JOINT AUTOMATED DEEP OPERATION COORDINATION SYSTEM (JADOCs) .....	42,177	42,177	42,177	42,177	42,177
204	0203735A	COMBAT VEHICLE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS .....	146,635	149,935	146,635	146,635	224,490
		Abrams Modernization Program .....		[15,000]			[88,300]
		Slow expenditure—Stryker Combat Vehicle Improvement Program .....		[-11,700]			[-10,445]
205	0203743A	155MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER IMPROVEMENTS .....	122,902	110,802	122,902	122,902	110,802
		Excess growth—ERCA range prototype build .....		[-5,900]			[-5,900]
		Slow expenditure—Extended Range Cannon Artillery .....		[-6,200]			[-6,200]
207	0203752A	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	146	146	146	146	146
208	0203758A	DIGITIZATION .....	1,515	1,515	1,515	1,515	1,515
209	0203801A	MISSILE/AIR DEFENSE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM .....	4,520	4,520	4,520	4,520	4,520
210	0203802A	OTHER MISSILE PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS .....	10,044	10,044	10,044	10,044	10,044
211	0205412A	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TECHNOLOGY—OPERATIONAL SYSTEM DEV. ....	281	281	281	281	281
212	0205778A	GUIDED MULTIPLE-LAUNCH ROCKET SYSTEM (GMLRS) .....	75,952	75,952	75,952	75,952	75,952
213	0208053A	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM .....	203	203	203	203	203
216	0303028A	SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	301	301	301	301	301
217	0303140A	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	15,323	15,323	15,323	15,323	15,323
218	0303141A	GLOBAL COMBAT SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	13,082	13,082	13,082	13,082	13,082
219	0303142A	SATCOM GROUND ENVIRONMENT (SPACE) .....	26,838	26,838	26,838	26,838	26,838
222	0305179A	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) .....	9,456	9,456	9,456	9,456	9,456
225	0305219A	MQ-1C GRAY EAGLE UAS .....	6,629	6,629	6,629	6,629	6,629
227	0708045A	END ITEM INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES .....	75,317	85,317	75,317	75,317	85,317
		Additive manufacturing expansion .....		[10,000]			[10,000]
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	8,786	6,286	8,786	8,786	8,786
		Program decrease .....		[-2,500]			
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>1,105,748</b>	<b>1,134,263</b>	<b>1,135,748</b>	<b>1,135,748</b>	<b>1,212,818</b>
				<b>107,070</b>			

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<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>						
		DEFENSIVE CYBER—SOFTWARE PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT	83,570	83,570	83,570	83,570
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>83,570</b>	<b>83,570</b>	<b>83,570</b>	<b>83,570</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, ARMY .....</b>	<b>15,775,381</b>	<b>80,041</b>	<b>144,500</b>	<b>15,966,152</b>
<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, NAVY</b>						
<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>						
		UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	96,355	101,355	96,355	106,355
		Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP).		[5,000]		[10,000]
		DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	540,908	543,908	540,908	543,908
		Hypersonic research initiatives .....		[3,000]		[3,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>637,263</b>	<b>645,263</b>	<b>637,263</b>	<b>650,263</b>
<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>						
		POWER PROJECTION APPLIED RESEARCH .....	23,982	23,982	23,982	23,982
		FORCE PROTECTION APPLIED RESEARCH .....	142,148	144,648	142,148	144,648
		Cavitation erosion research .....		[2,500]		[2,500]
		MARINE CORPS LANDING FORCE TECHNOLOGY .....	59,208	66,708	59,208	68,708
		Next Generation Lithium Ion Batteries .....		[5,000]		[9,500]
		Unmanned logistics solutions .....		[2,500]		[9,500]
		COMMON PICTURE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	52,090	52,090	52,090	52,090
		WARFIGHTER SUSTAINMENT APPLIED RESEARCH .....	74,722	74,722	82,722	77,722
		Research on foreign malign influence operations .....			[8,000]	[3,000]

008	0602271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	92,473	92,473	92,473	92,473	92,473	92,473
009	0602435N	OCEAN WARFIGHTING ENVIRONMENT APPLIED RESEARCH ..	80,806	90,806	87,806	90,806	89,806	89,806
		Continuous distributed sensing systems .....		[10,000]			[4,000]	
		Intelligent Autonomous Systems for Seabed Warfare .....			[7,000]		[5,000]	
010	0602651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS APPLIED RESEARCH .....	7,419	7,419	7,419	7,419	7,419	7,419
011	0602747N	UNDERSEA WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH .....	61,503	69,003	61,503	61,503	12,500	74,003
		Academic Partnerships for Submarine & Undersea Vehicle		[5,000]			[10,000]	
		Research & Manufacturing.						
		Undersea Sensing and Communications .....		[2,500]			[2,500]	
012	0602750N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH .....	182,662	185,162	182,662	182,662		182,662
		Long endurance mobile autonomous passive acoustic		[2,500]				
		sensing research.						
013	0602782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE APPLIED RESEARCH ..	30,435	30,435	30,435	30,435	30,435	30,435
014	0602792N	INNOVATIVE NAVAL PROTOTYPES (INP) APPLIED RESEARCH ..	133,828	133,828	133,828	133,828	133,828	133,828
015	0602861N	SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT—ONR FIELD	85,063	80,063	85,063	85,063	85,063	85,063
		ACTIVITIES.						
		Early to need .....		[−5,000]				
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>1,026,339</b>	<b>1,051,339</b>	<b>1,041,339</b>	<b>1,041,339</b>	<b>36,500</b>	<b>1,062,839</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>						
016	0603123N	FORCE PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	29,512	29,512	29,512	29,512	29,512	29,512
017	0603271N	ELECTROMAGNETIC SYSTEMS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	8,418	8,418	8,418	8,418	8,418	8,418
018	0603273N	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYS-	112,329	112,329	112,329	112,329	112,329	112,329
		TEMS.						
019	0603640M	USMC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATION (ATD) .....	308,217	320,717	323,217	323,217	23,000	331,217
		Adaptive Future Force .....		[−5,000]		[5,000]	[5,000]	
		Early to need .....						
		Hardware in the Loop capabilities .....						
		Hybrid electrical VTOL UAS development .....		[2,500]			[8,000]	
		Long Range Maneuvering Projectile .....		[15,000]			[10,000]	
		Next generation unmanned aerial system distribution plat-						
		form.						

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020	0603651M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT	15,556	15,556	15,556		15,556
021	0603673N	FUTURE NAVAL CAPABILITIES ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	264,700	267,200	264,700	2,500	267,200
		Automated acoustic signal classifier .....		[2,500]		[2,500]	
022	0603680N	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	61,843	61,843	61,843		61,843
023	0603729N	WARFIGHTER PROTECTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	5,100	5,100	9,100	1,500	6,600
		Balloon catheter hemorrhage control device .....			[4,000]	[1,500]	
024	0603758N	NAVY WARFIGHTING EXPERIMENTS AND DEMONSTRATIONS	75,898	75,898	75,898		75,898
025	0603782N	MINE AND EXPEDITIONARY WARFARE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY.	2,048	2,048	2,048		2,048
026	0603801N	INNOVATIVE NAVAL PROTOTYPES (INP) ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	132,931	142,931	132,931	1,500	134,431
		HEL weapon system .....		[10,000]		[1,500]	
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>1,016,552</b>	<b>1,041,552</b>	<b>1,035,552</b>	<b>28,500</b>	<b>1,045,052</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PROTOTYPES</b>					
027	0603128N	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM .....	108,225	108,225	108,225		105,053
		ILS support previously funded .....				-3,172	
028	0603178N	LARGE UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLES (LUSV) .....	117,400	117,400	117,400		117,400
029	0603207N	AIR/OCEAN TACTICAL APPLICATIONS .....	40,653	45,653	40,653	3,000	43,653
		Autonomous surface and underwater dual-modality vehicles.		[5,000]		[3,000]	
030	0603216N	AVIATION SURVIVABILITY .....	20,874	20,874	20,874		20,874
031	0603239N	NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCES .....	7,821	7,821	7,821		7,821
032	0603254N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	17,090	17,090	17,090		17,090
033	0603261N	TACTICAL AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE .....	3,721	3,721	3,721		3,721
034	0603382N	ADVANCED COMBAT SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY .....	6,216	16,216	6,216	3,000	9,216

035	0603502N	Tier 2.5 LO Inspection Technology .....	34,690	[10,000]	34,690	[3,000]	34,690
036	0603506N	SURFACE AND SHALLOW WATER MINE COUNTERMEASURES	730	730	730		730
037	0603512N	SURFACE SHIP TORPEDO DEFENSE .....	6,095	6,095	6,095		6,095
038	0603525N	CARRIER SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	916,208	916,208	916,208		916,208
039	0603527N	PILOT FISH .....	7,545	7,545	7,545		7,545
040	0603536N	RETRACT LARCH .....	271,109	271,109	271,109		271,109
041	0603542N	RETRACT JUNIPER .....	811	811	811		811
042	0603553N	RADIOLOGICAL CONTROL .....	1,189	1,189	1,189		1,189
043	0603561N	SURFACE ASW .....	88,415	88,415	88,415		88,415
044	0603562N	ADVANCED SUBMARINE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT .....	15,119	15,119	15,119		15,119
045	0603563N	SUBMARINE TACTICAL WARFARE SYSTEMS .....	89,939	89,939	89,939	7,000	96,939
046	0603564N	SHIP CONCEPT ADVANCED DESIGN .....	121,402	[5,000]	121,402	[7,000]	126,402
047	0603570N	Support for Additive Manufacturing .....	319,656	319,656	319,656	5,000	319,656
048	0603573N	SHIP PRELIMINARY DESIGN & FEASIBILITY STUDIES .....	133,911	133,911	133,911	[5,000]	138,911
049	0603576N	Ship Concept Advanced Design .....	116,078	116,078	116,078		116,078
050	0603581N	ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS .....	32,615	32,615	32,615		32,615
051	0603582N	ADVANCED SURFACE MACHINERY SYSTEMS .....	18,610	18,610	18,610		18,610
052	0603595N	Support Shipboard Distribution of High-Power Energy .....	257,076	257,076	262,076	10,000	267,076
053	0603596N	CHALK EAGLE .....	31,464	[10,000]	31,464	[10,000]	31,464
054	0603597N	LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP (LCS) .....	10,809	10,809	10,809		10,809
055	0603599N	COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION .....	112,972	112,972	112,972		112,972
056	0603609N	OHIO REPLACEMENT .....	9,030	9,030	9,030		9,030
057	0603635M	Advanced composites for wet submarine applications .....	128,782	[17,800]	128,782		119,189
		Rapid composites .....	31,464	[10,000]	31,464		31,464
		LCS MISSION MODULES .....	16,464	16,464	16,464		16,464
		Insufficient justification .....					
		AUTOMATED TEST AND RE-TEST (ATRT) .....	10,809	10,809	10,809		10,809
		FRIGATE DEVELOPMENT .....	112,972	112,972	112,972		112,972
		Live fire test and evaluation early to need .....					
		CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS .....	9,030	9,030	9,030		9,030
		MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	128,782	110,982	128,782		119,189
		Slow expenditure .....					

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058	0603654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	44,766	44,766	44,766		44,766
059	0603713N	OCEAN ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	10,751	10,751	10,751		10,751
060	0603721N	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION .....	24,457	24,457	24,457		24,457
061	0603724N	NAVY ENERGY PROGRAM .....	72,214	77,214	72,214	5,000	77,214
		Marine Energy Systems for Sensors and Microgrids .....		[5,000]		[5,000]	
062	0603725N	FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT .....	10,149	10,149	10,149		10,149
063	0603734N	CHALK CORAL .....	687,841	522,841	687,841	-165,000	522,841
		Program decrease .....		[-165,000]		[-165,000]	
064	0603739N	NAVY LOGISTIC PRODUCTIVITY .....	4,712	2,712	4,712		4,712
		Program decrease .....		[-2,000]			
065	0603746N	RETRACT MAPLE .....	420,455	420,455	420,455		420,455
066	0603748N	LINK PLUMERIA .....	2,100,474	1,000,174	2,100,474	-50,000	2,050,474
		Project 2937: Unjustified requirements .....		[-1,100,300]		[-50,000]	
067	0603751N	RETRACT ELM .....	88,036	88,036	88,036		88,036
068	0603764M	LINK EVERGREEN .....	547,005	547,005	547,005		547,005
069	0603790N	NATO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT .....	6,265	6,265	6,265		6,265
070	0603795N	LAND ATTACK TECHNOLOGY .....	1,624	4,124	1,624		1,624
		Hypervelocity Projectile—Seeker Integration .....		[2,500]			
071	0603851M	JOINT NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TESTING .....	31,058	31,058	31,058		31,058
072	0603860N	JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEMS— DEMVAL .....	22,590	22,590	22,590		22,590
073	0603925N	DIRECTED ENERGY AND ELECTRIC WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	52,129	52,129	52,129		52,129
074	0604014N	F/A -18 INFRARED SEARCH AND TRACK (IRST) .....	32,127	32,127	32,127		32,127
075	0604027N	DIGITAL WARFARE OFFICE .....	181,001	181,001	181,001		181,001
076	0604028N	SMALL AND MEDIUM UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES .....	110,506	105,506	110,506	-16,515	93,991
		Late execution—MEDUSA .....		[-5,000]			
		Medusa unexecutable contract award date .....					

077	0604029N	UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLE CORE TECHNOLOGIES .....	71,156	71,156	71,156	71,156	71,156
078	0604030N	RAPID PROTOTYPING, EXPERIMENTATION AND DEMONSTRATION.	214,100	214,100	214,100	214,100	214,100
079	0604031N	LARGE UNMANNED UNDERSEA VEHICLES .....	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900
080	0604112N	GERALD R. FORD CLASS NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER (CVN 78—80).	118,182	118,182	118,182	118,182	118,182
082	0604127N	SURFACE MINE COUNTERMEASURES .....	16,127	16,127	16,127	16,127	16,127
083	0604272N	TACTICAL AIR DIRECTIONAL INFRARED COUNTERMEASURES (TADIRCM).	34,684	34,684	34,684	34,684	34,684
084	0604289M	NEXT GENERATION LOGISTICS .....	5,991	5,991	5,991	5,991	5,991
085	0604292N	FUTURE VERTICAL LIFT (MARITIME STRIKE) .....	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100	2,100
086	0604320M	RAPID TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITY PROTOTYPE .....	131,763	131,763	131,763	131,763	131,763
087	0604454N	LX (R) .....	21,319	21,319	21,319	21,319	21,319
088	0604536N	ADVANCED UNDERSEA PROTOTYPING .....	104,328	104,328	104,328	104,328	82,603
		Program delays .....					[-21,725]
089	0604636N	COUNTER UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (C-UAS) .....	11,567	11,567	11,567	11,567	11,567
090	0604659N	PRECISION STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM .....	5,976	5,976	195,976	195,976	195,976
		Nuclear-armed sea-launched cruise missile .....					190,000
		SLCM-N .....					[190,000]
091	0604707N	SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) ARCHITECTURE/ENGINEERING SUPPORT.	9,993	9,993	9,993	9,993	9,993
092	0604786N	OFFENSIVE ANTI-SURFACE WARFARE WEAPON DEVELOPMENT.	237,655	237,655	237,655	237,655	237,655
093	0605512N	MEDIUM UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLES (MUSVS)) .....	85,800	85,800	85,800	85,800	74,248
		Program delays .....					[-11,552]
094	0605513N	UNMANNED SURFACE VEHICLE ENABLING CAPABILITIES .....	176,261	176,261	176,261	176,261	171,980
		Prior year underexecution .....					[-4,281]
095	0605514M	GROUND BASED ANTI-SHIP MISSILE .....	36,383	36,383	36,383	36,383	36,383
096	0605516M	LONG RANGE FIRES .....	36,763	36,763	36,763	36,763	36,763
097	0605518N	CONVENTIONAL PROMPT STRIKE (CPS) .....	901,064	921,064	921,064	921,064	901,064
		Mach-1B .....					[20,000]
098	0303354N	ASW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT—MIP .....	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167	10,167

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099	0304240M	ADVANCED TACTICAL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEM .....	539	9,439	539	8,900
		KAMAN KARGO .....		[8,900]		[8,900]
100	0304270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT—MIP .....	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PRO-</b>	<b>9,734,483</b>	<b>8,695,783</b>	<b>9,929,483</b>	<b>-47,738</b>
		<b>TOTYPES.</b>				<b>9,686,745</b>
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b>						
101	0603208N	TRAINING SYSTEM AIRCRAFT .....	44,120	44,120	44,120	44,120
102	0604038N	MARITIME TARGETING CELL .....	30,922	30,922	30,922	30,922
103	0604212M	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	101,209	101,209	101,209	83,614
		Project 3406 insufficient justification .....				[-17,595]
104	0604212N	OTHER HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	2,604	2,604	2,604	2,604
105	0604214M	AV-8B AIRCRAFT—ENG DEV .....	8,263	8,263	8,263	8,263
106	0604215N	STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT .....	4,039	4,039	4,039	4,039
107	0604216N	MULTI-MISSION HELICOPTER UPGRADE DEVELOPMENT .....	62,350	62,350	62,350	62,350
108	0604221N	P-3 MODERNIZATION PROGRAM .....	771	771	771	771
109	0604230N	WARFARE SUPPORT SYSTEM .....	109,485	109,485	109,485	109,485
110	0604231N	COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEMS .....	87,457	87,457	87,457	87,457
111	0604234N	ADVANCED HAWKEYE .....	399,919	449,219	399,919	20,000
		Navy UPL—E-2D Theater Combat ID and HECTR .....		[49,300]		[20,000]
112	0604245M	H-1 UPGRADES .....	29,766	29,766	29,766	29,766
113	0604261N	ACOUSTIC SEARCH SENSORS .....	51,531	51,531	51,531	51,531
114	0604262N	V-22A .....	137,597	137,597	137,597	137,597
115	0604264N	AIR CREW SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	42,155	42,155	42,155	42,155
116	0604269N	EA-18 .....	172,507	172,507	172,507	172,507
117	0604270N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	171,384	171,384	171,384	168,350
		Prior year underexecution .....				[-3,034]

118	0604273M	EXECUTIVE HELO DEVELOPMENT .....	35,376	35,376	35,376	35,376	35,376	35,376
119	0604274N	NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NG) .....	40,477	40,477	40,477	40,477	40,477	40,477
120	0604280N	JOINT TACTICAL RADIO SYSTEM—NAVY (JTRS-NAVY) .....	451,397	466,397	451,397	451,397	461,397	461,397
		Navy Multiband Terminal .....	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	10,000	[5,000]
121	0604282N	Satellite Terminal (transportable) Non-Geostationary .....	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]
		NEXT GENERATION JAMMER (NG) INCREMENT II .....	199,645	199,645	199,645	199,645	199,645	199,645
		Next Generation Jammer—Low Band .....	[-50,932]	[-50,932]	[-50,932]	[-50,932]	[-50,932]	[-50,932]
122	0604307N	SURFACE COMBATANT COMBAT SYSTEM ENGINEERING .....	453,311	453,311	453,311	453,311	438,061	438,061
		Aegis capability package 2024 delays .....					[-15,250]	
		Software SW factory insufficient justification .....					[-5,500]	
124	0604329N	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) .....	52,211	52,211	52,211	52,211	52,211	52,211
125	0604366N	STANDARD MISSILE IMPROVEMENTS .....	418,187	493,187	418,187	418,187	388,811	388,811
		Prior year underexecution .....					-29,376	
		Program increase .....	[75,000]	[75,000]	[75,000]	[75,000]	[-29,376]	
126	0604373N	AIRBORNE MCM .....	11,368	11,368	11,368	11,368	11,368	11,368
127	0604378N	NAVAL INTEGRATED FIRE CONTROL—COUNTER AIR SYS- TEMS ENGINEERING.	66,445	66,445	66,445	66,445	68,945	68,945
		Stratospheric Balloon Research .....					2,500	
128	0604419N	ADVANCED SENSORS APPLICATION PROGRAM (ASAP) .....	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]
		Program increase .....					10,000	
129	0604501N	ADVANCED ABOVE WATER SENSORS .....	115,396	115,396	115,396	115,396	115,396	115,396
130	0604503N	SSN—688 AND TRIDENT MODERNIZATION .....	93,435	93,435	93,435	93,435	93,435	93,435
131	0604504N	AIR CONTROL .....	42,656	42,656	42,656	42,656	42,656	42,656
132	0604512N	SHIPBOARD AVIATION SYSTEMS .....	10,442	10,442	10,442	10,442	10,442	10,442
133	0604518N	COMBAT INFORMATION CENTER CONVERSION .....	11,359	11,359	11,359	11,359	11,359	11,359
134	0604522N	AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE RADAR (AMDR) SYSTEM .....	90,307	90,307	90,307	90,307	90,307	90,307
135	0604530N	ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR (AAG) .....	10,658	10,658	10,658	10,658	10,658	10,658
136	0604558N	NEW DESIGN SSN .....	234,356	234,356	234,356	234,356	241,356	241,356
		Precision Maneuvering Unit .....	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]
137	0604562N	SUBMARINE TACTICAL WARFARE SYSTEM .....	71,516	71,516	71,516	71,516	71,516	71,516
138	0604567N	SHIP CONTRACT DESIGN/ LIVE FIRE T&E .....	22,462	22,462	22,462	22,462	22,462	22,462
139	0604574N	NAVY TACTICAL COMPUTER RESOURCES .....	4,279	4,279	4,279	4,279	4,279	4,279

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140	0604601N	MINE DEVELOPMENT .....	104,731	99,731	104,731	104,731
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]		
141	0604610N	LIGHTWEIGHT TORPEDO DEVELOPMENT .....	229,668	229,668	229,668	221,168
		Project 3418 testing ahead of need .....				[-8,500]
142	0604654N	JOINT SERVICE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	9,064	9,064	9,064	9,064
143	0604657M	USMC GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS— ENG DEV.	62,329	62,329	62,329	42,148
		OPF-M termination .....				[-20,181]
144	0604703N	PERSONNEL, TRAINING, SIMULATION, AND HUMAN FACTORS .....	9,319	9,319	9,319	9,319
145	0604727N	JOINT STANDOFF WEAPON SYSTEMS .....	1,964	1,964	1,964	1,964
146	0604755N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (DETECT & CONTROL) .....	158,426	158,426	158,426	158,426
147	0604756N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: HARD KILL) .....	47,492	52,492	47,492	47,492
		Ship Self Defense (Soft Kill) .....		[5,000]		
148	0604757N	SHIP SELF DEFENSE (ENGAGE: SOFT KILL/EW) .....	125,206	125,206	125,206	125,206
149	0604761N	INTELLIGENCE ENGINEERING .....	19,969	19,969	19,969	19,969
150	0604771N	MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT .....	6,061	6,061	6,061	6,061
151	0604777N	NAVIGATION/ID SYSTEM .....	45,262	45,262	45,262	45,262
154	0604850N	SSN(X) .....	361,582	361,582	361,582	321,828
		Unjustified growth—management and support costs .....				[-7,950]
		Unjustified growth—NSWC studies .....				[-13,804]
		Unjustified growth—shipbuilder studies .....				[-18,000]
155	0605013M	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	22,663	22,663	22,663	22,663
156	0605013N	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	282,138	283,138	282,138	283,138
		Cyber supply chain risk management .....		[1,000]		[1,000]
157	0605024N	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	8,340	8,340	8,340	8,340
158	0605180N	TACAMO MODERNIZATION .....	213,743	213,743	213,743	213,743
159	0605212M	CH-53K RDTE .....	222,288	222,288	222,288	222,288

160	0605215N	MISSION PLANNING .....	86,448	86,448	86,448	86,448	200,001	86,448
161	0605217N	COMMON AVIONICS .....	81,076	81,076	81,076	81,076	71	81,076
162	0605220N	SHIP TO SHORE CONNECTOR (SSC) .....	1,343	1,343	1,343	1,343	220,404	1,343
163	0605327N	T-AO 205 CLASS .....	71	71	71	71	220,404	71
164	0605414N	UNMANNED CARRIER AVIATION (UCA) .....	220,404	220,404	220,404	220,404	220,404	200,001
		Test excess to need due to EDM delays .....					[-20,403]	
165	0605450M	JOINT AIR-TO-GROUND MISSILE (JAGM) .....	384	384	384	384	384	384
166	0605500N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT (MMA) .....	36,027	36,027	36,027	36,027	36,027	36,027
167	0605504N	MULTI-MISSION MARITIME (MMA) INCREMENT III .....	132,449	132,449	132,449	132,449	132,449	132,449
168	0605611M	MARINE CORPS ASSAULT VEHICLES SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION.	103,236	103,236	103,236	103,236	103,236	103,236
169	0605813M	JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE (JLV) SYSTEM DEVELOP- MENT & DEMONSTRATION.	2,609	2,609	2,609	2,609	2,609	2,609
170	0204202N	DDG-1000 .....	231,778	231,778	231,778	231,778	231,778	223,444
		Prior year underexecution .....					[-8,334]	
171	0301377N	COUNTERING ADVANCED CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS (CACW)	17,531	17,531	17,531	17,531	17,531	17,531
172	0304785N	ISR & INFO OPERATIONS .....	174,271	174,271	174,271	174,271	174,271	174,271
173	0306250M	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	2,068	2,068	2,068	2,068	2,068	2,068
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION .....</b>	<b>6,962,234</b>	<b>7,061,102</b>	<b>7,061,102</b>	<b>6,975,234</b>	<b>-162,859</b>	<b>6,799,375</b>
174	0604256N	<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>						
175	0604258N	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	22,918	22,918	22,918	22,918	22,918	22,918
176	0604759N	TARGET SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	18,623	18,623	18,623	18,623	18,623	18,623
177	0605152N	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	74,221	74,221	74,221	74,221	74,221	74,221
178	0605154N	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—NAVY .....	3,229	3,229	3,229	3,229	3,229	3,229
180	0605804N	CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES .....	45,672	45,672	45,672	45,672	45,672	45,672
181	0605853N	TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICES .....	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
		MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT .....	124,328	131,828	131,828	124,328	124,328	124,328
		Program increase .....		[7,500]				
182	0605856N	STRATEGIC TECHNICAL SUPPORT .....	4,053	4,053	4,053	4,053	4,053	4,053
183	0605863N	RDT&E SHIP AND AIRCRAFT SUPPORT .....	203,447	203,447	203,447	203,447	203,447	203,447
184	0605864N	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	481,975	481,975	481,975	481,975	481,975	481,975

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		Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center improvements.			[3,000]	
185	0605865N	OPERATIONAL TEST AND EVALUATION CAPABILITY .....	29,399	29,399	29,399	29,399
186	0605866N	NAVY SPACE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE (SEW) SUPPORT .....	27,504	27,504	27,504	27,504
187	0605867N	SEW SURVEILLANCE/RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT .....	9,183	9,183	9,183	9,183
188	0605873M	MARINE CORPS PROGRAM WIDE SUPPORT .....	34,976	34,976	34,976	34,976
189	0605898N	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	41,331	41,331	41,331	41,331
190	0606355N	WARFARE INNOVATION MANAGEMENT .....	37,340	37,340	37,340	37,340
191	0305327N	INSIDER THREAT .....	2,246	2,246	2,246	2,246
192	0902498N	MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS (DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES).	2,168	2,168	2,168	2,168
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>1,163,613</b>	<b>1,171,113</b>	<b>1,166,613</b>	<b>1,163,613</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT</b>				
196	0604840M	F-35 C2D2 .....	544,625	507,125	544,625	-35,503
		TR-3/B4 Unplanned cost growth .....		[-37,500]		[-35,503]
197	0604840N	F-35 C2D2 .....	543,834	506,334	543,834	-31,568
		TR-3/B4 Unplanned cost growth .....		[-37,500]		[-31,568]
198	0605520M	MARINE CORPS AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS SYSTEMS .....	99,860	89,360	99,860	-10,500
		Slow expenditure .....		[-10,500]		[-10,500]
199	0607658N	COOPERATIVE ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY (CEC) .....	153,440	153,440	153,440	153,440
200	0101221N	STRATEGIC SUB & WEAPONS SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	321,648	321,648	331,648	321,648
		Fleet Ballistic Missile Strategic Weapon System .....			[10,000]	
201	0101224N	SSBN SECURITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	62,694	62,694	62,694	62,694
202	0101226N	SUBMARINE ACOUSTIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	92,869	92,869	92,869	92,869
203	0101402N	NAVY STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS .....	51,919	72,319	51,919	51,919
		Navy UPL—VIOLET - Navy Strategic Communications .....		[20,400]		

204	0204136N	F/A-18 SQUADRONS ..... Next generation naval mission planning system insufficient justification.	333,783	333,783	-12,000 [-12,000]	321,783
205	0204228N	SURFACE SUPPORT .....	8,619	8,619		8,619
206	0204229N	TOMAHAWK AND TOMAHAWK MISSION PLANNING CENTER (TMPC).	122,834	122,834		122,834
207	0204311N	INTEGRATED SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM .....	76,279	76,279		76,279
208	0204313N	SHIP-TOWED ARRAY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS .....	1,103	1,103		1,103
209	0204413N	AMPHIBIOUS TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS (DISPLACEMENT CRAFT).	1,991	1,991		1,991
210	0204460M	GROUND/AIR TASK ORIENTED RADAR (G/ATOR) .....	92,674	92,674	-8,600 [-8,600]	84,074
211	0204571N	Slow expenditure .....	115,894	115,894		115,894
212	0204575N	CONSOLIDATED TRAINING SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	61,677	61,677		61,677
213	0205601N	ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) READINESS SUPPORT .....	59,555	59,555		59,555
214	0205620N	ANTI-RADIATION MISSILE IMPROVEMENT .....	29,973	29,973		29,973
215	0205632N	SURFACE ASW COMBAT SYSTEM INTEGRATION .....	213,165	213,165		213,165
216	0205633N	AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS .....	143,277	143,277		143,277
217	0205675N	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS .....	152,546	152,546		152,546
218	0206313M	MARINE CORPS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS .....	192,625	192,625	-8,900 [-7,200]	183,725
219	0206335M	Marine Electromagnetic Warfare Ground Family of Systems Tactical Communication Modernization .....	12,565	12,565	[-1,700]	12,565
220	0206623M	COMMON AVIATION COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM (CAC2S).	83,900	83,900		83,900
221	0206624M	MARINE CORPS GROUND COMBAT/SUPPORTING ARMS SYSTEMS.	27,794	27,794		27,794
222	0206625M	MARINE CORPS COMBAT SERVICES SUPPORT .....	47,762	47,762		47,762
223	0206629M	USMC INTELLIGENCE/ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS (MIP).	373	373		373
224	0207161N	AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT VEHICLE .....	36,439	36,439		36,439
225	0207163N	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES .....	29,198	29,198		29,198
		ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM)				

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226	0208043N	PLANNING AND DECISION AID SYSTEM (PDAS) .....	3,565	3,565	3,565		3,565
230	0303138N	AFLOAT NETWORKS .....	49,995	49,995	49,995		49,995
231	0303140N	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	33,390	33,390	33,390		33,390
232	0305192N	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM (MIP) ACTIVITIES .....	7,304	7,304	7,304		7,304
233	0305204N	TACTICAL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES .....	11,235	11,235	11,235		11,235
234	0305205N	UAS INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY .....	16,409	16,409	16,409		16,409
235	0305208M	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	51,192	43,992	51,192		51,192
		Distributed Common Ground System Marine Corps (DCGS- MC).		[-7,200]			
236	0305220N	MQ-4C TRITON .....	12,094	12,094	12,094		12,094
237	0305231N	MQ-8 UAV .....	29,700	29,700	29,700		29,700
238	0305232M	RQ-11 UAV .....	2,107	2,107	2,107		2,107
239	0305234N	SMALL (LEVEL 0) TACTICAL UAS (STUASLO) .....	2,999	2,999	2,999		2,999
240	0305241N	MULTI-INTELLIGENCE SENSOR DEVELOPMENT .....	49,460	49,460	49,460		49,460
241	0305242M	UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS (UAS) PAYLOADS (MIP) .....	13,005	13,005	13,005		13,005
242	0305251N	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT .....	2,000	2,000	2,000		2,000
243	0305421N	RQ-4 MODERNIZATION .....	300,378	300,378	300,378		300,378
244	0307577N	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) .....	788	788	788		788
245	0308601N	MODELING AND SIMULATION SUPPORT .....	10,994	10,994	10,994		10,994
246	0702207N	DEPOT MAINTENANCE (NON-IF) .....	23,248	23,248	23,248		23,248
247	0708730N	MARITIME TECHNOLOGY (MARTECH) .....	3,284	3,284	3,284		3,284
9999	99999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	2,021,376	2,061,376	2,021,376		2,061,376
		INDOPACOM UPL .....		[40,000]			[40,000]
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>6,359,438</b>	<b>6,303,138</b>	<b>6,369,438</b>		<b>6,292,367</b>
		<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>					

249	0608013N	RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	11,748	11,748	11,748	11,748		
250	060823IN	MARITIME TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL (MTC2)—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	10,555	10,555	10,555	10,555		
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>22,303</b>	<b>22,303</b>	<b>22,303</b>	<b>22,303</b>		
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, NAVY .....</b>	<b>26,922,225</b>	<b>-930,632</b>	<b>255,000</b>	<b>-199,668</b>	<b>26,722,557</b>	
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, AF BASIC RESEARCH</b>						
001	0601102F	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	401,486	401,486	401,486		401,486	
002	0601103F	UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	182,372	186,872	182,372	[2,000]	182,372	
		UARC Advanced Research on Strategic Deterrence—TriPolar Game Theory.						
		University Consortium for Space Technology .....		[2,500]				
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>583,858</b>	<b>588,358</b>	<b>583,858</b>		<b>583,858</b>	
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>						
003	0602020F	FUTURE AF CAPABILITIES APPLIED RESEARCH .....	90,713	88,213	90,713		90,713	
		University Consortium for Space Technology .....		[-2,500]				
004	0602022F	UNIVERSITY AFFILIATED RESEARCH CENTER (UARC)—TACTICAL AUTONOMY.	8,018	8,018	8,018		8,018	
005	0602102F	MATERIALS .....	142,325	147,325	151,325	20,500	162,825	
		Advanced materials science for manufacturing research ...			[9,000]		[9,000]	
		High energy synchrotron x-ray research .....		[2,500]			[9,000]	
		Materials development for high mach capabilities .....		[2,500]			[2,500]	
006	0602201F	AEROSPACE VEHICLE TECHNOLOGIES .....	161,268	163,768	161,268	2,500	163,768	
007	0602202F	Aerospace engineering systems security integration .....	146,921	[2,500]	146,921	[2,500]	146,921	
		HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS APPLIED RESEARCH .....		144,421				
		Program decrease .....		[-2,500]				
008	0602203F	AEROSPACE PROPULSION .....	184,867	189,867	184,867	5,000	189,867	

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009	0602204F	High mach turbine engine .....		[5,000]		[5,000]	
011	0602298F	AEROSPACE SENSORS .....	216,269	216,269	216,269		216,269
		SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT— MAJOR HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.	10,303	10,303	10,303		10,303
012	0602602F	CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS .....	160,599	160,599	160,599		160,599
013	0602605F	DIRECTED ENERGY TECHNOLOGY .....	129,961	129,961	118,452	-11,509	118,452
		DAF requested realignment of funds to 6601SF .....			[-11,509]	[-11,509]	
014	0602788F	DOMINANT INFORMATION SCIENCES AND METHODS .....	182,076	178,567	220,076	48,000	230,076
		Distributed quantum information sciences networking testbed.			[5,000]	[5,000]	
		Future Flag experimentation testbed .....			[15,000]	[25,000]	
		Ion trapped quantum information sciences computer .....			[8,000]	[8,000]	
		JADC2 Operational Testbed .....		[5,000]			
		Multi-domain radio frequency spectrum testing environment.			[5,000]	[5,000]	
		Secure Interference Avoiding Connectivity of Autonomous AI Machines.		[3,000]			
		Secure interference-avoiding connectivity of autonomous artificially intelligent machines.			[5,000]	[5,000]	
		Technical realignment .....		[-11,509]			
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>1,433,320</b>	<b>1,437,311</b>	<b>1,468,811</b>	<b>64,491</b>	<b>1,497,811</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>					
015	0603032F	FUTURE AF INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY DEMOS .....	255,855	230,855	213,655	-42,200	213,655
		Program reduction .....			[-42,200]	[-42,200]	
016	0603112F	Rocket Cargo early to need .....	30,372	[-25,000]	30,372		30,372
		ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR WEAPON SYSTEMS .....		32,872			

017	0603199F	Metals Affordability Initiative .....	[2,500]	10,478	10,478	10,478	10,478		
018	0603203F	SUSTAINMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (S&T) .....	10,478	48,046	48,046	48,046	48,046		10,478
019	0603211F	ADVANCED AEROSPACE SENSORS .....	48,046	51,896	48,046	51,896	48,046	-2,200	45,846
020	0603216F	Multi-spectrum sensing demonstration excess to need .....	57,896	56,789	57,896	56,789	57,896	[7,500]	71,896
021	0603270F	AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY DEV/DEMO .....	[6,000]	56,789	56,789	56,789	56,789	[12,500]	56,789
022	0603275F	Hybrid Electric Propulsion .....	59,289	32,510	32,510	32,510	32,510		32,510
023	0603444F	Semiautonomous adversary air platform .....	[2,500]	70,321	70,321	70,321	70,321		70,321
024	0603456F	AEROSPACE PROPULSION AND POWER TECHNOLOGY .....	32,510	15,593	15,593	15,593	15,593		15,593
025	0603601F	Additive manufacturing for energetics .....	32,510	2	2	2	2		2
026	0603605F	ELECTRONIC COMBAT TECHNOLOGY .....	70,321	15,593	15,593	15,593	15,593		15,593
027	0603680F	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY FOR NUCLEAR RE-ENTRY SYSTEMS .....	70,321	132,311	132,311	132,311	132,311		132,311
028	0603788F	MAUI SPACE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (MSSS) .....	2	102,997	102,997	102,997	102,997		92,997
029	0207412F	HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	15,593	44,422	44,422	44,422	44,422		51,922
030	0603036F	CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY .....	132,311	102,997	102,997	102,997	102,997	-10,000	92,997
031	0603260F	ADVANCED WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY .....	92,997	49,422	49,422	49,422	49,422	[7,500]	51,922
032	0603742F	Excessive cost growth .....	[10,000]	37,779	37,779	37,779	37,779	[2,500]	40,279
		MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM .....	46,922	2,005	2,005	2,005	2,005	[2,500]	2,005
		Additive manufacturing for aerospace parts .....	44,422	891,376	891,376	891,376	891,376	-24,400	866,976
		High accuracy robotics .....	[2,500]	37,779	37,779	37,779	37,779	2,500	40,279
		BATTLESPACE KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION .....	40,279	2,005	2,005	2,005	2,005	[2,500]	2,005
		Modeling and simulation conversion software .....	[2,500]	872,376	872,376	872,376	872,376		866,976
		CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC) .....	2,005	105,238	105,238	105,238	105,238		105,238
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>891,376</b>	<b>891,376</b>	<b>891,376</b>	<b>891,376</b>	<b>891,376</b>	<b>-24,400</b>	<b>866,976</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PROTOTYPES</b>							
		MODULAR ADVANCED MISSILE .....	105,238	6,237	6,237	6,237	6,237		6,237
		Program decrease .....	[105,238]	21,298	21,298	21,298	21,298		21,298
		INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	6,237						
		COMBAT IDENTIFICATION TECHNOLOGY .....	21,298						





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073	0808737F	INTEGRATED PRIMARY PREVENTION .....	9,364	9,364	9,364		9,364
074	0901410F	CONTRACTING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM .....	28,294	28,294	28,294		28,294
075	1206415F	U.S. SPACE COMMAND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT.	14,892	14,892	14,892		14,892
075A	0605057F	NEXT GENERATION AIR-REFUELING SYSTEM .....		7,928		7,928	7,928
		Technical realignment .....		[7,928]		[7,928]	
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PRO-TOTYPES.</b>	<b>9,859,030</b>	<b>9,202,217</b>	<b>9,742,927</b>	<b>-69,577</b>	<b>9,789,453</b>
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b>							
076	0604200F	FUTURE ADVANCED WEAPON ANALYSIS & PROGRAMS .....	9,757	34,757	9,757	8,000	17,757
		RAACM .....		[15,000]		[5,000]	
		Stand-Off Attack Weapon Technology .....		[10,000]		[3,000]	
077	0604201F	PNT RESILIENCY, MODS, AND IMPROVEMENTS .....	163,156	163,156	163,156		163,156
078	0604222F	NUCLEAR WEAPONS SUPPORT .....	45,884	45,884	45,884		45,884
079	0604270F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE DEVELOPMENT .....	13,804	13,804	13,804		13,804
080	0604281F	TACTICAL DATA NETWORKS ENTERPRISE .....	74,023	79,023	79,023	5,000	79,023
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....			[5,000]	[5,000]	
		Technical realignment .....		[5,000]			
081	0604287F	PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT .....	10,605	10,605	10,605		10,605
082	0604602F	ARMAMENT/ORDNANCE DEVELOPMENT .....	5,918	5,918	5,918		5,918
083	0604604F	SUBMUNITIONS .....	3,345	3,345	3,345		3,345
084	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT .....	21,967	21,967	21,967		21,967
085	0604706F	LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS .....	39,301	39,301	39,301		39,301
086	0604735F	COMBAT TRAINING RANGES .....	152,569	152,569	152,569		152,569
087	0604932F	LONG RANGE STANDOFF WEAPON .....	911,406	891,406	891,406	-20,000	891,406
		DAF realignment of funds .....			[-20,000]	[-20,000]	



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106	0804772F	TRAINING DEVELOPMENTS .....	1,922	1,922	1,922	1,922
106A	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR .....		428,754		428,754
		Technical realignment .....		[428,754]		[428,754]
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION .....</b>	<b>6,481,731</b>	<b>6,846,307</b>	<b>6,439,081</b>	<b>305,805</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>				
107	0604256F	THREAT SIMULATOR DEVELOPMENT .....	16,626	16,626	16,626	16,626
108	0604759F	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT .....	31,143	31,143	31,143	31,143
109	0605101F	RAND PROJECT AIR FORCE .....	38,398	38,398	38,398	38,398
110	0605502F	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH .....	1,466	1,466	1,466	1,466
111	0605712F	INITIAL OPERATIONAL TEST & EVALUATION .....	13,736	13,736	13,736	13,736
112	0605807F	TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	913,213	946,026	946,026	32,813
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[32,813]		[32,813]
		Technical realignment .....		[32,813]		
113	0605827F	ACQ WORKFORCE- GLOBAL VIG & COMBAT SYS .....	317,901	317,901	317,901	317,901
114	0605828F	ACQ WORKFORCE- GLOBAL REACH .....	541,677	545,677	541,677	541,677
		Aircraft Cannon Digital Modeling .....		[4,000]		
115	0605829F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CYBER, NETWORK, & BUS SYS .....	551,213	546,513	536,513	-14,700
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[10,000]		[10,000]
		Department of Defense software factories .....		[10,000]		
		Technical realignment .....		[10,000]		
117	0605831F	ACQ WORKFORCE- CAPABILITY INTEGRATION .....	243,780	273,780	273,780	30,000
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[30,000]		[30,000]
		Technical realignment .....		[30,000]		
118	0605832F	ACQ WORKFORCE- ADVANCED PRGM TECHNOLOGY .....	109,030	77,030	77,030	-32,000
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[32,000]		[32,000]
		Technical realignment .....		[32,000]		

119	0605833F	ACQ WORKFORCE- NUCLEAR SYSTEMS .....	336,788	336,788	336,788	336,788			
120	0605898F	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	5,005	6,705	6,705	1,700			6,705
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....			[1,700]	[1,700]			
		Technical realignment .....							
121	0605976F	FACILITIES RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION—TEST AND EVALUATION SUPPORT .....	87,889	87,889	87,889				87,889
122	0605978F	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT—TEST AND EVALUATION SUP- PORT .....	35,065	35,065	35,065				35,065
123	0606017F	REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS AND MATURATION .....	89,956	89,956	89,956				89,956
124	0606398F	MANAGEMENT HQ—T&E .....	7,453	7,453	7,453				7,453
126	0303255F	COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATION, AND COMPUTERS (C4)—STRATCOM .....	20,871	30,871	40,871	25,000			45,871
		NC3 network sensor demonstration .....			[10,000]	[15,000]			
		NC3 Rapid Engineering Architecture Collaboration Hub (REACH) .....			[10,000]	[10,000]			
		NC3 STRATCOM .....		[10,000]					
127	0308602F	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION SERVICES (EIS) .....	100,357	100,357	100,357				100,357
128	0702806F	ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....	20,478	20,478	20,478				20,478
129	0804731F	GENERAL SKILL TRAINING .....	796	796	6,796				796
		Security Work Readiness for Duty .....			[6,000]				
132	1001004F	INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES .....	3,917	3,917	3,917				3,917
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>3,486,758</b>	<b>3,528,571</b>	<b>3,530,571</b>	<b>42,813</b>			<b>3,529,571</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT</b>							
134	0604233F	SPECIALIZED UNDERGRADUATE FLIGHT TRAINING .....	41,464	41,464	41,464				40,282
		T-6 avionics replacement program delay .....							
135	0604283F	BATTLE MGMT COM & CTRL SENSOR DEVELOPMENT .....	40,000	5,000	40,000				40,000
		ARSR-4 Replacement Hawai'i Radar .....							
136	0604445F	WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE .....	8,018	8,018	8,018				8,018
137	0604617F	AGILE COMBAT SUPPORT .....	5,645	5,645	5,645				5,645
139	0604840F	F-35 C2D2 .....	1,275,268	1,185,268	1,270,268				1,268,275
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....							

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		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]		[-1,993]
		Technical realignment .....		[-5,000]		
		TR-3/B4 Unplanned cost growth .....		[-75,000]		
140	0605018F	AF INTEGRATED PERSONNEL AND PAY SYSTEM (AF-IPPS) ...	40,203	40,203	40,203	40,203
141	0605024F	ANTI-TAMPER TECHNOLOGY EXECUTIVE AGENCY .....	49,613	49,613	49,613	49,613
142	0605117F	FOREIGN MATERIEL ACQUISITION AND EXPLOITATION .....	93,881	93,881	93,881	93,881
143	0605278F	HC/MC-130 RECAP RDT&E .....	36,536	11,536	36,536	11,536
		Excess to need .....		[-5,000]		[-25,000]
		Program decrease .....		[-20,000]		[-5,000]
144	0606018F	NC3 INTEGRATION .....	22,910	22,910	22,910	22,910
145	0101113F	B-52 SQUADRONS .....	950,815	921,832	964,832	944,193
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....			[14,017]	[14,017]
		Scheduling delays .....		[-43,000]		[-20,639]
		Technical realignment .....		[14,017]		
146	0101122F	AIR-LAUNCHED CRUISE MISSILE (ALCM) .....	290	290	290	290
147	0101126F	B-1B SQUADRONS .....	12,619	12,619	12,619	12,619
148	0101127F	B-2 SQUADRONS .....	87,623	87,623	87,623	87,623
149	0101213F	MINUTEMAN SQUADRONS .....	33,237	43,237	33,237	43,237
		Legacy Weapons Software Translation/Modernization .....		[5,000]		10,000
		Multi-Domain Command and Control Tool .....		[5,000]		[5,000]
150	0101316F	WORLDWIDE JOINT STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS .....	24,653	24,653	24,653	24,653
151	0101318F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO STRATCOM—GLOBAL STRIKE .....	7,562	7,562	7,562	7,562
153	0101328F	ICBM REENTRY VEHICLES .....	475,415	475,415	475,415	475,415
155	0102110F	MH-139A .....	25,737	25,737	25,737	25,737
156	0102326F	REGION/SECTOR OPERATION CONTROL CENTER MOD-ERNIZATION PROGRAM .....	831	831	831	831
157	0102412F	NORTH WARNING SYSTEM (NWS) .....	102	102	102	102

158	0102417F	OVER-THE-HORIZON BACKSCATTER RADAR .....	428,754	35,000	428,754	-393,754	35,000
		NORTHCOM UPL—Over the Horizon Radar Acceleration .....		[35,000]		[35,000]	
		Technical realignment .....		[-428,754]		[-428,754]	
159	0202834F	VEHICLES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT—GENERAL .....	15,498	19,498	19,498	4,000	19,498
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....			[4,000]	[4,000]	
		Technical realignment .....		[4,000]			
160	0205219F	MQ-9 UAV .....	81,123	81,123	81,123		81,123
161	0205671F	JOINT COUNTER RCIED ELECTRONIC WARFARE .....	2,303	2,303	2,303		2,303
162	0207040F	MULTI-PLATFORM ELECTRONIC WARFARE EQUIPMENT .....	7,312	7,312	7,312		7,312
164	0207133F	F-16 SQUADRONS .....	98,633	139,233	98,633	40,600	139,233
		NEWS restoration .....		[40,600]		[40,600]	
165	0207134F	F-15E SQUADRONS .....	50,965	50,965	50,965		50,965
166	0207136F	MANNED DESTRUCTIVE SUPPRESSION .....	16,543	16,543	16,543		16,543
167	0207138F	F-22A SQUADRONS .....	725,889	740,889	725,889	15,000	740,889
		Cyber Resiliency .....		[15,000]		[15,000]	
168	0207142F	F-35 SQUADRONS .....	97,231	107,231	97,231		97,231
		Operational Test Data Sharing .....		[10,000]		[10,000]	
169	0207146F	F-15EX .....	100,006	100,006	100,006		100,006
170	0207161F	TACTICAL AIM MISSILES .....	41,958	41,958	41,958		41,958
171	0207163F	ADVANCED MEDIUM RANGE AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AMRAAM) .....	53,679	53,679	53,679		53,679
172	0207227F	COMBAT RESCUE—PARARESCUE .....	726	726	726		726
173	0207238F	E-11A .....	64,888	64,888	64,888		64,888
174	0207247F	AF TENCAP .....	25,749	25,749	25,749		25,749
175	0207249F	PRECISION ATTACK SYSTEMS PROCUREMENT .....	11,872	11,872	11,872		11,872
176	0207253F	COMPASS CALL .....	66,932	66,932	66,932		66,932
177	0207268F	AIRCRAFT ENGINE COMPONENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ..	55,223	65,223	55,223	5,000	60,223
		Additive manufacturing expansion .....		[10,000]		[5,000]	
178	0207325F	JOINT AIR-TO-SURFACE STANDOFF MISSILE (JASSM) .....	132,937	132,937	132,937		132,937
179	0207327F	SMALL DIAMETER BOMB (SDB) .....	37,518	49,518	37,518	3,000	40,518
		GLSDB Maritime Seeker .....		[12,000]		[3,000]	
180	0207410F	AIR & SPACE OPERATIONS CENTER (AOC) .....	72,059	72,059	72,059		72,059
181	0207412F	CONTROL AND REPORTING CENTER (CRC) .....	17,498	17,498	17,498		17,498

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183	0207418F	AFSPECWAR—TACP .....	2,106	2,106	2,106		2,106
185	0207431F	COMBAT AIR INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM ACTIVITIES .....	72,010	72,010	72,010		72,010
186	0207438F	THEATER BATTLE MANAGEMENT (TBM) C4I .....	6,467	6,467	6,467		6,467
187	0207439F	ELECTRONIC WARFARE INTEGRATED REPROGRAMMING (EWIR) .....	10,388	10,388	10,388		10,388
188	0207444F	TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY-MOD .....	10,060	10,060	10,060		10,060
189	0207452F	DCAPES .....	8,233	8,233	8,233		8,233
190	0207521F	AIR FORCE CALIBRATION PROGRAMS .....	2,172	2,172	2,172		2,172
192	0207573F	NATIONAL TECHNICAL NUCLEAR FORENSICS .....	2,049	2,049	2,049		2,049
193	0207590F	SEEK EAGLE .....	33,478	33,478	33,478		33,478
195	0207605F	WARGAMING AND SIMULATION CENTERS .....	11,894	11,894	11,894		11,894
197	0207697F	DISTRIBUTED TRAINING AND EXERCISES .....	3,811	3,811	3,811		3,811
198	0208006F	MISSION PLANNING SYSTEMS .....	96,272	96,272	96,272		96,272
199	0208007F	TACTICAL DECEPTION .....	26,533	26,533	26,533		26,533
201	0208087F	DISTRIBUTED CYBER WARFARE OPERATIONS .....	50,122	50,122	50,122		50,122
202	0208088F	AF DEFENSIVE CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	113,064	113,064	113,064		113,064
208	0208288F	INTEL DATA APPLICATIONS .....	967	967	967		967
209	0301025F	GEOBASE .....	1,514	1,514	1,514		1,514
211	0301113F	CYBER SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT .....	8,476	8,476	8,476		8,476
218	0301401F	AF MULTI-DOMAIN NON-TRADITIONAL ISR BATTLESPACE AWARENESS .....	2,890	2,890	3,390		2,890
		Military Cyber Cooperation Activities with the Kingdom of Jordan .....			[500]		
219	0302015F	E-4B NATIONAL AIRBORNE OPERATIONS CENTER (NAOC) ..	39,868	39,868	39,868		39,868
220	0303004F	EIT CONNECT .....	32,900	32,900	32,900		32,900
221	0303089F	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS SYSTEMS .....	4,881	4,881	4,881		4,881

222	0303131F	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET- WORK (MEECN).	33,567	33,567	33,567	33,567
223	0303133F	HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO SYSTEMS .....	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
		Program support costs unjustified request .....			-5,000	
224	0303140F	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	95,523	95,523	95,523	95,523
226	0303248F	ALL DOMAIN COMMON PLATFORM .....	71,296	71,296	71,296	71,296
		Insufficient justification .....			[-15,000]	
227	0303260F	JOINT MILITARY DECEPTION INITIATIVE .....	4,682	4,682	4,682	4,682
228	0304100F	STRATEGIC MISSION PLANNING & EXECUTION SYSTEM (SMPE).	64,944	64,944	64,944	64,944
230	0304260F	AIRBORNE SIGINT ENTERPRISE .....	108,947	108,947	108,947	108,947
		Underexecution .....			-2,202	
231	0304310F	COMMERCIAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS .....	4,635	4,635	4,635	4,635
234	0305015F	C2 AIR OPERATIONS SUITE—C2 INFO SERVICES .....	13,751	13,751	13,751	13,751
235	0305020F	CCMD INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY .....	1,660	1,660	1,660	1,660
236	0305022F	ISR MODERNIZATION & AUTOMATION DVMT (IMAD) .....	18,680	18,680	18,680	13,570
		Unjustified growth .....			-5,110	
237	0305099F	GLOBAL AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT (GATM) .....	5,031	5,031	5,031	5,031
238	0305103F	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	301	301	301	301
239	0305111F	WEATHER SERVICE .....	26,329	26,329	26,329	35,329
		Weather service data migration .....			9,000	
240	0305114F	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, APPROACH, AND LANDING SYSTEM (ATCAL).	8,751	8,751	8,751	8,751
241	0305116F	AERIAL TARGETS .....	6,915	6,915	6,915	6,915
244	0305128F	SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES .....	352	352	352	352
245	0305146F	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	6,930	6,930	6,930	6,930
246	0305179F	INTEGRATED BROADCAST SERVICE (IBS) .....	21,588	21,588	21,588	21,588
247	0305202F	DRAGON U-2 .....	16,842	16,842	16,842	16,842
248	0305206F	AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS .....	43,158	43,158	43,158	43,158
249	0305207F	MANNED RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEMS .....	14,330	14,330	14,330	14,330
250	0305208F	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	88,854	88,854	88,854	88,854
251	0305220F	RQ-4 UAV .....	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242

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252	0305221F	NETWORK-CENTRIC COLLABORATIVE TARGETING .....	12,496	12,496	12,496	12,496
253	0305238F	NATO AGS .....	2	2	2	2
254	0305240F	SUPPORT TO DCGS ENTERPRISE .....	31,589	31,589	31,589	31,589
255	0305600F	INTERNATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURES.	15,322	15,322	15,322	15,322
256	0305881F	RAPID CYBER ACQUISITION .....	8,830	8,830	8,830	8,830
257	0305984F	PERSONNEL RECOVERY COMMAND & CTRL (PRC2) .....	2,764	2,764	2,764	2,764
258	0307577F	INTELLIGENCE MISSION DATA (IMD) .....	7,090	7,090	7,090	7,090
259	0401115F	C-130 AIRLIFT SQUADRON .....	5,427	23,427	5,427	5,427
260	0401119F	C-130H Link-16 MIDS-JTR Terminal .....	29,502	[18,000]	29,502	28,286
261	0401130F	C-17 AIRCRAFT (IF) .....	2,753	48,753	2,753	2,753
262	0401132F	C-17A Modernized High Frequency Radio .....	19,100	[16,000]	19,100	19,100
263	0401134F	C-17A Tactical Data Link .....	5,982	[30,000]	5,982	5,982
264	0401218F	C-130J PROGRAM .....	51,105	69,400	51,105	49,522
265	0401318F	C-130J Global Secure Data and Voice Comm .....	18,127	[26,700]	18,127	18,127
266	0408011F	C-130J Tactical Data Link/BLOS Secure Data .....	9,198	[18,600]	9,198	9,198
268	0708610F	Test and evaluate load alleviation components .....	17,520	15,000	17,520	17,520
269	0801380F	LARGE AIRCRAFT IR COUNTERMEASURES (LAIRCIM) .....	25,144	5,982	25,144	25,144
270	0804743F	KC-135S .....	2,265	51,105	2,265	2,265
		Comm 2 early to need .....				
		CV-22 .....		18,127	18,127	18,127
		SPECIAL TACTICS / COMBAT CONTROL .....		9,198	9,198	9,198
		LOGISTICS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (LOGIT) .....		17,520	17,520	17,520
		AF LVC OPERATIONAL TRAINING (LVC-OT) .....		25,144	25,144	25,144
		OTHER FLIGHT TRAINING .....		2,265	2,265	2,265

272	0901202F	JOINT PERSONNEL RECOVERY AGENCY .....	2,266	2,266	2,266	2,266	2,266	
273	0901218F	CIVILIAN COMPENSATION PROGRAM .....	4,006	4,006	4,006	4,006	4,006	
274	0901220F	PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION .....	3,078	3,078	3,078	3,078	3,078	
275	0901226F	AIR FORCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS AGENCY .....	5,309	5,309	5,309	5,309	5,309	
		Modeling and simulation development excess growth .....						-3,000
276	0901538F	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	4,279	4,279	4,279	4,279	4,279	[-3,000]
277	0901554F	DEFENSE ENTERPRISE ACNTING AND MGT SYS (DEAMS) .....	45,925	45,925	45,925	45,925	45,925	
278	1202140F	SERVICE SUPPORT TO SPACECOM ACTIVITIES .....	9,778	9,778	9,778	9,778	9,778	
9999	99999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	16,814,245	16,799,508	16,814,245	16,814,245	16,587,427	-226,818
		Classified adjustment .....						[-212,081]
		Program justification review .....						[-14,737]
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>23,829,283</b>	<b>23,442,709</b>	<b>23,851,800</b>	<b>23,851,800</b>	<b>23,237,403</b>	<b>-591,880</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, AF .....</b>	<b>46,565,356</b>	<b>-647,507</b>	<b>-84,132</b>	<b>-84,132</b>	<b>46,292,608</b>	<b>-272,748</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, SF</b>						
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>						
004	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY .....	206,196	286,584	350,663	350,663	292,584	86,388
		Advanced analog microelectronics .....		[5,000]	[8,600]	[8,600]	[3,000]	[3,000]
		Advanced isotope power systems .....			[5,000]	[5,000]	[3,000]	[3,000]
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....			[84,397]	[84,397]	[72,888]	[72,888]
		Ground-based interferometry .....			[16,000]	[16,000]		
		Lunar surface-based domain awareness .....			[5,000]	[5,000]		
		Solar cruiser .....			[10,000]	[10,000]		
		Space modeling, simulation, and analysis hub .....						[7,500]
		Technical realignment .....		[72,888]				
		University Consortium for Space Technology .....		[2,500]				
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>206,196</b>	<b>286,584</b>	<b>350,663</b>	<b>350,663</b>	<b>292,584</b>	<b>86,388</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>						



017	1206438SF	Underexecution .....	58,374	58,374	58,374	58,374	58,374	58,374	
018	1206458SF	SPACE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY .....	164,649	164,649	179,649	164,649	164,649	164,649	
		TECH TRANSITION (SPACE) .....			[15,000]				
		Encouraging the establishment of the outernet .....							
019	1206730SF	SPACE SECURITY AND DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	59,784	59,784	59,784	59,784	59,784	59,784	
020	1206760SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL ENTERPRISE SERVICE (PTES) .....	76,554	76,554	76,554	76,554	76,554	76,554	
021	1206761SF	PROTECTED TACTICAL SERVICE (PTS) .....	360,126	360,126	360,126	360,126	360,126	355,826	
		Unjustified request—management services .....						-4,300	
		EVOLVED STRATEGIC SATCOM (ESS) .....	632,833	632,833	632,833	632,833	632,833	632,833	
022	1206855SF	SPACE RAPID CAPABILITIES OFFICE .....	12,036	12,036	12,036	12,036	12,036	12,036	
023	1206857SF	Machine Learning Techniques for Radio Frequency (RF) Signal Monitoring and Interference Detection. ....			[10,000]				
024	1206862SF	TACTICALLY RESPONSE SPACE .....	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
		Program increase .....			[20,000]			20,000	
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PRO-</b>	<b>4,229,146</b>	<b>4,229,146</b>	<b>4,220,646</b>	<b>4,209,146</b>	<b>4,220,646</b>	<b>4,160,373</b>	
		<b>TOTYPES.</b>						<b>-68,773</b>	
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b>									
025	1203269SF	GPS III FOLLOW-ON (GPS III F) .....	308,999	308,999	308,999	308,999	308,999	308,999	
027	1206421SF	COUNTERSPACE SYSTEMS .....	36,537	36,537	36,537	36,537	36,537	36,537	
028	1206422SF	WEATHER SYSTEM FOLLOW-ON .....	79,727	79,727	79,727	79,727	79,727	78,127	
		Unjustified increase—management services .....						-1,600	
029	1206425SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS SYSTEMS .....	372,827	372,827	372,827	372,827	372,827	372,827	
030	1206431SF	ADVANCED EHF MILSATCOM (SPACE) .....	4,068	4,068	4,068	4,068	4,068	4,068	
031	1206432SF	POLAR MILSATCOM (SPACE) .....	73,757	73,757	73,757	73,757	73,757	73,757	
032	1206433SF	WIDEBAND GLOBAL SATCOM (SPACE) .....	49,445	49,445	49,445	49,445	49,445	47,245	
		Underexecution .....						-2,200	
033	1206440SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GROUND .....	661,367	661,367	661,367	661,367	661,367	638,267	
		Underexecution .....						-23,100	
034	1206442SF	NEXT GENERATION OPIR .....	222,178	222,178	222,178	222,178	222,178	217,178	
		Underexecution .....						-5,000	
035	1206443SF	NEXT-GEN OPIR—GEO .....	719,731	719,731	719,731	719,731	719,731	715,466	

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036	1206444SF	Unjustified increase—management services .....					
		NEXT-GEN OPIR—POLAR .....	1,013,478	1,013,478	1,013,478	[-4,265]	1,010,213
		Unjustified increase—management services .....					
037	1206445SF	COMMERCIAL SATCOM (COMSATCOM) INTEGRATION .....	73,501	73,501	73,501	[-3,265]	73,501
038	1206446SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO). .....	1,266,437	1,519,222	1,519,222	252,785	1,519,222
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....					
		Technical realignment .....		[252,785]	[252,785]	[252,785]	
039	1206447SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO). .....	538,208	790,992	790,992	252,784	790,992
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....					
		Technical realignment .....		[252,784]	[252,784]	[252,784]	
040	1206448SF	RESILIENT MISSILE WARNING MISSILE TRACKING—INTEGRATED GROUND SEGMENT. .....	505,569			-505,569	
		DAF requested realignment of funds to 6446SF .....					
		DAF requested realignment of funds to 6447SF .....					
		Technical realignment .....		[-505,569]	[-252,784]	[-252,784]	
041	1206853SF	NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE)—EMD. ....	82,188	92,188	82,188	10,000	92,188
		Launch capability development .....					
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b> .....	<b>6,008,017</b>	<b>6,018,017</b>	<b>6,008,017</b>	<b>[-29,430]</b>	<b>5,978,587</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b> .....					
043	1203622SF	SPACE WARFIGHTING ANALYSIS .....	3,568	3,568	3,568		3,568
046	1206392SF	ACQ WORKFORCE—SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS .....	258,969	276,500	276,500	17,531	276,500
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....					
		Technical realignment .....		[17,531]	[17,531]	[17,531]	

047	1206398SF	SPACE & MISSILE SYSTEMS CENTER—MHA .....	13,694	15,053	15,053	1,359	15,053	15,053
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[1,359]	[1,359]	[1,359]		
		Technical realignment .....						
048	1206601SF	SPACE TECHNOLOGY .....	91,778			-91,778		
		DAF requested realignment of funds .....						
		Technical realignment .....						
049	1206759SF	MAJOR T&E INVESTMENT—SPACE .....	146,797					146,797
050	1206860SF	ROCKET SYSTEMS LAUNCH PROGRAM (SPACE) .....	18,023					18,023
052	1206864SF	SPACE TEST PROGRAM (STP) .....	30,192					30,192
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT .....</b>	<b>563,021</b>	<b>490,133</b>	<b>490,133</b>	<b>-72,888</b>		<b>490,133</b>
		<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT</b>						
055	1203001SF	FAMILY OF ADVANCED BLOS TERMINALS (FAB-T) .....	91,369					91,369
056	1203040SF	DCO-SPACE .....	76,003					76,003
057	1203109SF	NARROWBAND SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS .....	230,785					221,335
		Inadequate justification—management services .....						
058	1203110SF	SATELLITE CONTROL NETWORK (SPACE) .....	86,465					84,365
		Underexecution .....						
059	1203154SF	LONG RANGE KILL CHAINS .....	243,036					243,036
061	1203173SF	SPACE AND MISSILE TEST AND EVALUATION CENTER .....	22,039					22,039
062	1203174SF	SPACE INNOVATION, INTEGRATION AND RAPID TECH- NOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	41,483					43,483
		Accelerating Space Operators Education and Experiential Learning.						
063	1203182SF	SPACELIFT RANGE SYSTEM (SPACE) .....	11,175					11,175
065	1203330SF	SPACE SUPERIORITY ISR .....	28,730					28,730
067	1203873SF	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE RADARS .....	20,752					28,752
		Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack Characterization Sys- tem (PARCS) radar.						
068	1203906SF	NCMC—TW/AA SYSTEM .....	25,545					25,545
069	1203913SF	NUDET DETECTION SYSTEM (SPACE) .....	93,391					93,391
070	1203940SF	SPACE SITUATION AWARENESS OPERATIONS .....	264,966					264,966

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071	1206423SF	GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM III—OPERATIONAL CONTROL SEGMENT.	317,309	271,909	317,309	-45,400	271,909
		Excess to need .....		[-45,400]		[-45,400]	
075	1206770SF	ENTERPRISE GROUND SERVICES .....	155,825	155,825	155,825		155,825
076	1208053SF	JOINT TACTICAL GROUND SYSTEM .....	14,568	14,568	14,568		14,568
9999	99999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	5,764,667	6,100,667	6,225,367	593,700	6,358,367
		DCO-S .....		[43,000]		[43,000]	
		Space Force realignment of funds for classified program		[270,000]		[270,000]	
		Space Force Unfunded Priorities List Classified Program B		[83,000]		[83,000]	
		Space Force Unfunded Priorities List Classified Program C		[53,000]		[53,000]	
		Space Force Unfunded Priorities List Classified Program D		[54,700]		[54,700]	
		USSF UPL—Classified program B .....		[83,000]			
		USSF UPL—Classified program C .....		[53,000]			
		USSF UPL—Classified program D .....		[67,000]			
		USSF UPL—Classified program F .....		[90,000]		[90,000]	
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>7,488,108</b>	<b>7,781,208</b>	<b>7,956,808</b>	<b>546,750</b>	<b>8,034,858</b>
		<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>					
078	1208248SF	SPACE COMMAND & CONTROL—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM.	122,326	122,326	122,326		122,326
		<b>SUBTOTAL SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS.</b>	<b>122,326</b>	<b>122,326</b>	<b>122,326</b>		<b>122,326</b>
		<b>TOTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, SF .....</b>	<b>19,199,340</b>	<b>352,109</b>	<b>584,779</b>	<b>502,576</b>	<b>19,701,916</b>
		<b>RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST &amp; EVAL, DW</b>					
		<b>BASIC RESEARCH</b>					

001	0601000BR	DTRA BASIC RESEARCH .....	14,761	14,761	14,761	14,761	14,761
002	0601101E	DEFENSE RESEARCH SCIENCES .....	311,531	316,531	311,531	311,531	311,531
		Research Security Consortium .....		[5,000]			
003	060110808Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	16,329	16,329	16,329	16,329	16,329
004	060111008Z	BASIC RESEARCH INITIATIVES .....	71,783	71,783	96,783	91,783	91,783
		Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) .....			[25,000]	20,000	[20,000]
005	0601117E	BASIC OPERATIONAL MEDICAL RESEARCH SCIENCE .....	50,430	50,430	50,430	50,430	50,430
006	060112008Z	NATIONAL DEFENSE EDUCATION PROGRAM .....	159,549	164,549	169,549	162,549	162,549
		Enhanced civics education program .....			[10,000]	3,000	
007	060122808Z	HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES/MI- NORITY INSTITUTIONS .....	100,467	125,467	100,467	150,000	150,000
		Program increase .....		[25,000]		[3,000]	[49,533]
008	0601384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	36,235	36,235	36,235	36,235	36,235
		<b>SUBTOTAL BASIC RESEARCH</b> .....	<b>761,085</b>	<b>796,085</b>	<b>796,085</b>	<b>72,533</b>	<b>833,618</b>
		<b>APPLIED RESEARCH</b>					
009	060200008Z	JOINT MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY .....	19,157	19,157	19,157	19,157	19,157
010	0602115E	BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY .....	141,081	131,081	141,081	131,081	131,081
		Program decrease .....		[-10,000]			[-10,000]
011	060212808Z	PROMOTION AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES .....	3,219	3,219	3,219	3,219	3,219
012	060223008Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION .....	55,160	40,160	55,160	40,160	40,160
		Realignment .....		[-15,000]			[-15,000]
013	060223408Z	LINCOLN LABORATORY RESEARCH PROGRAM .....	46,858	46,858	46,858	46,858	46,858
014	0602251D8Z	APPLIED RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF S&T PRI- ORITIES .....	66,866	66,866	66,866	66,866	66,866
015	0602303E	INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY .....	333,029	333,029	333,029	333,029	333,029
017	0602384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	240,610	240,610	240,610	240,610	240,610
018	060266808Z	CYBER SECURITY RESEARCH .....	17,437	19,937	20,437	25,437	25,437
		Pacific Intelligence and Innovation Initiative .....		[2,500]		8,000	[5,000]
		Semiconductor industry cybersecurity research .....				[3,000]	[3,000]

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019	0602675D8Z	SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY .....	4,718	4,718	4,718	4,718
020	0602702E	TACTICAL TECHNOLOGY .....	234,549	214,549	234,549	214,549
		Program decrease .....		[-20,000]		[-20,000]
021	0602715E	MATERIALS AND BIOLOGICAL TECHNOLOGY .....	344,986	344,986	344,986	344,986
022	0602716E	ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY .....	572,662	572,662	572,662	572,662
023	06027188R	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION APPLIED RE- SEARCH.	208,870	193,870	208,870	208,870
		Program decrease .....		[-15,000]		
024	0602751D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE (SEI) APPLIED RE- SEARCH.	11,168	11,168	11,168	11,168
025	0602890D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER RESEARCH .....	48,804	48,804	48,804	48,804
026	0602891D8Z	FSRM MODELLING .....	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
027	1160401BB	SOF TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	52,287	52,287	52,287	52,287
		<b>SUBTOTAL APPLIED RESEARCH .....</b>	<b>2,403,461</b>	<b>2,345,961</b>	<b>2,406,461</b>	<b>2,366,461</b>
		<b>ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT</b>				
028	0603000D8Z	JOINT MUNITIONS ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY .....	37,706	52,706	37,706	42,706
		Advanced Process Technology for Energetics .....		[5,000]		[5,000]
		Explosive Energetics Expansion .....		[10,000]		
029	0603021D8Z	NATIONAL SECURITY INNOVATION CAPITAL .....	15,085	15,085	15,085	15,085
030	0603121D8Z	SO/LIC ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	30,102	30,102	30,102	30,102
031	0603122D8Z	COMBATING TERRORISM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	75,593	130,593	105,593	123,093
		Joint R&D with Israel .....		[50,000]		[47,500]
		Loitering munition development .....				
		ROC-X VTOL Loitering Munition .....		[5,000]		
032	0603133D8Z	U.S.-Israel defense collaboration on emerging technologies FOREIGN COMPARATIVE TESTING .....	27,078	27,078	[25,000]	27,078

033	06031608R	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT.	400,947	403,447	405,947	8,500	409,447
		Advanced manufacturing of energetic materials .....		[2,500]	[5,000]	[8,500]	
034	06031768R	Advanced Manufacturing of Energetics .....	7,990	7,990	7,990		7,990
035	0603176C	ADVANCED CONCEPTS AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT ...	17,825	17,825	17,825		17,825
036	0603180C	ADVANCED RESEARCH .....	21,461	29,461	21,461	7,000	28,461
		Radiation Hardened Microelectronics—Facility and Workforce Development.		[5,000]		[5,000]	
037	0603183D8Z	Testbed for Advanced Digital Low Latency Networks .....	52,292	[3,000]	52,292	[2,000]	54,292
		JOINT HYPERSONIC TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT &TRANSITION.		57,292		2,000	
038	0603225D8Z	Common Hypersonic Glide Body Development .....	19,567	[5,000]	19,567	[2,000]	19,567
039	06032608R	JOINT DOD-DOE MUNITIONS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ...	10,000	10,000	10,000		10,000
040	0603286E	INTELLIGENCE ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	331,753	321,753	331,753	-10,000	321,753
		ADVANCED AEROSPACE SYSTEMS .....		[-10,000]		[-10,000]	
041	0603287E	Program decrease .....	134,809	134,809	134,809	-12,500	122,309
		SPACE PROGRAMS AND TECHNOLOGY .....				[-12,500]	
		Excess growth .....					
042	0603288D8Z	ANALYTIC ASSESSMENTS .....	24,328	24,328	24,328		24,328
043	0603289D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE ANALYSIS AND CONCEPTS .....	55,626	55,626	55,626		55,626
044	0603330D8Z	QUANTUM APPLICATION .....	75,000	75,000	75,000		75,000
046	0603342D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU) .....	104,729	127,229	104,729	5,000	109,729
		Electric Boats .....		[10,000]			
		Nuclear Advanced Propulsion and power .....		[10,000]		[2,500]	
		Program increase .....		[2,500]		[2,500]	
047	0603375D8Z	TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION .....	123,837	123,837	123,837		123,837
048	0603379D8Z	ADVANCED TECHNICAL INTEGRATION .....	11,000	11,000	11,000		11,000
049	0603384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT.	267,073	227,073	292,073	-32,419	234,654
		Generative Unconstrained Intelligent Drug Engineering-Enhanced Biodefense.		[25,000]		[3,000]	

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050	0603527D8Z	Program decrease		[-40,000]		
		RETRACT LARCH	57,401	57,401	57,401	57,401
051	0603618D8Z	JOINT ELECTRONIC ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY	19,793	19,793	19,793	19,793
053	0603662D8Z	NETWORKED COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES	11,197	11,197	11,197	11,197
054	0603680D8Z	DEFENSE-WIDE MANUFACTURING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	252,965	275,465	264,965	365,465
		Additive manufacturing at scale		[7,000]		
		Bioindustrial Manufacturing Infrastructure		[20,000]		
		Digital manufacturing modernization		[5,000]		
		Hypersonic Advanced Composites Manufacturing		[2,500]		
055	0603680S	MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM	46,404	51,404	46,404	51,404
		Program increase		[5,000]		
056	0603712S	GENERIC LOGISTICS R&D TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATIONS	16,580	16,580	16,580	16,580
057	0603716D8Z	STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	60,387	60,387	60,387	60,387
058	0603720S	MICROELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT	144,707	144,707	144,707	144,707
059	0603727D8Z	JOINT WARFIGHTING PROGRAM	2,749	2,749	2,749	2,749
060	0603739E	ADVANCED ELECTRONICS TECHNOLOGIES	254,033	244,033	254,033	244,033
		Program decrease		[-10,000]		
		Reduce carryover—next generation microelectronics manufacturing.				
061	0603760E	COMMAND, CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS	321,591	321,591	321,591	321,591
062	0603766E	NETWORK-CENTRIC WARFARE TECHNOLOGY	885,425	885,425	885,425	885,425
063	0603767E	SENSOR TECHNOLOGY	358,580	353,330	358,580	353,330
		Program decrease		[-5,250]		
065	0603781D8Z	SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INSTITUTE	16,699	16,699	16,699	16,699
066	0603838D8Z	DEFENSE INNOVATION ACCELERATION (DIA)	257,110	262,810	257,110	257,110

067	0603324D8Z	Autonomous resupply for contested logistics .....	[2,500]	111,799	111,799	111,799	111,799
068	0603941D8Z	High energy Laser Weapon System Procurement .....	[3,200]	111,799	111,799	111,799	111,799
069	0603945D8Z	HIGH ENERGY LASER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ..	345,384	345,384	345,384	345,384	345,384
070	0603950D8Z	TEST & EVALUATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY .....	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
071	0604055D8Z	AUKUS INNOVATION INITIATIVES .....	21,575	21,575	28,575	28,575	28,575
		NATIONAL SECURITY INNOVATION NETWORK .....	171,668	181,668	181,668	186,033	186,033
		National Security Innovation Network .....			[7,000]		
		OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT .....			14,365		
		Excess growth .....			[-5,635]		
		HELCAP Thermal Energy Storage .....	[10,000]				
		Increase for tristructural-isotrophic fuel .....			[10,000]		
072	1160402BB	SOF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	156,097	156,097	156,097	156,097	156,097
		Jam Resistant Military Communications .....					
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>5,380,945</b>	<b>5,469,395</b>	<b>5,469,945</b>	<b>5,524,641</b>	<b>5,524,641</b>
		<b>ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PROTOTYPES</b>					
074	0603161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIP- MENT RDT&E ADC&P .....	76,764	76,764	76,764	76,764	76,764
075	0603600D8Z	WALKOFF .....	143,486	143,486	143,486	143,486	143,486
076	0603851D8Z	ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM .....	117,196	88,596	123,196	89,596	89,596
		Development and acquisition of hybrid energy systems .....					
		Program decrease .....					
		Sustainable Technology Evaluation and Demonstration program increase .....			[6,000]		
077	0603881C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT INDOPACOM UPL—Enhanced THAAD Mission Support Ele- ment Integration (eIMI) .....	220,311	310,311	220,311	310,311	310,311
078	0603882C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE DEFENSE SEG- MENT .....	903,633	903,633	903,633	903,633	903,633
079	0603884BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—DEM/ VAL .....	316,853	316,853	316,853	292,006	292,006

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080	0603884C	Excess growth .....				[-24,847]	
		BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSORS .....	239,159	239,159	239,159		239,159
081	0603890C	BMD ENABLING PROGRAMS .....	597,720	610,094	597,720	-807	596,913
		MDA UPL—Electronic Attack/Electronic Protection .....		[12,374]			
		Poor justification .....				[-807]	
082	0603891C	SPECIAL PROGRAMS—MDA .....	552,888	703,280	552,888	82,392	635,280
		Enhanced Battlespace Awareness for Space Warfare .....		[68,000]			
		MDA UPL—Classified increase .....		[22,892]		[22,892]	
		MDA UPL—Electronic Warfare for Missile Defense .....		[27,300]		[27,300]	
		MDA UPL—Left Through Right of Launch Integration .....		[32,200]		[32,200]	
083	0603892C	AEGIS BMD .....	693,727	709,727	693,727	-4,000	689,727
		PAC-3 MSE/AEGIS Weapon System Integration .....		[20,000]			
		Program decrease .....		[-4,000]		[-4,000]	
084	0603896C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND AND CONTROL, BATTLE MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATI.	554,201	554,201	554,201		554,201
085	0603898C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE JOINT WARRIOR SUPPORT	48,248	48,248	48,248		48,248
086	0603904C	MISSILE DEFENSE INTEGRATION & OPERATIONS CENTER (MIDIOC).	50,549	50,549	50,549		50,549
087	0603906C	REGARDING TRENCH .....	12,564	27,564	27,564	15,000	27,564
		MDA UPL—Classified increase .....		[15,000]		[15,000]	
		Program increase—MDA UFR .....			[15,000]		
088	0603907C	SEA BASED X-BAND RADAR (SBX) .....	177,868	177,868	177,868		177,868
089	0603913C	ISRAELI COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS .....	300,000	300,000	325,000		300,000
		U.S.-Israel cooperation on directed energy capabilities .....			[25,000]		
090	0603914C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST .....	360,455	360,455	360,455		360,455
091	0603915C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TARGETS .....	570,258	600,258	580,258	27,000	597,258

092	060392308Z	Advanced Hypersonic Thermal Protection System Proto- types.	[5,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	12,103	12,103	3,185	3,185
		Advanced Reactive Target Simulation .....	[15,000]	[15,000]	[10,000]	12,103	12,103	3,185	3,185
		Hypersonic Maneuvering Extended Range (HMER) Target System.	[5,000]	[2,000]	[2,000]	179,278	179,278	397,578	544,578
		Hypersonic Target for MDA Advanced Target Front End Configuration 3 (ATFE C3).	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]				
093	0604011D8Z	Hypersonic Targets and Countermeasures Program .....			[10,000]	12,103	12,103	3,185	3,185
		COALITION WARFARE .....	12,103	12,103	[10,000]	179,278	179,278	397,578	544,578
		NEXT GENERATION INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECH- NOLOGY (5G).							
		Program decrease .....	[-5,000]						
094	0604016D8Z	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CORROSION PROGRAM .....	3,185	3,185	147,000	3,185	3,185	3,185	3,185
095	0604102C	GUAM DEFENSE DEVELOPMENT .....	497,578	497,578	147,000	397,578	397,578	397,578	544,578
		INDOPACOM UPL—Guam Defense System, INDOPACOM .....	[100,000]	[100,000]	[147,000]				
096	0604115C	TECHNOLOGY MATURATION INITIATIVES .....	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
		Diode-Pumped Alkali Laser (DPAL) for Missile Defense .....	[6,000]	[6,000]	[6,000]				
097	0604124D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—MIP.	34,350	34,350	34,350	34,350	34,350	34,350	34,350
098	0604181C	HYPERSONIC DEFENSE .....	208,997	208,997	225,000	208,997	208,997	208,997	433,997
		MDA UPL—Glide Phase Interceptor .....	[225,000]	[225,000]	[225,000]				
099	0604250D8Z	ADVANCED INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES .....	1,090,826	1,085,826	1,085,826	1,085,826	1,085,826	1,085,826	1,062,226
		Classified adjustment .....			[-28,600]				
		Mobile micronuclear reactors .....	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]				
100	0604294D8Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS .....	810,839	810,839	810,839	810,839	810,839	810,839	752,540
		Radiation-Hardened Fully-Depleted Silicon-on-Insulator Microelectronics.	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]				
		Strategic Rad Hard Chiplet Design Acceleration .....	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]				
101	0604331D8Z	Unjustified growth .....	110,291	110,291	110,291	110,291	110,291	110,291	110,291
102	0604331J	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM .....	9,880	9,880	9,880	9,880	9,880	9,880	9,880
103	0604341D8Z	RAPID PROTOTYPING PROGRAM .....	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
		DEFENSE INNOVATION UNIT (DIU) PROTOTYPING .....							

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104	0604400D8Z	Realignment ..... DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DOD) UNMANNED SYSTEM COMMON DEVELOPMENT.	2,643	[15,000] 2,643	2,643	2,643
105	0604551BR	CATAPULT INFORMATION SYSTEM .....	8,328	8,328	8,328	8,328
106	0604555D8Z	OPERATIONAL ENERGY CAPABILITY IMPROVEMENT—NON S&T.	53,726	60,726	53,726	60,726
108	0604682D8Z	High Energy Laser Power Beaming ..... WARGAMING AND SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC ANALYSIS (SSA)	3,206	[7,000] 3,206	3,206	3,206
109	0604790D8Z	RAPID DEFENSE EXPERIMENTATION RESERVE (RDER) .....	79,773	79,773	79,773	79,773
110	0604826J	JOINT C5 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT, INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY ASSESSMENTS.	28,517	28,517	28,517	28,517
111	0604873C	LONG RANGE DISCRIMINATION RADAR (LRDR) .....	103,517	103,517	103,517	103,517
112	0604874C	IMPROVED HOMELAND DEFENSE INTERCEPTORS .....	2,130,838	2,130,838	2,130,838	2,130,838
113	0604876C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TERMINAL DEFENSE SEGMENT TEST.	47,577	47,577	47,577	47,577
114	0604878C	AEGIS BMD TEST .....	193,484	193,484	193,484	188,435
115	0604879C	Excess growth .....				[-5,049]
116	0604880C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SENSOR TEST .....	111,049	111,049	111,049	111,049
117	0604887C	LAND-BASED SM-3 (LBSM3) .....	22,163	22,163	22,163	22,163
118	0202057C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MIDCOURSE SEGMENT TEST ..	41,824	41,824	41,824	41,824
119	0208059IC	SAFETY PROGRAM MANAGEMENT .....	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484
120	0208085IC	CYBERCOM ACTIVITIES .....	65,484	65,484	65,484	65,484
121	0208086IC	ROBUST INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESS .....	170,182	170,182	170,182	135,535
122	0300206R	Unjustified growth .....				[-34,647]
		CYBER TRAINING ENVIRONMENT (CTE) .....	114,980	114,980	114,980	114,980
		ENTERPRISE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS .....	2,156	2,156	2,156	2,156

123	0305103C	CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	2,760	3,760	2,760	2,760	2,760
		Program increase—classified algorithm study .....		[1,000]			
124	0305245D8Z	INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITIES AND INNOVATION INVEST- MENTS.	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
125	0305251JCY	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS FORCES AND FORCE SUPPORT	2,669	2,669	2,669	2,669	2,669
126	0901579D8Z	OFFICE OF STRATEGIC CAPITAL (OSC) .....	99,000	99,000	99,000	99,000	99,000
129	1206895C	BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM SPACE PROGRAMS ...	109,483	109,483	109,483	109,483	109,483
		<b>SUBTOTAL ADVANCED COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT &amp; PRO- TOTYPES.</b>	<b>12,187,050</b>	<b>12,831,216</b>	<b>12,243,050</b>	<b>420,543</b>	<b>12,607,593</b>
<b>SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION</b>							
130	0604123D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO)—DEM/VAL ACTIVITIES.	615,246	570,246	615,246	-32,900	582,346
		Insufficient justification .....		[-40,000]			
		Program decrease .....		[-5,000]			
130A	999999	JADC2 .....				174,000	174,000
		Program increase—Joint Fires Network (JFN) .....				[174,000]	
131	0604161D8Z	NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL PHYSICAL SECURITY EQUIP- MENT RDT&E SDD.	6,229	6,229	6,229		6,229
132	0604384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM—EMD ...	382,977	382,977	382,977	-20,597	362,380
		Execution risk .....				[-20,597]	
133	0604771D8Z	JOINT TACTICAL INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (JTIDS).	9,775	9,775	9,775		9,775
134	0605000BR	COUNTER WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS DE- VELOPMENT.	14,414	14,414	14,414		14,414
135	0605013BL	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT .....	6,953	6,953	6,953		6,953
136	0605021SE	HOMELAND PERSONNEL SECURITY INITIATIVE .....	9,292	9,292	9,292		9,292
137	0605022D8Z	DEFENSE EXPORTABILITY PROGRAM .....	18,981	18,981	18,981		18,981
138	0605027D8Z	OUS(D/C) IT DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES .....	5,456	5,456	5,456		5,456
140	0605080S	DEFENSE AGENCY INITIATIVES (DAI)—FINANCIAL SYSTEM ..	32,629	32,629	32,629		32,629
141	0605141BR	MISSION ASSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (MARMS).	9,316	9,316	9,316		9,316

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142	060521008Z	DEFENSE-WIDE ELECTRONIC PROCUREMENT CAPABILITIES	6,899	6,899	6,899		6,899
143	060529408Z	TRUSTED & ASSURED MICROELECTRONICS .....	297,586	276,586	297,586	-21,000	276,586
		Program decrease .....		[-21,000]		[-21,000]	
145	060577208Z	NUCLEAR COMMAND, CONTROL, & COMMUNICATIONS .....	4,110	4,110	4,110		4,110
146	030530408Z	DOD ENTERPRISE ENERGY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (EIM) .....	8,159	8,159	8,159		8,159
147	030531008Z	CWMD SYSTEMS: SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION.	14,471	14,471	14,471		14,471
148	050516708Z	DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS AGAINST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.	3,770	3,770	3,770		3,770
		<b>SUBTOTAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT &amp; DEMONSTRATION .....</b>	<b>1,446,263</b>	<b>1,380,263</b>	<b>1,446,263</b>	<b>99,503</b>	<b>1,545,766</b>
		<b>MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>					
149	0603829J	JOINT CAPABILITY EXPERIMENTATION .....	12,402	12,402	12,402		12,402
150	060477408Z	DEFENSE READINESS REPORTING SYSTEM (DRRS) .....	12,746	12,746	12,746		12,746
151	060487508Z	JOINT SYSTEMS ARCHITECTURE DEVELOPMENT .....	8,426	8,426	8,426		8,426
152	060494008Z	CENTRAL TEST AND EVALUATION INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT (CTEIP).	833,792	838,792	833,792	2,500	836,292
		Hypersonic Telemetry SATCOM Relay .....		[2,500]			
		Reusable Hypersonic Testbed .....		[2,500]			
153	060494208Z	ASSESSMENTS AND EVALUATIONS .....	5,810	5,810	5,810		5,810
154	0605001E	MISSION SUPPORT .....	99,090	99,090	99,090		99,090
155	060510008Z	JOINT MISSION ENVIRONMENT TEST CAPABILITY (JMETC) .....	187,421	187,421	187,421		187,421
156	0605126J	JOINT INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE ORGANIZATION (JIAMDO).	61,477	61,477	61,477		61,477
158	060514208Z	SYSTEMS ENGINEERING .....	39,949	39,949	39,949		39,949
159	060515108Z	STUDIES AND ANALYSIS SUPPORT—OSD .....	6,292	6,292	6,292		6,292

160	0605161D8Z	NUCLEAR MATTERS-PHYSICAL SECURITY .....	21,043	21,043	21,043	21,043	21,043
161	0605170D8Z	SUPPORT TO NETWORKS AND INFORMATION INTEGRATION	10,504	10,504	10,504	10,504	10,504
162	0605200D8Z	GENERAL SUPPORT TO OUSD(INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY).	2,980	2,980	2,980	2,980	2,980
163	0605384BP	CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM .....	74,382	74,382	74,382	74,382	74,382
170	0605790D8Z	SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH (SBIR)/ SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.	3,831	3,831	3,831	3,831	3,831
171	0605797D8Z	MAINTAINING TECHNOLOGY ADVANTAGE .....	38,923	38,923	38,923	38,923	38,923
172	0605798D8Z	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY ANALYSIS .....	60,404	60,404	60,404	60,404	60,404
173	0605801KA	DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC) .....	65,715	65,715	65,715	65,715	65,715
174	0605803SE	Information Analysis Centers reduction .....	[-5,000]	[-5,000]	[-5,000]	[-5,000]	[-5,000]
175	0605804D8Z	R&D IN SUPPORT OF DOD ENLISTMENT, TESTING AND EVALUATION.	26,037	26,037	26,037	26,037	26,037
176	0605898E	DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION .....	37,353	37,353	37,353	37,353	37,353
177	0605998KA	MANAGEMENT HQ—R&D .....	14,833	14,833	14,833	14,833	14,833
178	0606005D8Z	MANAGEMENT HQ—DEFENSE TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER (DTIC).	3,752	3,752	3,752	3,752	3,752
179	0606100D8Z	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES .....	18,088	18,088	18,088	18,088	18,088
180	0606114D8Z	BUDGET AND PROGRAM ASSESSMENTS .....	14,427	14,427	14,427	14,427	14,427
181	0606135D8Z	ANALYSIS WORKING GROUP (AWG) SUPPORT .....	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
182	0606225D8Z	CHIEF DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER (CDAO) ACTIVITIES.	17,247	17,247	17,247	17,247	17,247
183	0606300D8Z	ODNA TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCE ANALYSIS .....	3,386	3,386	3,386	3,386	3,386
184	0606301D8Z	DEFENSE SCIENCE BOARD .....	2,352	2,352	2,352	2,352	2,352
186	0606771D8Z	AVIATION SAFETY TECHNOLOGIES .....	213	213	213	213	213
187	0606853BR	CYBER RESILIENCY AND CYBERSECURITY POLICY .....	45,194	45,194	45,194	45,194	45,194
188	0203345D8Z	MANAGEMENT, TECHNICAL & INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT .....	11,919	11,919	11,919	11,919	11,919
189	0204571J	DEFENSE OPERATIONS SECURITY INITIATIVE (DOSI) .....	3,112	3,112	3,112	3,112	3,112
190	0208045K	JOINT STAFF ANALYTICAL SUPPORT .....	4,916	4,916	4,916	4,916	4,916
195	0305172K	C4I INTEROPERABILITY .....	66,152	66,152	66,152	66,152	66,152
197	0305208K	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS .....	5,366	5,366	5,366	5,366	5,366
		DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	3,069	3,069	3,069	3,069	3,069

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199	0804768J	COCOM EXERCISE ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING TRANSFORMATION (CE2T2)—NON-MHA. No JLVC acquisition strategy	101,319	101,319	101,319	95,019
		DEFENSE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (DEOMI).	740	740	740	740
201	0901598C	MANAGEMENT HQ—MDA	28,363	28,363	28,363	28,363
202	0903235K	JOINT SERVICE PROVIDER (JSP)	5,177	5,177	5,177	5,177
9999	9999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS	36,315	36,315	63,315	36,315
		All Domain Anomaly Resolution Office			[27,000]	
		<b>SUBTOTAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT</b>	<b>1,998,717</b>	<b>2,003,717</b>	<b>2,020,717</b>	<b>1,994,917</b>
		<b>CONFERENCE CHANGE</b>				<b>-3,800</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT</b>						
203	0604130V	ENTERPRISE SECURITY SYSTEM (ESS)	42,482	42,482	42,482	42,482
205	0607210D8Z	INDUSTRIAL BASE ANALYSIS AND SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT Additive Manufacturing for shipbuilding	1,017,141	1,065,141	1,045,141	1,025,141
		Domestic advanced microelectronics packaging		[10,000]		
		Integrated Substrates		[3,000]		
		Large Surface Combatant workforce		[35,000]		
		Rapid Innovation Program			[20,000]	
		Shipbuilding and ship repair workforce development			[3,000]	
206	0607310D8Z	COUNTERPROLIFERATION SPECIAL PROJECTS: OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.	12,713	12,713	12,713	12,713
207	0607327T	GLOBAL THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION MANAGEMENT	8,503	8,503	8,503	8,503
208	0607384BP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS (G-TSCMIS). CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE (OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT).	80,495	80,495	80,495	80,495
209	0208097CY	CYBER COMMAND AND CONTROL (CYBER C2)	95,733	95,733	95,733	95,733

210	02080991CY	DATA AND UNIFIED PLATFORM (D&UP) .....	138,558	138,558	138,558	138,558	138,558	138,558
214	0302019K	DEFENSE INFO INFRASTRUCTURE ENGINEERING AND INTE- GRATION.	19,299	19,299	19,299	19,299	19,299	19,299
215	0303126K	LONG-HAUL COMMUNICATIONS—DCS .....	37,726	37,726	37,726	37,726	37,726	37,726
216	0303131K	MINIMUM ESSENTIAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NET- WORK (MEECN).	5,037	5,037	5,037	5,037	5,037	5,037
218	0303140D8Z	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	97,171	97,171	97,171	97,171	97,171	97,171
		DoD Cyber Scholarship Program .....	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]	[10,000]
		Program decrease .....	[-6,000]	[-6,000]	[-6,000]	[-6,000]	[-6,000]	[-6,000]
		Scholarship funding alignment .....	[14,400]	[14,400]	[14,400]	[14,400]	[14,400]	[14,400]
220	0303140K	INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY PROGRAM .....	8,351	8,351	8,351	8,351	8,351	8,351
222	0303153K	DEFENSE SPECTRUM ORGANIZATION .....	35,995	35,995	35,995	35,995	35,995	35,995
223	0303171K	JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION SERVICES .....	5,677	5,677	5,677	5,677	5,677	5,677
224	0303228K	JOINT REGIONAL SECURITY STACKS (JRSS) .....	3,196	3,196	3,196	3,196	3,196	3,196
228	0305104D8Z	DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE (DIB) CYBER SECURITY INITIA- TIVE.	25,655	25,655	25,655	25,655	25,655	25,655
232	0305133V	INDUSTRIAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES .....	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134
235	0305146V	DEFENSE JOINT COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES .....	2,295	2,295	2,295	2,295	2,295	2,295
236	0305172D8Z	COMBINED ADVANCED APPLICATIONS .....	52,736	52,736	52,736	52,736	52,736	52,736
239	0305186D8Z	POLICY R&D PROGRAMS .....	6,263	6,263	6,263	6,263	6,263	6,263
240	0305199D8Z	NET CENTRICITY .....	23,275	23,275	23,275	23,275	23,275	23,275
		Prior year underexecution .....						
242	0305208BB	DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND/SURFACE SYSTEMS .....	6,214	6,214	6,214	6,214	6,214	6,214
249	0305327V	INSIDER THREAT .....	2,971	2,971	2,971	2,971	2,971	2,971
250	0305387D8Z	HOMELAND DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM ...	1,879	1,879	1,879	1,879	1,879	1,879
257	03062501CY	CYBER OPERATIONS TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT .....	469,385	469,385	469,385	469,385	469,385	469,385
		INDOPACOM UPL—Offensive cyber .....						
		Locked Shield Exercise .....						
		Modernization of Department of Defense Internet Gateway Cyber Defense.	[4,000]	[4,000]	[4,000]	[4,000]	[4,000]	[4,000]
		Modernization of Department of Defense Internet Gateway Cyber Defense.	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]	[7,000]
261	0505167D8Z	DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS AGAINST WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.	1,760	1,760	1,760	1,760	1,760	1,760

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262	0708012K	LOGISTICS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	1,420	1,420	1,420		1,420
263	0708012S	PACIFIC DISASTER CENTERS .....	1,905	1,905	1,905		1,905
264	0708047S	DEFENSE PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM .....	3,249	3,249	3,249		3,249
265	1105219BB	MQ-9 UAV .....	37,188	52,188	37,188	30,000	67,188
		Adaptive Airborne Enterprise (A2E) .....		[15,000]		[30,000]	
267	1160403BB	AVIATION SYSTEMS .....	216,174	226,174	216,174	6,000	222,174
		Alternative Domestic Source AC-130J IRSS .....		[10,000]		[6,000]	
268	1160405BB	INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....	86,737	86,737	86,737		86,737
269	1160408BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS .....	216,135	214,635	216,135		216,135
		Program decrease .....		[-1,500]			
270	1160431BB	WARRIOR SYSTEMS .....	263,374	264,874	280,514	5,000	268,374
		Counter Uncrewed Aerial Systems (CUAS) Group 3 Defeat Acceleration.			[11,250]	[5,000]	
		Female Body Armor Development and Modernization .....					
		Next-Generation Blue Force Tracker .....					
271	1160432BB	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	529	529	[5,890]		529
272	1160434BB	UNMANNED ISR .....	6,727	6,727	6,727		6,727
273	1160480BB	SOF TACTICAL VEHICLES .....	9,335	9,335	9,335		9,335
274	1160483BB	MARITIME SYSTEMS .....	158,231	158,231	158,231		158,231
275	1160490BB	OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS INTELLIGENCE .....	15,749	15,749	15,749		15,749
9999	99999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	8,463,742	8,463,742	8,463,742		8,463,742
		<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>11,683,139</b>	<b>11,794,539</b>	<b>11,739,279</b>	<b>48,688</b>	<b>11,731,827</b>
		<b>SOFTWARE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY PILOT PROGRAMS</b>					
278	06086480Z	ACQUISITION VISIBILITY—SOFTWARE PILOT PROGRAM .....	21,355	21,355	21,355		21,355
279	0303150K	GLOBAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM .....	33,166	33,166	33,166		33,166
9999	99999999999	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	270,653	270,653	270,653		270,653



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	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY</b>					
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>					
010	MANEUVER UNITS .....	3,943,409	3,943,409	3,943,409	260,000	4,203,409
	Program increase: Expanding INDOPACOM campaigning activities .....				[360,000]	
	Unjustified growth .....				[-100,000]	
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	225,238	225,238	225,238	-14,000	225,238
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	947,395	927,395	947,395	[-14,000]	933,395
	Underexecution .....		[-20,000]		[-14,000]	
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	2,449,141	2,324,141	2,449,141	-10,000	2,439,141
	Underexecution .....		[-125,000]		[-10,000]	
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	1,233,070	1,198,070	1,233,070	-14,000	1,219,070
	Underexecution .....		[-35,000]		[-14,000]	
060	AVIATION ASSETS .....	2,046,144	2,046,144	2,046,144	-40,000	2,006,144
	Unjustified growth .....				[-40,000]	
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	7,149,427	7,149,427	7,149,427	-54,000	7,095,427
	Unjustified growth .....				[-54,000]	
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	475,435	455,435	475,435		475,435
	Underexecution .....		[-20,000]			
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	1,423,560	1,423,560	1,423,560		1,423,560
100	MEDICAL READINESS .....	951,499	951,499	951,499		951,499
110	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	9,943,031	9,966,031	9,943,031	-12,669	9,930,362
	CUAS National Security Installation Pilot Program .....		[8,000]			



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330	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	682,896	682,896	682,896		682,896
340	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	690,280	690,280	833,336	90,000	780,280
	Army Enlisted Training Corps .....			[5,000]		
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....			[138,056]	[90,000]	
350	EXAMINING .....	195,009	195,009	195,009		195,009
360	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	260,235	260,235	260,235		260,235
370	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	250,252	250,252	250,252		250,252
380	JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS .....	204,895	204,895	204,895		204,895
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>5,953,094</b>	<b>5,953,094</b>	<b>6,096,150</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>6,028,094</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
400	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	718,323	718,323	718,323		718,323
410	CENTRAL SUPPLY ACTIVITIES .....	900,624	900,624	900,624	-25,000	875,624
	Unjustified growth .....				[-25,000]	
420	LOGISTIC SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	828,059	828,059	828,059		828,059
430	AMMUNITION MANAGEMENT .....	464,029	464,029	464,029		464,029
440	ADMINISTRATION .....	537,837	537,837	537,837		537,837
450	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	1,962,059	1,937,059	1,962,059	-25,000	1,937,059
	Insufficient justification .....		[-25,000]		[-25,000]	
460	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	361,553	361,553	361,553	-3,000	358,553
	Unjustified growth .....				[-3,000]	
470	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	829,248	789,248	829,248		829,248
	Underexecution .....		[-40,000]			
480	OTHER SERVICE SUPPORT .....	2,370,107	2,370,107	2,370,107	-5,000	2,365,107
	Unjustified growth .....				[-5,000]	
490	ARMY CLAIMS ACTIVITIES .....	203,323	203,323	203,323		203,323
500	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT .....	286,682	286,682	286,682		286,682

510	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT READINESS .....	455,928	455,928	455,928	455,928	
520	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT .....	39,867	39,867	39,867	39,867	
530	INTERNATIONAL MILITARY HEADQUARTERS .....	610,201	610,201	610,201	610,201	
540	MISC. SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONS .....	38,948	38,948	38,948	38,948	
590A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	2,291,229	2,291,229	2,291,229	2,291,229	
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>12,898,017</b>	<b>12,833,017</b>	<b>12,898,017</b>	<b>12,898,017</b>	<b>-58,000</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>					
600	UNDISTRIBUTED .....			-337,600	-337,600	
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....			[-208,000]	[-208,000]	
	Unobligated balances .....			[-129,600]	[-129,600]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>			<b>-337,600</b>	<b>-337,600</b>	
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY .....</b>	<b>59,554,553</b>	<b>59,576,188</b>	<b>59,360,009</b>	<b>59,822,880</b>	<b>268,327</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE</b>					
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>					
010	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	15,208	15,208	15,208	15,208	
020	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	720,802	720,802	720,802	720,802	
030	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	143,400	143,400	143,400	143,400	
040	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	707,654	707,654	707,654	707,654	
050	AVIATION ASSETS .....	134,346	134,346	134,346	134,346	
060	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	451,178	451,178	451,178	451,178	
070	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	97,564	97,564	97,564	97,564	
080	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	45,711	45,711	45,711	45,711	
090	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	608,079	608,079	608,079	608,079	
	Unjustified growth .....					-2,000
100	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	495,435	495,435	495,435	495,435	
110	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	28,783	28,783	28,783	28,783	
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	3,153	3,153	3,153	3,153	
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	19,591	19,591	19,591	19,591	
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>3,470,904</b>	<b>3,470,904</b>	<b>3,470,904</b>	<b>3,470,904</b>	<b>-2,000</b>

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<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
140	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	19,155	19,155	19,155		19,155
150	ADMINISTRATION .....	21,668	21,668	21,668		21,668
160	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	44,118	44,118	44,118		44,118
170	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	7,127	7,127	7,127		7,127
180	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	67,976	67,976	74,651		67,976
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....			[6,675]		
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>160,044</b>	<b>160,044</b>	<b>166,719</b>		<b>160,044</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>						
210	UNDISTRIBUTED .....			-14,300	-14,300	-14,300
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....			[-10,900]	[-10,900]	
	Unobligated balances .....			[-3,400]	[-3,400]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>			<b>-14,300</b>	<b>-14,300</b>	<b>-14,300</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY RESERVE .....</b>	<b>3,630,948</b>	<b>3,630,948</b>	<b>3,623,323</b>	<b>-16,300</b>	<b>3,614,648</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD</b>						
<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>						
010	MANEUVER UNITS .....	925,071	925,071	925,071		925,071
020	MODULAR SUPPORT BRIGADES .....	201,781	201,781	201,781		201,781
030	ECHELONS ABOVE BRIGADE .....	840,373	840,373	840,373		833,373
	Unjustified growth .....				-7,000	
040	THEATER LEVEL ASSETS .....	107,392	107,392	107,392		105,392
	Unjustified growth .....				-2,000	
050	LAND FORCES OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	62,908	62,908	62,908		62,908
	Unjustified growth .....				[-2,000]	

060	AVIATION ASSETS .....	1,113,908	1,113,908	1,113,908	1,102,908
	Unjustified growth .....				[-11,000]
070	FORCE READINESS OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	832,946	836,946	832,946	831,446
	Training Exercise Support .....		[4,000]		[3,500]
	Unjustified growth .....				[-5,000]
080	LAND FORCES SYSTEMS READINESS .....	50,696	50,696	50,696	50,696
090	LAND FORCES DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	231,784	231,784	231,784	231,784
100	BASE OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	1,249,066	1,249,066	1,249,066	1,249,066
110	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	1,081,561	1,081,561	1,081,561	1,081,561
120	MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	1,468,857	1,468,857	1,468,857	1,468,857
130	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	9,566	9,566	9,566	9,566
140	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES—CYBERSECURITY .....	15,710	15,710	15,710	15,710
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>8,191,619</b>	<b>8,195,619</b>	<b>8,191,619</b>	<b>-21,500</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>				
150	SERVICEMANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION .....	7,251	7,251	7,251	7,251
160	ADMINISTRATION .....	66,025	66,025	66,025	66,025
170	SERVICEMANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS .....	113,366	113,366	113,366	113,366
180	MANPOWER MANAGEMENT .....	8,663	8,663	8,663	8,663
190	OTHER PERSONNEL SUPPORT .....	292,426	292,426	343,146	292,426
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....		[50,720]		
200	REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT .....	3,754	3,754	3,754	3,754
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>491,485</b>	<b>491,485</b>	<b>542,205</b>	<b>491,485</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>				
230	UNDISTRIBUTED .....				
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....		-23,400	-52,400	-49,000
	Unobligated balances .....		[-23,400]	[-29,000]	[-29,000]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-23,400</b>	<b>-52,400</b>	<b>-49,000</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD .....</b>	<b>8,683,104</b>	<b>8,663,704</b>	<b>8,661,424</b>	<b>-70,500</b>
					<b>8,612,604</b>

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<b>COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP</b>						
<b>COUNTER ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF)</b>						
010	IRAQ .....	241,950	241,950	241,950		241,950
020	SYRIA .....	156,000	156,000	156,000		156,000
	<b>SUBTOTAL COUNTER ISIS TRAIN AND EQUIP FUND (CTEF) .....</b>	<b>397,950</b>	<b>397,950</b>	<b>397,950</b>		<b>397,950</b>
	<b>TOTAL COUNTER-ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND SYRIA TRAIN AND EQUIP .....</b>	<b>397,950</b>	<b>397,950</b>	<b>397,950</b>		<b>397,950</b>
<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY</b>						
<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>						
010	MISSION AND OTHER FLIGHT OPERATIONS .....	7,882,504	7,882,504	7,882,504		7,882,504
020	FLEET AIR TRAINING .....	2,773,957	2,773,957	2,773,957		2,773,957
030	AVIATION TECHNICAL DATA & ENGINEERING SERVICES .....	73,047	73,047	73,047		73,047
040	AIR OPERATIONS AND SAFETY SUPPORT .....	213,862	213,862	213,862		213,862
050	AIR SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	1,155,463	1,155,463	1,158,463		1,155,463
	Advanced nucleated foam engine performance and restoration program .....			[3,000]		
060	AIRCRAFT DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	1,857,021	1,857,021	1,857,021		1,857,021
070	AIRCRAFT DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	66,822	66,822	66,822		66,822
080	AVIATION LOGISTICS .....	1,871,670	1,871,670	1,871,670		1,871,670
090	MISSION AND OTHER SHIP OPERATIONS .....	7,015,796	7,005,796	7,015,796	-10,000	7,005,796
	Underexecution .....		[-10,000]			[-10,000]
100	SHIP OPERATIONS SUPPORT & TRAINING .....	1,301,108	1,296,108	1,301,108		1,301,108
	Underexecution .....		[-5,000]			
110	SHIP DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	11,164,249	11,164,249	11,164,249		11,164,249
120	SHIP DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	2,728,712	2,728,712	2,728,712		2,728,712
	Decommission CG-69 USS Vicksburg .....		[-8,000]			
	Restore CG-63 USS Cowpens .....		[8,000]			

130	COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE .....	1,776,881	1,803,381	1,776,881	26,500	1,803,381
	AFRICOM UPL—Somalia Persistent Presence .....	[26,500]	[26,500]			
140	SPACE SYSTEMS AND SURVEILLANCE .....	389,915	389,915	389,915		389,915
150	WARFARE TACTICS .....	1,005,998	1,005,998	1,005,998		1,005,998
160	OPERATIONAL METEOROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY .....	455,330	455,330	455,330		455,330
170	COMBAT SUPPORT FORCES .....	2,350,089	2,436,689	2,356,089	-14,000	2,336,089
	AFRICOM UPL—Somalia Persistent Presence .....	[86,600]	[86,600]			
	Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School .....			[6,000]	[6,000]	
	Unjustified growth .....					
180	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND DEPOT OPERATIONS SUPPORT .....	189,044	189,044	189,044		189,044
200	COMBATANT COMMANDERS CORE OPERATIONS .....	92,504	92,504	92,504		92,504
210	COMBATANT COMMANDERS DIRECT MISSION SUPPORT .....	352,980	352,980	352,980		416,980
	INDOPACOM campaigning .....				64,000	
	Joint Training Team .....				[36,000]	
230	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	522,180	522,180	522,180		522,180
240	FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE .....	1,763,238	1,763,238	1,763,238		1,763,238
250	WEAPONS MAINTENANCE .....	1,640,642	1,615,642	1,640,642	-25,000	1,615,642
	Underexecution .....					
260	OTHER WEAPON SYSTEMS SUPPORT .....	696,653	686,653	696,653		696,653
	Underexecution .....					
270	ENTERPRISE INFORMATION .....	1,780,645	1,755,645	1,780,645	-18,000	1,762,645
	Insufficient justification .....					
280	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION .....	4,406,192	4,714,316	4,406,192	[18,000]	4,714,316
	Dry Dock Repairs at PSNS Investment Restoration and Modernization .....				308,124	
	Hangar resilience and repair .....				[200,000]	
	Program increase .....				[20,000]	
290	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	6,223,827	6,223,827	6,271,827	[88,124]	6,221,627
	Navy divestment of electrical utility operations at former Naval Air Station Barbers Point .....					
	Unjustified growth .....			[48,000]	[18,000]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>61,750,329</b>	<b>62,096,553</b>	<b>61,807,329</b>	<b>329,424</b>	<b>62,079,753</b>

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<b>MOBILIZATION</b>						
300	SHIP PREPOSITIONING AND SURGE .....	475,255	475,255	475,255		475,255
310	READY RESERVE FORCE .....	701,060	701,060	701,060		701,060
320	SHIP ACTIVATIONS/INACTIVATIONS .....	302,930	302,930	302,930		302,930
330	EXPEDITIONARY HEALTH SERVICES SYSTEMS .....	151,966	151,966	151,966		151,966
340	COAST GUARD SUPPORT .....	21,464	21,464	21,464		21,464
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION .....</b>	<b>1,652,675</b>	<b>1,652,675</b>	<b>1,652,675</b>		<b>1,652,675</b>
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>						
350	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	201,555	201,555	201,555		201,555
360	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	16,521	20,821	16,521		16,521
	Sea Cadets .....		[4,300]			
370	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS .....	175,171	175,171	175,171		175,171
380	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	1,238,894	1,238,894	1,238,894	-5,000	1,233,894
	Unjustified growth .....				[-5,000]	
390	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	335,603	335,603	335,603		335,603
400	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	390,931	390,931	390,931		390,931
410	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	269,483	350,328	355,328		269,483
	Navy Enlisted Training Corps .....		[5,000]			
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....		[80,845]			
420	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	90,452	90,452	90,452		90,452
430	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	73,406	73,406	73,406		73,406
440	JUNIOR ROTC .....	58,970	58,970	58,970		58,970
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>2,850,986</b>	<b>2,936,131</b>	<b>2,936,831</b>	<b>-5,000</b>	<b>2,845,986</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
450	ADMINISTRATION .....	1,350,449	1,338,449	1,350,449	-12,000	1,338,449

460	Program decrease .....							
470	CIVILIAN MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	242,760	242,760	242,760	242,760	242,760	242,760	242,760
490	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT .....	745,666	745,666	745,666	745,666	745,666	745,666	745,666
	MEDICAL ACTIVITIES .....	323,978	323,978	293,978	323,978	323,978	323,978	323,978
	Underexecution .....			[-30,000]				
500	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT .....	67,357	67,357	67,357	67,357	67,357	67,357	67,357
510	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	248,822	248,822	248,822	248,822	248,822	248,822	248,822
530	PLANNING, ENGINEERING, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT .....	616,816	616,816	556,816	616,816	616,816	616,816	616,816
	Underexecution .....			[-60,000]				
540	ACQUISITION, LOGISTICS, AND OVERSIGHT .....	850,906	850,906	835,906	850,906	850,906	850,906	850,906
	Underexecution .....			[-15,000]				
550	INVESTIGATIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES .....	888,508	888,508	888,508	888,508	888,508	888,508	888,508
730A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	655,281	655,281	655,281	655,281	655,281	655,281	655,281
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>5,990,543</b>	<b>5,990,543</b>	<b>5,873,543</b>	<b>5,990,543</b>	<b>5,990,543</b>	<b>5,978,543</b>	<b>5,978,543</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>							
740	UNDISTRIBUTED .....							
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....		-498,400		-498,400	-498,400	-462,300	-462,300
	Unobligated balances .....		[-236,300]		[-236,300]	[-236,300]	[-236,300]	[-236,300]
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-498,400</b>		<b>-498,400</b>	<b>-498,400</b>	<b>-462,300</b>	<b>-462,300</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY .....</b>	<b>72,244,533</b>	<b>71,868,978</b>	<b>72,558,902</b>	<b>72,558,902</b>	<b>71,868,978</b>	<b>72,094,657</b>	<b>72,094,657</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS</b>							
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>							
010	OPERATIONAL FORCES .....	1,799,964	1,799,964	1,799,964	1,799,964	1,799,964	1,793,964	1,793,964
	INDOPACOM campaigning .....						[8,000]	
	Unjustified growth .....						[-14,000]	
020	FIELD LOGISTICS .....	1,878,228	1,878,228	1,878,228	1,878,228	1,878,228	1,853,228	1,853,228
	Unjustified growth .....						[-25,000]	
030	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	211,460	211,460	211,460	211,460	211,460	211,460	211,460
040	MARITIME PREPOSITIONING .....	137,831	137,831	137,831	137,831	137,831	137,831	137,831

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060	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	205,449	205,449	205,449		205,449
070	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	1,211,183	1,235,407	1,211,183	24,224	1,235,407
	Program increase .....		[24,224]		[24,224]	
080	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	3,124,551	3,127,551	3,124,551	-39,750	3,084,801
	Unjustified growth .....				[-42,750]	
	USMC Nucleated Foam Engine Wash .....		[3,000]		[3,000]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>8,568,666</b>	<b>8,595,890</b>	<b>8,568,666</b>	<b>-46,526</b>	<b>8,522,140</b>
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>						
090	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	26,284	26,284	26,284		26,284
100	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	1,316	1,316	1,316		1,316
110	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	133,176	133,176	133,176		133,176
120	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	66,213	66,213	66,213		66,213
130	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	570,152	570,152	570,152		570,152
140	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	246,586	246,586	300,903	54,317	300,903
	Marine Corps Enlisted Training Corps .....			[5,000]	[5,000]	
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....			[49,317]	[49,317]	
150	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	55,230	55,230	55,230		55,230
160	JUNIOR ROTC .....	29,616	29,616	29,616		29,616
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>1,128,573</b>	<b>1,128,573</b>	<b>1,182,890</b>	<b>54,317</b>	<b>1,182,890</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
180	SERVICEWIDE TRANSPORTATION .....	90,366	90,366	90,366		90,366
190	ADMINISTRATION .....	428,650	428,650	428,650		428,650
220A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	65,658	65,658	65,658		65,658
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>584,674</b>	<b>584,674</b>	<b>584,674</b>		<b>584,674</b>



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	Unobligated balances .....			[-4,200]	[-4,200]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....			<b>-8,100</b>	<b>-8,100</b>	<b>-8,100</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY RESERVE</b> .....	<b>1,380,810</b>	<b>1,380,810</b>	<b>1,372,710</b>	<b>-8,100</b>	<b>1,372,710</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE</b>					
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>					
010	OPERATING FORCES .....	128,468	128,468	128,468		128,468
020	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	20,967	20,967	20,967		20,967
030	SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION AND MODERNIZATION .....	46,589	46,589	46,589		46,589
040	BASE OPERATING SUPPORT .....	120,808	120,808	120,808		120,808
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>316,832</b>	<b>316,832</b>	<b>316,832</b>		<b>316,832</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>					
050	ADMINISTRATION .....	12,563	12,563	12,563		12,563
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b> .....	<b>12,563</b>	<b>12,563</b>	<b>12,563</b>		<b>12,563</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>					
060	UNDISTRIBUTED .....			-4,900	-4,900	-4,900
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....			[-3,900]	[-3,900]	
	Unobligated balances .....			[-1,000]	[-1,000]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b> .....			<b>-4,900</b>	<b>-4,900</b>	<b>-4,900</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, MARINE CORPS RESERVE</b> .....	<b>329,395</b>	<b>329,395</b>	<b>324,495</b>	<b>-4,900</b>	<b>324,495</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE</b>					
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>					

010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES	980,788	966,068	966,068	966,068	-44,700	936,068
	DAF requested realignment of funds					[-14,700]	
	Technical realignment						
	Unjustified growth						
020	COMBAT ENHANCEMENT FORCES	2,665,924	2,665,924	2,665,924	2,665,924	68,000	2,733,924
	INDOPACOM Campaigning					[104,000]	
	Unjustified growth					[-36,000]	
030	AIR OPERATIONS TRAINING (OJT, MAINTAIN SKILLS)	1,630,552	1,630,552	1,630,552	1,630,552	[-19,000]	1,611,552
	Unjustified growth						
040	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	4,632,693	4,632,693	4,632,693	4,632,693	[11,350]	4,644,043
	F-22 Block 20 buy-back costs					26,904	
050	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	4,252,815	4,279,719	4,194,663	4,194,663	[-58,152]	4,279,719
	DAF requested realignment of funds						
	Program increase		185,056			185,056	
	Technical realignment						
060	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT	229,440	229,440	229,440	229,440		229,440
070	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT	9,537,192	9,497,192	9,497,192	9,537,192		9,679,142
	F-22 Block 20 buy-back costs						
	Underexecution						
080	FLYING HOUR PROGRAM	6,697,549	6,582,549	6,582,549	6,697,549		6,600,149
	F-22 Block 20 buy-back costs						
	Underexecution						
090	BASE SUPPORT	11,633,510	11,310,018	11,310,018	11,425,018		11,310,018
	DAF requested realignment of funds						
	DAF requested realignment of funds from SAG 11A						
	Technical realignment						
	Underexecution						
100	GLOBAL C3I AND EARLY WARNING	1,350,827	1,319,876	1,319,876	1,319,876		1,301,476
	DAF requested realignment of funds						
	Technical realignment						
	Unjustified request						
110	OTHER COMBAT OPS SPT PROGRAMS	1,817,941	1,742,941	1,742,941	1,817,941		1,804,941

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	Underexecution .....		[-75,000]			
	Unjustified growth .....					
120	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	807,966	777,966	807,966	[-13,000]	807,966
	Program decrease .....		[-30,000]			
130	TACTICAL INTEL AND OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES .....	267,615	267,615	267,615		267,615
160	US NORTHCOM/NORAD .....	245,263	245,263	245,263		245,263
170	US STRATCOM .....	541,720	526,720	541,720		541,720
	Underexecution .....		[-15,000]			
190	US CENTCOM .....	335,220	335,220	329,220	-6,000	329,220
	Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq reduction .....			[-6,000]	[-6,000]	
200	US SOCOM .....	27,511	27,511	27,511		27,511
210	US TRANSCOM .....	607	607	607		607
220	CENTCOM CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	1,415	1,415	1,415		1,415
230	USSPACECOM .....	373,989	373,989	373,989		373,989
240	MEDICAL READINESS .....	564,880	562,596	562,596	-2,284	562,596
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....			[-2,284]		
	Technical realignment .....		[-2,284]		[-2,284]	
480A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	1,465,926	1,465,926	1,465,926		1,465,926
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>50,061,323</b>	<b>49,441,800</b>	<b>49,740,744</b>	<b>-307,023</b>	<b>49,754,300</b>
<b>MOBILIZATION</b>						
260	AIRLIFT OPERATIONS .....	3,012,287	3,012,287	3,012,287		3,012,287
270	MOBILIZATION PREPAREDNESS .....	241,918	241,918	241,918		241,918
	<b>SUBTOTAL MOBILIZATION .....</b>	<b>3,254,205</b>	<b>3,254,205</b>	<b>3,254,205</b>		<b>3,254,205</b>
<b>TRAINING AND RECRUITING</b>						
280	OFFICER ACQUISITION .....	202,769	202,769	202,769		202,769

290	RECRUIT TRAINING .....	28,892	28,892	28,892	28,892
300	RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS (ROTC) .....	137,647	137,647	137,647	137,647
310	SPECIALIZED SKILL TRAINING .....	588,131	588,131	588,131	588,131
320	FLIGHT TRAINING .....	850,230	850,230	875,230	862,989
	Underexecution .....		[-25,000]		[-12,241]
330	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	301,262	303,262	301,262	303,262
	Program increase .....		[2,000]		2,000
340	TRAINING SUPPORT .....	194,609	195,609	194,609	194,609
	Training Exercise Support .....		[1,000]		[2,000]
350	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	204,318	245,182	250,182	204,318
	Air Force Enlisted Training Corps .....		[40,864]		[5,000]
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....		7,775		7,775
360	EXAMINING .....	7,775	7,775	7,775	7,775
370	OFF-DUTY AND VOLUNTARY EDUCATION .....	263,421	263,421	263,421	263,421
380	CIVILIAN EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	343,039	343,039	343,039	343,039
390	JUNIOR ROTC .....	75,666	75,666	75,666	75,666
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>3,222,759</b>	<b>3,241,623</b>	<b>3,268,623</b>	<b>3,212,518</b>
					<b>-10,241</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>					
400	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS .....	1,062,199	1,062,199	1,062,199	1,062,199
410	TECHNICAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES .....	162,919	162,919	162,919	162,919
420	ADMINISTRATION .....	1,409,015	1,409,015	1,409,015	1,408,515
	Program decrease—contract support .....				[-500]
430	SERVICEWIDE COMMUNICATIONS .....	30,268	30,268	30,268	30,268
440	OTHER SERVICEWIDE ACTIVITIES .....	1,851,856	1,811,376	1,856,376	1,811,376
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[4,520]		[-500]
	Technical realignment .....		[-45,000]		[4,520]
	Underexecution .....				[-45,000]
450	CIVIL AIR PATROL .....	30,901	30,901	30,901	30,901
460	DEF ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT .....	42,759	42,759	42,759	42,759
480	INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT .....	115,267	95,267	115,267	115,267
	Underexecution .....		[-20,000]		

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490A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	1,506,624	1,506,624	1,506,624		1,506,624
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>6,211,808</b>	<b>6,151,328</b>	<b>6,216,328</b>	<b>-40,980</b>	<b>6,170,828</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>					
500	UNDISTRIBUTED .....			-442,200	-408,500	-408,500
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....			[-208,500]	[-208,500]	
	Unobligated balances .....			[-233,700]	[-200,000]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>			<b>-442,200</b>	<b>-408,500</b>	<b>-408,500</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE .....</b>	<b>62,750,095</b>	<b>62,088,956</b>	<b>62,037,700</b>	<b>-766,744</b>	<b>61,983,351</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE</b>					
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>					
010	GLOBAL C31 & EARLY WARNING .....	642,201	642,201	642,201	-25,000	617,201
	Unjustified growth .....				[-25,000]	
020	SPACE LAUNCH OPERATIONS .....	356,162	356,162	356,162		356,162
030	SPACE OPERATIONS .....	866,547	869,047	866,547	-2,500	864,047
	Systems Tool Kit Digital Operations .....		[2,500]			
	Unjustified growth .....				[-2,500]	
040	EDUCATION & TRAINING .....	199,181	217,353	217,353	13,172	212,353
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....					
	Technical realignment .....		[18,172]		[18,172]	
	Unjustified growth .....				[-5,000]	
050	SPECIAL PROGRAMS .....	383,233	383,233	383,233		383,233
060	DEPOT MAINTENANCE .....	67,757	67,757	67,757		67,757
070	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	678,648	692,221	678,648	13,573	692,221
	Program increase .....		[13,573]		[13,573]	

080	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS AND SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	1,380,350	1,380,350	1,380,350	1,380,350	-2,000	1,378,350
	Unjustified growth .....					[-2,000]	
090	SPACE OPERATIONS -BOS .....	188,760	188,760	188,760	188,760		188,760
110A	CLASSIFIED PROGRAMS .....	71,475	71,475	71,475	71,475		71,475
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>4,834,314</b>	<b>4,868,559</b>	<b>4,852,486</b>	<b>4,831,559</b>	<b>-2,755</b>	<b>4,831,559</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>						
120	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-87,100	-87,100	-87,100	-33,100	-33,100
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....		[-14,100]	[-14,100]	[-14,100]		
	Unobligated balances .....		[-73,000]	[-73,000]	[-19,000]		
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-87,100</b>	<b>-87,100</b>	<b>-33,100</b>		<b>-33,100</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
100	LOGISTICS OPERATIONS .....	34,046	34,046	34,046	34,046		34,046
110	ADMINISTRATION .....	149,108	130,936	130,936	130,936	-18,172	130,936
	DAF requested realignment of funds .....		[-18,172]	[-18,172]			
	Technical realignment .....					[-18,172]	
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>183,154</b>	<b>164,982</b>	<b>164,982</b>	<b>164,982</b>	<b>-18,172</b>	<b>164,982</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, SPACE FORCE .....</b>	<b>5,017,468</b>	<b>5,033,541</b>	<b>4,930,368</b>	<b>4,963,441</b>	<b>-54,027</b>	<b>4,963,441</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE</b>						
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>						
010	PRIMARY COMBAT FORCES .....	2,088,949	2,088,949	2,116,429	2,058,949	-30,000	2,058,949
	Military technician (dual status) end strength .....			[27,480]			
	Unjustified growth .....					[-30,000]	
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS .....	198,213	198,213	198,213	198,213		198,213
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE .....	647,758	647,758	647,758	647,758		647,758
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION .....	122,314	122,314	122,314	122,314		122,314
050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	374,442	374,442	374,442	374,442		374,442
060	BASE SUPPORT .....	543,962	543,962	543,962	543,962		543,962
070	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	1,742	1,742	1,742	1,742		1,742

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	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b>	<b>3,977,380</b>	<b>3,977,380</b>	<b>4,004,860</b>	<b>-30,000</b>	<b>3,947,380</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>					
080	ADMINISTRATION	107,281	107,281	107,281		107,281
090	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING	9,373	9,373	11,248		9,373
	Recruiting and advertising increase			(1,875)		
100	MILITARY MANPOWER AND PERS MGMT (ARPC)	15,563	15,563	15,563		15,563
110	OTHER PERS SUPPORT (DISABILITY COMP)	6,174	6,174	6,174		6,174
120	AUDIOVISUAL	485	485	485		485
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>138,876</b>	<b>138,876</b>	<b>140,751</b>		<b>138,876</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>					
130	UNDISTRIBUTED			-46,700		-40,500
	Foreign currency fluctuations			(-12,500)		(-12,500)
	Unobligated balances			(-34,200)		(-28,000)
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b>			<b>-46,700</b>		<b>-40,500</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE RESERVE</b>	<b>4,116,256</b>	<b>4,116,256</b>	<b>4,098,911</b>	<b>-70,500</b>	<b>4,045,756</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD</b>					
	<b>OPERATING FORCES</b>					
010	AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS	2,498,675	2,498,675	2,498,675		2,478,675
	Unjustified growth					(-20,000)
020	MISSION SUPPORT OPERATIONS	656,714	656,714	796,394		656,714
	Military technician (dual status) end strength			(139,680)		
030	DEPOT PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	1,171,901	1,171,901	1,171,901		1,171,901
040	FACILITIES SUSTAINMENT, RESTORATION & MODERNIZATION	370,188	370,188	370,188		370,188

050	CONTRACTOR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AND SYSTEM SUPPORT .....	1,280,003	1,280,003	1,280,003	1,280,003	-18,000	1,262,003
	Unjustified growth .....					[-18,000]	
060	BASE SUPPORT .....	1,089,579	1,089,579	1,089,579	1,089,579		1,089,579
070	CYBERSPACE SUSTAINMENT .....	19,708	19,708	19,708	19,708		19,708
080	CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	49,476	49,476	49,476	49,476		49,476
	Cyberspace activities .....		[2,500]				
	Insufficient justification .....		[-22,000]				
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES .....</b>	<b>7,136,244</b>	<b>7,116,744</b>	<b>7,275,924</b>	<b>7,098,244</b>	<b>-38,000</b>	<b>7,098,244</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
090	ADMINISTRATION .....	68,417	68,417	68,417	68,417		68,417
100	RECRUITING AND ADVERTISING .....	49,033	49,033	72,433	49,033		49,033
	Recruiting and advertising increase .....			[23,400]			
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>117,450</b>	<b>117,450</b>	<b>140,850</b>	<b>117,450</b>		<b>117,450</b>
	<b>UNDISTRIBUTED</b>						
110	UNDISTRIBUTED .....		-21,900	-46,200	-46,200	-46,200	-46,200
	Foreign currency fluctuations .....			[-24,300]			
	Unobligated balances .....		[-21,900]	[-21,900]			
	<b>SUBTOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED .....</b>		<b>-21,900</b>	<b>-46,200</b>	<b>-46,200</b>		<b>-46,200</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR NATIONAL GUARD .....</b>	<b>7,253,694</b>	<b>7,212,294</b>	<b>7,370,574</b>	<b>7,169,494</b>	<b>-84,200</b>	<b>7,169,494</b>
	<b>OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE OPERATING FORCES</b>						
010	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF .....	461,370	471,370	457,770	467,770	6,400	467,770
	Combatant Commander's Initiative Fund (CCIF)—AFRICOM and SOUTHCOM .....		[10,000]			[10,000]	
	Unobligated balances .....			[-3,600]			
020	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—JTEEP .....	701,081	701,081	701,081	698,081	-3,000	698,081
	Unjustified growth .....					[-3,000]	
030	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF—CYBER .....	8,210	8,210	8,210	8,210		8,210
040	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE—MISO .....	252,480	271,110	252,480	252,480		252,480

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	INDOPACOM MISO .....		[11,300]			
	SOUTHCOM MISO .....		[7,330]			
060	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND COMBAT DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES .....	2,012,953	2,012,953	2,012,953		2,012,953
070	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MAINTENANCE .....	1,210,930	1,186,630	1,206,930	-28,300	1,182,630
	MQ-9 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle unjustified increase .....			[-4,000]		
	Program decrease .....		[-24,300]			
080	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND MANAGEMENT/OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS .....	202,574	195,244	202,574	-2,606	199,968
	Program decrease .....		[-7,330]			
090	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND THEATER FORCES .....	3,346,004	3,334,004	3,351,004	-8,726	3,337,278
	Program decrease .....		[-12,000]			
	Special Operations Forces cyber training .....			[5,000]		
100	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND CYBERSPACE ACTIVITIES .....	49,757	49,757	49,757		49,757
110	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND INTELLIGENCE .....	1,391,402	1,401,402	1,391,402	14,000	1,405,402
	Program decrease .....		[-15,000]			
	Special Operations Command Intelligence increase in Non-Traditional ISR (SOF Digital Ecosystem POR) .....				[20,000]	
120	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OPERATIONAL SUPPORT .....	1,438,967	1,376,980	1,438,967	-18,992	1,419,975
	Program decrease .....		[-61,987]			
130	CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS .....	1,318,614	1,353,614	1,328,614	5,000	1,323,614
	Additional resourcing .....		[10,000]			
	Internet Operations Management .....		[5,000]			
	JFHQ-DODIN Resourcing .....		[20,000]			
	Modernization of Department of Defense Internet Gateway Cyber Defense .....			[10,000]		
140	USCYBERCOM HEADQUARTERS .....	332,690	332,690	332,690		332,690
	<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING FORCES</b> .....	<b>12,727,032</b>	<b>12,695,045</b>	<b>12,734,432</b>	<b>-36,224</b>	<b>12,690,808</b>

**TRAINING AND RECRUITING**

150	DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY .....	183,342	183,342	183,342	183,342	183,342	183,342
160	JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF .....	118,172	118,172	118,172	118,172	118,172	118,172
170	SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION .....	33,855	33,855	33,855	33,855	33,855	33,855
	<b>SUBTOTAL TRAINING AND RECRUITING .....</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>335,369</b>	<b>335,369</b>
	<b>ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE-WIDE ACTIVITIES</b>						
180	CIVIL MILITARY PROGRAMS .....	142,240	273,240	139,740	133,500	275,740	133,500
	National Guard Youth Challenge .....		[83,500]		[83,500]		
	Program decrease .....		[-2,500]				
	STARBASE .....		[50,000]		[50,000]		
	Unobligated balances .....		[-2,500]				
190	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY—CYBER .....	4,870	4,870	4,870	4,870	4,870	4,870
200	DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY .....	667,943	667,943	665,243	665,243	667,943	667,943
	Unobligated balances .....		[-2,700]				
210	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY .....	1,567,119	1,567,119	1,551,619	-3,000	1,564,119	-3,000
	Unobligated balances .....		[-15,500]		[-3,000]		[-3,000]
220	DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AGENCY—CYBER .....	30,279	25,279	20,279		30,279	
	Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification program reduction .....		[-10,000]				
	Early to need .....		[-5,000]				
230	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY .....	1,062,123	1,062,123	1,062,123	-35,000	1,027,123	-35,000
	Insider Threat – DITMAC, Resiliency and Suicide Prevention Program for the Warfighter .....		[5,000]				
	Program decrease—Facilities and Physical Security .....		[-5,000]				
	Unjustified growth .....						
250	DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY—CYBER .....	9,835	9,835	9,835		9,835	
260	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY—CYBER .....	27,517	27,517	27,517		27,517	
270	DEFENSE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITY .....	1,033,789	988,789	1,033,789	-45,000	988,789	-45,000
	Underexecution .....		[-45,000]		[-45,000]		[-45,000]
300	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY .....	2,567,698	2,542,698	2,557,798	-34,900	2,532,798	-34,900
	Program decrease .....		[-25,000]		[-25,000]		[-25,000]
	Unobligated balances .....						
310	DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY—CYBER .....	526,893	526,893	526,893	[-9,900]	526,893	[-9,900]

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320	DEFENSE LEGAL SERVICES AGENCY .....	241,779	206,779	219,379	-2,000	239,779
	Historical unobligated balances .....					
	Underexecution .....		[-35,000]		[-2,000]	
	Unobligated balances .....			[-22,400]		
330	DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY .....	446,731	446,731	446,731		446,731
340	DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY .....	246,840	251,840	246,840		246,840
	Public Web program .....		[5,000]			
360	DEFENSE POW/MIA OFFICE .....	195,959	198,959	195,959		195,959
	DPAA Identification Programs .....		[3,000]			
370	DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY .....	2,379,100	2,379,100	2,389,100	-120,000	2,259,100
	Baltic Security Initiative .....		[210,000]			
	Irregular Warfare Functional Center .....			[10,000]		
	Offset for Baltic Security Initiative .....					
	Program decrease—Border Security .....				[-120,000]	
380	DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ADMINISTRATION .....	41,722	41,722	41,722		41,722
390	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY .....	984,272	974,272	984,272	-10,000	974,272
	Program decrease .....		[-10,000]		[-10,000]	
410	DEFENSE THREAT REDUCTION AGENCY—CYBER .....	70,548	70,548	70,548		70,548
420	DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EDUCATION ACTIVITY .....	3,451,625	3,521,625	3,531,625	63,000	3,514,625
	Historical unobligated balances .....				[-7,000]	
	Impact Aid .....		[50,000]	[50,000]	[50,000]	
	Impact Aid for children with severe disabilities .....			[30,000]		
	Impact Aid Students with Disabilities .....		[20,000]		[20,000]	
430	MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY .....	564,078	559,078	564,078		564,078
	Program decrease .....		[-5,000]			
440	OFFICE OF THE LOCAL DEFENSE COMMUNITY COOPERATION .....	118,216	108,216	138,216		118,216
	Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program .....			[20,000]		



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<b>UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES</b>						
<b>ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES</b>						
010	US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES, DEFENSE .....	16,620	16,620	16,620		16,620
	<b>SUBTOTAL ADMINISTRATION AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES .....</b>	<b>16,620</b>	<b>16,620</b>	<b>16,620</b>		<b>16,620</b>
	<b>TOTAL UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ARMED FORCES .....</b>	<b>16,620</b>	<b>16,620</b>	<b>16,620</b>		<b>16,620</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND</b>						
<b>ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT</b>						
010	ACQ WORKFORCE DEV FD .....	54,977	54,977	54,977		54,977
	<b>SUBTOTAL ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT .....</b>	<b>54,977</b>	<b>54,977</b>	<b>54,977</b>		<b>54,977</b>
	<b>TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND .....</b>	<b>54,977</b>	<b>54,977</b>	<b>54,977</b>		<b>54,977</b>
<b>OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID</b>						
<b>HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE</b>						
010	OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER AND CIVIC AID .....	114,900	114,900	114,900		114,900
	<b>SUBTOTAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE .....</b>	<b>114,900</b>	<b>114,900</b>	<b>114,900</b>		<b>114,900</b>
	<b>TOTAL OVERSEAS HUMANITARIAN, DISASTER, AND CIVIC AID .....</b>	<b>114,900</b>	<b>114,900</b>	<b>114,900</b>		<b>114,900</b>
<b>COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT</b>						
010	COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION .....	350,999	335,999	350,999		350,999
	Program decrease .....		[-25,000]			
	Program increase .....		[10,000]			
	<b>SUBTOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION .....</b>	<b>350,999</b>	<b>335,999</b>	<b>350,999</b>		<b>350,999</b>

	TOTAL COOPERATIVE THREAT REDUCTION ACCOUNT .....	350,999	350,999	350,999	350,999
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY				
	DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY				
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY .....	198,760	198,760	198,760	198,760
	SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY .....	198,760	198,760	198,760	198,760
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, ARMY .....	198,760	198,760	198,760	198,760
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY				
	DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY				
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY .....	335,240	335,240	335,240	335,240
	SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY .....	335,240	335,240	335,240	335,240
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, NAVY .....	335,240	335,240	335,240	335,240
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE				
	DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE				
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE .....	349,744	349,744	349,744	349,744
	SUBTOTAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE .....	349,744	349,744	349,744	349,744
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AIR FORCE .....	349,744	349,744	349,744	349,744
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE				
	DEFENSE-WIDE				
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE .....	8,965	8,965	8,965	8,965
	SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE .....	8,965	8,965	8,965	8,965
	TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, DEFENSE .....	8,965	8,965	8,965	8,965
	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES				

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<b>DEFENSE-WIDE</b>						
090	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION FORMERLY USED SITES .....	232,806	232,806	232,806		232,806
	<b>SUBTOTAL DEFENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>232,806</b>	<b>232,806</b>	<b>232,806</b>		<b>232,806</b>
	<b>TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES .....</b>	<b>232,806</b>	<b>232,806</b>	<b>232,806</b>		<b>232,806</b>
	<b>TOTAL OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE .....</b>	<b>290,071,293</b>	<b>289,146,588</b>	<b>288,774,446</b>	<b>-1,248,664</b>	<b>288,822,629</b>

**TITLE XLIV—MILITARY PERSONNEL**

**SEC. 4401. MILITARY PERSONNEL.**

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Item	FY 2024 Request	House Authorized	Senate Authorized	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
Military Personnel Appropriations .....	168,320,510	-242,200	-1,540,840	-2,108,861	166,211,649
BAH Absorption Restoration (1%) .....		[244,000]			
Historical unobligated balances .....		[-600,000]			
Remove BAH from BNA Calculation (150%) .....		[113,800]			
Air Force end strength underexecution .....			[-564,000]	[-564,000]	
Air National Guard AGR end strength underexecution .....			[-45,600]	[-33,000]	
Air National Reserve AGR end strength underexecution .....			[-8,040]		
Army, Underexecution of strength .....				[-787,901]	
Marine Corps Reserve, Underexecution of strength .....				[-24,315]	
Navy end strength underexecution .....			[-600,000]	[-600,000]	
Navy Reserve, Projected underexecution .....				[-10,000]	
Unobligated balances .....			[-323,200]	[-89,645]	
Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund Contributions .....	10,553,456				10,553,456
<b>TOTAL, Military Personnel .....</b>	<b>178,873,966</b>	<b>-242,200</b>	<b>-1,540,840</b>	<b>-2,108,861</b>	<b>176,765,105</b>

## TITLE XLV—OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

### SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS.

SEC. 4501. OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (In Thousands of Dollars)						
Program Title	FY 2024 Request	House Authorized	Senate Authorized	Conference Change	Conference Authorized	
<b>NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND</b>						
DEFENSE STOCKPILE .....	7,629	7,629	7,629		7,629	7,629
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL DEFENSE STOCKPILE TRANSACTION FUND .....</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>7,629</b>	<b>7,629</b>		<b>7,629</b>	<b>7,629</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY</b>						
ARMY ARSENALS INITIATIVE .....	27,551	27,551	27,551		27,551	27,551
ARMY SUPPLY MANAGEMENT .....	1,662	1,662	1,662		1,662	1,662
<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, ARMY .....</b>	<b>29,213</b>	<b>29,213</b>	<b>29,213</b>		<b>29,213</b>	<b>29,213</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE</b>						
TRANSPORTATION .....	83,587	83,587	83,587		83,587	83,587
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS .....	83,587	83,587	83,587		83,587	83,587
<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, AIR FORCE .....</b>	<b>83,587</b>	<b>83,587</b>	<b>83,587</b>		<b>83,587</b>	<b>83,587</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>						
DEFENSE AUTOMATION & PRODUCTION SERVICES .....	4	4	4		4	4
ENERGY MANAGEMENT—DEFENSE .....	114,663	114,663	114,663		114,663	114,663
<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE-WIDE .....</b>	<b>114,667</b>	<b>114,667</b>	<b>114,667</b>		<b>114,667</b>	<b>114,667</b>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY</b>						
WORKING CAPITAL FUND—DECA .....	1,447,612	1,447,612	1,447,612		1,447,612	1,447,612

<b>TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL FUND, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY .....</b>	<b>1,447,612</b>	<b>1,447,612</b>	<b>1,447,612</b>	<b>1,447,612</b>
<b>CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE</b>				
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE .....	89,284	89,284	89,284	89,284
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION .....	1,002,560	1,002,560	1,002,560	1,002,560
<b>TOTAL CHEMICAL AGENTS AND MUNITIONS DESTRUCTION, DEFENSE .....</b>	<b>1,091,844</b>	<b>1,091,844</b>	<b>1,091,844</b>	<b>1,091,844</b>
<b>DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE</b>				
COUNTER-NARCOTICS SUPPORT .....	643,848	643,848	643,848	648,848
Advanced Analytics for Global Threat Network Disruption .....	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	5,000
Counter Strategic Competitors in the Western Hemisphere .....	[15,000]	[15,000]	[15,000]	[5,000]
Global Trader in the Office of Naval Intelligence Maritime Intelligence Support .....	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]
U.S. Northern Command Mexico Office of Defense Cooperation .....	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]
<b>DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>134,313</b>	<b>134,313</b>	<b>134,313</b>	<b>136,813</b>
Young Marines Program .....	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]	[2,500]
<b>NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>102,272</b>	<b>102,272</b>	<b>102,272</b>	<b>122,272</b>
Program increase .....	[20,000]	[20,000]	[20,000]	[20,000]
<b>NATIONAL GUARD COUNTER-DRUG SCHOOLS .....</b>	<b>5,993</b>	<b>5,993</b>	<b>5,993</b>	<b>10,993</b>
Program increase .....	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]	[5,000]
<b>TOTAL DRUG INTERDICTION AND COUNTER-DRUG ACTIVITIES, DEFENSE .....</b>	<b>886,426</b>	<b>886,426</b>	<b>886,426</b>	<b>918,926</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b>				
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL—O&M .....	518,919	518,919	518,919	518,919
Special Inspector General for Ukraine Assistance .....	[20,000]	[20,000]	[20,000]	[20,000]
<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL—CYBER .....</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>1,948</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL—RD&amp;E .....</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,400</b>
<b>OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL—PROCUREMENT .....</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>TOTAL OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL .....</b>	<b>525,365</b>	<b>525,365</b>	<b>525,365</b>	<b>525,365</b>
<b>DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM</b>				
IN-HOUSE CARE .....	10,044,342	10,044,342	10,044,342	9,950,353
Baseline adjustment .....				-93,989
				[-93,989]

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TRICARE Reserve Select Extension .....		[5,000]			
PRIVATE SECTOR CARE .....	19,893,028	19,893,028	19,893,028	-25,151	19,867,877
Unjustified growth .....				[-25,151]	
CONSOLIDATED HEALTH SUPPORT .....	2,007,012	1,818,512	2,007,012	-6,018	2,000,994
Historical underexecution .....		[-186,000]		[-6,018]	
Program decrease .....		[-2,500]			
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT .....	2,327,816	2,327,816	2,327,816		2,327,816
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES .....	347,446	343,446	347,446		347,446
Historical underexecution .....		[-4,000]			
EDUCATION AND TRAINING .....	336,111	323,111	336,111	7,000	343,111
Historical underexecution .....		[-20,000]			
TriService Nursing Research Program .....		[7,000]		[7,000]	
BASE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS .....	2,144,551	2,142,051	2,144,551	-2,500	2,142,051
Historical underexecution .....		[-2,500]		[-2,500]	
R&D RESEARCH .....	40,311	40,311	40,311	10,000	50,311
Clinical study on treatment with psychedelic substances .....				[10,000]	
R&D EXPLORATORY DEVELOPMENT .....	178,892	178,892	178,892		178,892
R&D ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT .....	327,040	344,540	327,040		327,040
Antibiotic Susceptibility Test Development .....		[2,500]			
Peptide Research and Development .....		[5,000]			
Platelet Development and Platelet Hemostatic Products .....		[10,000]			
R&D DEMONSTRATION/VALIDATION .....	172,351	172,351	172,351		172,351
R&D ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT .....	107,753	107,753	107,753		107,753
R&D MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT .....	87,096	87,096	87,096		87,096
R&D CAPABILITIES ENHANCEMENT .....	18,330	18,330	18,330		18,330
PROC INITIAL OUTFITTING .....	22,344	22,344	22,344		22,344
PROC REPLACEMENT & MODERNIZATION .....	238,435	238,435	238,435		238,435

PROC JOINT OPERATIONAL MEDICINE INFORMATION SYSTEM .....	29,537	29,537	29,537	29,537	29,537
PROC MILITARY HEALTH SYSTEM—DESKTOP TO DATACENTER .....	74,055	74,055	74,055	74,055	74,055
PROC DOD HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM MODERNIZATION .....	17,510	17,510	17,510	17,510	17,510
<b>TOTAL DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>38,413,960</b>	<b>38,228,460</b>	<b>38,413,960</b>	<b>38,413,960</b>	<b>38,303,302</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS .....</b>	<b>42,600,303</b>	<b>42,492,303</b>	<b>42,600,303</b>	<b>42,600,303</b>	<b>42,522,145</b>

**TITLE XLVI—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**

**SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.**

**SEC. 4601. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION**  
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Account	State/ Country	Installation	Project Title	FY 2024 Request	House Authorized	Senate Authorized	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
<b>MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b>								
<b>ARMY</b>								
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	ACCESS CONTROL POINT (P&D)	0	5,500	0	5,500	5,500
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP (P&D)	0	8,100	0	8,100	8,100
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	OPEN STORAGE (P&D)	0	0	270	270	270
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	VEHICLE PAINT SHOP (P&D)	0	2,900	0	2,900	2,900
Army	Alabama	Fort Novosel	COST TO COMPLETE: ADV INDIVIDUAL TRAINING BARRACKS COMPLEX	0	0	0	41,200	41,200
Army	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	SUBSTATION	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	COST TO COMPLETE: ENLISTED UNACCOMPANIED PERS HSG	34,000	34,000	34,000	0	34,000
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	SOLDIER PERFORMANCE READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	7,900	7,900	7,900
Army	Florida	Camp Bull Simons	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	17,000	0	0	0
Army	Georgia	Fort Eisenhower	CYBER INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY (CLASSROOMS)	163,000	80,000	73,000	-90,000	73,000
Army	Georgia	Fort Moore	CAMP MERRILL AST BARRACKS (P&D)	0	0	0	1,320	1,320
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield	COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE GSAB HANGAR (P&D)	0	0	0	6,400	6,400
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield	MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION HANGAR (P&D)	0	0	0	2,220	2,220
Army	Germany	Grafenwoehr	AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	10,400	10,400	10,400	0	10,400
Army	Germany	Hohenfels	SIMULATIONS CENTER	56,000	56,000	56,000	0	56,000
Army	Hawaii	Aliamanu Military Reservation	WATER STORAGE TANK	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Army	Hawaii	Fort Shafter	CLEARWELL AND BOOSTER PUMP	0	0	23,000	23,000	23,000

Army	Hawaii	Helemano Military Reservation	WELLS AND STORAGE TANKS	0	0	33,000	33,000	33,000
Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	ELEVATED TANK AND DISTRIBUTION LINES	0	0	21,000	16,000	16,000
Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	WATER STORAGE TANK	0	0	16,000	21,000	21,000
Army	Hawaii	Wheeler Army Airfield	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (P&D)	0	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400
Army	Indiana	Crane Army Ammunition Plant	EARTH COVERED MAGAZINES (P&D)	0	0	1,195	1,195	1,195
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (P&D)	0	0	1,600	1,600	1,600
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGER	105,000	105,000	105,000	0	105,000
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	BOB DOLE INTERMODAL RAILYARD IMPROVEMENTS (P&D)	0	0	0	1,110	1,110
Army	Kentucky	Blue Grass Army Depot	SMALL ARMS MODERNIZATION (P&D)	0	0	3,300	3,300	3,300
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (P&D)	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	MULTIPURPOSE TRAINING RANGE	38,000	38,000	38,000	1,000	39,000
Army	Kwajalein	Kwajalein Atoll	COST TO COMPLETE: PIER	0	0	15,000	0	0
Army	Louisiana	Fort Johnson	MULTIPURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD	0	13,400	13,400	13,400	13,400
Army	Massachusetts	Soldier Systems Center	BARRACKS ADDITION	18,500	18,500	18,500	0	18,500
Army	Michigan	Detroit Arsenal	GROUND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT BUILDING	72,000	72,000	72,000	0	72,000
Army	Michigan	Detroit Arsenal	MANNED/UNMANNED TACTICAL VEHICLE LAB (P&D)	0	0	0	2,400	2,400
Army	New Mexico	White Sands Missile Range	J-DETC DIRECTED ENERGY FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	5,500	5,500	5,500
Army	New York	Watervliet Arsenal	TANK FARM (P&D)	0	0	160	160	160
Army	North Carolina	Fort Liberty	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	0	61,000	61,000	61,000	61,000
Army	North Carolina	Fort Liberty	AUTOMATED RECORD FIRE RANGE	19,500	19,500	19,500	1,500	21,000
Army	North Carolina	Fort Liberty	BARRACKS	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Army	North Carolina	Fort Liberty	BARRACKS (FACILITY PROTOTYPING)	85,000	85,000	85,000	0	85,000
Army	North Carolina	Fort Liberty	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	36,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
Army	Oklahoma	McAlester Army Ammunition Plant	WATER TREATMENT PLANT (P&D)	0	0	1,194	1,194	1,194
Army	Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Army Depot	ANEOCHOIC CHAMBER (P&D)	0	0	275	275	275
Army	Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Army Depot	GUIDED MISSILE MAINTENANCE BUILDING	89,000	89,000	89,000	0	89,000
Army	Pennsylvania	Tobyhanna Army Depot	HELIPAD (P&D)	0	0	311	311	311
Army	Pennsylvania	Tobyhanna Army Depot	RADAR MAINTENANCE SHOP (P&D)	0	0	259	259	259
Army	Poland	Various Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN	0	0	25,710	25,710	25,710

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Army	South Carolina	Fort Jackson	COST TO COMPLETE: RECEPTION BARRACKS COM- PLEX, PHASE 2	0	0	66,000	66,000	66,000
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	COLLECTIVE TRAINING BARRACKS (P&D)	0	8,000	0	8,000	8,000
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	RAIL YARD	74,000	74,000	74,000	0	74,000
Army	Texas	Fort Cavazos	BARRACKS (P&D)	0	19,800	20,000	20,000	20,000
Army	Texas	Fort Cavazos	TACTICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES (P&D)	0	0	5,800	5,800	5,800
Army	Texas	Red River Army Depot	COMPONENT REBUILD SHOP	113,000	70,000	46,400	-66,600	46,400
Army	Texas	Red River Army Depot	NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	280	280	280
Army	Texas	Red River Army Depot	STANDBY GENERATOR (P&D)	0	0	270	270	270
Army	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	EQUINE TRAINING FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Army	Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	BARRACKS	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	100,000
Army	Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	BARRACKS (P&D)	0	0	0	7,900	7,900
Army	Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP (P&D)	0	0	7,500	7,500	7,500
Army	Washington	Yakima Training Center	AUTOMATED INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE (P&D)	0	0	0	960	960
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	BARRACKS REPLACEMENT FUND (P&D)	0	50,000	50,000	65,000	65,000
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PLANNING & DESIGN	0	20,000	0	20,000	20,000
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	COST TO COMPLETE ARMY	0	122,210	0	0	0
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	HOST NATION SUPPORT	26,000	26,000	26,000	0	26,000
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	LAB INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & DESIGN	0	30,000	0	30,000	30,000
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	ORGANIC INDUSTRIAL BASE PLANNING & DESIGN	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	PLANNING & DESIGN	270,875	300,175	270,875	0	270,875

Agency	Location	Description	76,280	86,280	76,280	10,000	86,280
Army	Worldwide Un-specified	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	76,280	86,280	76,280	10,000	86,280
Army	Worldwide Un-specified	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Army</b>			<b>1,470,555</b>	<b>1,803,165</b>	<b>1,644,779</b>	<b>441,734</b>	<b>1,912,289</b>
<b>NAVY</b>							
Navy	Arizona	Marine Corps Air Station Yuma WATER TREATMENT PLANT (P&D)	0	0	0	8,900	8,900
Navy	Australia	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin PDI: AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON (INC)	134,624	134,624	134,624	0	134,624
Navy	California	Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center COMMUNICATIONS TOWERS	42,100	42,100	42,100	0	42,100
Navy	California	Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton FIRE/EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION (53 AREA) REPLACEMENT (P&D)	0	2,683	0	2,683	2,683
Navy	California	Naval Base Coronado CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	6,200	6,200
Navy	California	Naval Base San Diego CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	5,600	5,600
Navy	California	Port Hueneume LABORATORY COMPOUND FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS	110,000	15,000	15,000	-40,000	70,000
Navy	Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London SUBMARINE PIER 31 EXTENSION	112,518	42,518	36,718	-75,800	36,718
Navy	Connecticut	Naval Submarine Base New London WEAPONS MAGAZINE & ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FAC.	219,200	29,200	19,200	-200,000	19,200
Navy	District of Columbia	Marine Barracks Washington (8th Street and I) BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS & SUPPORT FACILITY	131,800	31,800	16,800	-115,000	16,800
Navy	District of Columbia	Naval Support Activity (P&D) ELECTROMAGNETIC & CYBER COUNTERMEASURES LAB (P&D)	0	40,000	0	40,000	40,000
Navy	Djibouti	Camp Lemonnier ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT	0	106,600	20,000	25,000	25,000
Navy	Florida	Naval Air Station Whiting Field ADVANCED HELICOPTER TRAINING SYSTEM HANGAR	0	100,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Navy	Georgia	Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATION FACILITY	0	63,970	0	64,000	64,000
Navy	Guam	Andersen Air Force Base PDI: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	105,220	105,220	55,220	-50,000	55,220
Navy	Guam	Andersen Air Force Base PDI: JOINT CONSOL. COMM. CENTER (INC)	107,000	107,000	107,000	0	107,000

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Navy	Guam	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: JOINT COMMUNICATION UPGRADE (INC)	292,830	50,000	31,330	-261,500	31,330
Navy	Guam	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: MISSILE INTEGRATION TEST FACILITY	174,540	74,540	44,540	-118,400	56,140
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: 9TH ESB TRAINING COMPLEX	23,380	23,380	23,380	4,156	27,536
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: ARTILLERY BATTERY FACILITIES	137,550	72,550	67,550	0	137,550
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: CONSOLIDATED MEB HQ/NCIS PHI	19,740	19,740	19,740	0	19,740
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: RECREATION CENTER	34,740	34,740	34,740	0	34,740
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: RELIGIOUS MINISTRY SERVICES FACILITY	46,350	46,350	46,350	0	46,350
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (INC)	166,159	100,000	56,159	-110,000	56,159
Navy	Guam	Naval Base Guam	PDI: TRAINING CENTER	89,640	89,640	89,640	0	89,640
Navy	Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam	DRY DOCK 3 REPLACEMENT (INC)	1,318,711	1,398,035	1,318,711	0	1,318,711
Navy	Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
Navy	Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam	WATERFRONT PRODUCTION FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	60,000	60,000	60,000
Navy	Hawaii	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay	WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COMPLIANCE UP- GRADE	0	50,000	40,000	134,505	134,505
Navy	Italy	Naval Air Station Sigonella	EDI: ORDNANCE MAGAZINES	77,072	77,072	77,072	0	77,072
Navy	Maine	Portsmouth Naval Ship- yard	MULTI-MISSION DRYDOCK #1 EXTENSION (INC)	544,808	544,808	544,808	0	544,808
Navy	Maryland	Fort Meade	CYBERSECURITY OPERATIONS FACILITY	186,480	80,000	60,580	-125,900	60,580
Navy	Maryland	Naval Air Station Patux- ent River	AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE FACILI- TIES	141,700	80,000	62,000	-83,700	58,000
Navy	Maryland	Naval Support Activity Bethesda	CONSTRUCT JOINT NAVY/DHA FIRE STATION (P&D)	0	0	0	3,000	3,000
Navy	North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	2D LAAD MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILI- TIES	0	65,000	50,000	45,000	45,000
Navy	North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC)	19,529	19,529	19,529	0	19,529

Navy	North Carolina	Marine Corps Air Station Chery Point	MAINTENANCE FACILITY & MARINE AIR GROUP HQS	125,150	35,150	40,150	-90,000	35,150
Navy	North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	10TH MARINES MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS COM- PLEX	0	66,270	20,000	66,270	66,270
Navy	North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	AMPHIBIOUS COMBAT VEHICLE SHELTERS	0	32,890	0	32,890	32,890
Navy	North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	CORROSION REPAIR FACILITY REPLACEMENT	0	45,000	20,000	45,000	45,000
Navy	Pennsylvania	Naval Surface Warfare Center Philadelphia	AI MACHINERY CONTROL DEVELOPMENT CENTER	0	88,200	88,200	65,200	65,200
Navy	Virginia	Dam Neck Annex	MARITIME SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM FACILITY	109,680	23,680	109,680	-86,000	23,680
Navy	Virginia	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek—Fort Story	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	35,000	35,000	35,000	22,000	57,000
Navy	Virginia	Marine Corps Base Quantico	WATER TREATMENT PLANT	127,120	37,120	37,120	-90,000	37,120
Navy	Virginia	Naval Station Norfolk	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	43,600	43,600	43,600	3,600	47,200
Navy	Virginia	Naval Station Norfolk	MQ-25 AIRCRAFT LAYDOWN FACILITIES	114,495	8,495	11,495	-103,000	11,495
Navy	Virginia	Naval Station Norfolk	SUBMARINE PIER 3 (INC)	99,077	99,077	99,077	0	99,077
Navy	Virginia	Naval Weapons Station Yorktown	WEAPONS MAGAZINES	221,920	51,000	46,920	-175,000	46,920
Navy	Virginia	Norfolk Naval Shipyard	DRY DOCK SALTWATER SYSTEM FOR CWN-78 (INC)	81,082	81,082	81,082	0	81,082
Navy	Washington	Naval Air Station Whidbey Island	E/A-18G AIRCRAFT REGIONAL SERVICE FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	0	11,100	11,100
Navy	Washington	Naval Base Kitsap	ALTERNATE POWER TRANSMISSION LINE	0	19,000	19,000	19,000	19,000
Navy	Washington	Naval Base Kitsap	ARMORED FIGHTING VEHICLE SUPPORT FACILITY	0	31,000	31,000	31,000	31,000
Navy	Washington	Naval Base Kitsap	SHIPYARD ELECTRICAL BACKBONE	195,000	60,000	15,000	-180,000	15,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	BARRACKS REPLACEMENT FUND (P&D)	0	50,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	INDOPACOM PLANNING & DESIGN	0	69,000	69,000	69,000	69,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	SIOP (P&D)	0	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PLANNING & DESIGN	0	20,000	0	20,000	20,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	LAB INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & DESIGN	0	30,000	0	30,000	30,000

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Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	NAVY SHORE UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE (P&D)	0	85,000	0	85,000	85,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	PLANNING & DESIGN	599,942	599,942	599,942	0	599,942
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	34,430	44,430	34,430	10,000	44,430
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEM- OLITION	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	USMC MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PLANNING & DE- SIGN	0	48,749	0	48,749	48,749
Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	0	30,000	0	30,000	30,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Navy</b>				<b>6,022,187</b>	<b>5,412,514</b>	<b>4,668,487</b>	<b>-711,447</b>	<b>5,310,740</b>
<b>AIR FORCE</b>								
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	COAL THAW SHED ADDITION (P&D)	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	CONSOLIDATED MUNITIONS COMPLEX (P&D)	0	0	1,200	1,200	1,200
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	FIRE STATION (P&D)	0	0	0	1,700	1,700
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	JOINT MOBILITY CENTER EXPANSION (P&D)	0	0	0	3,000	3,000
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	JOINT PACIFIC ALASKA RANGE COMPLEX (JPARC) OPS FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	1,100	1,400	1,400
Air Force	Alaska	Eielson Air Force Base	PERMANENT PARTY DORM (P&D)	0	0	0	9,500	9,500
Air Force	Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf- Richardson	COMBAT ALERT CELL (P&D)	0	0	0	18,100	18,100
Air Force	Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf- Richardson	EXTEND RUNWAY 16/34 (INC 3)	107,500	107,500	107,500	0	107,500
Air Force	Alaska	Joint Base Elmendorf- Richardson	PRECISION GUIDED MISSILE COMPLEX (P&D)	0	0	6,100	6,100	6,100
Air Force	Arizona	Luke Air Force Base	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	2,700	2,700
Air Force	Arizona	Luke Air Force Base	GILA BEND (P&D)	0	0	2,600	2,600	2,600

Air Force	Australia	Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin	PDI: SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	26,000	26,000	0	26,000	0	26,000
Air Force	Australia	Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal	PDI: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FACILITY	17,500	17,500	0	17,500	0	17,500
Air Force	Australia	Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal	PDI: SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000
Air Force	Australia	Royal Australian Air Force Base Tindal	PDI: BOMBER APRON	93,000	93,000	0	93,000	0	93,000
Air Force	Florida	Eglin Air Force Base	LRSD HARDWARE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & TEST FACILITY	0	14,600	0	15,500	15,500	15,500
Air Force	Florida	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT CORROSION CONTROL	25,000	25,000	0	25,000	0	25,000
Air Force	Florida	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	27,000	27,000	0	27,000	0	27,000
Air Force	Florida	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL APRON & HYDRANT FUELING PITS	61,000	61,000	0	61,000	0	61,000
Air Force	Florida	MacDill Air Force Base	KC-46A ADAL FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK	18,000	18,000	0	18,000	0	18,000
Air Force	Florida	Patrick Space Force Base	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000
Air Force	Florida	Patrick Space Force Base	COST TO COMPLETE: CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CENTER	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000
Air Force	Florida	Patrick Space Force Base	FINAL DENIAL BARRIERS, SOUTH GATE	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000
Air Force	Florida	Tyndall Air Force Base	NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY	0	252,000	252,000	252,000	252,000	252,000
Air Force	Georgia	Robins Air Force Base	BATTLE MANAGEMENT COMBINED OPERATIONS COMPLEX	115,000	35,000	115,000	115,000	-80,000	35,000
Air Force	Guam	Joint Region Marianas	PDI: NORTH AIRCRAFT PARKING RAMP (INC)	109,000	109,000	0	109,000	0	109,000
Air Force	Japan	Kadena Air Base	PDI: HELO RESCUE OPS MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC 3)	46,000	46,000	0	46,000	0	46,000
Air Force	Japan	Kadena Air Base	PDI: THEATER A/C CORROSION CONTROL CTR (INC)	42,000	42,000	0	42,000	0	42,000
Air Force	Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	CHLD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (P&D)	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Air Force	Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	DORMITORY (P&D)	0	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
Air Force	Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITY (INC 3)	112,000	112,000	0	112,000	0	112,000
Air Force	Mariana Islands	Tinian	PDI: AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT, PHASE 1 (INC 3)	26,000	26,000	0	26,000	0	26,000
Air Force	Mariana Islands	Tinian	PDI: FUEL TANKS W/PIPELINE & HYDRANT (INC 3)	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	1,000	21,000
Air Force	Mariana Islands	Tinian	PDI: PARKING APRON (INC 3)	32,000	32,000	0	32,000	0	32,000
Air Force	Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	CHLD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	37,000	37,000	0	37,000	0	37,000
Air Force	Massachusetts	Hanscom Air Force Base	MIT-LINCOLN LAB (WEST LAB CSJ/MIF) (INC 4)	70,000	70,000	0	70,000	0	70,000
Air Force	Mississippi	Columbus Air Force Base	T-7A GROUND BASED TRAINING SYSTEM FACILITY	30,000	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Air Force	Mississippi	Columbus Air Force Base	T-7A UNIT MAINTENANCE TRAINING FACILITY	9,500	9,500	0	9,500	0	9,500
Air Force	Mississippi	Keesler Air Force Base	AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (P&D)	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000

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Air Force	Montana	Malmstrom Air Force Base	FIRE STATION BAY/STORAGE AREA	0	10,300	0	10,300	10,300
Air Force	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	55 CES MAINTENANCE/WAREHOUSE (P&D)	0	0	4,500	4,500	4,500
Air Force	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	BASE OPERATIONS/MOBILITY CENTER (P&D)	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Air Force	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON TRANSPORTATION FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	3,500	3,500	3,500
Air Force	Nevada	Nellis Air Force Base	DORMITORY (P&D)	0	0	0	7,500	7,500
Air Force	Nevada	Nellis Air Force Base	F-35 COALITION HANGAR (P&D)	0	0	5,500	5,500	5,500
Air Force	Nevada	Nellis Air Force Base	F-35 DATA LAB SUPPORT FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	700	700	700
Air Force	New Mexico	Cannon Air Force Base	SATELLITE FIRE STATION (P&D)	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Air Force	New Mexico	Kirtland Air Force Base	COST TO COMPLETE: WYOMING GATE UPGRADE FOR ANTITERRORISM COMPLIANCE	0	0	24,400	0	0
Air Force	Norway	Rygge Air Station	EDI: DABS-FEV STORAGE	88,000	88,000	88,000	8,000	96,000
Air Force	Norway	Rygge Air Station	EDI: MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA	31,000	31,000	31,000	9,000	40,000
Air Force	Ohio	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT COMPLEX PHASE V (P&D)	0	9,900	19,500	19,500	19,500
Air Force	Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	F-35 AIRCRAFT OXYGEN SHOP (P&D)	0	5,800	0	5,800	5,800
Air Force	Oklahoma	Tinker Air Force Base	KC-46 3-BAY DEPOT MAINTENANCE HANGAR (INC 3)	78,000	78,000	78,000	-20,000	58,000
Air Force	Oklahoma	Vance Air Force Base	CONSOLIDATED UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING CENTER (P&D)	0	0	8,400	8,400	8,400
Air Force	Philippines	Cesar Basa Air Base	PDI: TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	35,000	35,000	35,000	0	35,000
Air Force	South Dakota	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE DOCK	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	75,000
Air Force	South Dakota	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 PHASE HANGAR	160,000	34,000	160,000	-126,000	34,000
Air Force	South Dakota	Ellsworth Air Force Base	B-21 WEAPONS GENERATION FACILITY (INC)	160,000	160,000	160,000	0	160,000
Air Force	Spain	Moron Air Base	EDI: MUNITIONS STORAGE	26,000	26,000	26,000	8,000	34,000
Air Force	Texas	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	91 CYBER OPERATIONS CENTER	0	48,000	0	48,000	48,000
Air Force	Texas	Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland	BMT - CHAPEL FOR AMERICA'S AIRMEN	0	90,000	0	90,000	90,000

Agency	Location	Project Description	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Air Force	Texas	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
Air Force	United Kingdom	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	20,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
Air Force	United Kingdom	COST TO COMPLETE: EDI DABS-FEY STORAGE	0	0	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000	28,000
Air Force	United Kingdom	COST TO COMPLETE: EDI MUNITIONS HOLDING AREA	0	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Air Force	United Kingdom	EDI: RADR STORAGE FACILITY	47,000	47,000	0	0	0	0	47,000
Air Force	United Kingdom	EDI: RADR STORAGE FACILITY	28,000	28,000	0	0	0	0	28,000
Air Force	United Kingdom	SURETY DORMITORY	50,000	50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000
Air Force	Utah	F-35 T-7A EAST CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE	82,000	82,000	0	0	0	0	82,000
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	BARRACKS REPLACEMENT FUND (P&D)	0	50,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER PLANNING & DESIGN	0	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	COST TO COMPLETE	0	90,400	0	0	0	0	0
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	EDI: PLANNING & DESIGN	5,648	5,648	0	0	0	0	5,648
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	LAB INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING & DESIGN	0	30,000	0	0	0	0	30,000
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	PLANNING & DESIGN	429,266	429,266	0	0	0	0	429,266
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	64,900	74,900	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	74,900
Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Air Force	Wyoming	COST TO COMPLETE: CONSOLIDATED HELO/TRF OPS/AMU AND ALERT FACILITY	0	0	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Air Force	Wyoming	GBSD INTEGRATED COMMAND CENTER (INC 2)	27,000	27,000	0	0	0	0	27,000
Air Force	Wyoming	GBSD INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTER	85,000	85,000	0	0	0	0	85,000
Air Force	Wyoming	GBSD MISSILE HANDLING COMPLEX (INC 2)	28,000	28,000	0	0	0	0	28,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force</b>			<b>2,605,314</b>	<b>3,045,314</b>	<b>546,000</b>	<b>3,071,814</b>	<b>3,071,814</b>	<b>546,000</b>	<b>3,151,314</b>

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<b>DEFENSE-WIDE</b>								
Defense-Wide	Alabama	Redstone Arsenal	GROUND TEST FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE	147,975	67,975	77,975	-80,000	67,975
Defense-Wide	California	Marine Corps Air Station Miramar	AMBULATORY CARE CENTER—DENTAL CLINIC ADD// ALT	103,000	28,000	20,600	-82,400	20,600
Defense-Wide	California	Marine Corps Air Station Miramar	ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ON-SITE GENERA- TION, AND MICROGRID IMPROVEMENTS	0	30,550	30,550	30,550	30,550
Defense-Wide	California	Monterey	COST TO COMPLETE: COGEN PLANT AT B236	0	0	5,460	5,460	5,460
Defense-Wide	California	Naval Base Coronado	COST TO COMPLETE: SOF ATC OPERATIONS SUP- PORT FACILITY	0	11,400	11,400	11,400	11,400
Defense-Wide	California	Naval Base Coronado	SOE NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND OPER- ATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY PHASE 2	0	51,000	51,000	51,000	51,000
Defense-Wide	California	Naval Base San Diego	AMBULATORY CARE CENTER—DENTAL CLINIC REPLIMT	101,644	31,644	22,184	-79,460	22,184
Defense-Wide	California	Naval Base San Diego	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300
Defense-Wide	California	Naval Base Ventura County	COST TO COMPLETE: GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR PV	0	0	16,840	16,840	16,840
Defense-Wide	California	Vandenberg Space Force Base	MICROGRID WITH BACKUP POWER	0	57,000	57,000	57,000	57,000
Defense-Wide	Colorado	Buckley Space Force Base	REDUNDANT ELECTRICAL SUPPLY	0	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Defense-Wide	Colorado	Buckley Space Force Base	REPLACEMENT WATER WELL	0	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700
Defense-Wide	Cuba	Naval Station Guanta- namo Bay	AMBULATORY CARE CENTER (INC 1)	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	60,000
Defense-Wide	Delaware	Dover Air Force Base	WHOLE BLOOD PROCESSING LABORATORY REPLACE- MENT	0	0	30,500	30,500	30,500
Defense-Wide	Djibouti	Camp Lemonnier	COST TO COMPLETE: ENHANCE ENERGY SECURITY AND CONTROL SYSTEMS	0	0	5,200	5,200	5,200
Defense-Wide	Georgia	Fort Moore	DEXTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (P&D)	0	0	0	500	500
Defense-Wide	Georgia	Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay	ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION IM- PROVEMENTS, PHASE 2	0	49,500	49,500	49,500	49,500
Defense-Wide	Germany	Baumholder	HUMAN PERFORMANCE TRAINING CENTER	0	16,700	16,700	16,700	16,700

Defense-Wide	Germany	Baumholder	SOF COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITY	41,000	41,000	41,000	0	41,000
Defense-Wide	Germany	Baumholder	SOF JOINT PARACHUTE RIGGING FACILITY	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	23,000
Defense-Wide	Germany	Kaiserslautern Air Base	KAISERSLAUTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL	21,275	21,275	21,275	0	21,275
Defense-Wide	Germany	Ramstein Air Base	RANSTEIN MIDDLE SCHOOL	181,764	181,764	181,764	0	181,764
Defense-Wide	Germany	Rhine Ordnance Barracks	MEDICAL CENTER REPLACEMENT (INC 11)	77,210	77,210	77,210	0	77,210
Defense-Wide	Germany	Stuttgart	ROBINSON BARRACKS ELEM SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	8,000	8,000	8,000	0	8,000
Defense-Wide	Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	COST TO COMPLETE: FY20 500 KW PV COVERED PARKING EV CHARGING STATION	0	0	7,476	7,476	7,476
Defense-Wide	Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam	COST TO COMPLETE: PRIMARY ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION	0	0	13,040	13,040	13,040
Defense-Wide	Honduras	Soto Cano Air Base	FUEL FACILITIES	41,300	41,300	41,300	0	41,300
Defense-Wide	Italy	Naples	COST TO COMPLETE: SMART GRID	0	0	7,610	7,610	7,610
Defense-Wide	Japan	Fleet Activities Yokosuka	KINNICK HIGH SCHOOL (INC)	70,000	70,000	70,000	0	70,000
Defense-Wide	Japan	Kadena Air Base	PDI SOF MAINTENANCE HANGAR	88,900	88,900	88,900	0	88,900
Defense-Wide	Japan	Kadena Air Base	PDI: SOF COMPOSITE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	11,400	11,400	11,400	0	11,400
Defense-Wide	Kansas	Forbes Field	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	5,850	5,850	5,850	5,850
Defense-Wide	Kansas	Fort Riley	COST TO COMPLETE: POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID	0	0	15,468	15,468	15,468
Defense-Wide	Kentucky	Fort Knox	MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITION (P&D)	0	0	6,600	6,600	6,600
Defense-Wide	Korea	K-16 Air Base	K-16 EMERGENCY BACKUP POWER	0	5,650	5,650	5,650	5,650
Defense-Wide	Kuwait	Camp Arifjan	COST TO COMPLETE: POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID	0	0	8,197	8,197	8,197
Defense-Wide	Kuwait	Camp Buehring	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	18,850	18,850	18,850	18,850
Defense-Wide	Louisiana	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base New Orleans	COST TO COMPLETE: DISTRIBUTION SWITCHGEAR	0	0	6,453	6,453	6,453
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Bethesda Naval Hospital	MEDICAL CENTER ADDITIONAL ALTERATION (INC 7)	101,816	101,816	101,816	0	101,816
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Fort Meade	NSAW MISSION OPS AND RECORDS CENTER (INC)	105,000	105,000	105,000	0	105,000
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Fort Meade	NSAW RECAP BUILDING 4 (INC)	315,000	315,000	315,000	0	315,000
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Fort Meade	NSAW RECAP BUILDING 5 (ECB 5) (INC)	65,000	65,000	65,000	0	65,000
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Joint Base Andrews	HYDRANT FUELING SYSTEM	38,300	38,300	38,300	0	38,300
Defense-Wide	Missouri	Lake City Army Ammunition Plant	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	80,100	80,100	80,100	80,100
Defense-Wide	Montana	Great Falls International Airport	FUEL FACILITIES	30,000	30,000	30,000	0	30,000

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Defense-Wide	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTABILITY AGENCY LAB-ORATORY (P&D)	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Defense-Wide	Nebraska	Offutt Air Force Base	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	41,000	41,000	41,000	41,000
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Liberty (Camp Mackall)	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	MARINE RAIDER BATTALION OPERATIONS FACILITY	0	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Defense-Wide	Oklahoma	Fort Sill	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	76,650	76,650	76,650	76,650
Defense-Wide	Pennsylvania	Fort Indiantown Gap	COST TO COMPLETE: GEOTHERMAL AND SOLAR PV	0	0	9,250	9,250	9,250
Defense-Wide	Puerto Rico	Fort Buchanan	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
Defense-Wide	Puerto Rico	Juana Diaz	COST TO COMPLETE: MICROGRID CONTROLS, 690 KW PV, 275KW GEN, 570 KWH BESS	0	0	7,680	7,680	7,680
Defense-Wide	Puerto Rico	Ramey	COST TO COMPLETE: MICROGRID CONTROL SYSTEM, 460 KW PV, 275KW GEN, 660 KWH BESS	0	0	6,360	6,360	6,360
Defense-Wide	Spain	Naval Station Rota	BULK TANK FARM; PHASE 1	80,000	80,000	80,000	0	80,000
Defense-Wide	Texas	Fort Cavazos	COST TO COMPLETE: POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID	0	0	18,900	18,900	18,900
Defense-Wide	Texas	Fort Cavazos	MICROGRID AND BACKUP POWER	0	18,250	18,250	18,250	18,250
Defense-Wide	Utah	Hill Air Force Base	OPEN STORAGE	14,200	14,200	14,200	0	14,200
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	DIA HEADQUARTERS ANNEX	185,000	25,000	25,000	-160,000	25,000
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Fort Belvoir (NGA Campus East)	COST TO COMPLETE: CHILLED WATER REDUNDANCY	0	0	550	550	550
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Hampton Roads	COST TO COMPLETE: BACKUP POWER GENERATION	0	0	1,200	1,200	1,200
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek—Fort Story	SOF SDVT2 OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY	61,000	61,000	61,000	0	61,000
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Pentagon	HVAC EFFICIENCY UPGRADES	0	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Pentagon	SEC OPS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS FACS	30,600	30,600	30,600	0	30,600
Defense-Wide	Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	POWER GENERATION AND MICROGRID	0	49,850	49,850	49,850	49,850
Defense-Wide	Washington	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	SOF CONSOLIDATED RIGGING FACILITY	62,000	62,000	62,000	0	62,000
Defense-Wide	Washington	Manchester	BULK STORAGE TANKS, PHASE 2	71,000	71,000	71,000	0	71,000

Defense-Wide	Washington	Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport	SOF COLD WATER TRAINING AUSTERE ENVIRONMENT FACILITY	0	0	37,000	37,000	37,000	37,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PILOT PROGRAM	0	0	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	0	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ENERGY RESILIENCE AND CONSERV. INVEST. PROG.	548,000	0	0	-548,000	0	0
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ERCIP PLANNING & DESIGN	86,250	101,250	86,250	15,000	101,250	101,250
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	EXERCISE RELATED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	11,107	21,472	11,107	10,365	21,472	21,472
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (CYBERCOM)	30,215	30,215	30,215	0	30,215	30,215
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (DEFENSE-WIDE)	32,579	32,579	32,579	0	32,579	32,579
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (DHA)	49,610	49,610	49,610	0	49,610	49,610
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (DLA)	24,000	24,000	24,000	0	24,000	24,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (DODEA)	8,568	8,568	8,568	0	8,568	8,568
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (MDA)	1,035	21,035	1,035	20,000	21,035	21,035
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (NSA)	3,068	3,068	3,068	0	3,068	3,068
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (SOCOM)	25,130	25,130	25,130	0	25,130	25,130
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (TJS)	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN (WHS)	590	590	590	0	590	590
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (DEFENSE-WIDE)	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	3,000

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Defense-Wide	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (SOCOM)	19,271	19,271	19,271	0	19,271
Defense-Wide	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION (DLA)	4,875	4,875	4,875	0	4,875
Defense-Wide	Wyoming	F.E. Warren Air Force Base	MICROGRID AND BATTERY STORAGE	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Defense-Wide</b>				<b>2,984,682</b>	<b>2,856,147</b>	<b>3,162,706</b>	<b>213,889</b>	<b>3,198,571</b>
<b>ARMY NATIONAL GUARD</b>								
Army National Guard	Alabama	Fort McClellan	COST TO COMPLETE: ENLISTED BARRACKS, IT	0	0	7,000	7,000	7,000
Army National Guard	Alabama	Huntsville	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	4,650	4,650	4,650
Army National Guard	Arizona	Surprise Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	15,000
Army National Guard	Arkansas	Fort Chaffee	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	610	610	610
Army National Guard	California	Bakersfield	COST TO COMPLETE: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
Army National Guard	California	Camp Roberts	COST TO COMPLETE: AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN (MPMG) RANGE	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Army National Guard	Colorado	Peterson Space Force Base	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,000
Army National Guard	Connecticut	Putnam	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	6,125	6,125	6,125
Army National Guard	Florida	Camp Blanding	MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	0	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Army National Guard	Florida	Camp Blanding	TRAINING AIDS CENTER (P&D)	0	1,200	0	1,200	1,200

Army National Guard	Florida	Camp Blanding	WEDGE INFANTRY SQUAD BATTLE COURSE (P&D)	0	840	0	840	0	840	840
Army National Guard	Guam	Barrigada	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	6,900	6,900	0	6,900	6,900
Army National Guard	Idaho	Jerome County Regional Site	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	1,250	1,250	0	1,250	1,250
Army National Guard	Idaho	Jerome County Regional Site	NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0	17,000	17,000
Army National Guard	Illinois	Bloomington	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	5,250	5,250	0	5,250	5,250
Army National Guard	Illinois	Chicago, Jones Armory	GENERAL JONES NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ALTERATION (P&D)	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Army National Guard	Illinois	North Riverside Armory	NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	24,000	24,000	24,000	0	0	24,000	24,000
Army National Guard	Illinois	Peoria	READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	2,400	0	2,400	2,400
Army National Guard	Indiana	Shelbyville	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	0	0	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000
Army National Guard	Kansas	Topeka	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE CENTER BUILDING	0	0	5,856	5,856	0	5,856	5,856
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Burlington	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	16,400	16,400	16,400	0	16,400	16,400
Army National Guard	Kentucky	Frankfort	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE CENTER BUILDING	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Army National Guard	Louisiana	Camp Beauregard	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING OPEN-BAY (P&D)	0	0	2,400	2,400	0	2,400	2,400
Army National Guard	Louisiana	Camp Beauregard	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000
Army National Guard	Louisiana	Camp Minden	COST TO COMPLETE: COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING, OPEN BAY	0	0	3,718	3,718	0	3,718	3,718
Army National Guard	Maine	Northern Maine Range Complex	AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE (P&D)	0	0	2,800	2,800	0	2,800	2,800
Army National Guard	Maine	Saco	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	7,420	7,420	0	7,420	7,420

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Army National Guard	Massachusetts	Camp Edwards	COST TO COMPLETE: AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN (MPMG) RANGE	0	0	3,000	0	0
Army National Guard	Minnesota	Camp Ripley	ACCESS CONTROL FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	0	1,530	1,530
Army National Guard	Mississippi	Camp Shelby	CAMP SHELBY JFC RAILHEAD EXPANSION (P&D)	0	0	2,200	2,200	2,200
Army National Guard	Mississippi	Camp Shelby	COST TO COMPLETE: MANEUVER AREA TRAINING EQUIPMENT SITE ADDITION	0	0	5,425	5,425	5,425
Army National Guard	Mississippi	Meridian	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY 3 (P&D)	0	0	0	2,160	2,160
Army National Guard	Mississippi	Southaven Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	22,000	33,000	33,000
Army National Guard	Missouri	Bellefontaine	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	28,000	28,000	28,000	0	28,000
Army National Guard	Nebraska	Bellevue	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	9,090	9,090	9,090
Army National Guard	Nebraska	Greenleaf Training Site	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING OPEN-BAY (P&D)	0	0	1,200	1,200	1,200
Army National Guard	Nebraska	Mead Training Site	COST TO COMPLETE: COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING, OPEN BAY	0	0	1,913	1,913	1,913
Army National Guard	Nebraska	North Platte	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	400	400	400
Army National Guard	Nevada	Floyd Edsall Training Center	COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP (P&D)	0	0	0	2,700	2,700
Army National Guard	Nevada	Floyd Edsall Training Center	GENERAL INSTRUCTION FACILITY (P&D)	0	0	0	5,490	5,490
Army National Guard	Nevada	Harry Reid Training Center	READY BUILDING (P&D)	0	0	0	590	590
Army National Guard	New Hampshire	Concord	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	200	200	200

Army National Guard	New Hampshire	Littleton	NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP ADDITION	23,000	23,000	23,000	0	23,000
Army National Guard	New Jersey	Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	605	605	605
Army National Guard	New Jersey	Newark	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	1,900	1,900
Army National Guard	New Mexico	Rio Rancho Training Site	NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP ADDITION	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	11,000
Army National Guard	New York	Lexington Avenue Armory	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADDITIONAL-TERATION	0	45,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
Army National Guard	North Carolina	Salisbury	ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITIES (P&D)	0	0	2,200	2,200	2,200
Army National Guard	North Dakota	Camp Grafton	INSTITUTIONAL POST-INITIAL MILITARY TRAINING, UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING (P&D)	0	0	1,950	1,950	1,950
Army National Guard	North Dakota	Dickinson	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	5,425	5,425	5,425
Army National Guard	Ohio	Camp Perry Joint Training Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	19,200	19,200	19,200	0	19,200
Army National Guard	Ohio	Columbus	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Army National Guard	Oklahoma	Ardmore	COST TO COMPLETE: VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	400	400	400
Army National Guard	Oklahoma	Shawnee Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	1,800	0	1,800	1,800
Army National Guard	Oregon	Washington County Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	26,000	26,000	26,000	0	26,000
Army National Guard	Pennsylvania	Fort Indiantown Gap	AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE (P&D)	0	1,550	0	1,550	1,550
Army National Guard	Pennsylvania	Heritage Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	13,600	13,600	13,600	0	13,600
Army National Guard	Pennsylvania	Moon Township	COST TO COMPLETE: COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	3,100	3,100	3,100
Army National Guard	Puerto Rico	Fort Allen	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	3,677	3,677	3,677

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Army National Guard	Rhode Island	Camp Fogarty Training Site	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING OPEN-BAY (P&D)	0	0	1,990	1,990	1,990	
Army National Guard	Rhode Island	Quonset Point	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	30,000	41,000	41,000	
Army National Guard	South Carolina	Aiken County Readiness Center	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	20,000	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	
Army National Guard	South Carolina	Joint Base Charleston	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	4,373	4,373	4,373	
Army National Guard	South Carolina	McCrary Training Center	AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	7,900	7,900	7,900	0	7,900	
Army National Guard	South Dakota	Sioux Falls	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	5,250	5,250	5,250	
Army National Guard	Tennessee	Campbell Army Air Field	ARMY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWERS (P&D)	0	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Army National Guard	Tennessee	McMinnville	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	500	500	500	
Army National Guard	Texas	Fort Cavazos	GENERAL PURPOSE INSTRUCTION BUILDING (P&D)	0	2,685	2,685	2,685	2,685	
Army National Guard	Texas	Fort Worth	COST TO COMPLETE: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR ADD/ALT	0	0	6,489	6,489	6,489	
Army National Guard	Texas	Fort Worth	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	0	0	381	381	381	
Army National Guard	Utah	Camp Williams	COLLECTIVE TRAINING UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING, SENIOR NCO AND OFFICER (P&D)	0	0	2,875	2,875	2,875	
Army National Guard	Vermont	Bennington	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	0	0	3,415	3,415	3,415	
Army National Guard	Virgin Islands	St. Croix	COST TO COMPLETE: ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	0	0	4,200	4,200	4,200	
Army National Guard	Virgin Islands	St. Croix	COST TO COMPLETE: READY BUILDING	0	0	1,710	1,710	1,710	

Agency	Location	Activity	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Army National Guard	Virginia	AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	0	20,000	20,000
Army National Guard	Virginia	COST TO COMPLETE: COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP ADDITION	0	0	2,415	2,415	2,415	2,415	2,415
Army National Guard	Virginia	COST TO COMPLETE: NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER ADDITION	0	0	2,135	2,135	2,135	2,135	2,135
Army National Guard	Washington	NATIONAL GUARD/RESERVE CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600
Army National Guard	West Virginia	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	1,950	1,950	1,950	1,950
Army National Guard	West Virginia	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
Army National Guard	West Virginia	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300
Army National Guard	Wisconsin	NATIONAL GUARD READINESS CENTER	18,200	18,200	0	18,200	0	18,200	18,200
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	COST TO COMPLETE: ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	0	134,881	0	0	0	0	0
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	PLANNING & DESIGN	34,286	44,686	0	34,286	0	34,286	34,286
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	63,000	73,000	10,000	63,000	10,000	73,000	73,000
Army National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	15,000	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>Army National Guard</b>		<b>340,186</b>	<b>590,942</b>	<b>650,568</b>	<b>391,892</b>	<b>732,078</b>		
<b>ARMY RESERVE</b>									
Army Reserve	Alabama	ARMY RESERVE CENTER/AMSA/LAND	57,000	57,000	0	57,000	0	57,000	57,000
Army Reserve	Arizona	AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	12,000	12,000	5,000	12,000	5,000	17,000	17,000
Army Reserve	California	COST TO COMPLETE: AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Army Reserve	California	NETWORK ENTERPRISE CENTER	0	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Army Reserve	Florida	COST TO COMPLETE: ARMY RESERVE CENTER	0	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Army Reserve	Georgia	ARMY RESERVE CENTER	0	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Army Reserve	North Carolina	COST TO COMPLETE: ARMY RESERVE CENTER	0	0	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

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Army Reserve	Ohio	Wright Patterson Air Force Base	COST TO COMPLETE: ARMY RESERVE CENTER	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Army Reserve	Virginia	Richmond	ARMY RESERVE CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	4,000	4,000	4,000
Army Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	COST TO COMPLETE ARMY RESERVE	0	23,000	0	0	0	0
Army Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN	23,389	23,389	23,389	0	23,389	23,389
Army Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	14,687	24,687	14,687	10,000	24,687	24,687
Army Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Army Reserve</b>				<b>107,076</b>	<b>225,076</b>	<b>170,076</b>	<b>127,000</b>	<b>234,076</b>	
<b>Navy Reserve &amp; Marine Corps Reserve</b>									
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Michigan	Naval Reserve Center Battle Creek	ORGANIC SUPPLY FACILITIES	24,549	24,549	24,549	0	24,549	24,549
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Virginia	Marine Forces Reserve Dam Neck Virginia Beach	GATOR SUPPORT FACILITIES	12,400	12,400	12,400	0	12,400	12,400
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MCNR PLANNING & DESIGN	6,495	6,495	6,495	0	6,495	6,495
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MCNR UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	7,847	17,847	7,847	10,000	17,847	17,847
Navy Reserve & Marine Corps Reserve	Worldwide Un-specified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Navy Reserve &amp; Marine Corps Reserve</b>				<b>51,291</b>	<b>66,291</b>	<b>51,291</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>66,291</b>	<b>66,291</b>



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Air National Guard	New Jersey	Atlantic City International Airport	CONSOLIDATED DINING, SERVICES, AND FITNESS CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	
Air National Guard	New Jersey	Atlantic City International Airport	F-16 MISSION TRAINING CENTER (P&D)	0	0	0	1,100	1,100	
Air National Guard	Oregon	Portland International Airport	SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 1	22,000	22,000	22,000	1,000	23,000	
Air National Guard	Oregon	Portland International Airport	SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 2	18,500	18,500	18,500	2,500	21,000	
Air National Guard	Oregon	Portland International Airport	SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 3	0	20,000	20,000	24,000	24,000	
Air National Guard	Oregon	Portland International Airport	SPECIAL TACTICS COMPLEX, PHASE 4	0	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	
Air National Guard	Pennsylvania	Harrisburg International Airport	ENTRY CONTROL FACILITY	0	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	
Air National Guard	Wisconsin	Truax Field	F-35: MM&I FAC, B701	0	5,200	5,200	5,200	5,200	
Air National Guard	Wisconsin	Volk Air National Guard Base	FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION (P&D)	0	0	670	0	0	
Air National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN	35,600	35,600	35,600	0	35,600	
Air National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	63,122	73,122	63,122	10,000	73,122	
Air National Guard	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	15,000	0	15,000	15,000	
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Air National Guard</b>				<b>178,722</b>	<b>331,064</b>	<b>322,292</b>	<b>182,543</b>	<b>361,265</b>	
<b>AIR FORCE RESERVE</b>									
Air Force Reserve	Arizona	Davis-Monthan Air Force Base	GUARDIAN ANGEL POTFF FACILITY	0	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	

Air Force Reserve	California	March Air Reserve Base	KC-46 ADD/ALTER B1244 FUT/CARGO PALLET STORAGE	17,000	17,000	0	17,000
Air Force Reserve	California	March Air Reserve Base	KC-46 ADD/ALTER B6000 SIMULATOR FACILITY	8,500	8,500	0	8,500
Air Force Reserve	California	March Air Reserve Base	KC-46 TWO BAY MAINTENANCE/FUEL HANGAR	201,000	201,000	0	201,000
Air Force Reserve	Georgia	Dobbins Air Reserve Base	SECURITY FORCES FACILITY	0	0	22,000	22,000
Air Force Reserve	Guam	Joint Region Marianas	AERIAL PORT FACILITY	27,000	27,000	0	27,000
Air Force Reserve	Louisiana	Barksdale Air Force Base	307 BW MEDICAL FACILITY ADDITION	0	7,000	7,000	7,000
Air Force Reserve	Ohio	Youngstown Air Reserve Station	FIRE STATION (P&D)	0	2,500	2,500	2,500
Air Force Reserve	Texas	Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth	LRS WAREHOUSE	16,000	16,000	0	16,000
Air Force Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	PLANNING & DESIGN	12,146	12,146	0	12,146
Air Force Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	9,926	9,926	10,000	19,926
Air Force Reserve	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UNSPECIFIED MINOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION	0	0	5,000	5,000
<b>Subtotal Military Construction, Air Force Reserve</b>				<b>291,572</b>	<b>309,572</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>346,572</b>
<b>NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM</b>							
NATO	Worldwide Unspecified	NATO Security Investment Program	NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	293,434	293,434	50,000	343,434
<b>Subtotal NATO Security Investment Program</b>				<b>293,434</b>	<b>293,434</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>343,434</b>
<b>TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION</b>				<b>14,968,019</b>	<b>14,345,019</b>	<b>1,311,611</b>	<b>15,656,630</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING</b>							
<b>FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY</b>							
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Georgia	Fort Eisenhower	FORT EISENHOWER WHPI EQUITY INVESTMENT	50,000	50,000	0	50,000
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Germany	Baumholder	FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION	78,746	78,746	11,389	90,135
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Kwajalein	Kwajalein Atoll	FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT CONSTRUCTION	98,600	98,600	0	98,600

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Fam Hsg Con, Army	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	FORT LEONARD WOOD MHPI EQUITY INVESTMENT	50,000	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	
Fam Hsg Con, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	FAMILY HOUSING P&D	27,549	27,549	27,549	0	27,549	
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Army</b>				<b>304,895</b>	<b>304,895</b>	<b>304,895</b>	<b>11,389</b>	<b>316,284</b>	
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, ARMY</b>									
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	FURNISHINGS	12,121	12,121	12,121	0	12,121	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	86,019	86,019	86,019	0	86,019	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	LEASING	112,976	112,976	112,976	0	112,976	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	MAINTENANCE	86,706	86,706	86,706	0	86,706	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	MANAGEMENT	41,121	41,121	41,121	0	41,121	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	MISCELLANEOUS	554	554	554	0	554	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	SERVICES	7,037	7,037	7,037	0	7,037	
Fam Hsg O&M, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UTILITIES	38,951	38,951	38,951	0	38,951	
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Army</b>				<b>385,485</b>	<b>385,485</b>	<b>385,485</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>385,485</b>	
<b>FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY &amp; MARINE CORPS</b>									
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Guam	Joint Region Marianas	REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING (AF), PHASE 7	83,126	83,126	83,126	0	83,126	

Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Guam	Joint Region Marianas	REPLACE ANDERSEN HOUSING, PHASE 8	121,906	121,906	121,906	0	121,906
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	DESIGN, WASHINGTON DC	4,782	4,782	4,782	0	4,782
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	IMPROVEMENTS, WASHINGTON DC	57,740	57,740	57,740	0	57,740
Fam Hsg Con, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	USMC DPR/GUAM PLANNING & DESIGN	9,588	9,588	9,588	0	9,588
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Navy &amp; Marine Corps</b>				<b>277,142</b>	<b>277,142</b>	<b>277,142</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>277,142</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, NAVY &amp; MARINE CORPS</b>								
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	FURNISHINGS	17,744	17,744	17,744	0	17,744
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	65,655	65,655	65,655	0	65,655
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	LEASING	60,214	60,214	60,214	0	60,214
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	MAINTENANCE	101,356	101,356	101,356	0	101,356
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	MANAGEMENT	61,896	61,896	61,896	0	61,896
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	MISCELLANEOUS	419	419	419	0	419

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Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	SERVICES	13,250	13,250	13,250	0	13,250	
Fam Hsg O&M, Navy & Marine Corps	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	UTILITIES	43,320	43,320	43,320	0	43,320	
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation &amp; Maintenance, Navy &amp; Marine Corps</b>				<b>363,854</b>	<b>363,854</b>	<b>363,854</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>363,854</b>	
<b>FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE</b>									
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Alabama	Maxwell Air Force Base	MHPI RESTRUCTURE-AETC GROUP II	65,000	65,000	65,000	0	65,000	
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Colorado	U.S. Air Force Academy	CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENT—CARLTON HOUSE	9,282	9,282	9,282	0	9,282	
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Hawaii	Joint Base Pearl Harbor- Hickam	MHPI RESTRUCTURE-JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR- HICKAM	75,000	75,000	75,000	0	75,000	
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Japan	Yokota Air Base	IMPROVE FAMILY HOUSING PAIP 9, PHASE 1 (24 UNITS)	0	27,000	0	27,000	27,000	
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Mississippi	Keesler Air Force Base	MHPI RESTRUCTURE-SOUTHERN GROUP	80,000	80,000	80,000	0	80,000	
Fam Hsg Con, Air Force	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	PLANNING & DESIGN	7,815	7,815	7,815	0	7,815	
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Construction, Air Force</b>				<b>237,097</b>	<b>264,097</b>	<b>237,097</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>264,097</b>	
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, AIR FORCE</b>									
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	FURNISHINGS	12,884	12,884	23,884	11,000	23,884	
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	HOUSING PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT	31,803	31,803	31,803	0	31,803	
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	LEASING	5,143	5,143	5,143	0	5,143	

Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	135,410	124,410	-11,000	124,410
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MANAGEMENT	68,023	68,023	0	68,023
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MISCELLANEOUS	2,377	2,377	0	2,377
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	SERVICES	10,692	10,692	0	10,692
Fam Hsg O&M, Air Force	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	48,054	48,054	0	48,054
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Air Force</b>				<b>314,386</b>	<b>314,386</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>314,386</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING O&amp;M, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>							
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	673	673	0	673
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	FURNISHINGS	89	89	0	89
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	32,042	32,042	0	32,042
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	LEASING	13,658	13,658	0	13,658
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	MAINTENANCE	35	35	0	35
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	4,273	4,273	0	4,273
Fam Hsg O&M, Defense-Wide	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	UTILITIES	15	15	0	15
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Operation And Maintenance, Defense-Wide</b>				<b>50,785</b>	<b>50,785</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50,785</b>
<b>FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>							
Family Housing Improvement Fund	Worldwide Unspecified	Unspecified Worldwide Locations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—FHIF	6,611	6,611	0	6,611
<b>Subtotal Family Housing Improvement Fund</b>				<b>6,611</b>	<b>6,611</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,611</b>
<b>UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>							

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Account	State/ Country	Installation	Project Title	FY 2024 Request	House Authorized	Senate Authorized	Conference Change	Conference Authorized
Unaccompanied Housing Im- provement Fund	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—UHIF	496	496	496	0	496
Subtotal Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund .....				496	496	496	0	496
<b>TOTAL FAMILY HOUSING .....</b>				<b>1,940,751</b>	<b>1,967,751</b>	<b>1,940,751</b>	<b>38,389</b>	<b>1,979,140</b>
<b>DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE</b>								
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, ARMY</b>								
BRAC, Army	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	150,640	200,640	150,640	50,000	200,640
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Army .....				150,640	200,640	150,640	50,000	200,640
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, NAVY</b>								
BRAC, Navy	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	108,818	158,818	108,818	50,000	158,818
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Navy .....				108,818	158,818	108,818	50,000	158,818
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, AIR FORCE</b>								
BRAC, Air Force	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	BASE REALIGNMENT & CLOSURE	123,990	173,990	123,990	50,000	173,990
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Air Force .....				123,990	173,990	123,990	50,000	173,990
<b>BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE, DEFENSE-WIDE</b>								
BRAC, Defense- Wide	Worldwide Un- specified	Unspecified Worldwide Lo- cations	INT-4: DIA ACTIVITIES	5,726	5,726	5,726	0	5,726
Subtotal Base Realignment and Closure—Defense-Wide .....				5,726	5,726	5,726	0	5,726
<b>TOTAL DEFENSE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE .....</b>				<b>389,174</b>	<b>539,174</b>	<b>389,174</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>539,174</b>

TOTAL MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, FAMILY HOUSING, AND BRAC ..... 18,174,944

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## TITLE XLVII—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS

### SEC. 4701. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS.

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<b>Discretionary Summary by Appropriation</b>					
<b>Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies</b>					
<b>Appropriation Summary:</b>					
<b>Energy Programs</b>					
Nuclear Energy .....	177,733	-17,733	0	-17,733	160,000
<b>Atomic Energy Defense Activities</b>					
<b>National Nuclear Security Administration:</b>					
Weapons Activities .....	18,832,947	119,729	276,000	288,729	19,121,676
Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....	2,508,959	-81,000	-25,000	-64,707	2,444,252
Naval Reactors .....	1,964,100	-15,000	0	0	1,964,100
Federal Salaries and Expenses .....	538,994	0	0	-20,000	518,994
<b>Total, National Nuclear Security Administration .....</b>	<b>23,845,000</b>	<b>23,729</b>	<b>251,000</b>	<b>204,022</b>	<b>24,049,022</b>
Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	7,073,587	35,000	0	-29,824	7,043,763
Defense Uranium Enrichment D&D .....	427,000	-427,000	-427,000	-427,000	0
Other Defense Activities .....	1,075,197	0	0	0	1,075,197



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<b>Total, Stockpile management</b>	<b>5,256,899</b>	<b>40,500</b>	<b>75,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>5,326,899</b>	
<b>Production Modernization</b>						
<b>Primary Capability Modernization</b>						
<b>Plutonium Modernization</b>						
<b>Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization</b>						
Los Alamos Plutonium Operations	833,100	0	0	0	833,100	
21-D-512 Plutonium Pit Production Project, LANL	670,000	0	0	0	670,000	
15-D-302 TA-55 Reinvestments Project, Phase 3, LANL	30,000	0	0	0	30,000	
07-D-220-04 Transuranic Liquid Waste Facility, LANL	0	0	0	0	0	
04-D-125 Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Project, LANL	227,122	0	0	0	227,122	
<b>Subtotal, Los Alamos Plutonium Modernization</b>	<b>1,760,222</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,760,222</b>	
<b>Savannah River Plutonium Modernization</b>						
Savannah River Plutonium Operations	62,764	0	0	0	62,764	
21-D-511 Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility, SRS	858,235	142,000	0	142,000	1,000,235	
Program increase		[142,000]		[142,000]		
<b>Subtotal, Savannah River Plutonium Modernization</b>	<b>920,999</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>1,062,999</b>	
Enterprise Plutonium Support	87,779	0	0	0	87,779	
<b>Total, Plutonium Modernization</b>	<b>2,769,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>2,911,000</b>	
<b>High Explosives &amp; Energetics</b>						
High Explosives & Energetics	93,558	0	0	0	93,558	
23-D-516 Energetic Materials Characterization Facility, LANL	0	0	19,000	0	0	
Restore project			[19,000]			
21-D-510 HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production, PX	0	83,000	110,000	80,000	80,000	
Restore project			[110,000]			
Program increase		[83,000]		[80,000]		
15-D-301 HE Science & Engineering Facility, PX	101,356	0	0	0	101,356	

Subtotal, High Explosives & Energetics .....	194,914	83,000	129,000	80,000	274,914
<b>Total, Primary Capability Modernization .....</b>	<b>2,963,914</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>222,000</b>	<b>3,185,914</b>
<b>Secondary Capability Modernization</b>					
Secondary Capability Modernization .....	666,914	0	0	0	666,914
18-D-690 Lithium Processing Facility, Y-12 .....	210,770	0	0	0	210,770
06-D-141 Uranium Processing Facility, Y-12 .....	760,000	0	0	0	760,000
<b>Total, Secondary Capability Modernization .....</b>	<b>1,637,684</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,637,684</b>
<b>Tritium and Domestic Uranium Enrichment</b>					
Tritium and Domestic Uranium Enrichment .....	592,992	0	0	0	592,992
18-D-650 Tritium Finishing Facility, SRS .....	0	37,000	0	37,000	37,000
Program increase .....		[37,000]			
<b>Total, Tritium and Domestic Uranium Enrichment .....</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,000</b>	<b>629,992</b>
<b>Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization</b>					
Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization .....	166,990	0	0	0	166,990
22-D-513 Power Sources Capability, SNL .....	37,886	0	0	0	37,886
<b>Total, Non-Nuclear Capability Modernization .....</b>	<b>204,876</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>204,876</b>
Capability Based Investments .....	156,462	0	0	0	156,462
<b>Total, Production Modernization .....</b>	<b>5,555,928</b>	<b>262,000</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>259,000</b>	<b>5,814,928</b>
<b>Stockpile research, technology, and engineering</b>					
<b>Assessment Science</b>					
Assessment Science .....	917,751	-20,000	9,000	0	917,751
Program increase for Krypton Fluoride laser .....			[9,000]		
Program decrease .....		[-20,000]			
17-D-640 U1a Complex Enhancements Project, NMSS .....	126,570	0	0	0	126,570
<b>Total, Assessment Science .....</b>	<b>1,044,321</b>	<b>-20,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,044,321</b>
Engineering and integrated assessments .....	440,456	-30,000	0	0	440,456
Program decrease .....		[-30,000]			
Inertial confinement fusion .....	601,650	0	40,000	40,000	641,650
Program increase .....			[40,000]	[40,000]	
Advanced simulation and computing .....	782,472	-50,000	10,000	0	782,472
Program increase .....			[10,000]		

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Program decrease .....		[-50,000]			
Weapon technology and manufacturing maturation .....	327,745	-20,000	0	-20,000	307,745
Program decrease .....		[-20,000]		[-20,000]	
Academic programs .....	152,271	-40,271	0	-40,271	112,000
Community Capacity Building Program .....		[-30,000]		[-30,000]	
Program decrease .....		[-10,271]		[-10,271]	
<b>Total, Stockpile research, technology, and engineering .....</b>	<b>3,348,915</b>	<b>-160,271</b>	<b>59,000</b>	<b>-20,271</b>	<b>3,328,644</b>
<b>Infrastructure and operations</b>					
<b>Operating</b>					
Operations of facilities .....	1,053,000	0	0	0	1,053,000
Safety and Environmental Operations .....	139,114	0	0	0	139,114
Maintenance and Repair of Facilities .....	718,000	0	0	-18,000	700,000
Program decrease .....				[-18,000]	
<b>Recapitalization</b>					
Infrastructure and Safety .....	650,012	-22,500	0	-12,000	638,012
Program decrease .....		[-22,500]		[-12,000]	
<b>Subtotal, Recapitalization .....</b>	<b>650,012</b>	<b>-22,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-12,000</b>	<b>638,012</b>
<b>Total, Operating .....</b>	<b>2,560,126</b>	<b>-22,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-30,000</b>	<b>2,530,126</b>
<b>Mission enabling construction:</b>					
22-D-510 Analytic Gas Laboratory, PX .....	35,000	0	0	0	35,000
22-D-511 Plutonium Production Building, LANL .....	48,500	0	0	0	48,500
22-D-512 TA-46 Protective Force Facility, LANL .....	48,500	0	0	0	48,500
22-D-517 Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade, LANL .....	75,000	0	0	0	75,000
22-D-518 Plutonium Modernization Ops & Waste Mngmt Office Bldg, LANL .....	0	0	0	0	0
23-D-519 Special Material Facility, Y-12 .....	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, Mission enabling construction .....</b>	<b>207,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>207,000</b>

<b>Total, Infrastructure and operations</b> .....	2,767,126	-22,500	0	-30,000	2,737,126
<b>Secure transportation asset</b>					
Operations and equipment .....	239,008	0	0	0	239,008
Program direction .....	118,056	0	0	0	118,056
<b>Total, Secure transportation asset</b> .....	<b>357,064</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>357,064</b>
<b>Defense nuclear security</b>					
Operations and maintenance .....	988,756	0	3,000	0	988,756
Program increase .....			[3,000]		
<b>Construction:</b>					
17-D-710 West End Protected Area Reduction Project, Y-12 .....	28,000	0	10,000	10,000	38,000
Program increase .....			[10,000]	[10,000]	
<b>Subtotal, Construction</b> .....	<b>28,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>
<b>Total, Defense nuclear security</b> .....	<b>1,016,756</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>1,026,756</b>
<b>Information technology and cybersecurity</b> .....	<b>578,379</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>578,379</b>
<b>Legacy contractor pensions</b> .....	<b>65,452</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>65,452</b>
<b>Total, Weapons Activities</b> .....	<b>18,946,519</b>	<b>119,729</b>	<b>276,000</b>	<b>288,729</b>	<b>19,235,248</b>
<b>Adjustments</b>					
Use of prior year balances .....	-113,572	0	0	0	-113,572
<b>Total, Adjustments</b> .....	<b>-113,572</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-133,572</b>
<b>Total, Weapons Activities</b> .....	<b>18,832,947</b>	<b>119,729</b>	<b>276,000</b>	<b>288,729</b>	<b>19,121,676</b>
<b>Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation</b>					
<b>Material Management and Minimization</b>					
Conversion (formerly HEU Reactor Conversion) .....	116,675	0	0	0	116,675
Nuclear material removal .....	47,100	0	0	0	47,100
Material disposition .....	282,250	0	0	0	282,250
<b>Total, Material Management and Minimization</b> .....	<b>446,025</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>446,025</b>

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<b>Global Material Security</b>					
International nuclear security .....	84,707	-10,000	0	-9,707	75,000
Program decrease .....		[-10,000]		[-9,707]	
Radiological security .....	258,033	0	0	0	258,033
Nuclear smuggling detection and deterrence .....	181,308	0	0	0	181,308
<b>Total, Global Material Security</b> .....	<b>524,048</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-9,707</b>	<b>514,341</b>
Nonproliferation and Arms Control .....	212,358	-20,000	0	-20,000	192,358
Program decrease .....		[-20,000]		[-20,000]	
<b>Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&amp;D</b>					
Proliferation detection .....	290,388	-20,000	0	-10,000	280,388
Program decrease .....		[-20,000]		[-10,000]	
Nonproliferation stewardship program .....	107,437	-6,000	0	0	107,437
Program decrease .....		[-6,000]			
Nuclear detonation detection .....	285,603	0	0	0	285,603
Forensics R&D .....	44,759	0	0	0	44,759
Nonproliferation fuels development .....	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation R&amp;D</b> .....	<b>728,187</b>	<b>-26,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10,000</b>	<b>718,187</b>
<b>Nonproliferation Construction:</b>					
18-D-150 Surplus Plutonium Disposition Project, SRS .....	77,211	0	0	0	77,211
<b>Total, Nonproliferation Construction</b> .....	<b>77,211</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77,211</b>
NNSA Bioassurance Program .....	25,000	-25,000	-25,000	-25,000	0
Program reduction .....		[-25,000]	[-25,000]		
Program decrease .....		[-25,000]		[-25,000]	
Legacy contractor pensions .....	22,587	0	0	0	22,587
<b>Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program</b>					
Emergency Operations .....	19,123	0	0	0	19,123
Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation .....	474,420	0	0	0	474,420

Total, Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response Program .....	493,543	0	0	0	493,543
Subtotal, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation .....	2,528,959	-81,000	-25,000	-64,707	2,464,252
<b>Adjustments</b>					
Use of prior year balances .....	-20,000	0	0	0	-20,000
<b>Total, Adjustments</b> .....	-20,000	0	0	0	-20,000
<b>Total, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation</b> .....	2,508,959	-81,000	-25,000	-64,707	2,444,252
<b>Naval Reactors</b>					
Naval reactors development .....	838,340	0	0	0	838,340
Columbia-Class reactor systems development .....	52,900	0	0	0	52,900
S8G Prototype refueling .....	0	0	0	0	0
Naval reactors operations and infrastructure .....	712,036	0	0	0	712,036
Program direction .....	61,540	0	0	0	61,540
<b>Construction:</b>					
22-D-533 BL Component Test Complex .....	0	0	0	0	0
22-D-531 KL Chemistry & Radiological Health Building .....	10,400	0	0	0	10,400
21-D-530 KL Steam and Condensate Upgrade .....	53,000	0	0	0	53,000
14-D-901 Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, NRF .....	199,300	-15,000	0	0	199,300
Program decrease .....		[-15,000]			
24-D-530 NRF Medical Science Complex .....	36,584	0	0	0	36,584
<b>Total, Construction</b> .....	299,284	-15,000	0	0	299,284
<b>Total, Naval Reactors</b> .....	1,964,100	-15,000	0	0	1,964,100
<b>Federal Salaries and Expenses</b>					
Program direction .....	538,994	0	0	-20,000	518,994
Use of prior year balances .....	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, Federal Salaries and Expenses</b> .....	538,994	0	0	-20,000	518,994

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<b>TOTAL, National Nuclear Security Administration</b>	<b>23,845,000</b>	<b>23,729</b>	<b>878,000</b>	<b>204,022</b>	<b>24,049,022</b>	
<b>Defense Environmental Cleanup</b>						
Closure sites administration	3,023	0	0	0	3,023	
<b>Richland</b>						
River corridor and other cleanup operations	180,000	0	0	0	180,000	
Central plateau remediation	684,289	0	0	0	684,289	
Richland community and regulatory support	10,100	0	0	0	10,100	
18-D-404 Modification of Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility	0	0	0	0	0	
22-D-401 L-888 Eastern Plateau Fire Station	7,000	0	0	0	7,000	
23-D-402 L-897 200 Area Water Treatment Facility	11,200	0	0	0	11,200	
23-D-404 181D Export Water System Reconfiguration and Upgrade	27,149	0	0	0	27,149	
23-D-405 181B Export Water System Reconfiguration and Upgrade	462	0	0	0	462	
24-D-401 Environmental Restoration Disposal Facility Supercell 11 Expans Proj	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	
<b>Total, Richland</b>	<b>921,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>921,200</b>	
<b>Office of River Protection:</b>						
Waste Treatment Immobilization Plant Commissioning	466,000	0	0	-36,000	430,000	
Program decrease				[-36,000]		
Rad liquid tank waste stabilization and disposition	813,625	0	0	0	813,625	
<b>Construction:</b>						
23-D-403 Hanford 200 West Area Tank Farms Risk Management Project	15,309	0	0	0	15,309	
15-D-409 Low Activity Waste Pretreatment System	60,000	0	0	0	60,000	
18-D-16 Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant—LBL/Direct feed LAW	0	0	0	0	0	
01-D-16D High-Level Waste Facility	600,000	0	0	0	600,000	
01-D-16E Pretreatment Facility	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	
<b>Subtotal, Construction</b>	<b>695,309</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>695,309</b>	

ORP Low-level waste offsite disposal .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total, Office of River Protection .....</b>	<b>1,974,934</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-36,000</b>	<b>1,938,934</b>
<b>Idaho National Laboratory:</b>						
Idaho cleanup and waste disposition .....	377,623	0	0	0	0	377,623
Idaho community and regulatory support .....	2,759	0	0	0	0	2,759
<b>Construction:</b>						
22-D-403 Idaho Spent Nuclear Fuel Staging Facility .....	10,159	0	0	0	0	10,159
22-D-404 Addl IGDF Landfill Disposal Cell and Evaporation Ponds Project .....	46,500	0	0	0	0	46,500
22-D-402 Calcine Construction .....	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
<b>Subtotal, Construction .....</b>	<b>66,659</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>66,659</b>
<b>Total, Idaho National Laboratory .....</b>	<b>447,041</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>447,041</b>
<b>NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites</b>						
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory .....	1,879	0	0	0	0	1,879
LLNL Excess Facilities D&D .....	20,195	0	0	0	0	20,195
Separations Processing Research Unit .....	15,300	0	0	0	0	15,300
Nevada Test Site .....	61,952	0	0	0	0	61,952
Sandia National Laboratory .....	2,264	0	0	0	0	2,264
Los Alamos National Laboratory .....	273,831	0	0	0	0	273,831
Los Alamos Excess Facilities D&D .....	13,648	0	0	0	0	13,648
<b>Total, NNSA sites and Nevada off-sites .....</b>	<b>389,069</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>389,069</b>
<b>Oak Ridge Reservation:</b>						
OR Nuclear Facility D&D .....	335,000	0	0	0	0	335,000
U233 Disposition Program .....	55,000	0	0	0	0	55,000
OR cleanup and waste disposition .....	72,000	0	0	0	0	72,000
<b>Construction:</b>						
14-D-403 Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility .....	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
17-D-401 On-site Waste Disposal Facility .....	24,500	0	0	0	0	24,500
<b>Subtotal, Construction .....</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34,500</b>
OR community & regulatory support .....	5,500	0	0	0	0	5,500

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OR technology development and deployment .....	3,000	0	0	0	3,000
<b>Total, Oak Ridge Reservation .....</b>	<b>505,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>505,000</b>
<b>Savannah River Site:</b>					
Savannah River risk management operations .....	453,109	15,000	0	7,132	460,241
Program increase .....		[15,000]		[7,132]	
Savannah River legacy pensions .....	65,898	0	0	0	65,898
Savannah River community and regulatory support .....	12,389	0	0	0	12,389
Savannah River National Laboratory O&M .....	42,000	0	0	0	42,000
<b>Construction:</b>					
20-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #10, 11, 12 .....	56,250	0	0	0	56,250
19-D-701 SR Security Systems Replacement .....	0	0	0	0	0
18-D-401 Saltstone Disposal Unit #8, 9 .....	31,250	0	0	0	31,250
18-D-402 Emergency Operations Center Replacement, SR .....	34,733	0	0	0	34,733
<b>Subtotal, Construction .....</b>	<b>122,233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>122,233</b>
Radioactive liquid tank waste stabilization .....	880,323	20,000	0	20,000	900,323
Program increase .....		[20,000]		[20,000]	
<b>Total, Savannah River Site .....</b>	<b>1,575,952</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27,132</b>	<b>1,603,084</b>
<b>Waste Isolation Pilot Plant</b>					
Waste Isolation Pilot Plant .....	369,961	0	0	0	369,961
<b>Construction:</b>					
15-D-411 Safety Significant Confinement Ventilation System, WIPP .....	44,365	0	0	0	44,365
15-D-412 Utility Shaft, WIPP .....	50,000	0	0	0	50,000
<b>Total, Construction .....</b>	<b>94,365</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94,365</b>
<b>Total, Waste Isolation Pilot Plant .....</b>	<b>464,326</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>464,326</b>

Program direction—Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	326,893	0	0	0	326,893
Program support—Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	103,504	0	0	-20,956	82,548
Program decrease .....				[-20,956]	
Safeguards and Security—Defense Environmental Cleanup .....	332,645	0	0	0	332,645
Technology development and deployment .....	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
<b>Subtotal, Defense Environmental Cleanup .....</b>	<b>7,073,587</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-29,824</b>	<b>7,043,763</b>
<b>TOTAL, Defense Environmental Cleanup .....</b>	<b>7,073,587</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-29,824</b>	<b>7,043,763</b>
<b>Defense Uranium Enrichment D&amp;D .....</b>	<b>427,000</b>	<b>-427,000</b>	<b>-427,000</b>	<b>-427,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Program reduction .....				[-427,000]	
Program decrease .....				[-427,000]	
<b>Other Defense Activities</b>					
<b>Environment, health, safety and security</b>					
Environment, health, safety and security mission support .....	144,705	0	0	0	144,705
Program direction .....	86,558	0	0	0	86,558
<b>Total, Environment, health, safety and security .....</b>	<b>231,263</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>231,263</b>
<b>Office of Enterprise Assessments</b>					
Enterprise assessments .....	30,022	0	0	0	30,022
Program direction .....	64,132	0	0	0	64,132
<b>Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments .....</b>	<b>94,154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94,154</b>
Specialized security activities .....	345,330	0	0	0	345,330
<b>Legacy Management</b>					
Legacy Management Activities—Defense .....	173,681	0	0	0	173,681
Program Direction .....	22,621	0	0	0	22,621
<b>Total, Legacy Management .....</b>	<b>196,302</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>196,302</b>
Defense-Related Administrative Support .....	203,649	0	0	0	203,649

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Office of Hearings and Appeals .....	4,499	0	0	0	4,499	
<b>Subtotal, Other Defense Activities .....</b>	<b>1,075,197</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,075,197</b>	
Use of prior year balances .....	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total, Other Defense Activities .....</b>	<b>1,075,197</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,075,197</b>	

# **DIVISION E—OTHER MATTERS**

## **TITLE L—VETERANS AFFAIRS MATTERS**

*Sec. 5001 - Adjustment of threshold amount for minor medical facility projects of Department of Veterans Affairs*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6077) that would amend the threshold amount for minor medical facility projects of the Department of Veterans Affairs to \$30.0 million.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 5002 - Grave markers at Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6072) that would repeal section 612 of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act (Public Law 106-117) and require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study on the cost to replace the flat grave markers that were provided under such section at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico, with upright grave markers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with an amendment that would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Bill, to submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the cost of replacing flat grave markers at the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico, with upright grave markers.

*Sec. 5003 - Improving processing by Department of Veterans Affairs of disability claims for post-traumatic stress disorder through improved training*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090B) that would require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, acting through the Under Secretary for Benefits to establish a formal process to analyze the training needs of employees of the Department who review claims for disability compensation for service-connected post-traumatic stress disorder, based on identified processing error trends, on an annual basis.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **TITLE LI—JUDICIARY MATTERS**

### *Sec. 5101 - Prohibition of demand for bribe*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090H) that would amend section 201 of title 18, United States Code, to make it unlawful for any foreign official or person selected to be a foreign official to corruptly demand, seek, receive, accept, or agree to receive or accept a bribe in return for being influenced in the performance of an official act, being induced to do any act in violation of an official duty, or conferring an improper advantage to any person.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would improve legibility, close potential loopholes, and align with other laws.

### *Sec. 5102 - Preventing child sex abuse*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6082) that would amend sections 2423 and 2427 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that the prohibition on child sexual abuse does not require interpersonal, physical contact.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

### *Sec. 5103 - Recognition as corporation and grant of Federal charter for National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6084) that would amend Part B of subtitle II of title 36, United States Code, to grant a federal charter to The National American Indian Veterans, Incorporated, a nonprofit corporation.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

### *Sec. 5104 - Visa availability for government employee immigrant visa program*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sec. 6091, 6092, and 6093) that would require that visas be made available to certain special immigrants who are United States Government employees, or former employees, if a visa is not immediately available under another provision of law.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a clarifying amendment.

## **TITLE LII—OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY MATTERS**

*Sec. 5201 - Establishment of higher rates of regularly scheduled overtime pay for United States Border Patrol agents classified at GS-12*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 11133) that would establish higher rates of regularly scheduled overtime pay for United States Border Patrol Agents Classified at GS-12.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

## **TITLE LIII—FEDERAL DATA AND INFORMATION SECURITY**

*Secs. 5301 - 5302 - Federal Data Center Enhancement Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 11001 and 11002) that would establish new requirements for federal data centers.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses.

## **TITLE LIV—FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATTERS**

### **SUBTITLE A—COMBATING GLOBAL CORRUPTION**

*Secs. 5401 - 5406 - Combating Global Corruption Act*

The Senate amendment contained provision (secs. 1399AAA through 1399FFF) that included the Combating Global Corruption Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

### **SUBTITLE B—OTHER MATTERS**

*Sec. 5411 - Global cooperative framework to end human rights abuses in sourcing critical minerals*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090J) that would require the Secretary of State to convene a meeting of foreign leaders to establish a multilateral framework to end human rights abuses, including the exploitation of forced labor and child labor, related to the mining and sourcing of critical minerals.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

*Sec. 5412 - Connecting Oceania's Nations with Vanguard Exercises and National Empowerment*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 1101-1103) that included the Connecting Oceania's Nations with Vanguard Exercises and National Empowerment (CONVENE) Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 5413 - Ending China's developing national status*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399L) that included the Ending China's Developing Nation Status Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

*Sec. 5414 - Permitting for international bridges*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 6711) that would amend the International Bridge Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 535 3 et seq.).

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with amendment.

## **TITLE LV—EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE MATTERS**

*Sec. 5501 - Amendments to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 3142) that includes the Beryllium Testing Fairness Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **TITLE LVI—TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS**

*Sec. 5601 - Extension of prohibition on provision of airport improvement grant funds to certain entities that have violated intellectual property rights of United States entities*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1090D) that would prohibit the use of airport improvement grant funds to contract for the procurement of infrastructure or equipment for a passenger boarding bridge at an airport with certain entities with ties to the People's Republic of China or that have misappropriated U.S. intellectual property.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would extend the sunset date on a similar prohibition included in section 10003 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116-283).

*Sec. 5602 - Nogales wastewater improvement*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1083) that would provide the International Boundary and Water Commission the full ownership and control of the International Outfall Interceptor in Nogales, Arizona.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

*Sec. 5603 - International Port Security Enforcement Act*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1399N) that would make modifications to the authority of the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating to recognize assessments conducted by foreign governments of antiterrorism measures at certain port facilities.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with a technical amendment.

## **TITLE LVII—ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL APPOINTMENT ACT OF 2023**

*Secs. 5701 - 5704 - Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 10001-10004) that would establish a congressional commission for the appointment and removal of the Architect of the Capitol.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses.

## **TITLE LVIII—FINANCIAL SERVICES MATTERS**

*Sec. 5801 - Assessment of gifts and grants to United States institutions of higher education from entities on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 1369) that would require the Secretary of the Treasury, not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, to submit to the appropriate congressional committees an assessment of gifts and grants to United States institutions of higher education from entities on the Non-SDN Chinese Military-Industrial Complex Companies List maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recesses with a clarifying amendment.

## **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED**

*Fend Off Fentanyl Act*

The Senate amendment contained title LXVIII that included the Fentanyl Eradication and Narcotics Deterrence Off Fentanyl Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained division J that included the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

*Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained division K that included the Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Rights Settlement Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

#### *Stemming the Flow of Illicit Narcotics*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 11101 through 11132 and 11134-11142) that would include the Enhancing DHS Drug Seizures Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

#### *Improving lobbying disclosure requirements*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sec. 11201, 11202, 11211, and 11212) that would amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-65) to improve lobbying disclosure requirements.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

#### *Government-wide study*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 11301) that would require the Administrator of General Services to carry out a Government-wide study examining options to assist agencies to produce a security assessment process for high-security leased adjacent space before entering into a lease or novation agreement with a covered entity for the purposes of accommodating a Federal tenant located in a high-security leased space.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

#### *Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 11311 through 11313) that would include the Intergovernmental Critical Minerals Task Force Act.

The House bill contained no similar provision.  
The Senate recesses.

#### *CTPAT Pilot Program Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (sec. 11321-11325), referred to as the Customs Trade Partnership Against Terrorism Pilot Program Act of 2023, that would allow the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out a pilot program to assess whether eligible entities would enhance port security, combat terrorism, or prevent supply chain security breaches, as well as report on the effectiveness of this pilot program.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Military Spouse Employment Act*

The Senate amendment contained provisions (secs. 11331-11333) that would establish a "Military Spouse Employment Act."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

#### *Designation of additional port of entry for the importation and exportation of wildlife and wildlife products by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 11341) that would require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to select an additional port as a "port of entry designated for the importation and exportation of wildlife and wildlife products."

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

## **DIVISION F—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2023**

*Secs. 6001 - 6710 - Department of State Authorization Act of 2023*

The Senate amendment contained Division F that included the Department of State Authorization Act of 2023.

The House bill contained no similar division or provision.

The House recesses with technical, clarifying and other amendments.

# **DIVISION G—INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

*Secs. 7001 - 7902 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024*

The Senate amendment contained Division M that included the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Senate amendment also contained a provision (sec. 1624) that would require the Director of National Intelligence to submit an assessment after the Director of National Intelligence assesses that Iran has produced or possesses any amount of uranium-235 enriched to greater than 60 percent purity or has engaged in significant enrichment activity.

The House bill contained no similar division or provision.

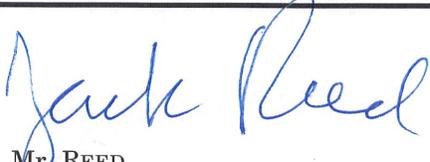
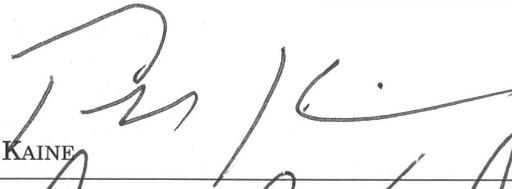
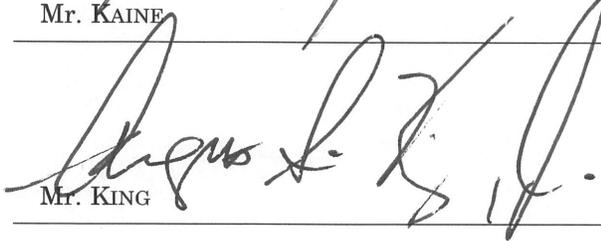
The House recesses with an amendment that contains the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, including an extension of title VII of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (Public Law 95-511), as amended through April 10, 2024, and a provision requiring the Director of National Intelligence to submit an assessment after the Director of National Intelligence assesses that Iran has produced or possesses any amount of uranium-235 enriched to greater than 60 percent purity or has engaged in significant enrichment activity.

**COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XXI**  
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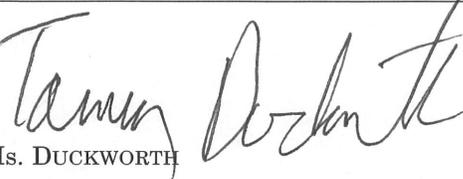
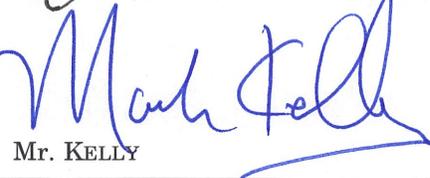
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4601	Army	Vehicle Paint Shop (P&D)	Anniston Army Depot, AL	2,900	Rogers, Mike (AL)
4601	Army	Access Control Point (P&D)	Anniston Army Depot, AL	5,500	Rogers, Mike (AL)
4601	Army	Component Rebuild Shop (P&D)	Anniston Army Depot, AL	8,100	Rogers, Mike (AL)
4601	Army	Air Traffic Control Tower (P&D)	Wheeler Army Airfield, HI	5,400	Case, Ed (HI)
4601	Army	Child Development Center	Fort Liberty, NC	36,000	Hudson, Richard (NC)
4601	Army	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	Fort Liberty, NC	61,000	Hudson, Richard (NC)
4601	Army	Collective Training Barracks (P&D)	Fort Bliss, TX	8,000	Escobar, Veronica (TX)
4601	Army	Barracks (P&D)	Fort Cavazos, TX	20,000	Carter, John R. (TX)
4601	Navy	Fire/Emergency Response Station (53 Area) Re- placement (P&D)	Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA	2,683	Levin, Mike (CA)
4601	Navy	Advanced Helicopter Training System Hangar	Naval Air Station Whiting Field, FL	50,000	Gaetz, Matt (FL)
4601	Navy	Water Reclamation Facility Compliance Upgrade	Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, HI	160,305	Tokuda, Jill N. (HI)
4601	Air Force	LRSO Hardware Software Development & Test Facility	Eglin Air Force Base, FL	15,500	Waltz, Michael (FL)
4601	Air Force	Acquisition Management Complex Phase V (P&D)	Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH	19,500	Turner, Michael R. (OH)
4601	Air Force	F-35 Aircraft Oxygen Shop (P&D)	Tinker Air Force Base, OK	5,800	Bice, Stephanie I. (OK); Cole, Tom (OK)
4601	Army National Guard	Wedge Infantry Squad Battle Course (P&D)	Camp Blanding, FL	840	Waltz, Michael (FL)
4601	Army National Guard	Training Aids Center (P&D)	Camp Blanding, FL	1,200	Waltz, Michael (FL)
4601	Army National Guard	Multipurpose Machine Gun Range	Camp Blanding, FL	11,000	Waltz, Michael (FL)
4601	Army National Guard	National Guard Readiness Center Addition/Alteration	Lexington Avenue Armory, NY	70,000	Nadler, Jerrold (NY)

4601	Army National Guard	National Guard Readiness Center (P&D)	Shawnee Readiness Center, OK	1,800	Bice, Stephanie I. (OK)
4601	Army National Guard	Automated Multipurpose Machine Gun Range (P&D)	Fort Indiantown Gap, PA	1,550	Meuser, Daniel (PA)
4601	Army National Guard	General Purpose Instruction Building (P&D)	Fort Cavazos, TX	2,685	Carter, John R. (TX)
4601	Air National Guard	F-35 Munitions Storage Area Admin (P&D)	Jacksonville International Airport, FL	600	Waltz, Michael (FL)
4601	Army Reserve	Network Enterprise Center	Fort Hunter Liggett, CA	40,000	Lofgren, Zoe (CA)
4601	Air Force Reserve	Security Forces Facility	Dobbins Air Reserve Base, GA	22,000	Loudermilk, Barry (GA)
4601	Air Force Reserve	307 BW Medical Facility Addition	Barksdale Air Force Base, LA	7,000	Johnson, Mike (LA)

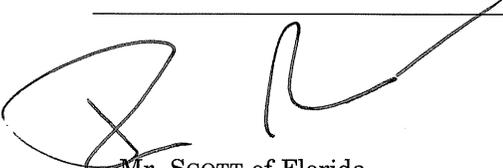
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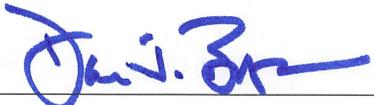
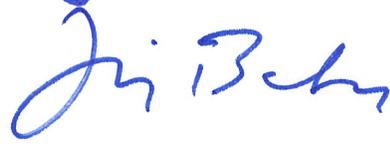
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	From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. ROGERS of Alabama
	 Mr. WILSON of South Carolina
	 Mr. LAMBORN
	 Mr. WITTMAN
	 Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia
	 Ms. STEFANIK
	 Mr. DESJARLAIS

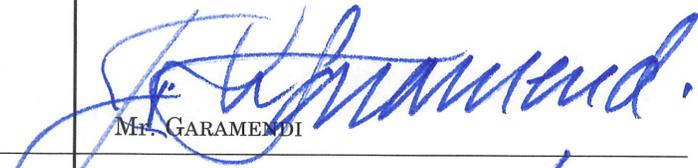
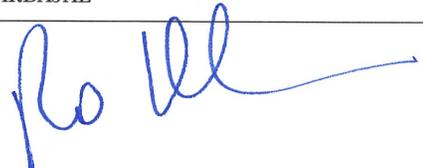
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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	 Mr. KELLY of Mississippi
	 Mr. GALLAGHER
	<del>Mr. GARDNER</del>
	Mr. BACON 
	Mr. BANKS 
	Mr. BERGMAN 
	<del>Mr. WATSON</del>
	<del>Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana</del>

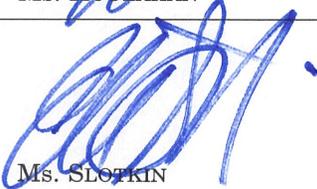
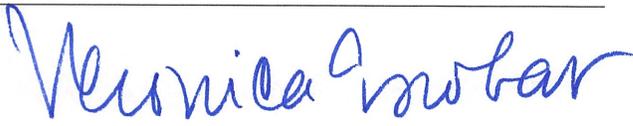
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	 Mrs. McCLAIN
	<del>Mr. JACKSON of Texas</del>
	 Mr. FALLON
	 Mr. GIMENEZ
	 Ms. MACE
	<del>Mr. CRIPPER of Georgia</del>
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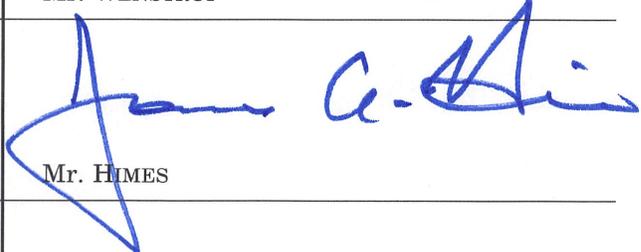
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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	 Mr. SMITH of Washington
	 Mr. COURTNEY
	 Mr. GARAMENDI
	 Mr. NORCROSS
	 Mr. GALLEGO
	 Mr. MOULTON
	 Mr. CARBAJAL
	 Mr. KHANNA

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	 Mr. KEATING
	 Mr. KIM of New Jersey
	 Ms. HOLLAHAN
	 Ms. SLOTKIN
	 Ms. SHERRILL
	 Ms. ESCOBAR

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X:
	 Mr. TURNER
	 Mr. WENSTRUP
	 Mr. HIMES

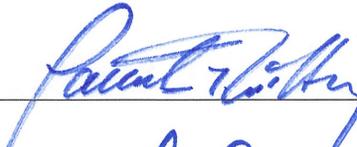
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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of secs. 636, 651-55, 658-61, 1041, and 1042 of the House bill and secs. 303, 563, 592, 593, 1079, 1090K, 1099JJ, 1726, and 3142 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:
	 Ms. FOXX
	 Mr. OWENS
	 Mr. SCOTT of Virginia

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of secs. 224, 749, and 3121 of the House bill, and secs. 314, 712 of division A, 1087, 1088, 1090A, 1090G, 1099II, 3122-24, 3143, 3144, 6074, 8141, and sec. 11009 of division J of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. CARTER of Georgia
	<del>Mr. [Name]</del>
	<del>Mr. [Name]</del>

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of subtitle J of Title X of Division A, secs. 1085 and 1086, title LXVIII of Division E, Division I, and Division J of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
	Mr. MCHENRY 
	Mr. LUETKEMEYER 
	<del>Mr. WATERS</del>

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of secs. 217, 1009, 1080K, 1210, 1211, 1213, 1214, 1216, 1220, 1220A, 1220C, 1220G, 1220K, 1220L, 1221-24, 1234, 1245, 1250, 1310L, 1505, and 1883 of the House bill, and secs. 212, 1085, 1302, 1397, 1399B, 1399D, 1399E, 1399F, 1399I, 1399J, 1399K, 1399L, subtitles H-K of title XIII of division A, secs. 1634, 6031, 6242, 6293, division F, and secs. 11104 and 11105 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. McCAUL
	 Mr. McCORMICK
	 Mr. MEEKS

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	<p>From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of secs. 542, 822, 1049, 1689, and 3116 of the House bill, and secs. 1041, 1090H, subtitles I and K of title X of division A, subtitle I of title XIII of division A, secs. 6031, 6075, 6082, 6084, subtitle H of title LX of division E, secs. 6813, 6816, 6821, 6831 of division E, secs. 9007, 9011, 9012, 9014, and title LXXI of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:</p>
	<p>Mr. ISSA </p>
	<p><del>Ms. Issa of Florida</del></p>
	<p><del>Mr. NADLER</del></p>

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Natural Resources, for consideration of secs. 261, 510, 1853, 1865, 2843, 2844, 2847, and 3515 of the House bill, and secs. 312, 1041, 1090G, 2805, 6711, 11002 of division J, division K, and sec. 11341 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. CARL
	<del>Mr. HERRON</del>
	<del>Mr. GUDALVA</del>

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	<p>From the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for consideration of secs. 364, 834, 891, 899C, 921, 922, 1047, 1101-10, 1116-18, 1122, 1221, 1222, 1521, 1523, 1805, and 1880 of the House bill, and secs. 537, 867, subtitle H of title X of division A, secs. 1201-03, 1206-09, 1211-13, 1215, 1512, 11133, 6101, 6202, 6203, 6607, sec. 6831 of division E, 8141, 9005, 11331-33, and secs. 601, 603, 605, 703, 704, 715-18, 802, and 1001 of division M, and secs. 11001 and 11002 of division L of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference:</p>
	 Mr. GROTHMAN
	 Mr. PERRY
	 Mr. RASKIN

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for consideration of secs. 886, 1608, 1875, and 1879 of the House bill, and secs. 308, 845, 1090E, 1090G, 3144, 5204, and title X of division M of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
	<del>Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California</del>
	Mr. COLLINS 
	<del>Ms. LOREN</del>

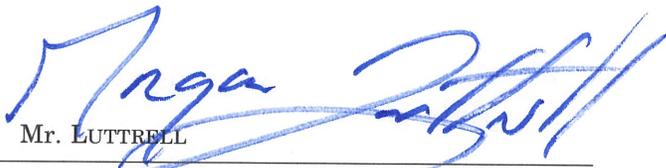
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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of secs. 223, 853, 881, 882, 884, and 886 of the House bill, and secs. 141, 823, 831, 841-45, 849-52, and 5841 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. MOLINARO
	 Mr. ALFORD
	<del>Ms. VELAZQUEZ</del>

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of secs. 315, 707, 723, 866, 1602, 1608, 1804, 1854, 3501, 3511-13, 3515, 3531, and 3533 of the House bill, and secs. 314, 1083, 1090D, 1399N, 1606, 1644, 2814, title XXXV of division C, secs. 6079, 6226, 8141, and division H of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. GRAVES of Missouri
	 Mr. WEBSTER of Florida
	 Mr. LARSEN of Washington

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<i>Managers on the part of the SENATE</i>	<i>Managers on the part of the HOUSE</i>
	From the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for consideration of secs. 571, 572, 579, 1118, 1413, 1733, and 1885 of the House bill, and secs. 1084, 1090B, 1521, 1833, 1852, 6071, 6077, and 11020 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:
	 Mr. BOST
	 Mr. LUTTRELL
	