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ADDITIONAL VIEWS

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The Committee on Appropriations submits the following report in explanation of the accompanying bill making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

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PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to support our military and their families and provide the benefits and medical care that our veterans have earned for their service. This is accomplished through the programs funded in the bill. Programs that provide the facilities and infrastructure needed to house, train, and equip our military personnel to defend this nation; both in the United States and abroad; programs that provide the housing and military community infrastructure that sustains quality of life for them and their families; and programs that allow the military to efficiently and effectively maintain a right-sized base structure. The bill also funds programs to ensure that all of our veterans receive the benefits and medical care that they have earned as a result of the sacrifices they have made in their service to our country. Finally, the bill funds four related agencies that provide support to our nation's heroes; the American Battle Monuments Commission, Cemeterial Expenses, Army (Arlington Cemetery), the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends $118,726,081,000 in new budget authority for the programs and activities funded in the bill. This recommendation is an increase of $10,334,831,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $3,382,000,000 above the President's request. Included in this amount is $45,996,925,000 in mandatory authority and $72,729,156,000 in discretionary authority.

The Committee recommendation highlights the continued commitment to our servicemembers and their families and to our veterans. The bill includes significant increases in both the military construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs budgets. The total funding level for military construction is $24,800,239,000, a 20 percent increase over the fiscal year 2008 enacted level. This level of unprecedented funding supports the servicemen and women and their families who are making the ultimate sacrifice during this time of war. The programs funded in the bill for the Department of Defense address the numerous challenges we have asked our military to accomplish simultaneously. These funds support an

increase in troop strength for both the Army and Marine Corps, continue the cleanup of military bases closed during Base Realignment and Closure rounds, resource the military's global re-stationing plan, and ensure that our military personnel and their families' quality of life is preserved within these plans.

The total funding level of $93,685,057,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs is a seven percent increase over the fiscal year 2008 enacted level. The recommendation provides funding to increase support for benefits claims in order to reduce the claims processing backlog and length of time it takes to process an initial claim. The Committee also provides increases for medical care funding for all veterans and provides additional funding in order to increase Priority 8 enrollment by 10 percent, and to improve access to medical care for veterans where Veterans Health Administration services are not available. The Committee is also concerned with the backlog in non-recurring maintenance and has provided additional resources to address this issue.

The following table compares amounts recommended in the bill to the President's request and amounts appropriated in fiscal year 2008:

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	FY 2008 Enacted	FY 2009 Request	Bill	Bill vs. Enacted	Bill vs. Request
TITLE I - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
Military construction, Army	3,936,583	4,615,920	4,801,536	+864,953	+185,616
Rescission	-8,690	---	-51,320	-42,630	-51,320
Total	3,927,893	4,615,920	4,750,216	+822,323	+134,296
Military construction, Navy and Marine Corps	2,198,394	3,096,399	3,280,809	+1,082,415	+184,410
Rescission	-10,557	---	---	+10,557	---
Total	2,187,837	3,096,399	3,280,809	+1,092,972	+184,410
Military construction, Air Force	1,159,747	934,892	976,524	-183,223	+41,632
Rescission	-10,470	---	-17,681	-7,211	-17,681
Total	1,149,277	934,892	958,843	-190,434	+23,951
Military construction, Defense-Wide	1,609,596	1,783,998	1,614,450	+4,854	-169,548
Rescission	-10,192	---	-3,589	+6,603	-3,589
Total	1,599,404	1,783,998	1,610,861	+11,457	-173,137
Total, Active components	8,864,411	10,431,209	10,600,729	+1,736,318	+169,520
Military construction, Army National Guard	536,656	539,296	628,668	+92,012	+89,372
Military construction, Air National Guard	287,537	34,374	142,809	-144,728	+108,435
Military construction, Army Reserve	148,133	281,687	282,607	+134,474	+920

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Military construction, Navy Reserve	64,430	57,045	57,045	-7,385	---
Military construction, Air Force Reserve	28,359	19,265	30,018	+1,659	+10,753
Rescission	-3,069	---	---	+3,069	---
Total	25,290	19,265	30,018	+4,728	+10,753
Total, Reserve components	1,062,046	931,667	1,141,147	+79,101	+209,480
Total, Military construction	9,926,457	11,362,876	11,741,876	+1,815,419	+379,000
Appropriations	(9,969,435)	(11,362,876)	(11,814,466)	(+1,845,031)	(+451,590)
Rescissions	(-42,978)	---	(-72,590)	(-29,612)	(-72,590)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	201,400	240,867	218,867	+17,467	-22,000
Family housing construction, Army	424,400	678,580	646,580	+222,180	-32,000
Rescission	-4,559	---	---	+4,559	---
Total	419,841	678,580	646,580	+226,739	-32,000
Family housing operation and maintenance, Army	731,920	716,110	716,110	-15,810	---
Family housing construction, Navy and Marine Corps	293,129	382,778	382,778	+89,649	---
Family housing operation and maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	371,404	376,062	376,062	+4,658	---
Family housing construction, Air Force	327,747	395,879	395,879	+68,132	---

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Rescission	-15,000	---	---	+15,000	---
Total	312,747	395,879	395,879	+83,132	---
Family housing operation and maintenance, Air Force	688,335	599,465	594,465	-93,870	-5,000
Family housing operation and maintenance, Defense-Wide	48,848	49,231	49,231	+383	---
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	500	850	850	+350	---
Homeowners assistance fund	---	4,500	4,500	+4,500	---
Total, Family housing	2,866,724	3,203,455	3,166,455	+299,731	-37,000
Appropriations	(2,886,283)	(3,203,455)	(3,166,455)	(+280,172)	(-37,000)
Rescissions	(-19,559)	---	---	(+19,559)	---
Chemical demilitarization construction, Defense-Wide	104,176	134,278	134,278	+30,102	---
Base realignment and closure:					
Base realignment and closure account, 1990	295,689	393,377	473,377	+177,688	+80,000
Base realignment and closure account, 2005	7,235,591	9,065,386	9,065,386	+1,829,795	---
Total, Base realignment and closure	7,531,280	9,458,763	9,538,763	+2,007,483	+80,000
Total, title I	20,630,037	24,400,239	24,800,239	+4,170,202	+400,000
Appropriations	(20,692,574)	(24,400,239)	(24,872,829)	(+4,180,255)	(+472,590)
Rescissions	(-62,537)	---	(-72,590)	(-10,053)	(-72,590)

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TITLE II - DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS					
Veterans Benefits Administration					
Compensation and pensions	41,236,322	43,111,681	43,111,681	+1,875,359	---
Readjustment benefits	3,300,289	3,086,944	3,086,944	-213,345	---
Veterans insurance and indemnities	41,250	42,300	42,300	+1,050	---
Veterans housing benefit program fund program account (indefinite)	17,389	2,000	2,000	-15,389	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(500)	(500)	(500)	---	---
Credit subsidy	-108,000	-246,000	-246,000	-138,000	---
Administrative expenses	154,562	157,210	157,210	+2,648	---
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account	71	61	61	-10	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(3,287)	(3,180)	(3,180)	(-107)	---
Administrative expenses	311	320	320	+9	---
Native American veteran housing loan program account	628	646	646	+18	---
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration	44,642,822	46,155,162	46,155,162	+1,512,340	---
Veterans Health Administration					
Medical services /1	27,167,671	34,075,503	30,854,270	+3,686,599	-3,221,233
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	1,936,549	---	---	-1,936,549	---
Subtotal	29,104,220	34,075,503	30,854,270	+1,750,050	-3,221,233

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Medical support and compliance /1	3,442,000	---	4,400,000	+958,000	+4,400,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	75,000	---	---	-75,000	---
Subtotal	3,517,000	---	4,400,000	+883,000	+4,400,000
Medical facilities	3,592,000	4,661,000	5,029,000	+1,437,000	+368,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	508,000	---	---	-508,000	---
Subtotal	4,100,000	4,661,000	5,029,000	+929,000	+368,000
Medical and prosthetic research	411,000	442,000	500,000	+89,000	+58,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	69,000	---	---	-69,000	---
Subtotal	480,000	442,000	500,000	+20,000	+58,000

1/ The budget request proposes to combine funding for medical services and medical administration

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Medical care cost recovery collections:					
Offsetting collections	-2,414,000	-1,879,000	-2,544,000	-130,000	-665,000
Appropriations (indefinite)	2,414,000	1,879,000	2,544,000	+130,000	+665,000
Total, Veterans Health Administration	37,201,220	39,178,503	40,783,270	+3,582,050	+1,604,767
Appropriations	(34,612,671)	(39,178,503)	(40,783,270)	(+6,170,599)	(+1,604,767)
Emergency appropriations	(2,588,549)	---	---	(-2,588,549)	---
National Cemetery Administration					
National Cemetery Administration	166,809	180,959	240,000	+73,191	+59,041
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	28,191	---	---	-28,191	---
Total, National Cemetery Administration	195,000	180,959	240,000	+45,000	+59,041
Departmental Administration					
General operating expenses	1,471,837	1,699,867	1,801,867	+330,030	+102,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	133,163	---	---	-133,163	---
Subtotal	1,605,000	1,699,867	1,801,867	+196,867	+102,000
Information technology systems	1,859,217	2,442,066	2,492,066	+632,849	+50,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	107,248	---	---	-107,248	---
Subtotal	1,966,465	2,442,066	2,492,066	+525,601	+50,000
Office of Inspector General	72,599	76,500	87,818	+15,219	+11,318

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Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	7,901	---	---	-7,901	---
Subtotal	80,500	76,500	87,818	+7,318	+11,318
Construction, major projects	727,400	581,582	923,382	+195,982	+341,800
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	341,700	---	---	-341,700	---
Subtotal	1,069,100	581,582	923,382	-145,718	+341,800
Construction, minor projects	233,396	329,418	991,492	+758,096	+662,074
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	397,139	---	---	-397,139	---
Subtotal	630,535	329,418	991,492	+360,957	+662,074
Grants for construction of State extended care facilities	85,000	85,000	165,000	+80,000	+80,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	80,000	---	---	-80,000	---
Subtotal	165,000	85,000	165,000	---	+80,000
Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries	32,000	32,000	45,000	+13,000	+13,000
Contingent emergency (P.L. 110-161)	7,500	---	---	-7,500	---
Subtotal	39,500	32,000	45,000	+5,500	+13,000
Total, Departmental Administration	5,556,100	5,246,433	6,506,625	+950,525	+1,260,192
Appropriations	(4,481,449)	(5,246,433)	(6,506,625)	(+2,025,176)	(+1,260,192)

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Emergency appropriations	(1,074,651)	---	---	(-1,074,651)	---
Administrative Provisions					
Sec. 230 VA Medical Services (P.L. 110-28)	-66,000	---	---	+66,000	---
Sec. 230 Construction Major Projects (P.L. 110-28)	66,000	---	---	-66,000	---
Sec. 234 VA General Operating Expenses	-6,000	---	---	+6,000	---
Sec. 234 State Approving Agencies	6,000	---	---	-6,000	---
Total, title II	87,595,142	90,761,057	93,685,057	+6,089,915	+2,924,000
Appropriations	(83,903,751)	(90,761,057)	(93,685,057)	(+9,781,306)	(+2,924,000)
Emergency appropriations	(3,757,391)	---	---	(-3,757,391)	---
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	(-66,000)	---	---	(+66,000)	---
(Limitation on direct loans)	(3,787)	(3,680)	(3,680)	(-107)	---
Discretionary	(43,107,892)	(44,764,132)	(47,688,132)	(+4,580,240)	(+2,924,000)
Mandatory	(44,487,250)	(45,996,925)	(45,996,925)	(+1,509,675)	---
TITLE III - RELATED AGENCIES					
American Battle Monuments Commission					
Salaries and expenses	44,600	64,570	55,470	+10,870	-9,100
Foreign currency fluctuations account	11,000	---	17,100	+6,100	+17,100
Total, American Battle Monuments Commission	55,600	64,570	72,570	+16,970	+8,000

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U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims					
Salaries and expenses	22,717	23,975	73,975	+51,258	+50,000
Department of Defense - Civil					
Cemeterial Expenses, Army					
Salaries and expenses	31,230	31,230	31,230	---	---
Armed Forces Retirement Home					
Operation and maintenance	55,724	63,010	63,010	+7,286	---
General fund appropriation	800	---	---	-800	---
Total, Armed Forces Retirement Home	56,524	63,010	63,010	+6,486	---
Total, title III	-3,525,320	182,785	72,969,785	+76,495,105	+72,787,000
Grand total	108,391,250	115,344,081	118,726,081	+10,334,831	+3,382,000
Appropriations	(104,762,396)	(115,344,081)	(118,798,671)	(+14,036,275)	(+3,454,590)
Rescissions	(-62,537)	---	(-72,590)	(-10,053)	(-72,590)
Emergency appropriations	(66,000)	---	---	(-66,000)	---
Contingent emergency appropriations	(3,691,391)	---	---	(-3,691,391)	---
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	(-66,000)	---	---	(+66,000)	---

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Quality of Life Initiative.—The Committee's recommendation for military construction continues the initiative, begun in fiscal year 2008, to provide additional quality of life facilities for military personnel and their families. The Committee's recommendation therefore includes $199,200,000 for five additional troop housing facilities for Army and Marine Corps recruits and trainees. While both the Army and Marine Corps have made a commitment to fund improved barracks, the Committee believes that more effort is needed on behalf of marines and soldiers who are going through basic and advanced training. The Committee also recommends building upon a prior initiative by adding $136,481,000 for medical treatment facility design and construction. This will provide $57,900,000 to renovate the hospital at Camp Lejeune, which will add 7,410 marines under the Growing the Force initiative, and $78,581,000 to accelerate planning and design for a hospital replacement at Fort Bliss, which will receive four additional brigades by 2012 under Army plans for Base Realignment and Closure and global restationing.

Report on Child Care Waiting Lists.—The Committee notes that the President has called for an increased commitment to providing child care and youth activity services to military families. The Committee fully supports this commitment and commends the Department of Defense for following the lead of Congress and increasing the number of child development and youth activity facilities from three in the fiscal year 2008 request to eleven in the fiscal year 2009 request. The Committee believes that more effort is needed, and to further this initiative, the Committee directs that the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force each provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the current waiting list for child care services at each installation no later than August 1, 2008.

BRAC, Global Restationing, Growing the Force, and Local School Impacts.—The Committee remains concerned by the impact that Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), global restationing, and the Growing the Force initiative will have on the ability of localities near growing bases to accommodate increased demands for off-base infrastructure such as schools. In order to help local communities plan and budget for such impacts, the Committee directs the Department of Defense to keep the responsible authorities fully informed about the effects of force structure changes on base populations. The Committee further directs the Army and Marine Corps to submit no later than October 1, 2008, and semi-annually thereafter, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress an updated report on projected base population increases for those installations that will add at least 1,000 permanent party military personnel (compared to the 2003 baseline) under BRAC, global restationing, and Growing the Force. In addition to the total growth in base population for each such installation from 2003–2013, this report shall provide, at minimum, a breakout of the data for each such installation showing the growth during the same period in the numbers of permanent party active duty military members, Department of Defense civilians, Reserve component personnel, students and trainees, contractors, military family members, school age children of military family members, and school

age children of DoD civilians. In addition, the report shall also contain a description of the status of local school construction efforts at all installations with an expected base population growth of 20 percent or more.

Management of Overseas Basing.—On September 17, 2004, the Department of Defense delivered its "Report to Congress on Strengthening U.S. Global Defense Posture", inaugurating what it described as "the most profound re-ordering of U.S. military forces overseas since our current posture was cemented at the end of World War II and the Korean War." The report announced a shift away from forward-stationed garrisons to deter specific threats toward a flexible network of smaller, but rapidly expandable, sites to meet a wide range of possible contingencies. This shift toward forward operating sites and cooperative security locations reduced the need for new overseas military construction projects and increased reliance on host nation and contractor-maintained facilities. The Committee is concerned that the Department has not made a concomitant effort to ensure that planning, budgeting, and financial management practices are in place to ensure adequate oversight of the costs and operations of this new base structure. Currently, management and oversight are fragmented between different command levels of both the services and the Combatant Commands, defeating transparency and accountability. The Committee therefore directs the Department to include, with the Overseas Master Plan submission in 2009, a management annex that describes current arrangements for planning, programming, budgeting, financial management, and contract management for overseas bases, as well as initiatives being taken to correct deficiencies in such arrangements. The Committee understands that the Army has instituted a pilot program under which the Installation Management Command will assume responsibility for the forward operating site at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras. The management annex shall also include an assessment of this pilot program and a discussion of both "lessons learned" and the prospect of applying this approach to all overseas forward operating sites and cooperative security locations.

Need for Review of Global Basing Strategy.—The Committee is also concerned by recent developments that have called into question the underlying rationale of the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy (IGPBS) that was developed from the global posture review. In response to concerns expressed by the Commander of European Command (EUCOM) about the adequacy of the forces to be left within the EUCOM area of responsibility by IGPBS, the Secretary of Defense decided in 2007 to extend two brigade combat teams (BCTs) in Germany until 2012–2013, during which these two BCTs purportedly will be moved to the United States, though it is unclear whether the reasons necessitating this extension will no longer apply by then. The Secretary also decided recently to halt the planned removal of approximately 3,500 troops from Korea, for reasons that are not entirely clear. Furthermore, the decision by the Administration to create Africa Command (AFRICOM) has opened the question of what basing structure in Africa should be created to support this new command. Finally, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have demonstrated a need to reconcile this new basing approach to long-term conflicts involving continuous rota-

tion of large forces to the same areas over a period of many years, blurring the distinction between "forward-deployed" and "forward-stationed" forces, and between "expeditionary" and "enduring" locations. The new Global Posture strategy rested on certain key assumptions, such as:

(1) Pursuant to the 2001 Quadrennial Defense Review, the U.S. should shift its approach to strategic planning from a "threat-based" approach to a "capabilities-based" approach. This approach is expressed in the statement of the September 2004 report that "we cannot know exactly where or when we will be called on to fight";

(2) U.S. military forces would acquire and maintain the necessary capabilities in mobility, deployment readiness, and expeditionary base construction to overcome any reduction in the advantages of forward stationing; and

(3) Overseas force reductions in certain areas could be implemented without any undue harm to U.S. relationships with host nations, NATO, or new security commitments.

The Committee believes that the next Administration should conduct a reassessment of these assumptions and adjust the Integrated Global Presence and Basing Strategy to account for developments that were not anticipated or accounted for by the Department in its initial global posture review.

Africa Command.—The Committee is concerned about the Department's conflicting indications regarding the future permanent headquarters of Africa Command. The Committee has been informed in the past that headquarters locations in the United States were ruled out; however, recent reports suggest that U.S. locations will be included in a comprehensive survey of potential locations, in addition to those in Africa and Europe. The Committee therefore directs the Department of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on potential future locations for AFRICOM headquarters no later than December 31, 2008. This report shall include, at minimum: (1) the fundamental considerations that need to be taken into account in the siting of an AFRICOM headquarters, such as proximity to the area of responsibility, utilization of existing U.S. infrastructure including State Department facilities, host nation political sensitivities, and consistency with AFRICOM's structure and mission; (2) the specific criteria to be considered in deciding between specific locations within the African continent, should that be the chosen approach; (3) the merits and disadvantages of keeping AFRICOM headquarters at its current location in Stuttgart, Germany; and (4) a comprehensive listing of all specific locations that have been considered. In addition, this report shall include an assessment of existing cooperative security locations and forward operating sites in Africa and the extent to which they meet AFRICOM's mission requirements. This report may be submitted in classified form.

Inflation in Military Construction.—The Committee remains very concerned by the inadequacy of inflation factors used to form the budget requests for military construction and family housing. The baseline construction inflation rate used by the Department of Defense, which is based on the gross domestic product price index rather than indices of material and labor costs in the construction sector, is merely 2 percent for fiscal year 2009. This figure is gross-

ly out of step with the construction inflation estimates reported by the private sector. The Committee also notes a report by the Department that the fiscal year 2008 Base Realignment and Closure program would require 11 percent additional funding if the 2007, rather than 2006, pricing guidance had been used to form that program. The Committee is fully supportive of efforts by the Department to more accurately account for recent changes and regional variation in the construction market through the use of more up-to-date pricing guidance and area cost factors. However, the Committee believes that the overall military construction budget will continue to be at risk if the baseline inflation rate does not better reflect actual market conditions. The failure to fully account for these conditions is evidenced by the increased number of scope reductions, project cancellations, and reprogramming requests in recent years. The Committee therefore directs the Department to incorporate more realistic inflation estimates into its construction program. The Committee further directs the Department to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress the baseline inflation rate used to form the fiscal year 2010 military construction and family housing request, along with a comparison of this figure to the construction inflation rate used by other Federal agencies in their fiscal year 2010 budget requests for construction. This report shall be submitted no later than seven days after the submission of the fiscal year 2010 budget request.

Fort Monmouth.—The Committee is concerned that the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs have not taken adequate steps to ensure the availability of medical services for veterans and military retirees after the scheduled closure of Fort Monmouth, which will occur by September 2011. The Committee therefore directs the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs jointly to submit a report on how the medical service needs of these populations will be addressed, including the potential need for new facilities, no later than January 30, 2009.

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescissions)	$9,926,457,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	11,362,876,000
Committee recommendation in the bill (including rescissions)	11,741,876,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	1,815,419,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	379,000,000

Military construction accounts provide funds for new construction, construction improvements, planning and design, and host nation support. Projects funded by these accounts include facilities for operations, training, maintenance, research and development, supply, medical care, and force protection, as well as unaccompanied housing, utilities infrastructure, and land acquisition.

The Committee recommends a total appropriation of $11,814,466,000 and rescissions of $72,590,000 for Military Construction, an increase of $1,815,419,000 above the fiscal year 2008

enacted level and an increase of $379,000,000 above the budget request.

Use of Planning and Design Funds to Source Reprogrammings.—The Committee notes with concern the increased utilization of planning and design funds to offset prior approval reprogramming requests. Planning and design funds are appropriated by the Committee to ensure that the Future Years Defense Program for military construction and family housing is adequately scoped and executable upon the approval of construction funds. The Committee expects that such funds will be used solely for this purpose. The increasing frequency of the use of such funds to offset shortfalls in actual construction indicates two things: first, that the Department has failed to adequately budget for inflation in the construction market to the point where incidental bid savings on certain projects are no longer adequate to cover unforeseeable cost increases on other projects; and second, that the Department has overestimated its planning and design requirements in previous budget submissions. To correct for the over-estimation of planning and design funds, the Committee recommends the following adjustments to military construction planning and design accounts: Army, −$30,000,000; Air Force, −$5,000,000; Defense-Wide, −$5,000,000 (Special Operations Command, −$2,500,000; National Security Agency, −$2,500,000); and Army National Guard, −$10,000,000. The Committee further encourages the services and Defense agencies to make greater use of alternatives to the design-bid-build approach, such as design-build and early contractor involvement.

Innovative Construction Methods.—The Committee notes that the current level of spending on military construction is higher, in constant dollars, than during any sustained period since the mid-1950s. Given the enormous volume of construction to be executed to satisfy the requirements of Base Realignment and Closure, global restationing, Growing the Force, and numerous other initiatives, the Committee encourages the Department of Defense to make full use of innovative construction techniques, such as standard designs and permanent modular facilities, consistent with departmental goals for sustainability, recapitalization, quality of life, and operational requirements.

Submission of Project-Level Detail for Military Construction Initiatives.—The Committee is concerned by indications that the Department of Defense may include a lump-sum request for military construction associated with the relocation of Marine Corps personnel and dependents from Okinawa to Guam in the fiscal year 2010 budget request, rather than specifying individual projects in accordance with normal practice. The Committee has rejected this approach when the Department has requested lump-sum appropriations for previous military construction initiatives, such as the Growing the Force initiative for the Army and Marine Corps. The Committee directs the Department to ensure that all military construction requests for initiatives, including the relocation to Guam, comprise specific projects that are individually scoped and executable in the year of appropriation, and to submit the corresponding project-level detail, including 1391 forms, to the Committee along with any such requests.

Incremental Funding of Military Construction Projects.—The Committee will continue to exercise its prerogative to recommend incremental funding of military construction projects where appropriate, in accordance with authorizing legislation. The Committee recommends incremental funding for the Command and Battle Center at Wiesbaden, Germany under Military Construction, Army.

Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization (FSRM).—The Department is directed to continue describing on form 1390 the backlog of FSRM requirements at installations with future construction projects. For troop housing requests, form 1391 should describe any FSRM conducted in the past two years. Likewise, future requirements for unaccompanied housing at the corresponding installation should be included. Additionally, the forms should include English equivalent measurements for projects presented in metric measurement. Rules for funding repairs of facilities under the Operation and Maintenance accounts are described below:

(1) components of the facility may be repaired by replacement. Such replacement can be up to current standards or codes;

(2) interior arrangements and restorations may be included as repair;

(3) additions, new facilities, and functional conversions must be performed as military construction projects. Such projects may be done concurrently with repair projects as long as the final conjunctively funded project is a complete and usable facility; and

(4) the appropriate service Secretary shall notify the appropriate committees 21 days prior to carrying out any repair project with an estimated cost in excess of $7,500,000.

Transfer of Funds to Foreign Currency Account.—The Committee directs the Department of Defense to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than December 1, 2008, on the amounts of expired funds transferred from military construction and family housing accounts to the Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense account at the end of fiscal year 2008.

Projects.—Congress has made significant reforms in the way it reviews funding for the Federal government; reforms which the Committee takes very seriously as it executes its constitutional authority. Earmarking or directed spending of Federal dollars does not begin with Congress. It begins with the Executive Branch. The Administration, in selecting projects, goes through a process that is the functional equivalent of earmarking. When the Committee reviews the budget request, it goes through a process of rigorous review and may alter or modify this list to reflect additional priorities. The Committee is concerned that Executive Order 13457 effectively gives the Administration line-item veto authority over military construction projects funded in the bill, which would negatively impact the long history of cooperation the Committee has had with the Department of Defense regarding such projects. Therefore, the Committee has included bill language incorporating the military construction projects specified in the table entitled "Military Construction" that appear on pages 93 through 110 into the text of the bill by reference.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescissions)	$3,927,893,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	4,615,920,000
Committee recommendation in the bill (including rescissions)	4,750,216,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	822,323,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	134,296,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $4,801,536,000 and rescissions of $51,320,000 for Military Construction, Army, an increase of $822,323,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $134,296,000 above the budget request.

The Committee recommends the following rescissions due to bid savings and cancellations of previously appropriated projects:

Public law/location	Project title	Conference Agreement
PL 110–5 (FY 2007);		
NC: Fort Bragg	Digital Multipurpose Range Complex	−20,000,000
Italy: Vicenza	Barracks Complex (PN 61847)	−4,980,000
Italy: Vicenza	Barracks Complex (PN 62438)	−4,440,000
Italy: Vicenza	Brigade Complex	−5,300,000
Subtotal, PL 110–5		−34,720,000
PL 110–161 (FY 2008):		
NV: Hawthorne Army Depot.	Ground Water Treatment Plant	−3,500,000
NY: Fort Drum	Brigade Complex-Company Operations	−6,600,000
TX: Fort Bliss	Health and Dental Clinic	−6,500,000
Subtotal, PL 110–161.		−16,600,000
Total		−51,320,000

Virginia-Fort Myer: Hatfield Gate Expansion.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $300,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Unaccompanied Housing Privatization Feasibility Study.—The Committee notes that the Army has committed to fully funding the modernization of 147,700 permanent party barracks spaces by fiscal year 2013, two years later than the previous, pre-Growing the Force target of 134,500 spaces. While the Army should be commended for making this commitment to better housing for unaccompanied soldiers, the Committee is concerned that budgetary pressures will lead to further extensions of the timeline for completion. The Committee believes that the Army should consider the possibility of expanding unaccompanied housing privatization for both senior and junior enlisted personnel. The Committee therefore directs the Army to study the feasibility of such an initiative and report its findings to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than December 31, 2008. This study shall analyze both the financial and legal aspects of privatization, as well as potential impacts on command, unit cohesion, and quality of life.

Army Medical Action Program.—The Committee is concerned that current facilities for the Army Medical Action Program (AMAP) are insufficient for their purpose, as indicated by the recent report that wounded warriors suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder at one installation are regularly exposed in their current housing to the noise of gunfire from nearby training ranges. Although the Army included $138,100,000 for such facilities in the fiscal year 2008 emergency supplemental request, the Committee understands that the full estimated requirement for AMAP military construction is approximately $1,400,000,000. The Department of Defense has not responded to repeated Committee requests for a full list of AMAP projects and the associated 1391 forms. The Committee finds this unacceptable and directs the Army to submit a list of all AMAP projects and the associated 1391 forms to the Committee no later than July 18, 2008.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescissions)	$2,187,837,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	3,096,399,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	3,280,809,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	1,092,972,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	184,410,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $3,280,809,000 for Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, an increase of $1,092,972,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $184,410,000 above the budget request.

Maine-Portsmouth NSY: Dry Dock #3 Waterfront Support Facility.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,450,000 be made available for the design of this project.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$1,149,277,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	934,892,000
Committee recommendation in the bill (including rescissions)	958,843,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(190,434,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	23,951,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $976,524,000 and rescissions of $17,681,000 for Military Construction, Air Force, a decrease of $190,434,000 below the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $23,951,000 above the budget request.

The Committee recommends the following rescissions due to bid savings from previously appropriated projects:

Public law/location	Project title	Conference Agreement
PL 109–114 (FY 2006);		
Korea; Kunsan AB	Dormitory	−1,359,000
PL 110–5 (FY 2007):		
AK: Eielson AFB	Add/Alter Physical Fitness Center	−1,415,000
AK: Elmendorf AFB	F/A–22 Corrosion Control/Low Observable Composite Repair Facility	−1,119,000
HI: Hickam AFB	C–17 Fuel Cell Nose Dock	−1,047,000
Subtotal, PL 110–5		−3,581,000

Public law/location	Project title	Conference Agreement
PL 110–161 (FY 2008):		
AK: Elmendorf AFB	F–22A Taxiway, Taxilanes & Arm/De-Arm Apron	−12,741,000
Total		−17,681,000

Arizona-Luke AFB: Repair Runway Pavement.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,755,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Texas-Lackland AFB: Security Forces Building, Phase 1.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $900,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Texas-Laughlin AFB: Student Officer Quarters, Phase 2.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,440,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Texas-Randolph AFB: Fire and Rescue Station.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $972,000 be made available for the design of this project.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER AND RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescissions)	$1,599,404,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	1,783,998,000
Committee recommendation in the bill (including rescission)	1,610,861,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	11,457,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	(173,137,000)

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $1,614,450,000 and a rescission of $3,589,000 for Military Construction, Defense-Wide, an increase of $11,457,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and a decrease of $173,137,000 below the budget request.

The Committee recommends the following rescission due to the cancellation of a previously appropriated project:

Public law/location	Project title	Conference Agreement
PL 108–324 (FY 2005):		
VA: Oceana NAS	Bulk Fuel Storage Tank	−3,589,000
Total		−3,589,000

Medical Treatment Facilities Construction.—The Committee is greatly concerned with the large backlog of needed recapitalization for medical treatment facilities for military servicemembers and their families. The current Future Years Defense Program (FYDP) for Tricare Management Activity military construction averages $412,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2009 through 2013, and much of this amount is accounted for by medical research facilities. With the services identifying recapitalization requirements ranging in the several billions of dollars, the current FYDP for medical construction is obviously and severely insufficient. The Department's inventory of medical treatment facilities is riddled with aging hos-

pitals, clinics, and other facilities that do not meet current standards for medical care. Adding to this problem is the fact that several installations are adding thousands of personnel and dependents due to base realignment and closure, the relocation of units from Europe and Korea to the United States, and the Growing the Force initiative that will add 92,000 active duty personnel to the Army and Marine Corps. The Committee therefore directs the Department of Defense to develop a comprehensive master plan for medical treatment facilities construction, to include both recapitalization and new requirements. This plan shall include a comprehensive priority list of projects for all services, provide a cost estimate for each project, supply data on the current state of facilities and the projected change in demand for services due to growth for each location on the list, indicate the extent to which identified construction requirements are programmed in the FYDP, and indicate the resources required for associated planning and design work. This report shall be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than December 31, 2008.

Department of Defense Education Activity.—The Committee is concerned that the current rate of funding for Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) construction is not sufficient to maintain the quality of schools deserved by the children of servicemembers. The Committee therefore directs DODEA to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the status of its military construction program no later than December 31, 2008. The report shall include, at minimum: (1) a comprehensive list of all current DODEA schools and a quality assessment of each school's facilities, indicating where facilities are nonexistent, undersized, or otherwise inadequate to carry out authorized activities; (2) a comprehensive list of all construction projects required to bring facilities up to current standards as indicated by the DODEA Education Facilities Specifications and eliminate temporary facilities, as well as the estimated cost of each project; (3) the impact of base realignment and closure and global restationing actions on the student populations of affected schools; and (4) an estimate of the total annual sustainment, restoration and modernization funds required to maintain the facilities of each DODEA district at current codes and the Department-prescribed recapitalization rate.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescissions)	$536,656,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	539,296,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	628,668,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	92,012,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	89,372,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $628,668,000 for Military Construction, Army National Guard, an increase of $92,012,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $89,372,000 above the budget request.

Maryland-Dundalk: Readiness Center Add/Alt.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee

directs that not less than $579,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Minnesota-Arden Hills ATS: Infrastructure Improvements.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,005,000 be made available for the design of this project.

North Carolina-Camp Butner: Training Complex.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,376,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Pennsylvania-Honesdale: Readiness Center Add/Alt.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $504,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Pennsylvania-Pittsburgh: Combined Support Maintenance Shop.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $3,250,000 be made available for the design of this project.

South Carolina-Sumter: Readiness Center.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $382,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Vermont-Ethan Allen Range: Readiness Center.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $323,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Virginia-Fort Belvoir: Readiness Center and NGB Conference Center.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,085,000 be made available for the design of this project.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$287,537,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	34,374,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	142,809,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(144,728,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	108,435,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $142,809,000 for Military Construction, Air National Guard, a decrease of $144,728,000 below the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $108,435,000 above the budget request.

Illinois-Greater Peoria RAP: C–130 Squadron Operations Center.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $400,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Massachusetts-Otis ANGB: TFI Digital Ground Station FOC Beddown.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $1,700,000 be made available for the design of this project.

Rhode Island-Quonset State AP: Replace Control Tower.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $600,000 be made available for the design of this project.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$148,133,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	281,687,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	282,607,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	134,474,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	920,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $282,607,000 for Military Construction, Army Reserve, an increase of $134,474,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $920,000 above the budget request.

Texas-Bryan: Reserve Center.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $920,000 be made available for the design of this project.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY RESERVE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$64,430,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	57,045,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	57,045,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(7,385,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	-

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $57,045,000 for Military Construction, Navy Reserve, a decrease of $7,385,000 below the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescission)	$25,290,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	19,265,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	30,018,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	4,728,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	10,753,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $30,018,000 for Military Construction, Air Force Reserve, an increase of $4,728,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $10,753,000 above the budget request.

Massachusetts-Westover ARB: Joint Service Lodging Facility. Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that not less than $943,000 be made available for the design of this project.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$201,400,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	240,867,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	218,867,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	17,467,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	(22,000,000)

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program (NSIP) consists of annual contributions by NATO member countries. The program finances the costs of construction needed to support the roles of the major NATO commands. The investments cover facilities such as airfields, fuel pipelines and storage, harbors,

communications and information systems, radar and navigational aids, and military headquarters.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $218,867,000 for NSIP, an increase of $17,467,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and a decrease of $22,000,000 below the budget request.

The decrease from the budget request is due to the Committee's recommendation to appropriate the funds for the Department of Defense contribution to the new NATO headquarters facility under Military Construction, Defense-Wide, rather than under NSIP.

Occasionally, the U.S. has been forced to delay temporarily the authorization of projects due to shortfalls in U.S. obligation authority. The Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to notify the Committee 30 days prior to taking such action.

FAMILY HOUSING OVERVIEW

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescissions)	$2,866,724,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	3,203,455,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	3,166,455,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	299,731,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	(37,000,000)

Family housing construction accounts provide funds for new construction, construction improvements, the Federal government costs for family housing privatization projects, and planning and design. The operation and maintenance accounts provide funds to pay for maintenance and repair, furnishings, management, services, utilities, leasing, interest, mortgage insurance, and miscellaneous expenses.

The Committee recommends a total appropriation of $3,166,455,000 for the family housing construction and operation and maintenance accounts, an increase of $299,731,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and a decrease of $37,000,000 below the budget request.

Report on Government-Owned Family Housing.—The Committee understands that the Department of Defense defines an inadequate family housing unit as any unit requiring whole-house repair, improvement, or replacement exceeding a per unit cost of $50,000 adjusted by the area cost factor. The Committee further understands that the Services utilize condition assessments, based on private sector housing industry construction codes and sizing standards, as the basis for determining whether a unit meets the threshold of inadequacy. The Committee is concerned that this minimal definition of inadequacy will result in a remnant of Government-owned housing that does not keep pace with the rising expectations of servicemembers and their families due to the success of privatization. The Committee therefore directs the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the application of the DoD definition of inadequate housing no later than December 31, 2008. This report shall include at minimum: (1) a detailed description of the condition assessment method utilized, including the specific basis of sizing standards; (2) a breakdown of the total units currently assessed as "adequate" into quintiles according to the per unit cost of whole-house repair, improvement, or replacement; and (3) a breakdown of all government-owned units, both adequate and

inadequate, by installation (along with an indication, where applicable, of those units for which a privatization, replacement, or improvement project is currently programmed in the Future Years Defense Program).

Growing the Force and Family Housing Requirements.—The Growing the Force initiatives to add 92,000 active duty personnel to the Army and Marine Corps will generate significant new requirements for family housing. At the direction of the Committee, both the Army and Marine Corps submitted a stationing plan indicating the units and numbers of personnel to be added to each installation. The Committee directs the Secretaries of the Army and the Navy to submit a plan for addressing the additional family housing requirements due to Growing the Force. This plan shall specify, by each affected installation, the projected additional family members, the projected requirement for privatized or government-owned military family housing, the current housing deficit (if any) at the installation, the projects programmed into the current Future Years Defense Plan to address the requirement, and a target date for meeting the requirement. This plan shall be submitted no later than December 31, 2008.

Family Housing Privatization Progress Reports.—The Committee directs the Department of Defense to continue submitting semi-annual progress reports on the family housing privatization program, including a breakout of military tenant satisfaction rates by project.

Foreign Currency Savings and Sub-Account Transfers.—The Committee directs that savings from foreign currency re-estimates be used to maintain existing family housing units. The Comptroller is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on how these savings are allocated by December 1, 2008. In addition, the Committee directs the Services and Defense agencies to notify the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 30 days of a transfer of funds between subaccounts within the family housing construction and family housing operation and maintenance accounts, if such transfer is in excess of 10 percent of the funds appropriated to the sub-account to which the funds are being transferred. Notifications to the Committees shall indicate the sub-accounts and amounts that are being used to source the transfer.

Leasing Reporting Requirements.—The Secretary of Defense is directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress quarterly on the details of all new or renewed domestic leases entered into during the previous quarter that exceed the cost threshold set by 10 U.S.C. 2828(b)(2), including certification that less expensive housing was not available for lease. For foreign leases, the Department is directed to: (1) perform an economic analysis on all new leases or lease/contract agreements where more than 25 units are involved; (2) report the details of new or renewed lease agreements that exceed the cost threshold set by 10 U.S.C. 2828(e)(1) 21 days prior to entering into such an agreement; and (3) base leasing decisions on the economic analysis.

Projects.—Congress has made significant reforms in the way it reviews funding for the Federal government; reforms which the Committee takes very seriously as it executes its constitutional authority. Earmarking or directed spending of Federal dollars does

not begin with Congress. It begins with the Executive Branch. The Administration, in selecting projects, goes through a process that is the functional equivalent of earmarking. When the Committee reviews the budget request, it goes through a process of rigorous review and may alter or modify this list to reflect additional priorities. The Committee is concerned that Executive Order 13457 effectively gives the Administration line-item veto authority over military construction projects funded in the bill, which would negatively impact the long history of cooperation the Committee has had with the Department of Defense regarding such projects. Therefore, the Committee has included bill language incorporating the housing construction projects specified in the table entitled "Military Construction" that appear on pages 93 through 110 into the text of the bill by reference.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescission)	$419,841,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	678,580,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	646,580,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	226,739,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	(32,000,000)

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $646,580,000 for Family Housing Construction, Army, an increase of $226,739,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and a decrease of $32,000,000 below the budget request. The appropriation includes $226,000,000 to construct new family housing units, $420,001,000 to improve or privatize existing units, and $579,000 for planning and design.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$731,920,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	716,110,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	716,110,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(15,810,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $716,110,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army, a decrease of $15,810,000 below the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$293,129,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	382,778,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	382,778,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	89,649,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $382,778,000 for Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps, an increase of $89,649,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The appropriation includes $62,598,000 to construct new family housing units, $318,011,000 to improve or privatize existing units, and $2,169,000 for planning and design.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$371,404,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	376,062,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	376,062,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	4,658,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $376,062,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps, an increase of $4,658,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level (including rescission)	$312,747,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	395,879,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	395,879,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	83,132,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $395,879,000 for Family Housing Construction, Air Force, an increase of $83,132,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The appropriation includes $71,828,000 to construct new family housing units, $316,343,000 to improve or privatize existing units, and $7,708,000 for planning and design.

Air Force Family Housing Privatization.—The Committee is concerned with the status of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative projects at Moody AFB, Patrick AFB, Hanscom AFB, and Little Rock AFB. The Committee recommends that the Air Force establish a single point of contact for each project to assist and provide information to all concerned parties until the sale of these projects is concluded and the initial development phase is completed at each site. The Committee urges the Air Force to resolve the status of these projects expeditiously, and to address, to the maximum extent possible, the concerns of those parties (such as subcontractors) not directly involved in negotiations on the sale of these projects. The Committee directs the Air Force to report to the Committee on the status of these four projects no later than August 1, 2008.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$688,335,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	599,465,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	594,465,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(93,870,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	(5,000,000)

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $594,465,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force, a decrease of $93,870,000 below the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and a decrease of $5,000,000 below the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$48,848,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	49,231,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	49,231,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	383,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $49,231,000 for Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, an increase of $383,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$500,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	850,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	850,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	350,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Family Housing Improvement Fund (FHIF) is authorized by section 2883, title 10, United States Code, and provides the Department of Defense with authority to finance joint ventures with the private sector to revitalize and to manage the Department's housing inventory. The statute authorizes the Department to use limited partnerships, make direct and guaranteed loans, and convey Department-owned property to stimulate the private sector to increase the availability of affordable, quality housing for military personnel.

The FHIF is used to build or renovate family housing by mixing or matching various legal authorities, and by utilizing private capital and expertise to the maximum extent possible. The fund is administered as a single account without fiscal year limitations and contains appropriated and transferred funds from family housing construction accounts.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $850,000 for the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund, an increase of $350,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE FUND

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	- - -
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	$4,500,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	4,500,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	4,500,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Homeowners Assistance Fund account finances the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) which provides assistance to individual military and Federal civilian homeowners who sustain losses on the sales of their primary residences due to declining real estate markets attributable to the closure or realignment of military installations. This non-expiring revolving fund receives funding from several sources, including appropriations, borrowing authority, reimbursable authority, prior fiscal year unobligated balances, appropriation transfers, revenue from sale of acquired properties, and recovery of prior year obligations.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $4,500,000 for the Department of Defense Homeowners Assistance Fund, an increase of $4,500,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$104,176,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	134,278,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	134,278,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	30,102,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Chemical Demilitarization Construction, Defense-Wide account provides funds for the design and construction of full-scale chemical disposal facilities and associated projects to upgrade installation support facilities and infrastructures required to support the Chemical Demilitarization program.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $134,278,000 for Chemical Demilitarization Construction, Defense-Wide, an increase of $30,102,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

Projects.—Congress has made significant reforms in the way it reviews funding for the Federal government; reforms which the Committee takes very seriously as it executes its constitutional authority. Earmarking or directed spending of Federal dollars does not begin with Congress. It begins with the Executive Branch. The Administration, in selecting projects, goes through a process that is the functional equivalent of earmarking. When the Committee reviews the budget request, it goes through a process of rigorous review and may alter or modify this list to reflect additional priorities. The Committee is concerned that Executive Order 13457 effectively gives the Administration line-item veto authority over construction projects funded in the bill, which would negatively impact the long history of cooperation the Committee has had with the Department of Defense regarding such projects. Therefore, the Committee has included bill language incorporating the construction projects specified in the table below into the text of the bill by reference.

CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	FY 2009 administration request
Colorado: Pueblo Chem-Agent Disposal Pilot Plant	65,060
Kentucky: Blue Grass Chem-Agent Disposal Pilot Plant	57,218
Kentucky: Blue Grass Army Depot Defense Access Road	12,000

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT 1990

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$295,689,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	393,377,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	473,377,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	177,688,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	80,000,000

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $473,377,000 for the Base Realignment and Closure Account 1990, an increase of $177,688,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $80,000,000 above the budget request. Of the amount provided above the budget request, the Committee directs that $60,000,000 shall be made available to the Navy, and $20,000,000 shall be made available to the Army. The Committee is aware that there is a backlog of remaining requirements, particularly for cleanup of unexploded ordnance, for closed installations dating back to the 1988 BRAC round. The Committee is concerned by the slow pace of progress in remediating these properties and directs the Department of Defense to make funding for previous BRAC rounds a higher priority.

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$7,235,591,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	9,065,386,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	9,065,386,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	1,829,795,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $9,065,386,000 for the Base Realignment and Closure Account 2005, an increase of $1,829,795,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request. This funding supports the most recent base realignment and closure round which affects over 800 locations across the nation through 24 major closures, 24 major realignments, and 765 other actions.

Traffic Impacts at BRAC-Affected Installations.—The Committee is concerned about the potential for increased traffic congestion at the new military medical facility to be constructed in Bethesda, Maryland through the Base Realignment and Closure process. The Committee supports the responsible commander's decision to request certification for two projects under the Defense Access Roads (DAR) program, and urges the Department to expeditiously review this request. The Committee also directs the Department of Defense to proactively identify all other necessary transportation improvements at BRAC-affected installations that may be eligible for DAR certification. When environmental impact statements identify specific projects that are needed, the Committee directs the Department to ensure that a needs report is generated and reviewed as expeditiously as possible. The Committee further directs the Department to aggressively plan and budget for DAR-certified projects arising from BRAC actions.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill includes 27 provisions that were included in the fiscal year 2008 enacted appropriations bill. The bill does not include one new provision proposed by the Administration that would provide for new starts under a continuing resolution. The administrative provisions included in the bill are as follows:

Section 101 prohibits the use of funds for payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for construction where cost estimates exceed $25,000. An exception for Alaska is provided.

Section 102 permits the use of construction funds for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Section 103 permits funds to be expended on the construction of defense access roads under certain circumstances.

Section 104 prohibits construction of new bases in the United States without a specific appropriation.

Section 105 limits the use of funds for the purchase of land or land easements that exceed 100 percent of value except under certain conditions.

Section 106 prohibits the use of funds to acquire land, prepare sites, or install utilities for family housing except housing for which funds have been appropriated.

Section 107 limits the use of minor construction funds to be transferred or relocated from one installation to another.

Section 108 prohibits the procurement of steel unless American producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been allowed to compete.

Section 109 prohibits the use of funds to pay real property taxes in foreign nations.

Section 110 prohibits the use of funds to initiate a new installation overseas without prior notification.

Section 111 establishes a preference for American architectural and engineering services where the services are in Japan, NATO member countries, and countries bordering the Arabian Gulf. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 112 establishes a preference for American contractors for military construction in the United States territories and possessions in the Pacific and on Kwajalein Atoll, or in countries bordering the Arabian Gulf, except bids by Marshallese contractors for military construction on Kwajalein Atoll.

Section 113 requires the Secretary of Defense to give prior notice to Congress of military exercises where construction costs, either temporary or permanent, exceed $100,000. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 114 limits obligations to no more than 20 percent during the last two months of the fiscal year. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 115 allows funds appropriated in prior years to be used for new projects authorized during the current session of Congress.

Section 116 allows the use of expired or lapsed funds to pay the cost of supervision for any project being completed with lapsed funds.

Section 117 provides that funds for military construction projects are available until the end of the fourth fiscal year following the fiscal year in which funds are appropriated, subject to certain conditions.

Section 118 requires the Secretary of Defense to report annually on actions taken during the current fiscal year to encourage other member nations of NATO, Japan, Korea, and United States allies bordering the Arabian Gulf to assume a greater share of defense costs. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 119 allows for the transfer of proceeds from "Base Realignment and Closure Account, Part I" to the continuing Base Realignment and Closure accounts.

Section 120 allows for the transfer of funds from Family Housing, Construction accounts to the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund and funds from Military Construction accounts to the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 121 requires the Secretary of Defense to notify Congressional Committees sixty days prior to issuing a solicitation for a contract with the private sector for military family housing. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 122 provides transfer authority to the Homeowners Assistance Program.

Section 123 requires that funds in this title be the sole source of all operation and maintenance for flag and general officer quarter houses, and limits the repair on these quarters to $35,000 per year without notification. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 124 makes funds in the Ford Island Improvement Fund available until expended.

Section 125 prohibits the use of funds for military construction, family housing, or land acquisition projects at installations closed or realigned under BRAC, except under certain conditions. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 126 allows the transfer of expired funds to the "Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense" account. This provision was included in the fiscal year 2007 House passed appropriations bill and is proposed by the Administration in fiscal year 2008.

Section 127 prohibits the use of funds for any action related to the expansion of Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, Colorado. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

TITLE II

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	[1] $87,595,142,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	[1] 90,761,057,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	[1] 93,685,057,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	6,089,915,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	2,924,000,000

[1] All funding cited above excludes amounts in the Medical Care Collections Fund.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is one of the largest Federal agencies in terms of employment with an average employment of approximately 253,000. The nation has more than 23,500,000 veterans, and 35,900,000 family members of living veterans and survivors of deceased veterans. Thus, close to 59,400,000 people, comprising about 19.6 percent of the total population of the United States, are potential recipients of veterans benefits provided by the Federal government.

The Committee recommends a total of $93,685,057,000 in new budget authority for programs in fiscal year 2009, an increase of $6,089,915,000 or seven percent above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $2,924,000,000 above the budget request.

The funds recommended provide compensation payments to 3,356,343 veterans and survivors of deceased veterans with service-connected disabilities; pension payments to 517,736 non-service-

connected disabled veterans, widows and children in need of financial assistance; education training, tuition assistance, and vocational assistance to 567,854 veterans, servicemembers, and reservists, and 82,728 eligible dependents of deceased veterans or seriously disabled veterans; housing credit assistance in the form of 180,000 guaranteed loans to veterans and servicemembers; administration or supervision of life insurance programs with 7,087,725 policies for veterans and active duty servicemembers providing coverage of $1,084,862,000,000; inpatient care and treatment of beneficiaries in 153 hospitals, 50 domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs (formerly called "domiciliaries"), 135 nursing homes, and 1,089 outpatient clinics, which includes independent, satellite, community-based, and rural outreach clinics involving 70,457,000 visits; and administration of the National Cemetery Administration for burial of eligible veterans, servicemembers and their survivors.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$41,236,322,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	43,111,681,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	43,111,681,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	1,875,359,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	.....

This appropriation provides funds for service-connected compensation payments to an estimated 3,356,343 beneficiaries and pension payments to another 517,736 beneficiaries with non-service-connected disabilities. The average cost per compensation case in 2009 is estimated at $11,817, and pension payments are projected at a unit cost of $7,737.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $43,111,681,000 for compensation, pension, and burial benefits, an increase of $1,875,359,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

The appropriation includes authority to transfer funding not to exceed $26,798,000, of which $9,853,000 is for the General Operating Expenses account and $13,792,000 is for the Medical Support and Compliance and Information Technology Systems accounts. These funds are for the administrative expenses of implementing cost saving provisions required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, Public Law 101–508, the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992, Public Law 102–568, and the Veterans' Benefits Improvements Act of 1994, Public Law 103–446. These cost saving provisions include verifying pension income against Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Social Security Administration (SSA) data; establishing a match with the SSA to obtain verification of Social Security numbers; and the VA pension cap for Medicaid-eligible single veterans and surviving spouses alone in Medicaid-covered nursing homes. The bill also includes language permitting this appropriation to reimburse such sums as may be earned to the medical care collections fund to help defray the operating expenses of individual medical facilities for nursing home care provided to pensioners.

The Committee concurs with the Administration proposal to provide a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), based on the change in the Consumer Price Index, to all compensation beneficiaries, including dependency and indemnity compensation for spouses and children. This adjustment is currently estimated at 2.5 percent and is the same as the COLA that will be provided, under current law, to veterans' pension and Social Security recipients. The increase, effective December 1, 2008, has an estimated cost of $687,235,000 during fiscal year 2009 and is reflected in the Compensation and Pensions appropriation level.

Burial Benefits.—The Committee is concerned about the eroding value of the plot allowance and burial benefits provided to our nation's veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Because the benefits are not indexed to inflation, their value continues to diminish each year. As a result, families and state veterans' cemeteries have been left to cover the increasing costs. The Committee urges the Department to assess the viability of increasing the plot allowance and burial benefits to cover the same percentage of veterans' burial costs that they covered in 1973, when they were initiated.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$3,300,289,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	3,086,944,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	3,086,944,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(213,345,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

This appropriation finances the education and training of veterans and servicemembers whose initial entry on active duty took place on or after July 1, 1985. These benefits are included in the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program. Eligibility to receive this assistance began in 1987. Basic benefits are funded through appropriations made to the Readjustment Benefits appropriation and transfers from the Department of Defense. Supplemental benefits are also provided to certain veterans through education assistance to certain members of the Selected Reserve and are funded through transfers from the Department of Defense. In addition, certain disabled veterans are provided with vocational rehabilitation, specially adapted housing grants, and automobile grants with approved adaptive equipment.

This account also finances educational assistance allowances for eligible dependents of those veterans who died from service-connected causes or have a total and permanent service-connected disability as well as dependents of servicemembers who were captured or missing-in-action.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $3,086,944,000 for Readjustment Benefits, a decrease of $213,345,000 below the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$41,250,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	42,300,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	42,300,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	1,050,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Veterans Insurance and Indemnities appropriation is made up of the former appropriations for military and naval insurance, applicable to World War I veterans; national service life insurance (NSLI), applicable to certain World War II veterans; servicemen's indemnities, applicable to Korean conflict veterans; and the veterans mortgage life insurance, applicable to individuals who have received a grant for specially adapted housing.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $42,300,000 for Veterans Insurance and Indemnities, an increase of $1,050,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The amount provided will enable the Department to transfer funding to the service-disabled veterans insurance fund and transfer additional amounts for payments for the 2,250 policies under the veterans mortgage life insurance program. These policies are identified under the Veterans Insurance and Indemnity appropriation since they provide insurance to service-disabled veterans unable to qualify under basic NSLI.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans for specially adapted housing loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$17,389,000	$500,000	$154,562,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	2,000,000	500,000	157,210,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	2,000,000	500,000	157,210,000
Comparison with:			
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(15,389,000)		2,648,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request			

The purpose of the home loan guaranty program is to facilitate the extension of mortgage credit on favorable terms by private lenders to eligible veterans. This appropriation provides for all costs, with the exception of the Native American veterans housing loan program, of the Department's direct and guaranteed loans programs. The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 requires budgetary resources to be available prior to incurring a direct loan obligation or a loan guaranty commitment. In addition, the bill requires all administrative expenses of a direct or guaranteed loan program to be funded through a program account. Loan guaranties are made to servicemembers, veterans, reservists, and single surviving spouses for the purchase of homes, condominiums, and manufactured homes and for refinancing loans. The Department guarantees part of the total loan, permitting the purchaser to obtain a mortgage with a competitive interest rate, even without a down payment if the lender agrees. The Department requires that a down payment be made for a manufactured home. With a Department guaranty, the lender is protected against loss, up to the amount of the guaranty, if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

The Committee recommends such sums as may be necessary (currently estimated to total $2,000,000) for funding subsidy payments, $500,000 for the limitation on direct loans for specially adapted housing loans, and $157,210,000 for administrative expenses.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

	Program account	Limitation on direct loans	Administrative expenses
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$71,000	$3,287,000	$311,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	61,000	3,180,000	320,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	61,000	3,180,000	320,000
Comparison with:			
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(10,000)	(107,000)	9,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request			

This appropriation covers the funding subsidy cost of direct loans for vocational rehabilitation of eligible veterans and, in addition, it includes administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct loan program. Loans of up to $1,041 (based on indexed chapter 31 subsistence allowance rate) are available to service-connected disabled veterans enrolled in vocational rehabilitation programs when the veteran is temporarily in need of additional assistance. Repayment is made in monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retirement pay. Most loans are repaid in full in less than one year. The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 requires budgetary resources to be available prior to incurring a direct loan obligation.

The Committee recommends $61,000 for funding subsidy program costs and $320,000 for administrative expenses. The administrative expenses may be transferred to and merged with the General Operating Expenses account.

In addition, the Committee includes language limiting direct loans to $3,180,000. It is estimated that the Department will make 4,021 loans in fiscal year 2009, with an average amount of $791.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Administrative expenses:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$628,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget recommendation	646,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	646,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	18,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program, as authorized by title 38 United States Code, chapter 37, subchapter V, provides the Secretary with authority to make direct housing loans to Native American veterans for the purpose of purchasing, constructing, or improving dwellings on trust lands. The Committee recommends the budget request of $646,000 for administrative expenses of the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program, which may be transferred to and merged with the General Operating Expenses account.

GUARANTEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOANS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Public Law 105–368, the Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act of 1998, established this program. All funds authorized for this program were appropriated in fiscal year 2000. Therefore, no appropriation request has been included for fiscal year 2009. Bill language is included allowing the use of up to a total of $750,000 in Medical Support and Compliance and General Operating Expenses funds to administer this program.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

The Department operates the largest Federal medical care delivery system in the country, with 153 hospitals, 50 domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs (formerly called 'domiciliaries'), 135 nursing homes, and 1,089 outpatient clinics which include independent, satellite, community-based, and rural outreach clinics.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is comprised of four accounts: Medical Services, Medical Support and Compliance, Medical Facilities, and Medical and Prosthetic Research. For these accounts, the Administration has requested total resources of $39,178,503,000 in direct appropriations and $2,544,000,000 in Medical Care Collections Fund appropriations, to fund the various operating programs of the VHA.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $40,783,270,000 for these accounts. This is an increase of $3,582,050,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $1,604,767,000 above the budget request. The Committee recommendation uses the rate of health care spending growth reported by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services which is higher than the inflation rate used by the Department to build the request. The recommendation also provides additional funding to address specific healthcare issues.

Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund.—Recent reports continue to highlight the importance of cooperation between the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs in order to ensure a seamless transition for our veterans, to identify the best treatment plans, and to ensure care is available to veterans in all areas of the nation. The Committee is pleased by the progress the Departments have made this year towards greater cooperation to include: providing liaisons to key organizations such as the National Intrepid Center of Excellence for Traumatic Brain Injury, and the Office of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; providing Federal Recovery Coordinators at several Military Treatment Facilities; continuing work on the establishment of International Classification of Diseases—9th Revision (ICD–9) codes for Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI); and continuing efforts on shared electronic medical information. Despite these efforts, much still needs to be done. The bill includes language to allow the Department to transfer a minimum of $15,000,000 to the DoD/VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund. The Committee directs that these funds are to be used for joint programs between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs that seek to improve the continuity of care for veterans and expects the Departments to continue their efforts in the

development of programs to track trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and TBI patients and their treatment/progress over time and through both medical systems; the development of comprehensive and universal clinical practice guidelines based on evidence-based medicine and clinical efficacy for blast injuries, traumatic brain injuries and PTSD; access to services through joint clinics; and projects that promote a seamless transition to include programs that improve the electronic exchange of information. The Committee also expects the Departments to increase their efforts in the area of suicide prevention.

Traumatic Brain Injury.—The Committee notes that Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) was included as a Select Program in the budget submission. The Department of Veterans Affairs is directed to continue to include TBI as a Select Program in all future budget submissions. All reports indicate that Traumatic Brain Injury is among the signature injuries of the Global War on Terror. The Committee recognizes that the Department is working diligently to address the challenges associated with this injury through early detection and treatment and urges the Department to continue its work and take every opportunity to partner with the Department of Defense. The Committee encourages the Department to consider neurocognitive screening as a detection option. Additionally, the Committee directs the Department to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by February 27, 2009 on the steps that are being taken to ensure that this patient population continues to be followed after initial treatment and that the VHA is fully prepared to address their future medical needs. The Committee urges the Department to continue its efforts to refine current International Classification of Diseases—9th Revision (ICD–9) codes to better reflect the TBI patient population within the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. The Department of Veterans Affairs is directed to include an update of progress on the revision of the ICD–9 codes for TBI within the quarterly status reports provided to Congress during fiscal year 2009.

Innovations.—The Committee believes that investing in innovation is a key factor in ensuring a responsive, efficient, quality healthcare system and commends the Department for providing funds from the National Reserve Fund to finance innovation. The Committee feels that more can be done, however, to test and adopt innovations from the private sector and encourages the Department to increase funding for this program so that additional public/private pilot projects may be implemented in fiscal year 2009. The Committee directs the Department to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress annually on the funding provided for innovation from the National Reserve Fund for the previous fiscal year by April 1st of each year.

Priority 8 Enrollment.—The Committee believes that the Department should do everything possible to increase access to medical care for all our veterans, but not in a manner that will negatively impact the medical care of currently enrolled patients. The Secretary is directed to increase Priority 8 enrollment by 10 percent, (an enrollment level increase the Committee believes appropriate for VHA capacity and current patient projections) in fiscal year 2009 and provide this enrollment to Priority 8 veterans with the lowest income level. The Committee estimates that it will require

an additional $568,000,000 in order to implement this direction and has provided increases within the medical accounts accordingly. The Secretary is further directed to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 90 days of enactment of this Act on the Department's progress.

Federal Recovery Coordinators.—The Report on the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors, July 2007, emphasized the importance of the Federal Recovery Coordinator's role in the "system of care that enables injured service members to maximize their recovery and their opportunity to return to the mainstream of American life". The budget submission indicates that the Office of Care Management and Social Work Service was created and that eight Federal Recovery Coordinators were hired in order to implement this recommendation. The Committee is concerned that current staffing levels for this program may be insufficient to address the needs of both current wounded and the additional wounded that will enter this system. The Committee directs the Secretary to report by January 30, 2009, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the progress of this program and the actions that will be taken to ensure that there are sufficient Federal Recovery Coordinators. Additionally, the report will provide a review of the resources that both the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense have provided to the Recovery Plan efforts.

Diabetes.—More than 70 percent of veterans who seek medical care through the VHA are overweight and 20 percent of the patient population has diabetes; which is a rate that is almost three times higher than the general population. The Committee is encouraged by the efforts that the Department has taken to address the challenges of obesity and diabetes to include: the Managing Overweight/Obesity for Veterans Everywhere (MOVE) Program; and the expansion of the formulary to include innovative drug therapies. The Committee urges the Department to continue to increase its emphasis on this issue through even greater partnership with local communities and other federal agencies on programs for obesity and diabetes prevention; additional research; and adherence to nationally recognized clinical guidelines for treatment and care.

Access to Care in the Chattanooga, Tennessee Market.—The Committee notes that the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) report recognized that access to inpatient and surgical services in the Chattanooga, Tennessee market needed improvement. The CARES solution was to recommend that the Department use existing authorities and policies to contract for inpatient and surgical care to improve access in this market. The Committee believes that access has not improved and directs the Secretary to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by January 30, 2009 on what actions the Department plans to take to improve access in this area.

MEDICAL SERVICES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level [1]	$28,105,220,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request [2]	29,819,503,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	30,854,270,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	2,749,050,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	1,034,767,000

[1] Reflects funding transfer approved by the Committee on April 17, 2008.
[2] The budget request included funding for "Medical Support and Compliance" as part of this account.

This appropriation provides for medical services of eligible veterans and beneficiaries in Department medical centers, outpatient clinic facilities, contract hospitals, State homes, and outpatient programs on a fee basis. Hospital and outpatient care is also provided by the private sector for certain dependents and survivors of veterans under the civilian health and medical programs for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $30,854,270,000 for Medical Services, an increase of $2,749,050,000 or 9.8 percent above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level when adjusted for transfers and an increase of $1,034,767,000 above the budget request. The Committee estimates that $400,000,000 will be needed to increase enrollment of Priority 8 veterans by 10 percent and has increased funding accordingly. Funding has also been increased an additional $100,000,000 to increase the beneficiary travel reimbursement mileage rate to 41.5 cents per mile from the current rate of 28.5 cents per mile; an additional $10,000,000 for new Vet Centers; an additional $200,000,000 to increase the availability of fee-based services; an additional $116,000,000 for new generation prosthetics; an additional $32,000,000 to allow for additional personnel for the HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program to address an anticipated increase in the number of section 8 vouchers approved and directs the Department to increase the number of case workers as necessary to accommodate the increase in vouchers; and an additional $8,000,000 to increase the homeless grant and per diem program to the authorized level of $130,000,000.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2010, up to $1,350,000,000 of the Medical Services appropriation.

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.—While the Committee is encouraged by recent progress the Department has made to include: the policy to allow comorbid inpatient treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse disorder; the establishment of a suicide hotline in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services; the increase in mental health initiative funding; and the increase of 23 additional Vet Centers, the Committee believes that much more can be done by the Department to provide for our veterans who are struggling with mental illness and/or substance abuse. The Committee was disappointed that the budget request for fiscal year 2009 did not highlight substance abuse as a Select Program and is concerned that this oversight may reflect a reduced interest in this program. The Committee expects that not less than $584,000,000 will be spent on the Substance Abuse Treatment Program in fiscal year 2009. The Com-

mittee has also included bill language to ensure that not less than $3,800,000,000 will be spent on specialty mental health care. The Committee expects the Department to utilize all available mental health resources to ensure access to mental health services for all veterans and to increase availability to fee-based services in areas where the Department is unable to offer care. The Department is further urged to continue work with the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services to develop comprehensive and universal clinical practice guidelines based on evidence-based medicine for PTSD, and to increase work in the areas of suicide prevention and military sexual trauma. The Department is encouraged to consider all treatment options to include the feasibility of utilizing virtual reality exposure therapy in conjunction with neuroprotective antioxidant micronutrients, group psychotherapy; and eye movement desensitization and reprocessing.

The Committee remains concerned that additional action is needed to ensure that the Department is prepared to care for this patient population and directs the Secretary to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by January 30, 2009 on actions taken to address the recommendations made by the Fourth National Summit on Women Veterans Issues, the actions taken to address the recommendations made by the "Blue Ribbon Work Group on Suicide Prevention in the Veteran Population", the actions taken to address the recommendations made by the expert panel in public health suicide programs, and the actions taken by the Department to ensure that the VHA is prepared both now and in the future to provide care for this population. Additionally, the Committee has included language directing the Office of Inspector General to conduct a review of the Department's progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Mental Health Strategic Plan.

Access to Medical Care in Remote Areas.—The Committee continues to be concerned by reports of poor access to care for veterans living in rural areas, areas where VHA services are not available, and areas where travel to VHA facilities is lengthy or difficult. While the Committee agrees that VHA facilities are the preferred option for health care services and that the electronic health record reduces waste while improving treatment, the Committee notes that receiving care should be the first priority. The Committee has therefore provided an additional $200,000,000 for fee-based services. The Committee directs the Under Secretary for Health to distribute this funding outside of the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation process to regions where additional fee-based services are most needed.

HIV/AIDS.—The Committee notes that the budget request has included $73,680,000 to update HIV testing policies, pending authorization. The Committee agrees with the funding and commends the Department for taking this action.

Prosthetics.—The Committee recommends an additional increase of $116,000,000 above the budget request for new generation prosthetics. The Secretary is directed to review policies with regard to prosthetics and report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by January 30, 2009 on the steps taken to ensure that the Department is providing veterans with appropriate prosthetic support given recent advances in technology.

Outpatient Services for the Blind.—The Committee was pleased to see an increase in funding for Blind Rehabilitation Services and expects the Department to continue current outpatient services for the blind at no less than fiscal year 2008 levels.

High Risk Populations.—The Committee believes that every effort should be made to increase research, develop early detection and prevention programs, and partner with the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services to develop comprehensive and universal clinical practice guidelines based on evidence-based medicine for diseases that are prevalent among the veteran population and/or the veteran population is at greater risk of contracting than other Americans. The Committee encourages the Department to consider increasing efforts for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; lung cancer screening technologies such as computed tomography scans and computer aided detection in conjunction with chest x-rays; photon-mediated pain treatment; ultrasonic bone stimulation on healing; and bladder cancer screening.

Increase in Mileage Reimbursement Rate for Veterans.—The Committee has included an additional $50,000,000 for a total increase of $100,000,000, to increase the mileage reimburseent rate for veterans by an additional 6.5 cents, to 41.5 cents per mile. This further increase is necessary due to the fact that average retail gasoline prices have increased an average of $1.75 per gallon since January 2007 to a national average of over $4 per gallon.

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTIONS FUND

The Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund (MCCF) was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). The Department deposits first-party and pharmacy co-payments, third-party insurance payments and enhanced-use collections, long-term care co-payments, Compensated Work Therapy Program collections, Compensation and Pension Living Expenses Program collections, and Parking Program fees into the MCCF. The Congressional Budget Office estimate of fees that will be collected in fiscal year 2009 is $2,544,000,000.

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND COMPLIANCE

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level [1]	$4,062,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request [2]	4,256,000,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	4,400,000,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	338,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	144,000,000

[1] Reflects funding transfer approved by the Committee on April 17, 2008.
[2] The budget request included this funding in the "Medical Services" account.

The Medical Support and Compliance appropriation funds the expenses of management and administration of the Department's health care system to include financial management, public health and environmental hazard, quality and performance management, medical inspection, human research oversight, training programs and continuing education, security, volunteer operations, and human resources.

The Committee recommends $4,400,000,000 for Medical Support and Compliance, an increase of $338,000,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $144,000,000 above the budg-

et request. The Committee estimates that an additional $100,000,000 will be needed to increase enrollment of Priority 8 veterans by 10 percent and has increased funding accordingly.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2010, up to $250,000,000 of the Medical Support and Compliance appropriation.

Third-Party Collections.—The Committee is concerned about a recent GAO report that reiterates findings that third party billing and collection processes at the Department continue to be ineffective and limit the revenue received from third party insurance companies. Significant dollars continue to go uncollected, dollars that could be used to further improve the quality and quantity of veterans health care. The Committee believes the Department could do more to increase third party collections and directs the Department to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by August 1, 2008 on the specific actions taken to improve third party collections, the results of the Revenue Improvement Demonstration pilot project directed in House Report 109–305, and the feasibility of establishing consolidated patient account centers.

Increasing Collaborations at Veterans Health Administration Facilities.—The Committee is encouraged by the progress the Department has made in increasing its collaborations with minority health schools. The Committee has heard testimony, however, about the need for increased efforts and therefore, directs the Department to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by January 30, 2009 on the actions taken to improve collaboration with minority health professions schools.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level [1]	$4,260,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	4,661,000,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	5,029,000,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	769,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	368,000,000

[1] Reflects funding transfer approved by the Committee on April 17, 2008.

The Medical Facilities appropriation provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the Department's health care system's capital infrastructure. Included under this heading are provisions for costs associated with utilities, engineering, capital planning, leases, laundry, groundskeeping, garbage, housekeeping, facility repair, and property disposition and acquisition.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $5,029,000,000 for Medical Facilities, an increase of $769,000,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $368,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee estimates than an increase of $68,000,000 is needed to accommodate an increased enrollment of Priority 8 veterans by 10 percent and has increased funding accordingly. This recommendation also includes an increase of $300,000,000 for non-recurring maintenance to be distributed in a manner not subject to the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation. The Committee directs that first priority for this funding be given to maintenance that addresses life/safety and suicide prevention deficiencies on mental health wards.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2010, up to $350,000,000 of the Medical Facilities appropriation.

Community-Based Outpatient Clinics.—The Department is directed to provide the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress with a status report outlining the actions which have been taken to activate community-based outpatient clinics at the following locations: Chattanooga, Tennessee; Charlottesville, Virginia; Lynchburg, Virginia; and Northwest Washington.

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).—The Committee encourages the Department to consider the advantages of upright MRI scanning over traditional recumbent MRI scanning in the diagnosis of certain lumbar and cervical pathologies.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$480,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	442,000,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	500,000,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	20,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	58,000,000

This account includes medical, rehabilitative, and health services research. Medical research is an important aspect of the Department's programs, providing complete medical and hospital services for veterans. The prosthetic research program is also essential in the development and testing of prosthetic, orthopedic, and sensory aids for the purpose of improving the care and rehabilitation of eligible disabled veterans, including amputees, paraplegics, and the blind. The health services research program provides unique opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the health care delivery system. In addition, budgetary resources from a number of areas including appropriations from the medical care accounts, reimbursements from the Department of Defense, and grants from the National Institutes of Health, private proprietary sources, and voluntary organizations provide support for the Department's researchers.

The Committee recommends $500,000,000 for Medical and Prosthetic Research, an increase of $20,000,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $58,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee was disappointed to learn that the budget request had not only cut this account, but had also applied that cut to research in areas that are most relevant to Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans; research areas such as acute trauma, mental illness, and substance abuse all suffered substantial cuts. The recommended increase restores these research areas to their fiscal year 2008 levels. The Committee directs that the additional increase of $20,000,000 be applied to research topics most prevalent within our veteran population.

Research Partnerships.—The Committee believes the Department is uniquely positioned to lead the nation in applying medical research to medical practice. The Department is encouraged to increase its partnering with the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services in the development of clinical practices using evidence-based medicine and clinical efficacy.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$195,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	180,959,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	240,000,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	45,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	59,041,000

The National Cemetery Administration was established in accordance with Public Law 93–43, the National Cemeteries Act of 1973. It has a fourfold mission: to provide for the interment, in any national cemetery with available grave space, the remains of eligible deceased servicemembers and discharged veterans, together with their spouses and certain dependents, and to permanently maintain their graves; to provide headstones for, and to mark graves of eligible persons in national, State, and private cemeteries; to administer the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans' cemeteries; and to administer the Presidential Memorial Certificate Program. This appropriation will provide for the operation and maintenance of 164 cemeterial installations in 39 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $240,000,000 for the National Cemetery Administration, an increase of $45,000,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $59,041,000 above the budget request. The Committee recommendation includes at least $25,000,000 to be used to correct deficiencies identified in the 2002 Millennium Act report to the Congress.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$1,605,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	1,699,867,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	1,801,867,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	196,867,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	102,000,000

The General Operating Expenses appropriation provides for the administration of non-medical veterans benefits through the Veterans Benefits Administration and departmental management and support. The Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 changed the accounting of Federal credit programs and required that all administrative costs associated with such programs be included within the respective credit accounts. Beginning in fiscal year 1992, costs incurred by housing and vocational rehabilitation programs for administration of these credit programs are reimbursed by those accounts. The bill includes budget requests totaling $123,070,000 in other accounts for these credit programs. In addition, $9,853,000 is transferred from the Compensation and Pensions account for administrative costs of implementing cost saving provisions required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992. Section 208 of the administrative provisions provides requested language which permits excess revenues in three insurance funds to be used for administrative expenses. The Department estimates that $30,592,000 will be utilized for

such purposes in fiscal year 2009. Prior to fiscal year 1996, such costs were included in the General Operating Expenses appropriation.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $1,801,867,000 for General Operating Expenses, an increase of $196,867,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $102,000,000 above the budget request. The amount provided includes $1,473,753,000 for Veterans Benefits Administration. The recommended increase of $102,000,000 includes $100,000,000 for approximately 1,400 new claims processors in addition to the budget request plan for 703 new personnel. Additionally, the recommendation includes $2,000,000 for Veterans Benefit Administration to enter into operating leases to address increased space requirements for the new personnel.

Energy Conservation.—The Committee directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the steps taken by the Department to achieve energy conservation measures. The report is to be submitted to the Committees no later than September 30, 2009.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	[1]$2,260,465,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	2,442,066,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	2,492,066,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	231,601,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	50,000,000

[1] Reflects funding transfer approved by the Committee on April 17, 2008.

The Information Technology Systems account was established in P.L. 109–114. The account previously encompassed the entire non-pay information technology portfolio for the Department of Veterans Affairs, including all automation efforts in all administrations. Starting in fiscal year 2007, and reflected for the first time in the budget request for fiscal year 2008, this account also included pay and associated costs for information technology staff.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $2,492,066,000 for Information Technology Systems, an increase of $231,601,000 above the fiscal year 2008 current estimate, and $50,000,000 above the budget request.

The Committee has included bill language requiring the Department to submit an expenditure plan for the total amount provided, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act. In addition, an administrative provision is included in the bill which allows for the reprogramming of funds in this account between projects upon prior notification to, and approval by, the Committee.

The Department proposed, and the Committee approved, a funding transfer during fiscal year 2008 which included establishing an emergency fund for use in meeting critical unplanned needs at the medical center level. The fund is to be used to address emergent needs, including urgent replacement of broken IT equipment or equipment needs for unanticipated staffing changes. The Committee recommendation includes $50,000,000 to continue this effort in fiscal year 2009 and expects the Department to budget for this program in the future.

Cyber Security.—The Committee remains concerned with the pace of the Department in implementing the Government Account-

ability Office and Inspector General recommendations to improve the Department's cyber security capability. The Committee urges the Department to test commercial off-the-shelf software that would help the Department implement the audit recommendations.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$80,500,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	76,500,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	87,818,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	7,318,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	11,318,000

The Office of Inspector General was established by the Inspector General Act of 1978 and is responsible for the audit, investigation, and inspection of all Department of Veterans Affairs programs and operations. The overall operational objective is to focus available resources on areas which would help improve services to veterans and their beneficiaries, assist managers of Department programs to operate economically in accomplishing program goals, and to prevent and deter recurring and potential fraud, waste, and inefficiencies.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $87,818,000 for the Office of Inspector General, an increase of $7,318,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $11,318,000 above the budget request. The funding recommended will enable the Office of Inspector General to maintain the level of operation achieved in fiscal year 2008. In addition, the Committee recommendation includes $4,500,000 to hire additional personnel to undertake a systematic review of community-based outpatient clinics and Vet Centers.

The Committee directs the Office of Inspector General to conduct a review of the Department's progress in the implementation of the recommendations of the Mental Health Strategic Plan and an audit of the mental health initiatives fund. The Committee is also concerned that Veterans Health Administration policy on the identification and treatment of PTSD has not been applied uniformly across the Administration and further directs the Office of Inspector General to include a review of the compliance to these policies in their report. This report will be provided to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by April 6, 2009.

The Committee further directs the Office of Inspector General to conduct a review of the research conducted by the Department and its relevance to the veteran population. The Office of Inspector General is directed to provide this report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by February 27, 2009.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$1,069,100,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	581,582,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	923,382,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	-145,718,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	341,800,000

The Construction, Major Projects appropriation provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department of Veterans

Affairs, including planning, architectural and engineering services, assessments, and site acquisition where the estimated cost of a project is $10,000,000 or more.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $923,382,000 for Construction, Major Projects, a decrease of $145,718,000 from the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $341,800,000 above the budget request.

Projects.—Congress has made significant reforms in the way it reviews funding for the Federal government; reforms which the Committee takes very seriously as it executes its constitutional authority. Earmarking or directed spending of Federal dollars does not begin with Congress. It begins with the Executive Branch. The Administration, in selecting projects, goes through a process that is the functional equivalent of earmarking. When the Committee reviews the budget request, it goes through a process of rigorous review and may alter or modify this list to reflect additional priorities. The Committee is concerned that Executive Order 13457 effectively gives the Administration line-item veto authority over construction, major projects funded in the bill, which would negatively impact the long history of cooperation the Committee has had with the Department regarding such projects. Therefore, the Committee has included bill language incorporating the construction, major projects specified in the table that follows into the text of the bill by reference.

The specific amounts recommended by the Committee are as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Description	2009 request	Committee recommendation
Veterans Health Administration (VHA):			
Denver, CO	New Medical Facility	20,000	20,000
Orlando, FL	New Medical Facility	120,000	220,000
San Juan, PR	Seismic Corrections	64,400	64,400
Lee County, FL	Outpatient Clinic	111,412	111,412
St. Louis, MO	Med Fac. Improvements	5,000	5,000
Bay Pines, FL	Inpatient/Outpatient Improve.	17,430	17,430
Tampa, FL	Polytrauma Expansion	21,120	0
Palo Alto, CA	Polytrauma Rehab Center	38,290	0
Seattle, WA	Seismic Corrections	0	43,000
Seattle, WA	Mental Health Building	0	18,000
Dallas, TX	Spinal Cord Injury Center	0	9,000
Louisville, KY	Site Acquisition and Prep	0	45,000
Roseburg, OR	Mental Health Building	0	7,210
Los Angeles, CA	Seismic Corrections	0	155,000
Various	Cost Adjustments	0	24,000
Advance Planning Fund		40,000	40,000
Asbestos/Contaminates		3,000	3,000
BRAC Land Acquisition		5,000	5,000
Claims Analyses		2,000	2,000
Facility Security Projects		11,930	11,930
Hazardous Waste Abatement		2,000	2,000
Judgment Fund		10,000	10,000
Sustainabiltiy and Energy		5,000	5,000
Sale of VA Assets		-5,000	-5,000
Total VHA		471,582	813,382
National Cemetery Administration (NCA):			
Puerto Rico National Cemetery	Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements.	33,900	33,900

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Description	2009 request	Committee recommendation
Massachusetts Natl Cemetery	Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements.	20,500	20,500
Calverton National Cemetery	Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements.	29,000	29,000
Advance Planning Fund		6,000	6,000
NCA Land Acquisition Fund		5,000	5,000
Sustainability and Energy		10,600	10,600
Total NCA		105,000	105,000
General Administration Staff Offices Advance Planning Fund.		5,000	5,000
Major construction total		581,582	923,382

The budget requests for planning and design associated with two polytrauma projects at Tampa, Florida and Palo Alto, California have been deleted since those projects are proposed for funding in the pending fiscal year 2008 supplemental appropriations bill. The recommendation includes an additional $100,000,000 for the project at Orlando, Florida based upon briefings from the Department which indicate that additional portions of the project can be executed in fiscal year 2009. The Committee recommendation also includes funding for six additional projects based on their rank by the Department of Veterans Affairs. In addition, the Committee recommendation includes funding to address cost increases for projects at Atlanta, Georgia and Long Beach, California.

The Committee directs the Department to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress by March 31, 2009 on the feasibility of using funds from the NCA land acquisition fund to purchase lands adjacent to the Chattanooga National Cemetery to meet the expansion needs of the facility.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$630,535,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	329,418,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	991,492,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	360,957,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	662,074,000

The Construction, Minor Projects appropriation provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities under the jurisdiction or for the use of the Department, including planning, assessment of needs, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is less than $10,000,000.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $991,492,000 for Construction, Minor Projects, an increase of $360,957,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $662,074,000 above the budget request.

The Committee has included bill language requiring the Department to submit an expenditure plan for the total amount provided, not later than 30 days after enactment of this Act.

The Committee recommendation includes $75,000,000 for the National Cemetery Administration, $41,300,000 for the Veterans Benefits Administration, $18,000,000 for General Administration—

Staff offices, and $907,192,000 for Veterans Health Administration. The Committee anticipates that the funding provided for the Veterans Health Administration will enable the completion of all 145 projects identified in the budget request as being executable in fiscal year 2009.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$165,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	85,000,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	165,000,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	—
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	80,000,000

This program provides grants to assist States to construct State home facilities, for furnishing domiciliary or nursing home care to veterans, and to expand, remodel or alter existing buildings for furnishing domiciliary, nursing home or hospital care to veterans in State homes. A grant may not exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $165,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities, the same as the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $80,000,000 above the budget request. The amount recommended will provide sufficient funding to address all current high priority life/safety requirements as well as provide for new construction. The Department is directed to submit an updated priority list for all pending grant applications within 30 days of enactment of this Act.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$39,500,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	32,000,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	45,000,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	5,500,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	13,000,000

This program provides grants to assist States with the establishment, expansion, and improvement of State veterans' cemeteries which are operated and permanently maintained by the States. Grants under this program fund up to 100 percent of construction costs and the initial equipment expenses when the cemetery is established. The States remain responsible for providing the land and for paying all costs related to the operation and maintenance of the State cemeteries, including the costs for subsequent equipment purchases.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $45,000,000 for Grants for Construction of State Veterans Cemeteries, an increase of $5,500,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $13,000,000 above the budget request.

The Committee notes that there is currently a priority list of eligible projects totaling almost $200,000,000. The Committee recommendation will enable the Department to fund projects where urgent expansion is required to keep existing cemeteries from closing, as well as offer the potential for establishing new cemeteries.

The Committee is encouraged by the first in the nation public-private partnership to establish a veteran cemetery at the former

Fort Ord and encourages all the participants to demonstrate the cost effectiveness of this innovative proposal.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

The bill includes 25 provisions that were included in the fiscal year 2008 enacted appropriations bill. The administrative provisions included in the bill are as follows:

Section 201 allows for the transfer of funds among three mandatory appropriations. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 202 allows the Department to transfer funding between the three medical care appropriations in fiscal year 2009 to implement the three account structure which was directed by Congress in fiscal year 2004. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 203 allows for salaries and expenses funds to be used for hire of passenger vehicles, lease of facilities or land, and purchase of uniforms.

Section 204 provides that only funding in the "Construction, major projects" and "Construction, minor projects" accounts can be used for the purchase of any site for any new hospital or home or to construct any new hospital or home.

Section 205 requires the Department to be reimbursed for medical services it provides to any person not defined as a beneficiary to ensure the Department is receiving payment for all medical services provided.

Section 206 allows for the use of funds appropriated in fiscal year 2009 for "Compensation and pensions", "Readjustment benefits", and "Veterans insurance and indemnities" for payment of accrued obligations recorded in the last quarter of fiscal year 2008.

Section 207 allows for the use of fiscal year 2009 funds to pay prior year obligations resulting from implementation of sections 3328(a), 3334, and 3712(a) of title 31, United States Code.

Section 208 allows the Department to use surplus earnings from the National service life insurance, U.S. Government life insurance, and veterans special life insurance program to administer these programs.

Section 209 allows the Department to cover the administrative expenses of structuring enhanced-use leasing proposals and provides authority to obligate these reimbursements in the year funds are received.

Section 210 limits the amount of reimbursement the Office of Resolution Management and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication can charge other offices and accounts of the Department for services provided.

Section 211 requires the Secretary to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations to approve new leases of real property more than $300,000. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 212 requires the Department to collect current, accurate third-party reimbursement information for the purposes of third-party insurance collections. If persons receiving care or medical services do not disclose this information, the Department is allowed to bill them reasonable charges for services provided.

Section 213 allows the Department to use enhanced-use leasing funds for construction and alterations for medical facilities to facilitate the CARES efforts as the Department restructures the delivery of healthcare to veterans. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 214 allows the Department to use the "Medical services" appropriation for expenses related to the broader mission of medical care to veterans.

Section 215 allows the Department to transfer Medical Care Collections to the "Medical services" appropriation to be used for veterans medical care.

Section 216 allows veterans who reside in Alaska to obtain medical services from medical facilities supported by the Indian Health Services or tribal organizations, and provides for reimbursement for those services from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Section 217 allows the Department to transfer the proceeds received from the transfer of real property deposited into the Department of Veterans Affairs Capital Asset Fund (CAF) to the major and minor construction appropriations.

Section 218 prohibits the expenditure of any funds available to the Department for implementation of a national standardized contract for diabetes monitoring systems. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 219 provides that no funds may be used to prohibit Directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) from conducting outreach or marketing programs. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 220 requires the Secretary to submit quarterly reports on the financial status and service level status of the Veterans Health Administration.

Section 221 requires the Department to notify and receive approval from the Committee of any proposed transfer of funding to or from the "Information technology systems" account. The Administration proposed to modify this provision.

Section 222 requires the Department to notify and receive approval from the Committee of any proposed transfer of funding in excess of $1,000,000 between information technology system projects. The Administration proposed to modify this provision, including a threshold of $5,000,000 for such transfers.

Section 223 provides for the transfer of prior year account balances established for the payment of benefits under the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors to the "Compensation and pensions" account.

Section 224 amends title 38, section 1710 to allow certain medical care collections funds to be collected in the current fiscal year. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 225 amends title 38, section 1729 to allow certain medical care collections funds to be collected in the current fiscal year. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

TITLE III

RELATED AGENCIES

AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$44,600,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	47,470,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	55,470,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	10,870,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	8,000,000

The American Battle Monuments Commission is responsible for the administration, operation and maintenance of cemetery and war memorials to commemorate the achievements and sacrifices of the American Armed Forces where they have served since April 6, 1917. In performing these functions, the Commission maintains 24 permanent American military cemetery memorials and 31 monuments, memorials, markers, and offices in 15 foreign countries, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the British dependency of Gibraltar. In addition, six memorials are located in the United States: the East Coast Memorial in New York; the West Coast Memorial, The Presidio in San Francisco; the Honolulu Memorial in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii; and the American Expeditionary Forces Memorial, the World War II, and Korean War Veterans Memorials in Washington, D.C.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $55,470,000 for the American Battle Monuments Commission's salaries and expenses account. This is an increase of $10,870,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $8,000,000 above the budget request.

Language is included allowing up to $7,500 to be used for official reception and representation expenses.

The Committee recognizes that the limited funds available to the Commission to cover foreign currency fluctuation in fiscal year 2008 may have forced the Commission to defer maintenance and facilities projects. Therefore, the fiscal year 2009 recommendation includes funding to accomplish projects which may have been deferred in fiscal year 2008.

Pointe du Hoc Site.—The fiscal year 2006 appropriations Act included funding for the Commission to have a study conducted to determine what action is warranted to preserve the stability of the World War II Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument in France. The Committee notes that the study has been completed and a remediation plan has been developed. The Committee recommendation includes sufficient funding to begin remediation efforts should the Government of France approve work at the location.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS ACCOUNT

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$11,000,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request est.	17,100,000
Committee recommendation in the bill est.	17,100,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	6,100,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	———

The Commission's Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account is authorized pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 2109 to pay the costs of salaries and expenses that exceed the amount appropriated for salaries and expenses because of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of foreign countries occurring after a budget request for the Commission is submitted to the Congress. The account may not be used for any other purpose.

The Committee has included bill language with makes "such sums as may be necessary" available to the Commission to cover unanticipated foreign currency fluctuations.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$22,717,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	23,975,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	73,975,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	51,258,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	50,000,000

The Veterans' Judicial Review Act established the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Court reviews appeals from claimants seeking review of a benefit denial. The Court has the authority to overturn findings of fact, regulations, and interpretations of law.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $73,975,000 for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, an increase of $51,258,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and an increase of $50,000,000 above the budget request. Of the amount provided, $1,700,000 is to be used for the pro bono representation program.

The Committee notes that the number of veterans claims continue to grow and the number of appeals to and decisions by the Court make it one of the busiest Federal courts of appeals. The projected workload of the Court will require its space needs to grow by 70 percent in the next three years. Such space needs cannot be accommodated in its current facility without displacing other federal tenants. In recognition of this situation, the Congress had directed the Court to work with the General Services Administration on an evaluation of the Court's space needs and options for satisfying those needs. On April 30, 2008, the follow-on feasibility study for a dedicated Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims was submitted to the Committee. Based upon the options highlighted in that study, the Committee recommendation includes $50,000,000 for the construction of a new Veterans Courthouse and Justice Center. The Committee anticipates that the Court will transfer these funds to the General Services Administration for execution of the project.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$31,230,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	31,230,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	31,230,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	———
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	———

The Secretary of the Army is responsible for the administration, operation and maintenance of Arlington National Cemetery and the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery. In addition to its principal function as a national cemetery, Arlington is the site of approximately 3,100 non-funeral ceremonies each year and has approximately 4,000,000 visitors annually.

The Committee recommends an appropriation of $31,230,000 for Cemeterial Expenses, Army, salaries and expenses, the same as the budget request and the fiscal year 2008 enacted level.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

TRUST FUNDS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$55,724,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	63,010,000
Committee recommendation in the bill	63,010,000
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	7,286,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	———

The Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH) consists of two retirement communities, one in Washington, D.C. and the other in Gulfport, Mississippi. The Washington, D.C. facility was established in 1851 as a soldiers' home for elderly and disabled veterans. The original home for Navy officers, sailors, and Marines was established in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1811, and was relocated to Gulfport, Mississippi almost a century and a half later.

The Committee recommendation provides authority to expend $63,010,000 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund to operate and maintain the armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi. Of the amount provided, $8,025,000 is for construction and renovations. The amount recommended is $7,286,000 above the fiscal year 2008 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

FEDERAL FUNDS

Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	$800,000
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -
Committee recommendation in the bill	- - -
Comparison with:	
Fiscal year 2008 enacted level	(800,000)
Fiscal year 2009 budget request	- - -

There is no budget request for this account in fiscal year 2009.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The bill includes seven provisions that were included in the fiscal year 2008 enacted appropriations bill as follows:

Section 401 prohibits the obligation of funds beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided.

Section 402 requires pay raises to be absorbed within the levels appropriated in the bill.

Section 403 prohibits the use of funds for programs, projects or activities not in compliance with Federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

Section 404 prohibits the use of funds to support or defeat legislation pending before Congress.

Section 405 encourages all departments and agencies funded in this Act to expand the use of E-Commerce technologies and procedures.

Section 406 limits funds from being transferred from this appropriations measure to any instrumentality of the United States Government without authority from an appropriation Act. The Administration proposed to delete this provision.

Section 407 specifies the congressional committees that are to receive all reports and notifications.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The following items are included in accordance with various requirements of the rules of the House of Representatives.

CHANGES IN APPLICATION OF EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(A) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted describing the effect of provisions in the accompanying bill that directly or indirectly change the application of existing law.

Language is included in various parts of the bill to continue ongoing activities that require annual authorization or additional legislation, which to date have not been enacted.

The bill includes a number of provisions which place limitations on the use of funds in the bill or change existing limitations and which might, under some circumstances, be construed as changing the application of existing law.

Language is included in various parts of the bill to allow the Secretary of Defense to exceed certain limitations upon notification to the Committee.

Language is included in various parts of the bill to allow funding to be used for official reception and representation expenses.

Language is included that enables various appropriations to remain available for more than one year for some programs for which the basic authority legislation does not presently authorize such extended availability.

Language is included in various parts of the bill which permits the transfer of funds to other accounts in the bill.

Language is included under Title I limiting payments for cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract under certain circumstances.

Language is included in various parts of the bill to allow funds to be used for the hire of passenger motor vehicles.

Language is included under Title I allowing advances to the Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for implementing construction of new bases in the United States without specific appropriations.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for purchase of land or land easements under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for land acquisition, site preparation, and utility installation unless funds have been made available in annual appropriations Acts.

Language is included under Title I to prohibit the use of minor construction funds to transfer an activity between installations without prior notification.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for the procurement of steel for any activity if American steel producers have been denied the opportunity to compete for such steel procurements.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for initiating new installations overseas without notifying the Committees on appropriations.

Language is included under Title I limiting the use of funds for architect and engineer contracts under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for awarding contracts to foreign contractors under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I requiring the Department of Defense to notify the appropriate committees of Congress of any proposed military exercises under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I limiting funding obligations in the last two months of the fiscal year to 20 percent.

Language is included under Title I allowing prior year construction funding to be available for current year projects.

Language is included under Title I allowing payment for the cost associated with supervision, inspection, overhead, engineering and design on family housing or military construction projects that are being completed with expired or lapsed funds.

Language is included under Title I allowing funds to be expended on military construction projects for four fiscal years after enactment under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I to allow for the transfer of BRAC proceeds to the BRAC account.

Language is included under Title I to allow construction funds to be transferred to Housing Improvement Funds.

Language is included under Title I requiring the various military departments to submit prior notice to the Committee of solicitation for contracts with the private sector for military family housing under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I to allow for the transfer of BRAC funds to the Homeowners Assistance Program.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for the operation and maintenance of family housing to those provided in this appropriation with exceptions under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I allowing funds for the Ford Island Improvement Account to be available until expended for certain purposes.

Language is included under Title I limiting funds for realignment of installations under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I to allow for the transfer of expired funding to the Foreign Currency Fluctuation Account under certain circumstances.

Language is included under Title I prohibiting the use of funds to expand Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site.

Language is included under Title II to require that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs establish a priority for treatment of veterans who are service-connected disabled, lower income, or have special needs.

Language is included under Title II to require that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs give priority funding of basic medical benefits to priority groups 1 through 6.

Language is included under Title II to allow the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to dispense prescription drugs from VHA facilities to enrolled veterans with privately written prescriptions.

Language is included under Title II to allocate a portion of nonrecurring maintenance funds outside the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation.

Language is included under Title II providing for the reimbursement to the Department of Defense for the costs of overseas employee mail.

Language is included under Title II to require approval of a plan for the expenditure of information technology funds.

Language is included under Title II establishing time limitations and reporting requirements concerning the obligation of major construction funds, limiting the use of funds, and allowing the use of funds for program costs.

Language is included under Title II to prohibit the use of funds to reduce the mission, services or infrastructure of 18 facilities on the CARES list without prior approval of the Committee.

Language is included under Title II to allow minor construction funds to be used to repair non-medical facilities damaged by natural disaster or catastrophe.

Language is included under Title II permitting transfers between mandatory and discretionary accounts, limiting and providing for the use of certain funds, funding administrative expenses associated with life insurance programs from excess program revenues, allowing reimbursement from enhanced-use leases and for certain services, requiring notification of new lease agreements, requiring disclosure of insurance and income information, allowing a recovery audit collection program, prohibiting the use of funds for instituting a new standard for glucose monitoring systems, extending the authority to operate the homeless program, allowing veterans in the state of Alaska to use Indian Health Service facilities under certain conditions, and allowing medical services funds for recreational and funeral expenses.

Language is included under the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, Salaries and Expenses, permitting the use of funds for a pro bono program.

Language is included under Cemeterial Expenses, Army, Salaries and Expenses, permitting the use of funds for parking maintenance and repairs.

Language is included under Title IV requiring sums necessary for pay raises to be absorbed within levels appropriated.

Language is included under Title IV limiting the use of funds for federal entities when they are not in compliance with federal law relating to risk assessment, the protection of private property rights, or unfunded mandates.

Language is included under Title IV limiting funding for publicity or propaganda designed to support or defeat legislation pending before Congress.

Language is included under Title IV prohibiting the transfer of any funds except pursuant to authority provided in appropriations Acts.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, Information Technology Systems, limiting the obligation of funds until certain reporting requirements are met.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Services, designating $3,800,000,000 for specialty mental health care.

Appropriations Not Authorized by Law

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(1)(B) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the appropriations in the accompanying bill which are not authorized by law for the period concerned:

[dollars in thousands]

Agency/program	Last year of authorization	Authorization level	Appropriations in last year of authorization	Appropriations in this bill
Military Construction, Army	2008	5,208,133	3,936,583	4,801,536
Military Construction, Navy	2008	2,407,799	2,198,394	3,280,809
Military Construction, Air Force	2008	1,418,447	1,159,747	976,524
Military Construction, Defense-Wide	2008	1,637,196	1,609,596	1,614,450
Military Construction, Army National Guard	2008	536,656	536,656	628,668
Military Construction, Air National Guard	2008	287,537	287,537	142,809
Military Construction, Army Reserve	2008	148,133	148,133	282,607
Military Construction, Navy Reserve	2008	64,430	64,430	57,045
Military Construction, Air Force Reserve	2008	28,359	28,359	30,018
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	2008	201,400	201,400	218,867
Family Housing Construction, Army	2008	424,400	424,400	646,580
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army	2008	731,920	731,920	716,110
Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps	2008	304,895	293,129	382,778
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	2008	371,404	371,404	376,062
Family Housing Construction, Air Force	2008	327,747	327,747	395,879
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force	2008	688,335	688,335	594,465
Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide	2008	48,848	48,848	49,231
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	2008	500	500	850
Homeowners Assistance Program	2002	10,119	10,119	4,500
Chemical Demilitarization Construction, Defense-Wide	2008	104,176	104,176	134,278
Base Realignment and Closure, 1990	2008	295,689	295,689	473,377
Base Realignment and Closure, 2005	2008	8,456,311	7,235,591	9,065,386
Department of Veteran Affairs, Construction, Major Projects	2007	221,776	399,000	923,382

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted describing the transfer of funds provided in the accompanying bill.

Language is included to allow Military Construction, Defense-Wide funds to be transferred to other military construction and family housing appropriations to be merged with and available for the same purpose and same time period.

Language is included to allow Chemical Demilitarization Construction funds to be transferred to other military construction appropriations to be merged with and available for the same purpose and same time period.

Language is included to allow Department of Defense prior year construction funds to be available for current year authorizations.

Language is included to allow BRAC proceeds to be transferred to the BRAC account to be merged with and available for the same purpose and same time period.

Language is included to allow for the transfer of funds from Family Housing, Construction accounts to the Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund and funds from Military Construction accounts to the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund.

Language is included to provide transfer authority to the Homeowners Assistance Program.

Language is included to allow the transfer of expired funds to the "Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Construction, Defense" account.

Language is included to transfer not to exceed $26,798,000 from Compensation and Pensions to General Operating Expenses and Medical Services. These funds are for the administrative costs of implementing cost-savings proposals required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 and the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992. Language is also included permitting necessary sums to be transferred to the medical facilities revolving fund to augment funding of medical centers for nursing home care provided to pensioners as authorized by the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1992.

Language is included to transfer the following amounts to the Department of Veterans Affairs General Operating Expenses appropriation pursuant to the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990: the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund Program Account ($157,210,000), the Vocational Rehabilitation Loans Program Account ($320,000) and the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account ($646,000). In addition, the bill provides up to $750,000 in General Operating Expenses and Medical Services for administration of the Guaranteed Transitional Housing Loans for the Homeless Veterans Program Account.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans affairs that would transfer no less than $15,000,000 for the DoD/VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund as authorized by section 8111(d) of title 38, United States Code.

Language is included to provide authority for the Department of Veterans Affairs for any funds appropriated in 2009 for Compensation and Pensions, Readjustment Benefits, and Veterans Insurance and Indemnities to be transferred among those three accounts.

Language is included to permit the funds from three life insurance funds to be transferred to General Operating Expenses for the costs of administering such programs.

Language is included to permit up to $37,436,000 to be transferred to General Operating Expenses from any funds appropriated in fiscal year 2009 to reimburse the Office of Resolution Management and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication for services provided.

Language is included to transfer certain funds derived from enhanced-use leasing activities to the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts.

Language is included to transfer funds from the Medical Care Collections Fund to Medical Services.

Language is included to allow the transfer of funds from the Capital Asset Fund to the Construction, Major Projects and Construction, Minor Projects accounts.

Language is included under the Department of Veterans Affairs that would transfer balances in prior year accounts established for payment of benefits under the Reinstated Entitlement Program for Survivors to the Compensation and Pensions account.

RESCISSIONS

Pursuant to clause 3(f)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following table lists the rescissions in the accompanying bill:

Department/activity	Amounts recommended for rescission
Department of Defense, Military Construction, Army	51,320,000
Department of Defense, Military Construction, Air Force	17,681,000
Department of Defense, Military Construction, Defense-Wide	3,589,000

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY

Pursuant to clause 3(d)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Appropriations bases its authority to report this legislation from clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the U.S. Constitution which states:

> No money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in consequence of Appropriations made by law * * *

COMPARISON WITH THE BUDGET RESOLUTION

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table compares the levels of new budget authority provided in the bill with the appropriate allocation under section 302(b) of the Budget Act.

[In millions of dollars]

	302(b) allocation		This bill	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Discretionary	72,729	66,890	72,729	66,892

[In millions of dollars]

	302(b) allocation		This bill	
	Budget authority	Outlays	Budget authority	Outlays
Mandatory	43,444	43,277	43,444	43,2777

FIVE-YEAR PROJECTION OF OUTLAYS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(B) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the following table contains five-year projections prepared by the Congressional Budget Office of outlays associated with the budget authority provided in the accompanying bill:

	Millions
Budget Authority	116,173
Outlays:	
2009	88,001
2010	15,089
2011	8,548
2012	3,113
2013	2,224

ASSISTANCE TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Pursuant to section 308(a)(1)(C) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the amount of financial assistance to State and local governments is as follows:

	Millions
Budget Authority	878
Fiscal Year 2009 outlays resulting therefrom	588

STATEMENT OF GENERAL PERFORMANCE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following is a statement of general performance goals and objectives for which this measure authorizes funding:

The Committee on Appropriations considers program performance, including a program's success in developing and attaining outcome-related goals and objectives, in developing funding recommendations.

COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XIII, CL. 3(e) (RAMSEYER RULE)

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

CHAPTER 17 OF TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE

CHAPTER 17—HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, DOMICILIARY, AND MEDICAL CARE

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SUBCHAPTER II—HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR DOMICILIARY CARE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

§ 1710. Eligibility for hospital, nursing home, and domiciliary care

(a) * * *

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(f)(1) * * *

(2) A veteran who is furnished hospital care or nursing home care under this section and who is required under paragraph (1) of this subsection to agree to pay an amount to the United States in order to be furnished such care shall be liable to the United States for an amount equal to—

(A) * * *

(B) before September 30, [2008,] *2009,* an amount equal to $10 for every day the veteran receives hospital care and $5 for every day the veteran receives nursing home care.

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SUBCHAPTER III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS RELATING TO HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME CARE AND MEDICAL TREATMENT OF VETERANS

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§ 1729. Recovery by the United States of the cost of certain care and services

(a)(1) * * *

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection applies to a non-service-connected disability—

(A) * * *

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(E) for which care and services are furnished before October 1, [2008,] *2009,* under this chapter to a veteran who—

(i) * * *

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CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS

The following table is submitted in compliance with clause 9 of rule XXI, and lists the congressional earmarks (as defined in paragraph (d) of clause 9) contained in the bill or in this report. Neither the bill nor the report contain any limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits as defined in paragraphs (e) or (f) of clause 9 of rule XXI.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Account	State	Location	Project Title	Amount (in thousands)	Member
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	Powertrain Transmission Repair Facility	$27,000	The President
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	Small Arms Repair Shop-Depot Level	18,000	The President
Army NG	Alabama	Fort McClellan	Multipurpose Machine Gun Range	3,000	The President
Air Force	Alabama	Maxwell AFB	Air & Space Basic Course Combat Arms Trng Fac	15,556	The President/ Mr. Everett
Army	Alabama	Anniston Army Depot	Lake Yard Railroad Interchange	1,400	Mr. Rogers, M. (AL)
Army	Alabama	Fort Rucker	Chapel Center	6,800	Mr. Everett
Army	Alaska	Fort Richardson	Child Development Center	15,000	The President
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Barracks Complex	63,000	The President
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Organizational Vehicle Parking	14,000	The President
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Tactical Vehicle Wash Facility	21,000	The President
Army	Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Training Aids Support Center	12,400	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	C–17 Restore Road	2,000	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22 Aerospace Ground Equip Shop	7,200	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22 Corrosion Ctrl/Lo Mx/Composite Repair Fac	22,400	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22 Flight Simulator	16,400	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22A 7 Bay Aircraft Shelter	20,400	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22A 8 Bay Aircraft Shelter	22,200	The President

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION—Continued

Account	State	Location	Project Title	Amount (in thousands)	Member
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22A Field Training Detachment	6,600	The President
Air Force	Alaska	Elmendorf AFB	F–22A Squadron Ops/AMU 6 Bay Hangar	41,100	The President
Defense-Wide	Alaska	Fort Richardson	Dental Clinic Addition/Alteration	6,300	The President
Army	Arizona	Fort Huachuca	Unit Maintenance Facilities	11,200	The President
Army	Arizona	Yuma	Raw Sewage Lagoon and Oxidation Pond	3,800	The President
Army NG	Arizona	Camp Navajo	Readiness Center	13,000	The President
Army NG	Arizona	Florence	Readiness Center	13,800	The President
Army NG	Arizona	Papago Military Res.	Readiness Center	24,000	The President
Navy	Arizona	Yuma	Applied Instruction Facility (MAWTS)	19,490	The President
Air Force	Arizona	Luke AFB	Repair Runway Pavement	1,755	Mr. Pastor
Army	Arizona	Fort Huachuca	ATC Radar Operations Building	2,000	Ms. Giffords
Army NG	Arkansas	Cabot	Readiness Center	10,868	Mr. Berry
Air NG	Arkansas	Little Rock AFB	Replace Engine Shop	4,000	Mr. Snyder
Army	California	Fort Irwin	Barracks Complex	17,500	The President
Army	California	Fort Irwin	Military Operations Urban Terrain, Ph 3	22,100	The President
Army	California	Presidio of Monterey	General Instruction Building	15,000	The President
Army	California	Sierra Army Depot	Water Treatment Plant	12,400	The President

Army Reserve	California	Fort Hunter Liggett	Modified Record Fire Range	3,950	The President/ Mr. Farr
Navy	California	Barstow	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	7,830	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—41 Area	32,430	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—33 Area	30,300	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—43 Area	15,150	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—62 Area	25,920	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Area 13	33,320	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Area 14	32,350	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Chappo (22 Area)	48,640	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Del Mar (21 Area)	33,190	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Del Mar (21 Area)	33,440	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Horno (13 Area)	33,790	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Horno (53 Area)	40,660	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Las Pulgas Area	34,340	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Pico (24 Area)	32,870	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Pico (24 Area)	32,260	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—San Mateo Area	34,500	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Del Mar (21 Area)	34,120	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—San Mateo Area	32,550	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Margarita (33 Area)	31,170	The President

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Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	BEQ—Armory, Training Facility, SOI (52 Area)	54,730	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Consolidated Comm/Elec Maintenance & Storage	10,050	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Corrosion Control Water Treatment Facility	52,520	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Indoor Fitness Center	12,230	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Infantry Training Center	11,500	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Operations Access Points, Red Beach	11,970	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Regimental Maintenance Complex (Phase 3)	33,620	The President
Navy	California	Camp Pendleton	Special Operations Training Battle Course	22,250	The President
Navy	California	El Centro	Combined Child Care and Youth Center	8,900	The President
Navy	California	Miramar	Combat Training Tank Complex	10,820	The President
Navy	California	Miramar	Emergency Response Station	6,530	The President
Navy	California	Miramar	In-Line Fueling Station Modification	22,930	The President
Navy	California	Miramar	Military Working Dog Operations Center	4,800	The President
Navy	California	Miramar	MV–22 Wash Rack	3,690	The President
Navy	California	North Island	Berthing Lima Conversion	38,992	The President
Navy	California	North Island	Child Development Center	14,270	The President
Navy	California	San Clemente Island	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	34,020	The President

Navy	California	San Diego	Recruit Reconditioning Facility	16,790	The President
Navy	California	San Diego	Recruit Support Barracks	34,430	The President
Navy	California	Twentynine Palms	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	36,470	The President
Navy	California	Twentynine Palms	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	36,280	The President
Navy	California	Twentynine Palms	BEQ and Parking Structure	51,800	The President
Navy	California	Twentynine Palms	Combined Arms MOUT (Phase 2)	21,000	The President
Navy Reserve	California	Lemoore	Marine Corps Reserve Center	15,420	The President
Air Force	California	Edwards AFB	F–35 Ramp & Security Upgrade	3,100	The President
Defense-Wide	California	Coronado	SOF Combat Crew Training Facility	9,800	The President
Defense-Wide	California	Tracy Depot	Replace General Purpose Warehouse	41,000	The President
Defense-Wide	California	Tracy Depot	Replace Truck Entrance/Control Facility	9,300	The President
Navy	California	Monterey	Education Facility	9,990	Mr. Farr
Air Force	California	Edwards AFB	Main Base Runway Ph 4	6,000	Mr. McKeon/ Mr. McCarthy, K.
Navy	California	North Island	Training Pool Replacement	6,890	Ms. Davis, S.
Navy	California	Twentynine Palms	Lifelong Learning Center Ph 1	9,760	Mr. Lewis, Jerry
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Barracks & Dining	154,000	The President
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Battalion Complex	45,000	The President
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Brigade/Battalion HQs	46,000	The President
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Company Operations Facilities	93,000	The President
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Infrastructure, BCT	69,000	The President

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Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Physical Fitness Facility	28,000	The President
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Unit Maintenance Facilities	15,000	The President
Army	Colorado	Fort Carson	Vehicle Maintenance Shops	84,000	The President
Chem Demil	Colorado	Pueblo Depot	Chem-Agent Disposal Pilot Plant	65,060	The President
Army NG	Colorado	Denver	Readiness Center	9,000	The President
Army NG	Colorado	Grand Junction	Readiness Center	9,000	The President/ Mr. Salazar
Air Force	Colorado	U.S. Air Force Academy	Upgrade Academic Facility, Ph V	18,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Colorado	Buckley AFB	Satellite Pharmacy	3,000	The President
Army NG	Connecticut	Camp Rell	Regional Training Institute	28,000	The President/ Mr. Courtney
Army NG	Connecticut	East Haven	KD Range Add/Alt	13,800	The President
Navy	Connecticut	New London	Pier 31 Replacement	46,060	The President/ Mr. Courtney
Air NG	Connecticut	Bradley IAP	TFI Upgrade Engine Shop	7,200	Ms. DeLauro/ Mr. Courtney/ Mr. Larson/ Mr. Murphy, C./ Mr. Shays
Army NG	Delaware	New Castle	Army Aviation Support Facility Add/Alt	28,000	The President
Navy Reserve	Delaware	Wilmington	NOSC Portion, Armed Forces Reserve Center	11,530	The President
Air Force	Delaware	Dover AFB	ADAL Physical Fitness Center	19,000	The President/ Mr. Castle
Air NG	Delaware	New Castle County AP	TFI—Info Ops Squadron (IOS) Facility	3,200	The President/ Mr. Castle
Defense-Wide	Delaware	Dover AFB	Alter Fuel Storage Tank	3,373	The President

Navy	District of Columbia	Naval Research Lab	Autonomous System Research Lab	24,220	The President
Army	Florida	Miami-Doral	SOUTHCOM Headquarters, Incr 2	81,600	The President/ Mr. Diaz-Balart, L.
Army NG	Florida	Camp Blanding	Ammunition Supply Point	12,400	The President
Navy	Florida	Jacksonville	Child Development Center	12,890	The President/ Mr. Crenshaw
Navy	Florida	Mayport	Alpha Wharf Improvements	14,900	The President/ Mr. Crenshaw
Navy	Florida	Tampa	Joint Communications Squadron Facility	29,000	The President
Air Force	Florida	Eglin AFB	F–35 Student Dormitory (144 Room)	19,000	The President
Air Force	Florida	MacDill AFB	SOCCENT Headquarters & Commandant Facility	21,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Florida	Eglin AFB	SOF Battalion Operations Complex	40,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Florida	Hurlburt Field	SOF Special Tactics Group Facility	8,900	The President
Defense-Wide	Florida	MacDill AFB	SOF Add/Alter 501B (HQ SOCOM)	10,500	The President
Defense-Wide	Florida	Jacksonville	Replace Fuel Storage Tanks	34,000	The President
Air Force	Florida	Tyndall AFB	325 ACS Ops Training Complex	11,600	Mr. Boyd
Army NG	Florida	Camp Blanding	Regional Training Institute Ph 4	20,907	Mr. Young, B./ Ms. Brown, C./ Mr. Stearns
Air Force	Florida	MacDill AFB	Combat Training Facility	5,000	Ms. Castor
Navy	Florida	Mayport	Aircraft Refueling	3,380	Mr. Crenshaw
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Automated Anti-Armor Range	8,800	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Basic 10M–25M Firing Range 1	2,400	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Basic 10M–25M Firing Range 2	2,400	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Basic 10M–25M Firing Range 3	2,350	The President

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Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Basic 10M–25M Firing Range 4	2,500	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Basic 10M–25M Firing Range 5	2,500	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Digital Multipurpose Training Range	17,500	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Fire and Movement Range	2,450	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Maintenance Shop	42,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Modified Record Fire Range 1	4,900	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Modified Record Fire Range 2	4,900	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Modified Record Fire Range 3	4,500	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Range Access Road	9,100	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Reception Station Phase 2	39,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Stationary Tank Range	6,900	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Tactical Vehicle Wash Facility	10,800	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Tracked Vehicle Drivers Course	16,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Trainee Complex	32,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Training Area Infrastructure—Osut Area	16,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Training Area Infrastructure—Northern Area	13,800	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Benning	Unit Maintenance Facilities	27,000	The President

Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Barracks & Dining	121,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Brigade Complex	30,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Brigade/Battalion HQs	36,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Child Development Center	20,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Company Operations Facilities	75,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Infrastructure	59,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Physical Fitness Facility	22,000	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Shoot House	2,300	The President
Army	Georgia	Fort Stewart	Vehicle Maintenance Shops	67,000	The President
Army NG	Georgia	Dobbins ARB	Readiness Center	45,000	The President/ Mr. Gingrey
Navy	Georgia	Albany MCLB	BEQ Replacement	15,320	The President
Navy Reserve	Georgia	Marietta	Marine Corps Reserve Center	7,560	The President
Air Force	Georgia	Robins AFB	Aircraft Hangar	24,100	The President
Defense-Wide	Georgia	Fort Benning	Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic	3,900	The President
Defense-Wide	Georgia	Augusta	Regional Security Operations Center Incr IV	100,220	The President
Defense-Wide	Georgia	Hunter AAF	Replace Fuel Storage Tank	3,500	The President
Air NG	Georgia	Savannah CRTC	Troop Training Quarters	7,500	Mr. Barrow
Navy	Georgia	Kings Bay	Add to Limited Area Reaction Force Facility	6,130	Mr. Kingston
Air Force	Georgia	Robins AFB	Avionics Facility	5,250	Mr. Marshall
Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	Barracks	42,000	The President

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Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	Battalion Complex	69,000	The President
Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	Battalion Complex	27,000	The President
Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	Brigade Complex	65,000	The President
Army	Hawaii	Schofield Barracks	Infrastructure Expansion	76,000	The President
Army	Hawaii	Wahiawa	Wideband SATCOM Operations Center	40,000	The President
Army Reserve	Hawaii	Fort Shafter	Army Reserve Center	19,199	The President
Navy	Hawaii	Barking Sands	Advanced Radar Detection Laboratory	28,900	The President
Navy	Hawaii	Kaneohe Bay	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	28,200	The President
Navy	Hawaii	Pearl Harbor	Child Development Center	29,300	The President
Navy	Hawaii	Pearl Harbor	Fitness Center	45,000	The President
Navy	Hawaii	Pearl Harbor	Joint Forces Deployment Staging Area FISC	5,990	The President
Navy	Hawaii	Pearl Harbor	Sub Drive-In Magnetic Silencing Facility Incr 2	41,088	The President
Defense-Wide	Hawaii	Pearl Harbor	Replace Fuel Pipeline	27,700	The President
Army	Hawaii	Pohakuloa TA	Access Road, Ph 1	9,000	Mr. Abercrombie
Army NG	Idaho	Orchard TA	Live Fire Shoot House	1,850	The President
Army Reserve	Idaho	Hayden Lake	Army Reserve Center/OMS/Unheated Storage	9,580	The President
Navy	Illinois	Great Lakes	RTC Special Programs Barracks	62,940	The President

Defense-Wide	Illinois	Scott AFB	USTRANSCOM Joint Intel Operations Center	13,977	The President/ Mr. Costello
Air NG	Illinois	Greater Peoria RAP	C–130 Squadron Operations Center	400	Mr. LaHood
Army NG	Indiana	Camp Atterbury	Multi Purpose Machine Gun Range	5,800	The President
Army NG	Indiana	Lawrence	Readiness Center	21,000	The President
Army NG	Indiana	Muscatatuck	Combined Arms Collective Training Facility Ph 1	6,000	Mr. Visclosky/ Mr. Hill
Air NG	Indiana	Fort Wayne IAP	Aircraft Ready Shelters/Fuel Fill Stands	5,600	Mr. Souder
Army NG	Iowa	Camp Dodge	MOUT Site Add/Alt	1,500	Mr. Boswell
Army NG	Iowa	Davenport	Readiness Center Add/Alt	1,550	Mr. Braley
Air NG	Iowa	Fort Dodge	Vehicle Maintenance & Comm. Training Complex	5,600	Mr. Latham/ Mr. King, S./ Mr. Loebsack
Army NG	Iowa	Mount Pleasant	Readiness Center Add/Alt	1,500	Mr. Loebsack
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	Battalion Complex	38,000	The President
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	Brigade Complex	79,000	The President
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	Commissary	23,000	The President
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	Rail Siding	15,000	The President
Army Reserve	Kansas	Dodge City	Army Reserve Center/Land	8,100	The President/ Mr. Moran, Jerry
Defense-Wide	Kansas	Fort Riley	Hospital Addition/Alteration	52,000	The President
Army	Kansas	Fort Leavenworth	Chapel Complex Ph 2	4,200	Ms. Boyda
Army	Kansas	Fort Riley	Fire Station	3,000	Ms. Boyda
Air Force	Kansas	McConnell AFB	MXG Consolidation & Forward Logistics Center Ph 2	6,800	Mr. Tiahrt
Chem Demil	Kentucky	Blue Grass Depot	Chem-Agent Disposal Pilot Plant	57,218	The President

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Chem Demil	Kentucky	Blue Grass Depot	Defense Access Road	12,000	The President
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Battalion Complex	37,000	The President
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Child Development Center	8,600	The President
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Training Support Center	15,513	The President
Army	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Unit Maintenance Facilities	47,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	Medical/Dental Clinic	24,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	SOF Tactical Equipment Shop	15,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Kentucky	Fort Campbell	New Elementary School	21,400	The President
Army NG	Kentucky	London	Aviation Operations Facility Ph III	7,191	Mr. Rogers, H.
Army	Louisiana	Fort Polk	Unit Operations Facilities	29,000	The President
Army NG	Maine	Bangor	Regional Training Institute Ph 1	20,000	The President
Navy	Maine	Portsmouth NSY	Dry Dock 3 Waterfront Support Facility	1,450	Mr. Allen/ Ms. Shea-Porter
Navy	Maine	Portsmouth NSY	Consolidated Global Sub Component Ph 1	9,980	Ms. Shea-Porter
Army NG	Maryland	Edgewood	Army Aviation Support Facility Add/Alt	28,000	The President
Army NG	Maryland	Salisbury	Readiness Center Add/Alt	9,800	The President
Army Reserve	Maryland	Baltimore	Army Reserve Center	11,600	The President
Navy	Maryland	Indian Head	Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrades	13,930	The President/ Mr. Hoyer

Navy	Maryland	Suitland	National Maritime Intel Center Incr	12,439	The President
Air Force	Maryland	Andrews AFB	Admin Facility Addition	28,000	The President
Air Force	Maryland	Andrews AFB	NCR Relocation—Admin Facility	49,648	The President
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Aberdeen PG	USAMRICD Replacement, Incr I	23,750	The President
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Fort Detrick	USAMRIID Stage I, Incr III	109,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Maryland	Fort Meade	South Campus Utility Plant Ph I	14,000	The President
Navy	Maryland	Carderock	RDTE Support Facility Ph I	6,980	Mr. Van Hollen
Army NG	Maryland	Dundalk	Readiness Center	579	Mr. Ruppersberger
Navy	Maryland	Indian Head	Energetics Systems & Tech Lab Complex Ph I	12,050	Mr. Hoyer
Air NG	Maryland	Martin State Airport	Replace Fire Station	7,900	Mr. Bartlett/ Mr. Ruppersberger/ Mr. Sarbanes
Army NG	Massachusetts	Methuen	Readiness Center Add/Alt (ADRS)	21,000	The President
Army Reserve	Massachusetts	Fort Devens	Shoot House	1,900	The President
Air NG	Massachusetts	Otis ANGB	TFI Digital Ground Station FOC Beddown	1,700	Mr. Delahunt/ Mr. Olver
Air Reserve	Massachusetts	Westover ARB	Joint Service Lodging Facility	943	Mr. Olver/ Mr. Neal
Army Reserve	Michigan	Saginaw	Army Reserve Center/Land	11,500	The President
Army NG	Michigan	Camp Grayling	Live Fire Shoot House	2,000	Mr. Knollenberg/ Mr. Stupak
Army NG	Michigan	Camp Grayling	Urban Assault Course	2,000	Mr. Knollenberg/ Mr. Stupak
Army NG	Minnesota	Arden Hills	Readiness Center	15,000	The President
Army NG	Minnesota	Arden Hills	Infrastructure Improvements	1,005	Ms. McCollum
Air NG	Minnesota	Duluth	Replace Fuel Cell Hangar	4,500	Mr. Oberstar

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Air NG	Minnesota	Minneapolis-St. Paul IAP	Aircraft Deicing Apron	1,500	Mr. Ellison
Navy	Mississippi	Gulfport	25 Naval Construction Regiment HQ Facility	6,900	The President
Air Force	Mississippi	Columbus AFB	Child Development Center	8,100	The President
Navy	Mississippi	Gulfport	Battalion Maintenance Facility	5,870	Mr. Taylor
Army	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Training Support Center	18,500	The President
Army	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Urban Assault Course	2,350	The President
Army Reserve	Missouri	Weldon Springs	Army Reserve Center	11,700	The President
Defense-Wide	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Primary Care Clinic Addition/Alteration	22,000	The President
Army	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	9,500	Mr. Skelton
Air Force	Missouri	Whiteman AFB	Security Forces Animal Clinic	4,200	Mr. Skelton
Army	Missouri	Fort Leonard Wood	Chapel Complex	3,500	Mr. Skelton
Army Reserve	Nevada	Las Vegas	Army Reserve Center	33,900	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Creech AFB	UAS 432 Wing HQ Mission Support Facility	7,000	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Creech AFB	UAS Dining Hall	9,000	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Creech AFB	UAS Flight Simulator & Academics Facility	9,800	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Creech AFB	UAS Main Gate/Sewer Transfer Facility/Infra.	6,500	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Creech AFB	UAS Operations Facility	16,200	The President

Air Force	Nevada	Nellis AFB	F–16 Aggressor Hangar/Aircraft Maintenance Unit	30,800	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Nellis AFB	F–16 Aggressor Squadron Ops/Infrastructure	17,500	The President
Air Force	Nevada	Nellis AFB	F–35 Airfield Pavements	5,000	The President
Army Reserve	New Jersey	Fort Dix	Modified Record Fire Range	3,825	The President/ Mr. Saxton
Navy	New Jersey	Lakehurst	Advanced Arresting Gear Test Site	15,440	The President/ Mr. Saxton
Air NG	New Jersey	Atlantic City IAP	Operations and Training Facility	8,400	Mr. LoBiondo
Air Force	New Jersey	McGuire AFB	Security Forces Operations Facility Ph 1	7,200	Mr. Saxton
Army	New Jersey	Picatinny Arsenal	Ballistic Evaluation Facility Ph 1	9,900	Mr. Frelinghuysen
Air Force	New Mexico	Holloman AFB	F–22 Alter Hangar for LO/CRF	14,500	The President
Air Force	New Mexico	Holloman AFB	F–22A ADAL Aircraft Maintenance Unit	1,050	The President
Air Force	New Mexico	Holloman AFB	F–22A ADAL Flight Simulator Facility	3,150	The President
Air Force	New Mexico	Holloman AFB	F–22A ADAL Jet Engine Maintenance Shop	2,150	The President
Air Force	New Mexico	Holloman AFB	F–22A Aerospace Ground Equipment Facility	4,600	The President
Defense-Wide	New Mexico	Cannon AFB	SOF Maintenance Hangar	18,100	The President/ Mr. Udall, T.
Defense-Wide	New Mexico	Kirtland AFB	Replace Fuel Storage Tanks	14,400	The President
Air Force	New Mexico	Cannon AFB	CV–22 Flight Simulator Facility	8,300	Mr. Udall, T.
Army	New York	Fort Drum	Brigade Complex-Barracks	29,000	The President
Army	New York	Fort Drum	Brigade Complex-Barracks	24,000	The President
Army	New York	Fort Drum	Unit Maintenance Facilities	37,000	The President
Army	New York	U.S. Military Academy	Science Facility, Ph 1	67,000	The President

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Army NG	New York	Fort Drum	Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site Ph 3	11,000	The President
Army NG	New York	Queensbury	Field Maintenance Shop	5,900	The President
Army Reserve	New York	Kingston	Army Reserve Center/Land	13,494	The President
Army Reserve	New York	Shoreham	Add/Alt Army Reserve Center	15,031	The President
Army Reserve	New York	Staten Island	Army Reserve Center	18,550	The President
Air NG	New York	Hancock Field	TFI—Reaper IOC/FOC Beddown	5,000	The President/ Mr. Walsh
Air NG	New York	Gabreski Airport	Replace Pararescue Ops Facility Ph 2	7,500	Mr. Israel/ Mr. Ackerman/ Mr. Bishop, T./ Mr. King, P./ Ms. McCarthy, C.
Army	New York	Fort Drum	Replace Fire Station	6,900	Mr. McHugh
Air Reserve	New York	Niagara Falls ARS	Dining Facility/Community Center	9,000	Ms. Slaughter
Air NG	New York	Hancock Field	Upgrade ASOS Facilities	5,400	Mr. Walsh
Army	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Access Roads Ph 1	13,200	The President/ Mr. Hayes/ Mr. McIntyre
Army	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Access Roads Ph 1 (Additional Funds)	8,600	Mr. Hayes/ Mr. McIntyre
Army	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Training Support Center	20,500	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Army	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Utility Upgrade (Camp Mackall)	3,200	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Army Reserve	North Carolina	Raleigh	Army Reserve Center/Land	25,581	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Camp Johnson	23,760	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Camp Johnson	38,230	The President

Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—French Creek	33,960	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Hadnot Point	39,890	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Hadnot Point	39,320	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Courthouse Bay	35,890	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—Hadnot Point	42,950	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Child Development Center	13,960	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Consolidated Mess Hall—Hadnot Point (200 Area)	25,000	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Infantry Platoon Battle Course—SR1	18,250	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Mess Hall—Hadnot Point (400 Area)	21,660	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Mod K–Ranges (Phase 2)	20,220	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Cherry Point	2nd MAW Command Operations Facility	30,480	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Cherry Point	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	30,100	The President
Navy	North Carolina	Cherry Point	Engineering Product Support Facility	16,840	The President
Navy	North Carolina	New River	Aircraft Parking Apron Addition	6,830	The President
Navy	North Carolina	New River	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters	36,740	The President
Navy	North Carolina	New River	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters—MCAS	25,620	The President
Navy	North Carolina	New River	Enlisted Dining Facility	17,090	The President
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	SOF Expand Training Compound	14,200	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	SOF Headquarters Facility	14,600	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	SOF Security/Force Protection	4,150	The President/ Mr. Hayes

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Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	SOF Training Facility	5,300	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	New Elementary School	28,170	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	New Intermediate School (Irwin)	27,945	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Defense-Wide	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	New Middle School	22,356	The President/ Mr. Hayes
Army NG	North Carolina	Camp Butner	Training Complex	1,376	Mr. Miller, B.
Army	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Mass Casualty Facility	1,300	Mr. Etheridge
Army	North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Chapel	11,600	Mr. McIntyre
Army NG	Ohio	Camp Perry	Barracks	2,000	Ms. Kaptur/ Mr. Latta
Army NG	Ohio	Ravenna	Barracks	2,000	Mr. Ryan, T./ Ms. Sutton
Air NG	Ohio	Springfield ANGB	Combat Communications Training Complex	12,800	Mr. Hobson
Air Force	Ohio	Wright-Patterson AFB	Security Forces Operations Facility	14,000	Mr. Turner
Army	Oklahoma	Fort Sill	Training Complex Upgrade	63,000	The President
Air Force	Oklahoma	Tinker AFB	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	48,600	The President
Air Force Res	Oklahoma	Tinker AFB	AFR Scheduled Maintenance Hangar	9,900	The President
Defense-Wide	Oklahoma	Tinker AFB	Medical/Dental Clinic Replacement	65,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Oklahoma	Altus AFB	Replace Fuel Storage Dikes	2,850	The President
Army	Oklahoma	McAlester AAP	AP3 Connecting Rail	5,800	Mr. Boren

Air Force	Oklahoma	Tinker AFB	Realign Air Depot Street	5,400	Mr. Cole
Army	Pennsylvania	Carlisle Barracks	Museum Support Facility	13,400	The President
Army	Pennsylvania	Tobyhanna Depot	Electronics Maintenance Shop	15,000	The President/ Mr. Kanjorski
Army Reserve	Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Depot	Army Reserve Center	14,914	The President/ Mr. Shuster
Navy	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Full Scale Electric Test Drive Facility	22,020	The President
Defense-Wide	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Convert Warehouse to Admin Space	1,200	The President
Defense-Wide	Pennsylvania	Raven Rock	West Power Plant	15,572	The President
Army NG	Pennsylvania	Honesdale	Readiness Center Add/Alt	6,117	Mr. Carney
Army NG	Pennsylvania	Honesdale	Readiness Center Add/Alt	504	Mr. Carney
Army NG	Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh	Combined Support Maintenance Shop	3,250	Mr. Murtha/ Mr. Murphy, T.
Army	Pennsylvania	Letterkenny Depot	Upgrade Munition Igloos Phase 2	7,500	Mr. Shuster
Navy	Rhode Island	Newport	Fitness Facility	29,900	The President
Navy	Rhode Island	Newport	Unmanned ASW Support Facility	9,900	Mr. Kennedy
Air NG	Rhode Island	Quonset State Airport	Replace Control Tower	600	Mr. Langevin
Army	South Carolina	Fort Jackson	Training Complex Upgrade	30,000	The President
Army NG	South Carolina	Anderson	Readiness Center	12,000	The President
Army NG	South Carolina	Beaufort	Readiness Center	3,400	The President
Army NG	South Carolina	Eastover	Joint Forces Headquarters	28,000	The President
Navy	South Carolina	Beaufort MCAS	EOD/Ordnance Operations Facility	5,940	The President
Navy	South Carolina	Parris Island	Third Recruit Training Battalion (Phase 2)	36,400	The President

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Account	State	Location	Project Title	Amount (in thousands)	Member
Navy	South Carolina	Parris Island	Third Recruit Training Bn Complex (Phase 3)	28,350	The President
Air Force	South Carolina	Charleston AFB	C–17 Flight Simulator Addition	4,500	The President/ Mr. Brown, H.
Army NG	South Carolina	Hemingway	Field Maintenance Shop Ph 1	4,600	Mr. Clyburn
Army NG	South Carolina	Sumter	Readiness Center	382	Mr. Clyburn
Air Force	South Carolina	Shaw AFB	Physical Fitness Center	9,900	Mr. Spratt
Army NG	South Dakota	Rapid City	Armed Forces Reserve Center	29,000	The President
Air NG	South Dakota	Joe Foss Field	Aircraft Ready Shelters/AMU	4,500	Ms. Herseth Sandlin
Army Reserve	Tennessee	Chattanooga	Army Reserve Center	10,600	The President
Army NG	Tennessee	Tullahoma	Readiness Center	10,372	Mr. Wamp/ Mr. Davis, L.
Army	Texas	Corpus Christi	Dynamic Component Rebuild Facility	39,000	The President/ Mr. Ortiz
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Barracks & Dining	148,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Barracks & Dining	148,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Battalion Complex	34,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Brigade/Battalion HQs	44,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Brigade/Battalion HQs	44,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Chapel	9,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Company Operations Facilities, BCT	90,000	The President

Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Company Operations Facilities, BCT1	90,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Digital Multipurpose Range Complex	42,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Infrastructure, IBCT1	98,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Infrastructure, IBCT2	100,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Training Support Center	12,600	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Unit Maintenance Facilities	10,200	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Vehicle Maintenance Shops	81,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Vehicle Maintenance Shops	81,000	The President
Army	Texas	Fort Hood	Unit Maintenance Facilities	32,000	The President/ Mr. Edwards/ Mr. Carter
Army	Texas	Fort Sam Houston	Trainee Barracks Complex	96,000	The President/ Mr. Smith, L.
Army	Texas	Red River Depot	Manuever Systems Sustainment Center, Phase 1	6,900	The President
Army Reserve	Texas	Sinton	Army Reserve Center	9,700	The President
Air Force	Texas	Fort Hood	TACP Joint Air Ground Center	10,800	The President/ Mr. Edwards/ Mr. Carter
Air Force	Texas	Lackland AFB	BMT Recruit Dormitory	75,515	The President
Defense-Wide	Texas	Fort Sam Houston	Medical Instruction Facility	13,000	The President/ Mr. Smith, L.
Army Reserve	Texas	Bryan	Army Reserve Center	920	Mr. Edwards
Army	Texas	Camp Bullis	Live Fire Shoot House	4,200	Mr. Rodriguez
Air NG	Texas	Ellington Field	ASOS Facility	7,600	Mr. Lampson
Army	Texas	Fort Hood	Chapel with Education Center	17,500	Mr. Edwards/ Mr. Carter
Air Force	Texas	Lackland AFB	Security Forces Building Ph 1	900	Mr. Gonzalez

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Account	State	Location	Project Title	Amount (in thousands)	Member
Air Force	Texas	Laughlin AFB	Student Officer Quarters Ph 2	1,440	Mr. Rodriguez
Air Force	Texas	Randolph AFB	Fire and Rescue Station	972	Mr. Cuellar
Navy	Texas	Corpus Christi	Parking Apron Recapitalization Ph 1	3,500	Mr. Ortiz
Army	Texas	Fort Bliss	Medical Parking Garage Ph 1	12,500	Mr. Reyes
Air NG	Texas	Fort Worth NAS JRB	Security Forces Training Facility	5,000	Ms. Granger
Navy	Texas	Kingsville	Fitness Center	11,580	Mr. Ortiz
Army NG	Utah	Camp Williams	Ammunition Supply Point	17,500	The President
Air Force	Utah	Hill AFB	F–22A Heavy Maint. Fac. & Composite Back Shop	36,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Utah	Hill AFB	Hydrant Fuel System	20,400	The President
Air Force	Utah	Hill AFB	Three-Bay Fire Station	5,400	Mr. Bishop, R.
Air NG	Vermont	Burlington IAP	Security Forces and Communications Facility	6,600	The President
Army NG	Vermont	Ethan Allen Range	Readiness Center	323	Mr. Welch
Army	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	Emergency Services Center	7,200	The President/ Mr. Moran, James
Army	Virginia	Fort Eustis	Unit Operations Facilities	14,400	The President
Army	Virginia	Fort Lee	Dining Facility	10,600	The President/ Mr. Forbes
Army	Virginia	Fort Lee	Trainee Barracks Complex	90,000	The President/ Mr. Forbes
Army	Virginia	Fort Myer	Barracks	14,000	The President/ Mr. Moran, James

Army NG	Virginia	Arlington	Arlington Hall Readiness Center PH2	15,500	The President/ Mr. Moran, James
Army NG	Virginia	Fort Pickett	Multi Purpose Machine Gun Range	2,950	The President/ Mr. Forbes
Navy	Virginia	Norfolk	Child Development Center	10,500	The President
Navy	Virginia	Norfolk	Norfolk Harbor Channel Dredging	42,830	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar, Type II	27,750	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Aircraft Parking Apron (Greenside)	36,280	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Infrastructure—Russell Road (Phase 1)	7,450	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Instruction Facility Addition—TBS	6,350	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Instruction Facility TBS (Phase 1)	25,200	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Mess Hall—OCS	13,750	The President
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	Student Quarters—TBS (Phase 3)	27,530	The President
Navy Reserve	Virginia	Norfolk	EODMU 10 Operations Facility	8,170	The President
Navy Reserve	Virginia	Williamsburg	Ordnance Handling Cargo Ops Training Support	12,320	The President
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Pentagon	Pentagon Athletic Center Phase 2	6,967	The President/ Mr. Moran, James
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Pentagon	PFPA HAZMAT Facility	16,401	The President/ Mr. Moran, James
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Dam Neck	SOF Operational Facility Incr II	31,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Fort Story	SOF Small Arms Range	11,600	The President
Defense-Wide	Virginia	Craney Island	Replace Fuel Storage Tanks	39,900	The President
Army NG	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	Readiness Center and NGB Conference Center	1,085	Mr. Moran, James
Army	Virginia	Fort Myer	Hatfield Gate Expansion	300	Mr. Moran, James

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Army	Virginia	Fort Eustis	Vehicle Paint Facility	3,900	Mr. Scott, R./ Mr. Wittman
Navy	Virginia	Norfolk NS	Fire and Emergency Services Station	9,960	Ms. Drake
Navy	Virginia	Norfolk NSY	Industrial Access Improvements, Main Gate 15	9,990	Mr. Forbes/ Mr. Scott, R.
Navy	Virginia	Quantico	OCS Headquarters Facility	5,980	Mr. Wittman
Army	Washington	Fort Lewis	Battalion Complex	54,000	The President
Army	Washington	Fort Lewis	Battalion Complex	47,000	The President
Army	Washington	Fort Lewis	Brigade Complex	30,000	The President
Army	Washington	Fort Lewis	Brigade Complex, Incr 3	102,000	The President
Army	Washington	Fort Lewis	Child Development Center	27,000	The President
Army NG	Washington	Fort Lewis	Aviation Readiness Center	32,000	The President
Army Reserve	Washington	Seattle	Army Reserve Center	37,500	The President
Navy	Washington	Bangor	Limited Area Production & Storage Complex Incr V	50,700	The President
Navy	Washington	Whidbey Island	Hangar 5 Recapitalization (Incr)	34,000	The President
Air Force	Washington	McChord AFB	C–17 ADAL Flight Simulator	5,500	The President
Defense-Wide	Washington	Fort Lewis	SOF Ranger Battalion Complex	38,000	The President
Navy	Washington	Kitsap NB	Saltwater Cooling & Fire Protection Improvements	5,110	Mr. Dicks
Air NG	Washington	McChord AFB	262 Info Warfare Aggressor Squadron Facility	8,600	Mr. Smith, A.

Navy	Washington	Whidbey Island	Firefighting Facility	6,160	Mr. Larsen
Army NG	West Virginia	Camp Dawson	Shoot House	2,000	Mr. Mollohan
Army NG	West Virginia	Camp Dawson	Access Control Point	2,000	Mr. Mollohan
Army NG	West Virginia	Camp Dawson	Multi-Purpose Building Ph 2	5,000	Mr. Mollohan
Army Reserve	Wisconsin	Fort McCoy	Auto Qualification Training Range	4,000	The President
Air Force	Wyoming	F.E. Warren AFB	Renovate Historic Dormitory	8,600	The President
Air NG	Wyoming	Cheyenne MAP	TFI—C–130 Squadron Operations Facility	7,000	The President/ Ms. Cubin
Army	Afghanistan	Bagram AB	Bulk Fuel Storage & Supply, Phase 8	26,000	The President
Army	Afghanistan	Bagram AB	Bulk Fuel Storage & Supply, Phase 5	22,000	The President
Army	Afghanistan	Bagram AB	SOF HQ Complex	19,000	The President
Air Force	Afghanistan	Bagram AB	C–130 Maintenance Hangar	27,400	The President
Air Force	Afghanistan	Bagram AB	Cargo Handling Area Expansion	8,800	The President
Air Force	Afghanistan	Bagram AB	Refueler Ramp	21,000	The President
Navy	Diego Garcia	Diego Garcia	Wharf Upgrade and Warehouse	35,060	The President
Navy	Djibouti	Camp Lemonier	Aircraft Maintenance Hangar	12,830	The President
Navy	Djibouti	Camp Lemonier	Aircraft Parking Apron	15,250	The President
Navy	Djibouti	Camp Lemonier	Telcom Facility	3,330	The President
Army	Germany	Katterbach	Aircraft/Vehicle Maintenance Complex	19,000	The President
Army	Germany	Wiesbaden	Command and Battle Center, Increment I	59,500	The President
Army FH	Germany	Wiesbaden	Family Housing Replacement	32,000	The President

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Army FH	Germany	Wiesbaden AB	Family Housing Replacement	10,000	The President
Army FH	Germany	Wiesbaden AB	Family Housing Replacement	32,000	The President
Army FH	Germany	Wiesbaden AB	Family Housing Replacement	27,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Germany	Germersheim	Logistics Distribution Center Europe	48,000	The President
Navy	Greece	Souda Bay	Fuel Storage Tanks and Pipeline Replacement	8,000	The President
Air Force	Guam	Andersen AFB	Combat Communications Maintenance Facility	5,200	The President/ Ms. Bordallo
Navy	Guam	Guam NB	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, Main Base	62,360	The President/ Ms. Bordallo
Navy	Guam	Guam NB	Kilo Wharf Extension	50,912	The President/ Ms. Bordallo
Navy	Guam	Guam NB	Wastewater Collection System & Upgrade	26,070	The President/ Ms. Bordallo
Defense-Wide	Guam	Guam NH	Central Utility Plant	30,000	The President/ Ms. Bordallo
Air Force	Guam	Andersen AFB	ISR/STF Realign Arc Light Boulevard	5,400	Ms. Bordallo
Navy	Guantanamo Bay	Guantanamo Bay	Consolidated Fitness Complex	20,600	The President
Navy FH	Guantanamo Bay	Guantanamo Bay	Replace Bargo Housing	22,385	The President
Navy FH	Guantanamo Bay	Guantanamo Bay	Replace Granadillo Circle Housing	16,547	The President
Navy FH	Guantanamo Bay	Guantanamo Bay	Replace Granadillo Point Housing	23,666	The President
Army	Italy	Vicenza	Brigade Complex-Barracks/Community, Incr 2	7,500	The President
Army	Italy	Vicenza	Brigade Complex-Operations Support Fac, Incr 2	7,500	The President

Army	Japan	Camp Zama	Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility	2,350	The President
Army	Japan	Sagamihara	Battle Command Training Center	17,500	The President
Army	Korea	Camp Humphreys	Vehicle Maintenance Shop	20,000	The President
Army FH	Korea	Camp Humphreys	Family Housing New Construction	125,000	The President
Air Force	Kyrgyzstan	Manas AB	Hot Cargo Pad	6,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Qatar	Al Udeid	SOF Training Range	9,200	The President
Air Force	United Kingdom	RAF Lakenheath	Large Vehicle Inspection Station	7,400	The President
Air Force FH	United Kingdom	RAF Lakenheath	Replace Family Housing (182 Units)	71,828	The President
Air Force	Worldwide	Classified	Special Evaluation Project	891	The President
Air Force	Worldwide	Unspecified	UAS Field Training Unit Ops Complex	15,500	The President
Air Force	Worldwide	Unspecified	UAS Field Training Unit Maintenance Complex	22,000	The President
Air Force	Worldwide	Unspecified	Common Battlefield Airman Training Complex	15,000	The President
Defense-Wide	Worldwide	Unspecified	BMDS-European Interceptor Site	52,600	The President
Defense-Wide	Worldwide	Unspecified	BMDS-European Midcourse Radar Site	48,560	The President
Defense-Wide	Worldwide	Unspecified	NATO Headquarters	22,000	The President
Navy	Worldwide	Unspecified	P–8A Integrated Training Center	48,220	The President
Navy	Worldwide	Unspecified	Data Center	28,000	The President
Navy	Worldwide	Unspecified	Joint Operations & Support Complex, Phase 1	17,800	The President

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Account	State	Location	Project Title	Amount (in thousands)	Member
Major Construction	Colorado	Denver	New Medical Facility	20,000	The President/ Mr. Perlmutter
Major Construction	Florida	Orlando	New Medical Facility	220,000	The President/ Ms. Brown, C./ Mr. Weldon
Major Construction	Puerto Rico	San Juan	Seismic Corrections	64,400	The President
Major Construction	Florida	Lee County	Outpatient Clinic	111,412	The President
Major Construction	Missouri	St. Louis	Medical Fac. Improvements	5,000	The President
Major Construction	Florida	Bay Pines	Inpatient/Outpatient Improve.	17,430	The President
Major Construction	Kentucky	Louisville	Site Acquisition and Prep	45,000	Mr. Yarmuth
Major Construction	Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico National Cemetery	Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements	33,900	The President
Major Construction	Massachusetts	Massachusetts National Cemetery	Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements	20,500	The President
Major Construction	New York	Calverton National Cemetery	Gravesite Expansion and Cemetery Improvements	29,000	The President

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
ALABAMA		
ARMY		
ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT		
LAKE YARD RAILROAD INTERCHANGE	---	1,400
POWERTRAIN TRANSMISSION REPAIR FACILITY	27,000	27,000
SMALL ARMS REPAIR SHOP-DEPOT LEVEL	18,000	18,000
FORT RUCKER		
CHAPEL CENTER	---	6,800
AIR FORCE		
MAXWELL AFB		
AIR & SPACE BASIC COURSE COMBAT ARMS TNG FACILITY	15,556	15,556
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
FORT MCCLELLAN		
MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	3,000	3,000
ALASKA		
ARMY		
FORT RICHARDSON		
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	15,000	15,000
FORT WAINWRIGHT		
BARRACKS COMPLEX	63,000	63,000
ORGANIZATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING	14,000	14,000
TACTICAL VEHICLE WASH FACILITY	21,000	21,000
TRAINING AIDS SUPPORT CENTER	12,400	12,400
AIR FORCE		
ELMENDORF AFB		
C-17 RESTORE ROAD	2,000	2,000
F-22 AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIP SHOP	7,200	7,200
F-22 CORROSION CTRL/LO MX/COMPOSITE REPAIR FACILITY	22,400	22,400
F-22 FLIGHT SIMULATOR	16,400	16,400
F-22A 7 BAY AIRCRAFT SHELTER	20,400	20,400
F-22A 8 BAY AIRCRAFT SHELTER	22,200	22,200
F-22A FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT	6,600	6,600
F-22A SQUADRON OPS/AMU 6 BAY HANGAR	41,100	41,100
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT RICHARDSON		
DENTAL CLINIC ADDITION/ALTERATION	6,300	6,300
ARIZONA		
ARMY		
FORT HUACHUCA		
ATC RADAR OPERATIONS BUILDING	---	2,000
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	11,200	11,200
YUMA		
RAW SEWAGE LAGOON AND OXIDATION POND	3,800	3,800
NAVY		
YUMA		
APPLIED INSTRUCTION FACILITY (MAWTS)	19,490	19,490
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP NAVAJO		
READINESS CENTER	13,000	13,000
FLORENCE		
READINESS CENTER	13,800	13,800
PAPAGO MILITARY RESERVATION		
READINESS CENTER	24,000	24,000
ARKANSAS		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CABOT		
READINESS CENTER	---	10,868
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
LITTLE ROCK AFB		
REPLACE ENGINE SHOP	---	4,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
CALIFORNIA		
ARMY		
FORT IRWIN		
BARRACKS COMPLEX	17,500	17,500
MILITARY OPERATIONS URBAN TERRAIN, PH 3	22,100	22,100
PRESIDIO MONTEREY		
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING	15,000	15,000
SIERRA AD		
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	12,400	12,400
NAVY		
BARSTOW		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	7,830	7,830
CAMP PENDLETON		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - 41 AREA	32,430	32,430
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - 33 AREA	30,300	30,300
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - 43 AREA	15,150	15,150
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - 62 AREA	25,920	25,920
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - AREA 13	33,320	33,320
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - AREA 14	32,350	32,350
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - CHAPPO 22 AREA	48,640	48,640
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - DEL MAR 21 AREA	33,190	33,190
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - DEL MAR 21 AREA	33,440	33,440
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - HORNO 13 AREA	33,790	33,790
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - HORNO 53 AREA	40,660	40,660
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - LAS PULGAS AREA	34,340	34,340
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - PICO 24 AREA	32,870	32,870
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - PICO 24 AREA	32,260	32,260
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - SAN MATEO AREA	34,500	34,500
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS -DEL MAR 21 AREA	34,120	34,120
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS, SAN MATEO AREA	32,550	32,550
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS-MARGARITA 33 AREA	31,170	31,170
BEQ - ARMORY, TRAINING FACILITY, SOI 52 AREA	54,730	54,730
CONSOLIDATED COMM/ELEC MAINTENANCE & STORAGE	10,050	10,050
CORROSION CONTROL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY	52,520	52,520
INDOOR FITNESS CENTER	12,230	12,230
INFANTRY TRAINING CENTER	11,500	11,500
OPERATIONS ACCESS POINTS, RED BEACH	11,970	11,970
REGIMENTAL MAINTENANCE COMPLEX (PHASE 3)	33,620	33,620
SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING BATTLE COURSE	22,250	22,250
EL CENTRO		
COMBINED CHILD CARE AND YOUTH CENTER	8,900	8,900
MIRAMAR		
COMBAT TRAINING TANK COMPLEX	10,820	10,820
EMERGENCY RESPONSE STATION	6,530	6,530
IN-LINE FUELING STATION MODIFICATION	22,930	22,930
MILITARY WORKING DOG OPERATIONS CENTER	4,800	4,800
MV-22 WASH RACK	3,690	3,690
MONTEREY		
EDUCATION FACILITY	---	9,990
NORTH ISLAND		
BERTHING LIMA CONVERSION	38,992	38,992
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	14,270	14,270
TRAINING POOL REPLACEMENT	---	6,890
SAN CLEMENTE ISLAND		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	34,020	34,020
SAN DIEGO		
RECRUIT RECONDITIONING FACILITY	16,790	16,790
RECRUIT SUPPORT BARRACKS	34,430	34,430
SAN DIEGO MCRD		
RECRUIT BARRACKS	---	43,200
TWENTYNINE PALMS		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	36,470	36,470
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	36,280	36,280
BEQ AND PARKING STRUCTURE	51,800	51,800
COMBINED ARMS MOUT (PHASE 2)	21,000	21,000
LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER PH 1	---	9,760

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
AIR FORCE		
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE		
F-35 RAMP & SECURITY UPGRADE	3,100	3,100
MAIN BASE RUNWAY PH 4	---	6,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CORONADO		
SOF COMBAT CREW TRAINING FACILITY	9,800	9,800
DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT-TRACY		
REPLACE GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	41,000	41,000
REPLACE TRUCK ENTRANCE/CONTROL FACILITY	9,300	9,300
ARMY RESERVE		
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT		
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	3,950	3,950
NAVY RESERVE		
LEMOORE		
MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTER	15,420	15,420
COLORADO		
ARMY		
FORT CARSON		
BARRACKS & DINING	154,000	154,000
BATTALION COMPLEX	45,000	45,000
BRIGADE/BATTALION HQS	46,000	46,000
COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITIES	93,000	93,000
INFRASTRUCTURE, BCT	69,000	69,000
PHYSICAL FITNESS FACILITY	22,000	28,000
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	15,000	15,000
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOPS	84,000	84,000
AIR FORCE		
U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY		
UPGRADE ACADEMIC FACILITY, PH V	18,000	18,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
BUCKLEY AIR FORCE BASE		
SATELLITE PHARMACY	3,000	3,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
DENVER		
READINESS CENTER	9,000	9,000
GRAND JUNCTION		
READINESS CENTER	9,000	9,000
CONNECTICUT		
NAVY		
NEW LONDON		
PIER 31 REPLACEMENT	46,060	46,060
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP RELL		
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE	28,000	28,000
EAST HAVEN		
KD RANGE ADD/ALT	13,800	13,800
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
BRADLEY IAP		
TFI UPGRADE ENGINE SHOP	---	7,200
DELAWARE		
AIR FORCE		
DOVER AFB		
ADAL PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER	19,000	19,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
DOVER AFB		
ALTER FUEL STORAGE TANK	3,373	3,373
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
NEW CASTLE		
ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY ADD/ALT	28,000	28,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT		
TFI - INFO OPS SQUADRON (IOS) FACILITY	3,200	3,200

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
NAVY RESERVE		
WILMINGTON		
NOSC PORTION, ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER	11,530	11,530
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
NAVY		
NAVAL RESEARCH LAB		
AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM RESEARCH LAB	24,220	24,220
FLORIDA		
ARMY		
MIAMI DORAL		
SOUTHCOM HEADQUARTERS, INCR 2	81,600	81,600
NAVY		
JACKSONVILLE		
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	12,890	12,890
MAYPORT		
AIRCRAFT REFUELING	---	3,380
ALPHA WHARF IMPROVEMENTS	14,900	14,900
TAMPA		
JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON FACILITY	29,000	29,000
AIR FORCE		
EGLIN AFB		
F-35 STUDENT DORMITORY (144 ROOM)	19,000	19,000
MACDILL AFB		
COMBAT TRAINING FACILITY	---	5,000
SOCCENT HDQTRS & COMMANDANT FACILITY	21,000	21,000
TYNDALL AFB		
325 ACS OPS TRAINING COMPLEX	---	11,600
DEFENSE-WIDE		
EGLIN AFB		
SOF BATTALION OPS COMPLEX	40,000	40,000
HURLBURT FIELD		
SOF SPECIAL TACTICS GROUP FACILITY	8,900	8,900
JACKSONVILLE		
REPLACE FUEL STORAGE TANKS	34,000	34,000
MACDILL AFB		
SOF ADD/ALTER 501B (HQ SOCOM)	10,500	10,500
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP BLANDING		
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT	12,400	12,400
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE PH 4	---	20,907
GEORGIA		
ARMY		
FORT BENNING		
AUTOMATED ANTI-ARMOR RANGE	8,800	8,800
BASIC 10M-25M FIRING RANGE 1	2,400	2,400
BASIC 10M-25M FIRING RANGE 2	2,400	2,400
BASIC 10M-25M FIRING RANGE 3	2,350	2,350
BASIC 10M-25M FIRING RANGE 4	2,500	2,500
BASIC 10M-25M FIRING RANGE 5	2,500	2,500
DIGITAL MULTIPURPOSE TRAINING RANGE	17,500	17,500
FIRE AND MOVEMENT RANGE	2,450	2,450
MAINTENANCE SHOP	42,000	42,000
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE 1	4,900	4,900
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE 2	4,900	4,900
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE 3	4,500	4,500
RANGE ACCESS ROAD	9,100	9,100
RECEPTION STATION PHASE 2	39,000	39,000
STATIONARY TANK RANGE	6,900	6,900
TACTICAL VEHICLE WASH FACILITY	10,800	10,800
TRACKED VEHICLE DRIVERS COURSE	16,000	16,000
TRAINEE COMPLEX	32,000	32,000
TRAINING AREA INFRASTRUCTURE - OSUT AREA	16,000	16,000
TRAINING AREA INFRASTRUCTURE-NORTHERN AREA	13,800	13,800

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	27,000	27,000
FORT GORDON		
AIT COMPLEX I, PH I	---	32,000
FORT STEWART		
BARRACKS & DINING	121,000	121,000
BRIGADE COMPLEX	30,000	30,000
BRIGADE/BATTALION HQS	36,000	36,000
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	20,000	20,000
COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITIES	75,000	75,000
INFRASTRUCTURE	59,000	59,000
PHYSICAL FITNESS FACILITY	28,000	22,000
SHOOT HOUSE	2,300	2,300
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOPS	67,000	67,000
NAVY		
ALBANY		
BEQ	15,320	15,320
KINGS BAY		
ADD TO LIMITED AREA REACTION FORCE FACILITY	---	6,130
AIR FORCE		
ROBINS AFB		
AIRCRAFT HANGAR	24,100	24,100
AVIONICS FACILITY	---	5,250
DEFENSE-WIDE		
AUGUSTA		
REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER INC IV	100,220	100,220
FORT BENNING		
CONSOLIDATED TROOP MEDICAL CLINIC	3,900	3,900
HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD		
REPLACE FUEL STORAGE TANK	3,500	3,500
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
DOBBINS ARB		
READINESS CENTER	45,000	45,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
SAVANNAH		
TROOP TRAINING QUARTERS	---	7,500
NAVY RESERVE		
MARIETTA		
MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTER	7,560	7,560
HAWAII		
ARMY		
POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA		
ACCESS ROAD PH 1	---	9,000
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS		
BARRACKS	42,000	42,000
BATTALION COMPLEX	69,000	69,000
BATTALION COMPLEX	27,000	27,000
BRIGADE COMPLEX	65,000	65,000
INFRASTRUCTURE EXPANSION	76,000	76,000
WAHIAWA		
WIDEBAND SATCOM OPERATIONS CENTER	40,000	40,000
NAVY		
BARKING SANDS		
ADVANCED RADAR DETECTION LABORATORY	28,900	28,900
KANEOHE BAY		
BEQ	28,200	28,200
PEARL HARBOR		
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	29,300	29,300
FITNESS CENTER	45,000	45,000
JOINT FORCES DEPLOYMENT STAGING AREA FISC	5,990	5,990
SUB DRIVE-IN MAGNETIC SILENCING FACILITY (INC 2)	41,088	41,088
DEFENSE-WIDE		
PEARL HARBOR		
REPLACE FUEL PIPELINE	27,700	27,700
ARMY RESERVE		
FORT SHAFTER		

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	19,199	19,199
IDAHO		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
ORCHARD TRAINING AREA		
LIVE FIRE SHOOT HOUSE	1,850	1,850
ARMY RESERVE		
HAYDEN LAKE		
AR CENTER/OMS/UNHEATED STORAGE	9,580	9,580
ILLINOIS		
NAVY		
GREAT LAKES		
RTC SPECIAL PROGRAMS BARRACKS	62,940	62,940
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SCOTT AFB		
USTRANSCOM JOINT INTEL OPERATIONS CENTER	13,977	13,977
INDIANA		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP ATTERBURY		
MULTI PURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	5,800	5,800
LAWRENCE		
READINESS CENTER	21,000	21,000
MUSCATATUCK		
COMBINED ARMS COLLECTIVE TRAINING FACILITY PH 1	---	6,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
FORT WAYNE IAP		
AIRCRAFT READY SHELTERS/FUEL FILL STANDS	---	5,600
IOWA		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP DODGE		
MOUT SITE ADD/ALT	---	1,500
DAVENPORT		
READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	---	1,550
MOUNT PLEASANT		
READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	---	1,500
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
FORT DODGE		
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND COMM TRAINING COMPLEX	---	5,600
KANSAS		
ARMY		
FORT LEAVENWORTH		
CHAPEL COMPLEX PH 2	---	4,200
FORT RILEY		
BATTALION COMPLEX	38,000	38,000
BRIGADE COMPLEX	79,000	79,000
COMMISSARY	23,000	23,000
FIRE STATION	---	3,000
RAIL SIDING	15,000	15,000
AIR FORCE		
MCCONNELL AFB		
MXG CONSOLIDATION AND FORWARD LOGISTICS CENTER PH 2	---	6,800
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT RILEY		
HOSPITAL ADDITION/ALTERATION	52,000	52,000
ARMY RESERVE		
DODGE CITY		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/LAND	8,100	8,100
KENTUCKY		
ARMY		
FORT CAMPBELL		

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
BATTALION COMPLEX	37,000	37,000
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	8,600	8,600
TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER	15,513	15,513
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	47,000	47,000
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT CAMPBELL		
MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINIC	24,000	24,000
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	21,400	21,400
SOF TACTICAL EQUIPMENT SHOP	15,000	15,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
LONDON		
AVIATION OPERATIONS FACILITY PH III	---	7,191
LOUISIANA		
ARMY		
FORT POLK		
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES	29,000	29,000
MAINE		
NAVY		
PORTSMOUTH		
CONSOLIDATED GLOBAL SUB COMPONENT PH 1	---	9,980
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
BANGOR		
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE PH1	20,000	20,000
MARYLAND		
NAVY		
CARDEROCK		
RDTE SUPPORT FACILITY PH 1	---	6,980
INDIAN HEAD		
ENERGETICS SYSTEMS & TECH LAB COMPLEX PH 1	---	12,050
SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES	13,930	13,930
SUITLAND		
NATIONAL MARITIME INTEL CENTER(INCREMENTED)	12,439	12,439
AIR FORCE		
ANDREWS AFB		
ADMIN FACILITY ADDITION	28,000	28,000
NCR RELOCATION - ADMIN FACILITY	49,648	49,648
DEFENSE-WIDE		
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND		
USAMRICD REPLACEMENT, INC I	23,750	23,750
FORT DETRICK		
USAMRIID STAGE I, INC III	209,000	109,000
FORT MEADE		
SOUTH CAMPUS UTILITY PLANT PH I	31,000	14,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
EDGEWOOD		
AASF ADD/ALT	28,000	28,000
SALISBURY		
READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	9,800	9,800
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
MARTIN STATE AIRPORT		
REPLACE FIRE STATION	---	7,900
ARMY RESERVE		
BALTIMORE		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	11,600	11,600
MASSACHUSETTS		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
METHUEN		
READINESS CENTER, ADD/ALT (ADRS)	21,000	21,000
ARMY RESERVE		
FORT DEVENS		
SHOOTHOUSE	1,900	1,900

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
MICHIGAN		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP GRAYLING		
LIVE FIRE SHOOT HOUSE	---	2,000
URBAN ASSAULT COURSE	---	2,000
ARMY RESERVE		
SAGINAW		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/LAND	11,500	11,500
MINNESOTA		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
ARDEN HILLS		
READINESS CENTER	15,000	15,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
DULUTH		
REPLACE FUEL CELL HANGAR	---	4,500
MINNEAPOLIS-ST PAUL IAP		
AIRCRAFT DEICING APRON	---	1,500
MISSISSIPPI		
NAVY		
GULFPORT		
25 NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT HQ FACILITY	6,900	6,900
BATTALION MAINTENANCE FACILITY	---	5,870
AIR FORCE		
COLUMBUS AFB		
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	8,100	8,100
MISSOURI		
ARMY		
FORT LEONARD WOOD		
CHAPEL COMPLEX	---	3,500
TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER	18,500	18,500
URBAN ASSAULT COURSE	2,350	2,350
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	---	9,500
AIR FORCE		
WHITEMAN AFB		
SECURITY FORCES ANIMAL COMPLEX	---	4,200
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT LEONARD WOOD		
PRIMARY CARE CLINIC ADDITION/ALTERATION	22,000	22,000
ARMY RESERVE		
WELDON SPRINGS		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	11,700	11,700
NEVADA		
AIR FORCE		
CREECH AFB		
UAS 432 WING HQ MISSION SPT FACILITY	7,000	7,000
UAS DINING HALL	9,000	9,000
UAS FLIGHT SIM & ACADEMICS FACILITY	9,800	9,800
UAS MAIN GATE/SEWER TRANSFER FACILITY INFRASTRUCTURE	6,500	6,500
UAS OPS FACILITY	16,200	16,200
NELLIS AFB		
F-16 AGGRESSOR HANGAR/AIRCRAFT MAINT UNIT	30,800	30,800
F-16 AGRESSOR SQUADRON OPS/INFRASTRUCTURE	17,500	17,500
F-35 AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS	5,000	5,000
ARMY RESERVE		
LAS VEGAS		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	33,900	33,900
NEW JERSEY		
ARMY		
PICATINNY ARSENAL		
BALLISTIC EVALUATION FACILITY PH 1	---	9,900

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
NAVY		
LAKEHURST		
ADVANCED ARRESTING GEAR TEST SITE	15,440	15,440
AIR FORCE		
MCGUIRE AFB		
SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY PH 1	---	7,200
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
ATLANTIC CITY IAP		
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITY	---	8,400
ARMY RESERVE		
FORT DIX		
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	3,825	3,825
NEW MEXICO		
AIR FORCE		
CANNON AFB		
CV-22 FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY	---	8,300
HOLLOMAN AFB		
F-22 ALTER HANGAR FOR LO/CRF	14,500	14,500
F-22A ADAL A/C MAINT UNIT	1,050	1,050
F-22A ADAL FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY	3,150	3,150
F-22A ADAL JET ENGINE MAINTENANCE SHOP	2,150	2,150
F-22A AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIP FACILITY	4,600	4,600
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CANNON AFB		
SOF MAINTENANCE HANGAR	18,100	18,100
KIRTLAND AFB		
REPLACE FUEL STORAGE TANKS	14,400	14,400
NEW YORK		
ARMY		
FORT DRUM		
BRIGADE COMPLEX-BARRACKS	29,000	29,000
BRIGADE COMPLEX-BARRACKS	24,000	24,000
REPLACE FIRE STATION	---	6,900
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	37,000	37,000
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY		
SCIENCE FACILITY, PH 1	67,000	67,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
FORT DRUM		
MANEUVER AREA TRAINING EQUIP SITE PH3	11,000	11,000
QUEENSBURY		
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP	5,900	5,900
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
GABRESKI AIRPORT		
REPLACE PARARESCUE OPS FACILITY PH 2	---	7,500
HANCOCK FIELD		
TFI - REAPER IOC/FOC BEDDOWN	5,000	5,000
UPGRADE ASOS FACILITIES	---	5,400
ARMY RESERVE		
KINGSTON		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/LAND	13,494	13,494
SHOREHAM		
ADD/ALT ARMY RESERVE CENTER	15,031	15,031
STATEN ISLAND		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	18,550	18,550
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
NIAGARA FALLS ARS		
DINING FACILITY/COMMUNITY CENTER	---	9,000
NORTH CAROLINA		
ARMY		
FORT BRAGG		
ACCESS ROADS PHASE 1	13,200	13,200
ACCESS ROADS PH 1 (ADDITIONAL FUNDS)	---	8,600
CHAPEL	---	11,600

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
MASS CASUALTY FACILITY	---	1,300
TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER	20,500	20,500
UTILITY UPGRADE (CAMP MACKALL)	3,200	3,200
NAVY		
CAMP LEJEUNE		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - CAMP JOHNSON	38,230	38,230
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - CAMP JOHNSON	23,760	23,760
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - FRENCH CREEK	33,960	33,960
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - HADNOT POINT	39,890	39,890
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - HADNOT POINT	39,320	39,320
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS- COURTHOUSE BAY	35,890	35,890
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS- HADNOT POINT	42,950	42,950
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	13,960	13,960
CONSOLIDATED MESSHALL-HADNOT POINT (200 AREA)	25,000	25,000
INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE - SR1	18,250	18,250
MESSHALL - HADNOT POINT (400 AREA)	21,660	21,660
MOD K-RANGES (PHASE 2)	20,220	20,220
CHERRY POINT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION		
2ND MAW COMMAND OPERATIONS FACILITY	30,480	30,480
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	30,100	30,100
ENGINEERING PRODUCT SUPPORT FACILITY	16,840	16,840
NEW RIVER		
AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON ADDITION	6,830	6,830
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	36,740	36,740
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS - MCAS	25,620	25,620
ENLISTED DINING FACILITY	17,090	17,090
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CAMP LEJEUNE		
HOSPITAL RENOVATION & MRI ADDITION	---	57,900
FORT BRAGG		
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	28,170	28,170
NEW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (IRWIN)	27,945	27,945
NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL	22,356	22,356
SOF EXPAND TRAINING COMPOUND	14,200	14,200
SOF HEADQUARTERS FACILITY	14,600	14,600
SOF SECURITY/FORCE PROTECTION	4,150	4,150
SOF TRAINING FACILITY	5,300	5,300
ARMY RESERVE		
RALEIGH		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/LAND	25,581	25,581
OHIO		
AIR FORCE		
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB		
SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY	---	14,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP PERRY		
BARRACKS	---	2,000
RAVENNA		
BARRACKS	---	2,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
SPRINGFIELD ANGB		
COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING FACILITY	---	12,800
OKLAHOMA		
ARMY		
FORT SILL		
TRAINING COMPLEX UPGRADE	63,000	63,000
MCALESTER AAP		
AP3 CONNECTING RAIL	---	5,800
AIR FORCE		
TINKER AFB		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	48,600	48,600
REALIGN AIR DEPOT STREET	---	5,400
DEFENSE-WIDE		
ALTUS AFB		

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
REPLACE FUEL STORAGE DIKES	2,850	2,850
TINKER AFB		
MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINIC REPLACEMENT	65,000	65,000
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
TINKER AFB		
AFR SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE HANGAR	9,900	9,900
PENNSYLVANIA		
ARMY		
CARLISLE BARRACKS		
MUSEUM SUPPORT FACILITY	13,400	13,400
LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT		
UPGRADE MUNITION IGLOOS PH 2	---	7,500
TOBYHANNA ARMY DEPOT		
ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE SHOP	15,000	15,000
NAVY		
PHILADELPHIA		
FULL SCALE ELECTRIC DRIVE TEST FACILITY	22,020	22,020
DEFENSE-WIDE		
PHILADELPHIA		
CONVERT WAREHOUSE TO ADMIN SPACE	1,200	1,200
RAVEN ROCK		
WEST POWER PLANT	15,572	15,572
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
HONESDALE		
READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	---	6,117
ARMY RESERVE		
LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	14,914	14,914
RHODE ISLAND		
NAVY		
NEWPORT		
FITNESS FACILITY	29,900	29,900
UNMANNED ASW SUPPORT FACILITY	---	9,900
SOUTH CAROLINA		
ARMY		
FORT JACKSON		
STUDENT BARRACKS	---	27,000
TRAINING COMPLEX UPGRADE	30,000	30,000
NAVY		
BEAUFORT		
EOD/ORDNANCE OPERATIONS FACILITY	5,940	5,940
PARRIS ISLAND		
THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION (PHASE 2)	36,400	36,400
THIRD RECRUIT TRAINING BN COMPLEX (PHASE 3)	28,350	28,350
AIR FORCE		
CHARLESTON AFB		
C-17 FLIGHT SIMULATOR ADDITION	4,500	4,500
SHAW AFB		
PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER	---	9,900
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
ANDERSON		
READINESS CENTER	12,000	12,000
BEAUFORT		
READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT	3,400	3,400
EASTOVER		
JOINT FORCES HEADQUARTERS	28,000	28,000
HEMINGWAY		
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP PH 1	---	4,600
SOUTH DAKOTA		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
RAPID CITY		
ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER	29,000	29,000

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
JOE FOSS FIELD		
AIRCRAFT READY SHELTERS/AMU	---	4,500
TENNESSEE		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
TULLAHOMA		
READINESS CENTER	---	10,372
ARMY RESERVE		
CHATTANOOGA		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	10,600	10,600
TEXAS		
ARMY		
CAMP BULLIS		
LIVE FIRE SHOOT HOUSE	---	4,200
CORPUS CHRISTI		
DYNAMIC COMPONENT REBUILD FACILITY	39,000	39,000
FORT BLISS		
BARRACKS & DINING	148,000	148,000
BARRACKS & DINING	148,000	148,000
BATTALION COMPLEX	34,000	34,000
BRIGADE/BATTALION HQS	44,000	44,000
BRIGADE/BATTALION HQS	44,000	44,000
CHAPEL	9,000	9,000
COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITIES, BCT	90,000	90,000
COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITIES, BCT1	90,000	90,000
DIGITAL MULTIPURPOSE RANGE COMPLEX	42,000	42,000
INFRASTRUCTURE, IBCT1	98,000	98,000
INFRASTRUCTURE, IBCT2	100,000	100,000
MEDICAL PARKING GARAGE PH 1	---	12,500
TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER	12,600	12,600
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	10,200	10,200
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOPS	81,000	81,000
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOPS	81,000	81,000
FORT HOOD		
CHAPEL WITH EDUCATION CENTER	---	17,500
UNIT MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	32,000	32,000
FORT SAM HOUSTON		
AIT BARRACKS	---	47,000
TRAINEE BARRACKS COMPLEX	96,000	96,000
RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT		
MANEUVER SYSTEMS SUSTAINMENT CTR, PHASE 1	6,900	6,900
NAVY		
CORPUS CHRISTI		
PARKING APRON RECAP PH 1	---	3,500
KINGSVILLE		
FITNESS CENTER	---	11,580
AIR FORCE		
FORT HOOD		
TACP JOINT AIR GROUND CTR	10,800	10,800
LACKLAND AFB		
BMT RECRUIT DORMITORY	75,515	75,515
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT SAM HOUSTON		
MEDICAL INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITY	13,000	13,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
ELLINGTON FIELD		
ASOS FACILITY	---	7,600
FORT WORTH NAS/JRB		
SECURITY FORCES TRAINING FACILITY	---	5,000
ARMY RESERVE		
SINTON		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	9,700	9,700

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	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
UTAH		
AIR FORCE		
HILL AFB		
F-22A HEAVY MAINT FACILITY & COMPOSITE BACK SHOP..	36,000	36,000
THREE-BAY FIRE STATION.....	---	5,400
DEFENSE-WIDE		
HILL AFB		
HYDRANT FUEL SYSTEM.....	20,400	20,400
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP WILLIAMS		
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT.....	17,500	17,500
VERMONT		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
BURLINGTON IAP		
SECURITY FORCES AND COMM FACILITY.....	6,600	6,600
VIRGINIA		
ARMY		
FORT BELVOIR		
EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER.....	7,200	7,200
FORT EUSTIS		
AIT COMPLEX I, PH I.....	---	50,000
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES.....	14,400	14,400
VEHICLE PAINT FACILITY.....	---	3,900
FORT LEE		
DINING FACILITY.....	10,600	10,600
TRAINEE BARRACKS COMPLEX.....	90,000	90,000
FORT MYER		
BARRACKS.....	14,000	14,000
NAVY		
NORFOLK		
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER.....	10,500	10,500
FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES STATION.....	---	9,960
NORFOLK HARBOR CHANNEL DREDGING.....	42,830	42,830
NORFOLK NSY		
INDUSTRIAL ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS, MAIN GATE 15.....	---	9,990
QUANTICO		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR, TYPE II.....	27,750	27,750
AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON (GREEN SIDE).....	36,280	36,280
INFRASTRUCTURE - RUSSELL ROAD (PHASE 1).....	7,450	7,450
INSTRUCTION FACILITY ADDITION - TBS.....	6,350	6,350
INSTRUCTION FACILITY TBS (PHASE I).....	25,200	25,200
MESS HALL - OCS.....	13,750	13,750
OCS HEADQUARTERS FACILITY.....	---	5,980
STUDENT QUARTERS - TBS (PHASE 3).....	27,530	27,530
DEFENSE-WIDE		
CRANEY ISLAND		
REPLACE FUEL STORAGE TANKS.....	39,900	39,900
DAM NECK		
SOF OPERATIONAL FACILITY INC II.....	31,000	31,000
FORT STORY		
SOF SMALL ARMS RANGE.....	11,600	11,600
PENTAGON		
PENTAGON ATHLETIC CENTER PHASE 2.....	6,967	6,967
PFPA HAZMAT FACILITY.....	16,401	16,401
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
ARLINGTON		
ARLINGTON HALL READINESS CENTER PH2.....	15,500	15,500
FORT PICKETT		
MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE.....	2,950	2,950
NAVY RESERVE		
NORFOLK		
EODMU 10 OPERATIONS FACILITY.....	8,170	8,170
WILLIAMSBURG		
ORDNANCE HANDLING CARGO OPS TRAINING SUPPORT.....	12,320	12,320

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
WASHINGTON		
ARMY		
FORT LEWIS		
BATTALION COMPLEX	54,000	54,000
BATTALION COMPLEX	47,000	47,000
BRIGADE COMPLEX	30,000	30,000
BRIGADE COMPLEX, INCR 3	102,000	102,000
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	27,000	27,000
NAVY		
BANGOR		
LIMITED AREA PROD & STORAGE COMPLEX (INC V)	50,700	50,700
KITSAP		
SALTWATER COOLING & FIRE PROTECTION IMPROVEMENTS	---	5,110
WHIDBEY ISLAND		
FIREFIGHTING FACILITY	---	6,160
HANGAR 5 RECAPITALIZATION (INCREMENTED)	34,000	34,000
AIR FORCE		
MCCHORD AFB		
C-17 ADAL FLIGHT SIMULATOR	5,500	5,500
DEFENSE-WIDE		
FORT LEWIS		
SOF RANGER BATTALION COMPLEX	38,000	38,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
FORT LEWIS		
AVIATION READINESS CENTER	32,000	32,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
MCCHORD AFB		
262 INFO WARFARE AGGRESSOR SQUADRON FACILITY	---	8,600
ARMY RESERVE		
SEATTLE		
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	37,500	37,500
WEST VIRGINIA		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
CAMP DAWSON		
ACCESS CONTROL POINT	---	2,000
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING PH 2	---	5,000
SHOOT HOUSE	---	2,000
WISCONSIN		
ARMY RESERVE		
FORT MCCOY		
AUTO QUALIFICATION TRAINING RANGE	4,000	4,000
WYOMING		
AIR FORCE		
F. E. WARREN AFB		
RENOVATE HISTORIC DORMITORY	8,600	8,600
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
CHEYENNE MAP		
TFI - C-130 SQDN OPERATIONS FACILITY	7,000	7,000
AFGHANISTAN		
ARMY		
BAGRAM AIR BASE		
BULK FUEL STORAGE & SUPPLY, PHASE 8	26,000	26,000
BULK FUEL STORAGE & SUPPLY, PHASE 5	22,000	22,000
SOF HQ COMPLEX	19,000	19,000
AIR FORCE		
BAGRAM AIR BASE		
C-130 MAINTENANCE HANGAR	27,400	27,400
CARGO HANDLING AREA EXPANSION	8,800	8,800
REFUELER RAMP	21,000	21,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
DIEGO GARCIA		
NAVY		
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WHARF UPGRADE AND WAREHOUSE	35,060	35,060
DJIBOUTI		
NAVY		
CAMP LEMONIER		
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	12,830	12,830
AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON	15,250	15,250
TELCOM FACILITY	3,330	3,330
GERMANY		
ARMY		
KATTERBACH		
AIRCRAFT/VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX	19,000	19,000
WIESBADEN MILITARY COMMUNITY		
COMMAND & BATTLE CENTER, INCREMENT I	119,000	59,500
DEFENSE-WIDE		
GERMERSHEIM		
LOGISTICS DISTRIBUTION CENTER EUROPE	48,000	48,000
GREECE		
DEFENSE-WIDE		
SOUDA BAY		
FUEL STORAGE TANKS AND PIPELINE REPLACEMENT	27,761	8,000
GUAM		
NAVY		
GUAM NB		
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS, MAIN BASE	62,360	62,360
KILO WHARF EXTENSION	50,912	50,912
WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM & UPGRADE	26,070	26,070
AIR FORCE		
ANDERSEN AFB		
COMBAT COMM MAINTENANCE FACILITY	5,200	5,200
ISR/STF REALIGN ARC LIGHT BOULEVARD	---	5,400
DEFENSE-WIDE		
GUAM NH		
CENTRAL UTILITY PLANT	30,000	30,000
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA		
NAVY		
GUANTANAMO BAY		
CONSOLIDATED FITNESS COMPLEX	20,600	20,600
ITALY		
ARMY		
VICENZA		
BDE COMPLEX-BARRACKS/COMMUNITY, INCR 2	15,000	7,500
BDE COMPLEX-OPERATIONS SPT FACILITY, INCR 2	15,000	7,500
JAPAN		
ARMY		
CAMP ZAMA		
SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION FACILITY	2,350	2,350
SAGAMIHARA		
BATTLE COMMAND TRAINING CENTER	17,500	17,500
KOREA		
ARMY		
CAMP HUMPHREYS		
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	20,000	20,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
KYRGYZSTAN		
AIR FORCE		
MANAS AIR BASE		
HOT CARGO PAD	6,000	6,000
QATAR		
AIR FORCE		
AL UDEID		
CAS PARKING APRON	59,838	---
DEFENSE-WIDE		
AL UDEID		
SOF TRAINING RANGE	9,200	9,200
UNITED KINGDOM		
AIR FORCE		
ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH		
LARGE VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION	7,400	7,400
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	240,867	218,867
WORLDWIDE CLASSIFIED		
AIR FORCE		
SPECIAL EVALUATION PROGRAM	891	891
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED		
ARMY		
HOST NATION SUPPORT	24,000	24,000
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	23,000	23,000
PLANNING AND DESIGN	176,807	151,823
RESCISSION (P.L. 110-5)	---	-34,720
RESCISSION (P.L. 110-161)	---	-16,600
NAVY		
DATA CENTER	28,000	28,000
JOINT OPERATIONS & SUPPORT COMPLEX, PH 1	17,800	17,800
P-8A INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTER	48,220	48,220
PLANNING AND DESIGN	239,128	247,128
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	13,670	13,670
AIR FORCE		
COMMON BATTLEFIELD AIRMAN TRAINING COMPLEX	15,000	15,000
UAS FIELD TRAINING UNIT MAINTENANCE COMPLEX	22,000	22,000
UAS FIELD TRAINING UNIT OPS COMPLEX	15,500	15,500
PLANNING AND DESIGN	70,494	77,314
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	15,000	15,000
RESCISSION (P.L. 109-114)	---	-1,359
RESCISSION (P.L. 110-5)	---	-3,581
RESCISSION (P.L. 110-161)	---	-12,741
DEFENSE-WIDE		
AN/TPY-2 #3	25,500	---
BMDS-EUROPEAN INTERCEPTOR SITE	132,600	52,600
BMDS-EUROPEAN MIDCOURSE RADAR SITE	108,560	48,560
NATO HEADQUARTERS	---	22,000
CONTINGENCY CONSTRUCTION	10,000	10,000
ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	80,000	80,000
RESCISSION (P.L. 108-324)	---	-3,589
PLANNING AND DESIGN		
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	1,830	1,830
MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	14,889	14,889
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	20,221	17,721
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	16,833	14,333
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY	58,252	136,833
UNDISTRIBUTED	43,768	26,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION		
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	4,099	4,099
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	382	382
THE JOINT STAFF	9,228	9,228
MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY	3,457	3,457
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	7,697	7,697
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY	3,990	3,990
UNDISTRIBUTED	3,000	---
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	48,796	50,563
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	11,800	11,800
AIR NATIONAL GUARD		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	5,374	10,209
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	7,200	7,200
ARMY RESERVE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	13,963	14,883
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	3,100	3,100
NAVY RESERVE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	2,045	2,045
AIR FORCE RESERVE		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	3,922	5,675
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	5,443	5,443
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY		
GERMANY		
WIESBADEN		
FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT	32,000	32,000
WIESBADEN AB		
FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT	20,000	10,000
FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT	43,000	32,000
FAMILY HOUSING REPLACEMENT	38,000	27,000
KOREA		
CAMP HUMPHREYS		
FAMILY HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION	125,000	125,000
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	420,001	420,001
PLANNING AND DESIGN	579	579
FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, ARMY		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	113,017	113,017
SERVICES ACCOUNT	22,437	22,437
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	60,254	60,254
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	1,241	1,241
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	42,089	42,089
LEASING	192,849	192,849
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	252,189	252,189
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	32,034	32,034
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS		
GUANTANAMO		
GUANTANAMO NAVAL STATION		
REPLACE BARGO HOUSING	22,385	22,385
REPLACE GRANADILLO CIRCLE HOUSING	16,547	16,547
REPLACE GRANADILLO POINT HOUSING	23,666	23,666
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	318,011	318,011
PLANNING AND DESIGN	2,169	2,169

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(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	BUDGET REQUEST	HOUSE
FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	44,068	44,068
SERVICES ACCOUNT	13,347	13,347
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	60,063	60,063
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	655	655
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	15,036	15,036
LEASING	130,261	130,261
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	87,074	87,074
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	25,558	25,558
FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE		
UNITED KINGDOM		
RAF LAKENHEATH		
REPLACE FAMILY HOUSING (182 UNITS)	71,828	71,828
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	316,343	316,343
PLANNING AND DESIGN	7,708	7,708
FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	100,997	100,997
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	58,396	53,396
SERVICES ACCOUNT	20,166	20,166
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	42,189	42,189
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	1,999	1,999
LEASING	94,246	94,246
MAINTENANCE	227,912	227,912
DEBT ACCOUNT	1	1
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	53,559	53,559
FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION & MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE		
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		
UTILITIES ACCOUNT (NSA)	7	7
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT (NSA)	28	28
LEASING (NSA)	10,407	10,407
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY (NSA)	70	70
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT (DIA)	4,359	4,359
LEASING (DIA)	33,066	33,066
UTILITIES ACCOUNT (DLA)	346	346
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT (DLA)	38	38
SERVICES ACCOUNT (DLA)	33	33
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT (DLA)	382	382
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY (DLA)	495	495
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	850	850
HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	4,500	4,500
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE	134,278	134,278
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE		
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 1990	393,377	473,377
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 2005	9,065,386	9,065,386

ADDITIONAL VIEWS OF REPRESENTATIVES JERRY LEWIS AND ZACH WAMP

The fiscal year 2009 Military Construction, Veterans' Administration and Related Agencies appropriations bill funds critical military construction, family housing and quality of life improvements and enhancements for our brave men and women in uniform and their families.

In addition, this bill provides for every veteran who chooses to participate in VA programs, and it provides funding our heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice and are honored in the battle monuments and cemeteries that are funded in this bill.

The Subcommittee held 19 hearings on quality of life issues, critical military construction needs, veterans programs, and other issues that are important to this subcommittee. We have been full participants in those hearings, and are appreciative of the fact that all subcommittee members have been given plenty of time and opportunity to question witnesses, and we will continue to support the Chairman at these hearings.

302(B) ALLOCATION

The 302(b) allocation to the Subcommittee is $72.729 billion, an increase of $8.828 billion [13.8 percent] above the FY '08 enacted level of $63.901 billion (not including emergency funds), and an increase of $3.382 billion [4.88 percent] above the President's request of $69.347 billion. The increase comes from an overall discretionary budget increase that exceeded the President's budget request for fiscal year 2009 by $22 billion, and is all part of the Democrats' Budget Conference report that exceeded $1,000,000,000,000 in discretionary spending for the first time in our Nation's history.

Even with this massive spending increase, the 302(b) allocation cut $4 billion from the President's budget request for the Department of Defense. The Chairman may believe that $4 billion was cut from Defense to pay for a veterans increase in this bill. In actuality, that increase was already assumed in the Budget Resolution. The $4 billion cut from the President's Defense request is really being used to increase spending in the other domestic bills.

At a time when more and more Americans are being squeezed by paying in excess of four dollar gas at the pump, we believe government has an obligation to do more with less just as our constituents are being forced to do. We believe we have an obligation to make the difficult choices, set priorities, and root out wasteful government spending. Unfortunately, the 302(b) allocations that were adopted by the majority do not make difficult choices, do not set priorities, and do nothing to root out wasteful government spending.

FULL COMMITTEE

The full committee adopted an amendment by Mr. Lewis to assist veterans, who are facing record gasoline prices like all Americans, by increasing the mileage reimbursement rate to 41.5 cents. The committee also adopted an amendment by Mr. Kingston that directs the Air Force to establish a single point-of-contact at four bases that were affected by the American Eagle privatization projects.

FLOOR CONSIDERATION OF THIS BILL

Traditionally, the Military Construction-VA bill has always been one of the first bills out of the House. We appreciate all of the hard work that Chairman Edwards and his staff have put into this bill, and we hope that the tradition for this bill to go early in the process to the House floor under an open rule continues. While we support this bill, the substantial funding increases included in it are going to require proper oversight of taxpayer dollars.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION & FAMILY HOUSING

The total funding level for military construction and family housing is $24.8 billion, an increase of $400 million above the President's budget request, and an increase of $4.2 billion over the fiscal year 2008 funding level. These funds are essential to meet the needs of the Grow the Force initiatives in the Army and Marine Corps that will add 92,000 active duty personnel.

We are pleased that funding for the BRAC 2005 account is at the President's budget request of $9.1 billion. We want to work with the majority to ensure that this account does not get cut as this bill moves forward. It is important for the DoD to have this funding to ensure that they have the necessary resources to fully implement BRAC 2005 by the September 15, 2011 deadline.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

This bill continues efforts to make the Veterans Health Administration the most effective and efficient system that it can be. However, we must not forget that the Department of Veterans Affairs is a bureaucracy that is slow to adapt to the changes in health care delivery that are occurring. Consequently, this bill continues efforts to adapt from the in-patient bed towers to the community-based outpatient clinics that serve so many of our veterans closer to where they live. In addition, funding increases are provided to meet the increased needs of veterans' health care in rural and other underserved areas of the country.

It is important to point out that this bill provides medical care funding to meet the needs of those wounded troops returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and the unique challenges that they present especially for post traumatic brain disorder and traumatic brain injury.

There is no greater way to honor the volunteers who serve our country than to make sure that they have the best medical care and facilities with which to treat them. This bill provides historic funding increases to do just that. But, we can't forget that we also owe it to them to ensure that the VA manages these funds in a way

that also honors our veterans. It would be a disservice to these heroes if stories of misuse or mismanagement arise. Therefore, we look forward to supporting Chairman Edwards to conduct the necessary oversight to ensure that these funds are spent wisely.

We are pleased that the bill includes much-needed funds for the VA Office of Inspector General to maintain its investigation and audit functions at the fiscal year 2008 operational level, and to increase oversight on community-based outpatient clinics, veterans' centers, mental health initiatives, especially PTSD, and a review on the relevancy of VA research to the veteran population.

In conclusion, while American taxpayers and future generations of Americans will be paying the price for this bill and other bills under the bloated discretionary spending levels adopted by the Democrat majority, this is a good bill. This bill will benefit our troops and their families, our veterans, and those who have paid the ultimate price of freedom.