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SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE COMPLETES MARKUP OF NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005

Senator John Warner (R-VA), Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Senator Carl Levin (D-MI), Ranking Member, announced today that the committee has completed its markup of the National Defense Authorization Bill for Fiscal Year 2005. The bill authorizes funding for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy.

"The brave young men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families deserve our absolute, unwavering support. As the Committee reports this bill to the full Senate, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, active and reserve component, and countless civilians are serving courageously and taking risks in outposts all around the world and on the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq. Americans are proud of what they have accomplished in the cause of freedom. This bill sends that strong message," said Warner.

"I join with Senator Warner in commending the men and women of our Armed Forces for their magnificent performance in Afghanistan and Iraq," Senator Levin said. "The bill reported by the Armed Services Committee will promote the national defense, improve the quality of life of our men and women in uniform, and make the investments we need to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The unanimous vote of our Members in support of this bill reflects the able leadership and balanced approach which Senator Warner has shown in the finest tradition of our Committee. The bill does not, however, provide the money needed to support our day-to-day military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This money will be needed to support our troops in the field, and I will work to provide the needed funding as the bill moves forward."

The Armed Services Committee has reported out a bill that contains a 3.4

percent real increase in defense spending and emphasizes the priorities of combating terrorism, homeland defense, new capabilities to continue the transformation of the Armed Forces, and quality of life improvements for members of the Armed Forces. "The stunning military successes we have witnessed on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan validate the investment of the American taxpayers over the years in our Armed Forces. We are grateful to our men and women in uniform, and their families, for their valor, professionalism and sacrifice. This bill gives our service men and women the equipment they need, the enhanced quality of life they and their families deserve, and the promise of a transformed force for the future. I urge all of my colleagues to support prompt passage of this bill in the Senate," concluded Warner.

Among its many provisions, the bill:

- Authorized a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for military personnel.
- Authorized a permanent increase in the rate of family separation allowance from \$100.00 per month to \$250.00 per month.
- Authorized a permanent increase in the rate of special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger from \$150.00 per month to \$225.00 per month.
- Authorized a new benefit option under TRICARE, TRICARE Reserve Select, which makes available, for the first time, an opportunity for all members of the Selected Reserve and their families to participate in TRICARE.
- Authorized more than \$400 million above the President's budget request for enhanced health benefits for reservists, which will improve mobilization readiness and ensure continuity of health care services.
- Directed the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive Department of Defense policy and procedures for the prevention of and response to incidents of sexual assault involving military members.
- Added \$603.2 million for force protection gear and combat clothing for service members.
- Included several provisions that would improve the oversight of contractors performing security, intelligence, law enforcement and criminal justice functions in Iraq and other areas where U.S. forces are engaged in military operations.
- Added \$46.9 million to field an additional 7 Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Teams (WMD-CST), which will result in a total of 55 teams by the end of Fiscal Year 2005.
- Authorized \$10.2 billion for ballistic missile defense (BMD) research and

development.

- Authorized \$3.4 billion for the procurement of 22 F/A-22 Raptor aircraft, a reduction of two aircraft from the request to allow the Air Force time to improve its production delivery schedule.
- Authorized \$4.6 billion for the Joint Strike Fighter.
- Authorized \$1.5 billion for the DD(X) destroyer program, including the requested \$221.1 million for detail design and advanced construction of the lead ship and an additional \$99.4 million for detail design of the second ship.
- Authorized an additional \$150.0 million to fund the first increment of advanced construction of the first LHA(R) Amphibious Assault Ship.
- Added \$925.0 million for additional up-armored HMMWVs and add-on ballistic protection to provide force protection for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Added \$107.4 million to the Army and Marine Corps for the Rapid Fielding Initiative and other equipment such as night vision devices and squad automatic weapons for individual soldier and Marine protection.
- Supported the Army's transformation initiative by authorizing \$3.2 billion in research and development funding for Future Combat Systems, the Non-Line of Sight Cannon system and the Non-Line of Sight Launch System.

A full summary of the bill is attached.

Consideration of this bill by the full Senate is expected the week of May 17, 2004.

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FISCAL YEAR 2005 NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL SUMMARY

The Senate Armed Services Committee identified the following six priorities to guide its work on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization bill:

- provide our men and women in uniform with the resources, training, technology and equipment they need to safely and successfully perform their missions, both now and in the future;
- enhance the ability of the Department of Defense to fulfill its homeland defense responsibilities;
- continue the Committee's commitment to improve the quality of life for the men and women of the Armed Forces -- active, reserve, guard and retired -- and their families;
- sustain the readiness of our Armed Forces to conduct the full range of military operations against all current and anticipated threats;
- support the Department's efforts to develop the innovative capabilities necessary to modernize and transform the Armed Forces, particularly by enhancing our technological advantages in areas such as unmanned systems; and
- continue active Committee oversight of Department programs and operations, particularly in the areas of acquisition reform and contract management, to ensure proper stewardship of taxpayers' dollars.

FUNDING LEVELS

The committee recommends funding of \$422.2 billion in budget authority for defense programs in fiscal year 2005, an increase of \$20.9 billion above the amount authorized by the Congress for fiscal year 2004. This represents an increase of 3.4 percent in real terms for defense. The committee authorized \$76.5 billion in procurement funding, a \$1.8 billion increase above the President's budget; and \$68.6

billion in funding for research, development, test and evaluation, a \$0.8 billion increase over the requested level.

MARKUP HIGHLIGHTS

The committee addressed a number of defense priorities in this year's bill. Specifically, the committee:

- Authorized a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for military personnel.
- Authorized a permanent increase in the rate of family separation allowance from \$100.00 per month to \$250.00 per month.
- Authorized a permanent increase in the rate of special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger from \$150.00 per month to \$225.00 per month.
- Authorized a new benefit option under TRICARE, TRICARE Reserve Select, which makes available, for the first time, an opportunity for all members of the Selected Reserve and their families to participate in TRICARE.
- Authorized more than \$400 million above the President's budget request for enhanced health benefits for reservists, which will improve mobilization readiness and ensure continuity of health care services.
- Directed the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive Department of Defense policy and procedures for the prevention of and response to incidents of sexual assault involving military members.
- Added \$603.2 million for force protection gear and combat clothing for service members.
- Included several provisions that would improve the oversight of contractors performing security, intelligence, law enforcement and criminal justice functions in Iraq and other areas where U.S. forces are engaged in military operations.
- Added \$46.9 million to field an additional 7 Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Teams (WMD-CST), which will result in a total of 55 teams by the end of Fiscal Year 2005.
- Authorized \$10.2 billion for ballistic missile defense (BMD) research and development.
- Authorized \$3.4 billion for the procurement of 22 F/A-22 Raptor aircraft, a reduction of two aircraft from the request to allow the Air Force time to improve its production

delivery schedule.

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- Authorized \$1.5 billion for the DD(X) destroyer program, including the requested \$221.1 million for detail design and advanced construction of the lead ship and an additional \$99.4 million for detail design of the second ship.
- Authorized an additional \$150.0 million to fund the first increment of advanced construction of the first LHA(R) Amphibious Assault Ship.
- Added \$925.0 million for additional up-armored HMMWVs and add-on ballistic protection to provide force protection for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Added \$107.4 million to the Army and Marine Corps for the Rapid Fielding Initiative and other equipment such as night vision devices and squad automatic weapons for individual soldier and Marine protection.
- Supported the Army's transformation initiative by authorizing \$3.2 billion in research and development funding for Future Combat Systems, the Non-Line of Sight Cannon system and the Non-Line of Sight Launch System.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Subcommittee Chairman Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and Ranking Member Ben Nelson (D-NE) continued the Personnel Subcommittee's focus and attention on improving compensation and quality of life programs for service members, retirees and their families, and Department of Defense civilian employees. Specifically, the subcommittee:

- Authorized a 3.5 percent across-the-board pay raise for military personnel.
- Authorized the Secretary of Defense to increase the Army active duty end strength by up to 30,000 soldiers during 2005 through 2009.
- Authorized a permanent increase in the rate of family separation allowance from \$100.00 per month to \$250.00 per month.
- Authorized a permanent increase in the rate of special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger from \$150.00 per month to \$225.00 per month.
- Directed the Secretary of Defense to develop a comprehensive Department of Defense policy and procedures for prevention of and response to incidents of sexual assault involving military members which the Services must implement by

March 2005.

- Established a Commission on the National Guard and Reserve that will study the roles and mission of the reserve component including pay and benefits. The Commission's report would be due to the Congress by the end of 2005.
- Authorized increases over fiscal year 2003 levels in end strength for Reserve full time support personnel of 1003 for the Army National Guard and 62 for the Air National Guard, to enhance readiness and to support the activation of 7 additional Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Teams.
- Included a provision that would require separate campaign medals for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Included a provision that would reduce from 0.10% to 0.08% the permissible blood alcohol level for drunken operation of a vehicle, aircraft, or vessel under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, bringing the Code to the level adopted by nearly all the States.
- Authorized more than \$400 million above the President's Budget request for enhanced health benefits for reserves, which will improve mobilization readiness and continuity of health care services.
- Authorized a new requirement for pre-separation physical examinations for members of the reserve component.
- Authorized a demonstration program to test the feasibility of providing health benefits to reserve members in a non-active status who are unemployed or not covered by employer-provide health care coverage.
- Authorized a new benefit option under TRICARE, TRICARE Reserve Select, which makes available, for the first time, an opportunity for members of the Selected Reserve and their families to participate in TRICARE.
- Extended for two years the Department of Defense telecommunications benefit for soldiers serving in combat roles in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.
- Repealed the requirement for military members to pay subsistence charges while hospitalized.
- Directed the Comptroller General to review and report on the transition to new TRICARE contracts, and to evaluate the effectiveness of TRICARE's new governance structure, contracts and business planning procedures in meeting the goals of continuously improved beneficiary satisfaction.

- Added \$7.8 million for expanded care and services at the Walter Reed Amputee Patient Care Center.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Subcommittee Chairman Senator John Ensign (R-NV) and Ranking Member Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) focused the subcommittee's efforts on supporting projects and programs that are important to the near-term readiness of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines, both active and reserve components. This includes a focus on providing protective clothing and combat equipment to the individual service member as quickly as possible. To address the readiness needs of the military, the subcommittee increased the budget request in the following areas:

- \$603.2 million for force protection gear and combat clothing for service members.
- \$130.0 million for maintenance activities, including \$60.0 million for KC-135 airframe and engine maintenance and \$70.0 million for Navy ship maintenance.
- approximately \$115.0 million for logistics, environmental security, ammunition, and corrosion prevention.

The subcommittee included provisions designed to provide greater oversight of DOD operations, as well as to assist the Department undertake management practices that will result in a more effective and efficient use of available resources. These provisions would:

- Improve the oversight of contractors performing security, intelligence, law enforcement and criminal justice functions in Iraq and other areas where U.S. forces are engaged in military operations.
- Strengthen the oversight framework for addressing DOD's inability to produce reliable financial information or auditable financial statements.
- Streamline and clarify the DOD contracting process in a manner that provides assurance that federal dollars are being spent appropriately.
- Establish a commission to assess the future of the defense industrial base.

The subcommittee supported efforts to provide better environmental quality across the armed forces installations and ranges. Specifically, the subcommittee:

- Authorized \$256.5 million for remediation of Formerly Used Defense Sites, an increase of \$40.0 million over the budget request.

- Directed the U.S. Comptroller General to conduct a study to evaluate the issues surrounding the contamination of drinking water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and potential adverse health effects to Marines and their families.

Military Construction

The committee continues its support of the military services' efforts to modernize, renovate, and improve aging defense facilities and focused its funding priorities on improving quality of life, infrastructure, and readiness-related projects for the active and reserve components.

The Administration requested \$9.5 billion for the military construction and family housing program. The committee has included \$9.8 billion for military construction and family housing to provide a prudent investment in overseas locations and increased investment in installations in the United States. The committee included over \$100.0 million in additional funding for critical unfunded military construction requirements identified by the military services, and an additional \$172.0 million to fund improvements to facilities supporting our National Guard and Reserve forces.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Under the leadership of Chairman Senator Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Ranking Member Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee focused on supporting and enhancing the Department of Defense's efforts to transition technology from the lab to the field; combat terrorism both at home and abroad; counter the threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and improve the Armed Forces' ability to meet existing and emerging threats. In these areas, the committee increased the President's budget request by nearly \$450.0 million. Specifically, the subcommittee:

- Authorized \$11.0 billion for the Defense Science and Technology program, including an additional \$445.0 million for transformational basic and applied research activities, bringing the Department closer to its goal of investing 3 percent of its budget to such programs.
- Increased funding for transformational technologies and capabilities such as information assurance, force protection, future weapons systems, unmanned systems and basic research, including:
 - \$70.0 million for unmanned systems science and technology programs.
 - Over \$100.0 million for programs designed to enhance force protection and to ensure the continued technological superiority of the future warfighter.

- \$80.0 million for basic research, information assurance and advanced composite materials.
- Authorized a provision to establish a new pilot Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Defense Scholarship program for students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees in science and engineering disciplines of specific national security need.
- Authorized a provision requiring the Secretary of Defense to carry out a study through the Defense Science Board on the roles and authorities of the Director, Defense Research and Engineering.

In the area of homeland defense and counterterrorism the subcommittee:

- Added \$59.3 million for homeland defense including:
 - \$46.9 million to field an additional 7 Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Teams (WMD-CST), which will result in a total of 55 teams by the end of FY 05.
 - \$3.0 million for the information assurance scholarship program.
 - \$16.0 million for cybersecurity research and education.
- Added \$40.0 million in innovative technologies to combat terrorism.

In the area of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear and high-yield explosives (CBRNE) programs, the subcommittee:

- Added \$214.4 million including:
 - \$147.0 million for the Pueblo Chemical Agent Disposal Facility to facilitate the ability of the United States to meet its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention.
 - \$67.4 million for CBRNE research, development and procurement programs.
- Included a provision that would direct the Secretary of Defense to develop and coordinate a policy for ensuring the survivability of defense critical systems exposed to chemical or biological contamination.

In the area of nonproliferation and cooperative threat reduction, the subcommittee:

- Authorized \$1.3 billion for the Department of Energy (DOE) nonproliferation programs, and removed the \$50.0 million limitation on DOE's authority to spend nuclear materials protection and cooperation program funds on new projects

outside of the former Soviet Union.

- Authorized \$409.2 million for the Department of Defense's Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Program, and provided the President permanent authority to waive, on an annual basis, the conditions that must be met before continuing the Russian chemical demilitarization program at Shchuch'ye in FY 2004.

In addition, the subcommittee:

- Added \$63.4 million for critical new capabilities for the Special Operations Forces.
- Recommended \$50.0 million of counterdrug funding for counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan.
- Included a provision which renews the authority of the Secretary of Defense to use counterdrug funding for combating narcoterrorism in Colombia, and raises the troop cap on U.S. forces in Colombia from 400 to 800 military personnel and from 400 to 600 contractor personnel.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES

Under the leadership of the Chairman Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) and Ranking Member Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL), the Strategic Forces Subcommittee reviewed Department of Defense programs for national security space, strategic forces, ballistic missile defenses, intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance, as well as Department of Energy nuclear and environmental management programs.

The committee focused strongly on enhancing national security space capabilities. Specifically, the subcommittee included:

- a provision to establish a panel to study the future of military space launch capabilities.
- an increase of \$35.0 million for the Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) communications satellite.
- an increase of \$35.0 million for the Space Based Infrared early warning satellite.
- an increase of \$25.0 million for operationally responsive national security satellite payloads.
- an increase of \$15.0 million for the Wideband Gapfiller communications satellite.
- an increase of \$15.0 million to improve ballistic missile range safety.

Other increases supported improved space launch, space surveillance, space control and reduced space system vulnerability.

The committee approved two provisions related to ballistic missile defense:

- to allow the Missile Defense Agency to use research and development funds to field an initial set of missile defense capabilities; and
- to give the Missile Defense Agency Director the authority to approve changes in the Patriot/Medium Extended Air Defense System program that would significantly alter the role of that system in the ballistic missile defense system.

The committee also authorized \$10.2 billion for ballistic missile defense (BMD) research and development and procurement. The committee added:

- \$40.0 million to the ground-based midcourse BMD system to reduce program risk; and
- \$90.0 million for an additional 36 PAC-3 missiles.

The subcommittee supported efforts to strengthen the nation's nuclear weapons research, development and test readiness capabilities and program management. The subcommittee continues to support efforts to revitalize the nuclear weapons complex and reduce deferred maintenance. Specifically, the subcommittee:

- Clarified the authority of the Secretary of Energy to proceed with the accelerated cleanup plan at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina, including waste incidental to reprocessing, which is important to reducing risk to workers, the environment, and the community, and is significantly more cost-effective.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON SEAPOWER

Under the leadership of the Chairman Senator James M. Talent (R-MO) and Ranking Member Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), the Subcommittee on Seapower focused on the needs of the Navy, Marine Corps, and strategic mobility forces in a time of growing emphasis on operations in the littorals and in time of combat operations in the global war on terrorism.

The subcommittee focused on the requirements for and execution of programs under its purview, particularly in the areas of shipbuilding and strategic sealift and airlift.

The subcommittee took action to provide force protection and other equipment for the Marine Corps in their continuing combat operations, and accelerated the procurement of two new classes of ships to aid in the transformation of the Navy.

Specifically, the subcommittee:

- Authorized \$175.4 million and multi-year procurement authority for the Lightweight 155mm howitzer for the Marine Corps.
- Added \$46.7 million to Procurement, Marine Corps accounts for personal protection gear and equipment such as radios, squad automatic weapons, and night vision goggles.
- Authorized the budget request of \$304.7 million for procuring long lead items and continued development, test, and evaluation of the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle.
- Authorized \$132.4 million in research and development for H-1 helicopter upgrades, including an additional \$42.0 million to address aircraft survivability for the AH-1Z.
- Authorized \$81.8 million for the assault amphibious vehicle (AAV) product improvement program, including an additional \$23.2 million for AAV reliability upgrades.
- Authorized the budget request of \$6.7 billion for the procurement of seven ships:
 - Three DDG-51 *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyers
 - One *Virginia*-class submarine
 - One LPD-17 *San Antonio*-class amphibious transport dock ship
 - Two T-AKE auxiliary cargo and ammunition ships.
- Authorized detail design and advance construction of the first LHA(R)-class amphibious assault ship, and added \$150.0 million as the first increment of funding for this ship.
- Authorized \$1.5 billion in RDT&E funds for the DD(X) destroyer, including \$221.1 million for detail design and advanced construction of the lead ship, and an additional \$99.4 million for detail design of the second ship.
- Added \$26.8 million for the P-3 aircraft anti-surface warfare improvement program.
- Added \$20.0 million for additional Tactical Tomahawk cruise missiles.
- Added \$30.0 million for additional kits and installations for the C-5 avionics modernization program.
- Added almost \$100.0 million for various submarine RDT&E programs.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

Under the leadership of Chairman Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and Ranking

Member Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), the Subcommittee on Airland emphasized Army transformation, tactical aviation fixed and rotary-wing programs, research and development requirements, and emerging lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. The Airland Subcommittee received an amended budget request regarding the termination of the Comanche helicopter program. Specifically, the subcommittee:

- Authorized the reallocation of funding from the termination of the Comanche armed reconnaissance helicopter program, including:
 - \$463.5 million for 27 UH-60L and 5 UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters.
 - \$727.3 million for CH-47 Chinook helicopters.
 - \$673.6 million for the conversion of Apache AH-64 helicopters to the Apache Longbow helicopter.
 - \$272.2 million for aircraft survivability equipment.
 - \$131.1 million for Shadow Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, including an increase of \$25.6 million for two additional aircraft.
- Authorized \$905.1 million for 310 Stryker vehicles.
- Authorized \$1,054.4 million for up-armored high mobility multi-purpose wheeled vehicles (UAH) and wheeled vehicle add-on ballistic protection to provide force protection for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan, an increase of \$925.0 million above the budget request level. The markup includes a provision which provides the Secretary of the Army with the flexibility to allocate \$610 million of the increase to UAH production or add-on armor protection to meet Army force protection requirements.
- Authorized \$3.4 billion for 22 Raptor F/A-22 aircraft, a reduction of \$280 million and 2 aircraft to allow the Air Force time to improve its production delivery schedule.
- Authorized the budget request of \$2.9 billion for 42 F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft.
- Authorized the budget request of \$1.0 billion for 11 C-130J and 4 KC-130J aircraft.
- Authorized \$4.6 billion for the Joint Strike Fighter, including an increase of \$15.0 million to assess the potential for increased thrust from the lift fan on the short takeoff, vertical landing variant of the aircraft.

- Authorized the budget request of \$708.0 million for the Joint Unmanned Combat Air Systems program.
- Authorized an additional \$53.9 million to the Army for the Rapid Fielding Initiative for night vision devices to provide individual soldier protection.
- Authorized over \$3.2 billion in research and development funding for Future Combat Systems, including \$497.0 million for the continued development of the Non-Line-of Sight Cannon system.
- Authorized \$99.6 million for the development of the Warfighting Information Network-Terrestrial.
- Authorized \$445.2 million for the development and procurement of the Joint Tactical Radio System.
- Authorized \$134.0 million for the family of heavy tactical vehicles, including \$15.0 million for additional trucks and \$35.0 million for the Movement Tracking System.
- Added \$23.5 million for additional radios, including the enhanced position location reporting system, the single channel ground and air radio system, and the multi-band inter/intra team radios.
- Added \$48.0 million to Army research and development for an Army aviation test bed to retain technologies developed in the Comanche armed reconnaissance program.
- Authorized an additional \$60.0 million for engines and engine upgrades for F-16 and F-15 aircraft respectively.
- Added \$17.2 million for a radar upgrade to the F-15 C/D aircraft.
- Authorized an additional \$24.0 million for four Joint Primary Aircraft Training System (JPATS) aircraft for the Navy.
- Authorized \$53.3 million for an additional C-37 aircraft for the Navy.
- Included legislative proposals which would restrict the Air Force from retiring any KC-135E tanker aircraft or F-117 fighter aircraft in fiscal year 2005.