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REPORT

[To accompany S. 1645]

The Committee on Appropriations reports the bill (S. 1645) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, reports favorably thereon and recommends that the bill do pass.

Amounts in new budget authority

Total of bill as reported to the Senate	\$109,232,250,000
Amount of 2007 appropriations ¹	91,030,849,000
Amount of 2008 budget estimate	105,231,766,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
Amount of 2007 appropriations ¹	+ 18,201,401,000
Amount of 2008 budget estimate	+ 74,000,484,000

¹Excludes \$6,595,560,000 in emergency supplemental funding provided in Public Law 110-28.

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BACKGROUND

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies appropriation bill provides necessary funding for the planning, design, construction, alteration, and improvement of military facilities worldwide, for both Active and Reserve forces. It also finances the cost of military family housing and the U.S. share of the NATO Security Investment Program. In addition, the bill provides funding to implement base closures and realignments authorized by law. The bill provides resources to the Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans benefits and health care. The bill also provides funding for U.S. cemeteries and battlefield monuments both in the United States and abroad; U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; and Armed Forces Retirement Homes.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

The Committee recommends appropriations totaling \$109,232,250,000 for fiscal year 2008 military construction, family housing, base closure, veterans health care and benefits, as well as related agencies. The table at the end of the report displays the Committee recommendation in comparison with the current fiscal year, and the President's fiscal year 2008 request.

COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 308(a) OF THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT

Section 308(a) of the Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-344) requires that the Committee include in its report a comparison of its recommendations with levels contained in the first concurrent resolution. Appropriate data are reflected below:

BUDGETARY IMPACT OF BILL

PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PURSUANT TO SEC.
308(a), PUBLIC LAW 93-344, AS AMENDED

[In millions of dollars]

	Budget authority		Outlays	
	Committee allocation	Amount of bill	Committee allocation	Amount of bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees of amounts in the Budget Resolution for 2008: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies:				
Mandatory	41,384	41,384	41,229	¹ 41,229
Discretionary	64,745	64,745	64,745	¹ 55,001
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2008				² 81,616
2009				12,826
2010				8,107
2011				3,012
2012 and future years				1,911
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2008	NA	977	NA	552

¹ Includes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

² Excludes outlays from prior-year budget authority.

NA: Not applicable.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends new fiscal year 2008 appropriations of \$109,232,250,000. This is \$18,201,401,000 over the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding supplemental funding, and \$4,000,484,000 over the budget request. The basis for this recommendation is contained in the following “Overview and summary of the bill,” and under the discussions pertaining to each individual appropriation. Complete project detail is provided in the tables at the end of the report.

OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY OF THE BILL

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR TROOPS AND THEIR FAMILIES

In a time of rapidly shifting global security conditions, the Defense Department is confronting major challenges on many fronts. These challenges include providing the necessary infrastructure to support our military and their families through a trying period of extended troop deployments, evolving missions, and major installation realignments. In the midst of conducting costly and protracted wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Department is engaged in a massive effort to transform the military into a force that is more agile and better placed to address emerging threats. This effort includes a far-reaching realignment of U.S. forces overseas in conjunction with the most sweeping U.S. base realignment and closure [BRAC] process in history. In addition to these formidable tasks, the Department is also gearing up to provide the infrastructure needed to accommodate a combined increase of 92,000 U.S. Army and Marine Corps personnel under the President’s proposed “Grow the Force” initiative.

These challenges are placing great pressure on both the management and the execution of the Department's military construction program. The Committee is supportive of the Department's efforts to restructure its forces and realign its facilities, and has made a concerted effort to provide the necessary resources for essential infrastructure projects. However, the Committee is mindful of the complexity of the task facing the Department in terms of meeting the military construction goals it has set forth, and therefore expects the Department to provide strict management and oversight of the process and to consult closely with Congress on the progress of these various construction initiatives.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

At \$21,165,182,000, the President's fiscal year 2008 budget request for military construction and family housing is the largest request for these programs in recent history. However, it is important to note that slightly more than half of the request, nearly 53 percent, has been carved out for base realignment and closure activities [BRAC] and for the President's "Grow the Force" initiative to provide facilities needed for the planned increase in the size of the Army and the Marine Corps. The President's request for military construction associated with conventional mission requirements remains consistent with, and in some instances significantly below, the level of funding requested in fiscal year 2007, particularly in the case of the Reserve components. For example, the budget request for the Army National Guard is down 14.5 percent from the fiscal year 2007 appropriated amount. The Air National Guard request is down 32 percent, the Army Reserve is down 27.9 percent, and the Air Force Reserve reflects a 41 percent reduction. These reductions reflect a troubling multi-year downward trend in the Department's investment in infrastructure for the Reserve components.

While the Committee supports the BRAC and "Grow the Force" initiatives, it also believes that the Department must place equal emphasis on providing adequate funding to reduce the backlog in existing military construction requirements, and to provide essential mission and quality of life infrastructure for the regular military construction program. The Committee is particularly concerned at the precipitous decrease in military construction funding requested by the President for some of the Reserve components. For these reasons, the Committee has continued its practice of providing funding where indicated to supplement the regular military construction program, with particular attention to quality of life and mission essential facilities in both the Active and Reserve components. Because the military construction accounts are project based, with funding earmarked by the President for specific projects, the additional funding provided by the Committee is also project specific. All major construction projects funded through the military construction appropriations accounts are included in either the President's budget request or the Services' Future Years Defense Programs [FYDP] and are consistent with the criteria for additional funding for military construction projects in section 2856 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1995 (Public Law 103-337). In addition, more than 60 percent of the ad-

ditional projects included in the Committee's fiscal year 2008 recommendation were approved by the Senate and authorized in fiscal year 2007, but were not funded because the fiscal year 2007 military construction appropriations bill was not enacted into law.

KEEPING OUR COMMITMENT TO AMERICA'S VETERANS

America's veterans have served their country with courage and honor, and the Committee is dedicated to upholding the Nation's commitment to them. Unfortunately, the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] has not always lived up to this commitment, resulting in catastrophic budget shortfalls in fiscal years 2005 and 2006. The Congress responded promptly, supplementing the VA's 2005 budget and the President's 2006 budget request with an addition of \$2,952,000,000 to fully fund veterans health care. In the fiscal year 2007 supplemental funding bill, The U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Public Law 110-28), the Congress provided an additional \$1,788,578,000 for veterans health care, veterans benefits, and construction needs. This included \$1,344,278,000 targeted primarily to the unique health care needs of veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and to ensuring that VA facilities are maintained at the highest level. The Committee believes strongly that the needs of all veterans are paramount, and that the emerging needs of veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom [OEF/OIF] must be fully addressed so as not to usurp the resources needed for veterans of previous conflicts. The Committee therefore directs the VA to include in its budget calculations not only the current health care needs of all veterans but also the long range projected health care needs of OEF/OIF veterans, particularly those suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury.

TRANSPARENCY IN CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES

On January 18, 2007, the Senate passed S. 1, The Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act of 2007, by a vote of 96-2. While the Committee awaits final action on this legislation, the chairman and ranking member of the Committee issued interim requirements to ensure that the goals of S. 1 are in place for the appropriations bills for fiscal year 2008.

The Constitution vests in the Congress the power of the purse. The Committee believes strongly that Congress should make the decisions on how to allocate the people's money. In order to improve transparency and accountability in the process of approving earmarks (as defined in S. 1) in appropriations measures, each Committee report includes, for each earmark:

- (1) the name of the Member(s) making the request, and where appropriate, the President;
- (2) the name and location of the intended recipient or, if there is no specifically intended recipient, the intended location of the activity; and
- (3) the purpose of such earmark.

The term "congressional earmark" means a provision or report language included primarily at the request of a Senator, providing,

authorizing, or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority, or other expenditure with or to an entity, or targeted to a specific state, locality or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative, formula-driven, or competitive award process.

For each earmark, a Member is required to provide a certification that neither the Member (nor his or her spouse) has a pecuniary interest in such earmark, consistent with Senate Rule XXXVII(4). Such certifications are available to the public at <http://appropriations.senate.gov/senators.cfm> or go to appropriations.senate.gov and click on “members”.

TITLE I
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs held two hearings related to the fiscal year 2008 Military Construction budget request. On March 22, 2007, the subcommittee heard testimony from representatives of the Department of Defense (the Department) and the United States Air Force concerning fiscal year 2008 budget priorities, the fiscal year 2007 global war on terror emergency supplemental request, and base realignment and closure [BRAC]. On April 19, 2007, the subcommittee held a hearing on the budget requests of the United States Army and the United States Navy concerning the fiscal year 2008 budget request, BRAC, and the President's "Grow the Force" initiative to provide infrastructure to accommodate planned increases in the size of the Army and Marine Corps.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The budget request for fiscal year 2008 reflects an increase of \$8,439,600,000 from the amount enacted in fiscal year 2007, excluding supplemental funds.

The Committee recommends \$21,556,664,000. This is \$391,482,000 above the budget request.

REPROGRAMMING GUIDELINES

The following reprogramming guidelines apply for all military construction and family housing projects. A project or account (including the sub-elements of an account) which has been specifically reduced by the Congress in acting on the budget request is considered to be a congressional interest item and as such, prior approval is required. Accordingly, no reprogrammings to an item specifically reduced below the threshold by the Congress are permitted.

The reprogramming criteria that apply to military construction projects (25 percent of the funded amount or \$2,000,000 whichever is less) continue to apply to new housing construction projects and to improvements over \$2,000,000. To provide the Services the flexibility to proceed with construction contracts without disruption or delay, the costs associated with environmental hazard remediation such as asbestos removal, radon abatement, lead-based paint removal or abatement, and any other legislated environmental hazard remediation may be excluded, provided that such remediation requirements could not be reasonably anticipated at the time of the budget submission. This exclusion applies to projects authorized in

this budget year, as well as projects authorized in prior years for which construction has not been completed.

Furthermore, in instances where prior approval to a reprogramming request for a project or account has been received from the Committee, the adjusted amount approved becomes the new base for any future increase or decrease via below-threshold reprogrammings (provided that the project or account is not a congressional interest item as defined above).

In addition to these guidelines, the Services are directed to adhere to the guidance for military construction reprogrammings and notifications, including the pertinent statutory authorities contained in DOD Financial Management Regulation 7000.14-R and relevant updates and policy memoranda.

VARIATIONS IN SCOPE

The Committee has noted a sharp increase in the use of 10 U.S.C. 2853 Authority to reduce the scope or provide additional funding for projects that have experienced cost or scope variations in excess of 25 percent of the approved military construction cost. In many cases, these notifications reflect dramatic increases over the projected cost, requiring either a major scope reduction or a reprogramming of funds from other projects. In some cases, the cost of projects for which funding has been authorized and appropriated has more than doubled due to higher than anticipated construction bids. This trend is troubling to the Committee and suggests that the Department's construction cost models do not adequately reflect current market conditions. In determining annual military construction appropriations, the Committee relies on the construction cost estimates provided in the Services' justification materials, including the detailed information contained in DD Form 1391, which accompanies each project. If this information is not reliable, the Committee cannot make informed decisions on the allocation of scarce military construction resources. The Committee, therefore, directs the Department to submit a consolidated report on cost and scope variations exceeding 25 percent for projects from each of the Services and the Defense Agencies funded in fiscal year 2007, and the source of funds, when applicable, used to supplement appropriated amounts for those projects. This report shall be submitted to the congressional defense committees no later than January 31, 2008.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS

The Committee has noted a significant increase in the number of above-threshold notifications under 10 U.S.C. 2811 Authority for the use of "Operation and Maintenance" [O&M] funds to undertake extensive repairs and renovation of military facilities that could appropriately be funded through the military construction appropriation. The Committee reminds the Department that the intent of the \$7,500,000 threshold for congressional notification of repair projects using O&M funds is to ensure that the O&M accounts are not being used as billpayers to inflate the Services' military construction budgets. The O&M accounts fund a wide range of "must-pay" operational requirements, whereas the military construction accounts are reserved solely for facilities. The Committee therefore

believes that in most cases, military construction funding is the appropriate source of funds for major construction efforts, including extensive repair and renovations, and urges the Services to budget accordingly. The Committee further directs the Department to provide consolidated quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees detailing all facility repair projects carried out during that quarter using over \$750,000 in operation and maintenance funds. The reports shall be due no later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal-year quarter, with the initial report due by March 1, 2008.

REAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Committee recommends a continuation of the following general rules for repairing a facility under "Operation and Maintenance" account funding:

- Components of the facility may be repaired by replacement, and such replacement may be up to current standards or code.
- Interior arrangements and restorations may be included as repair, but additions, new facilities, and functional conversions must be performed as military construction projects.
- Such projects may be done concurrent with repair projects, as long as the final conjunctively funded project is a complete and usable facility.
- The appropriate Service Secretary shall submit a 21-day notification prior to carrying out any repair project with an estimated cost in excess of \$7,500,000.

The Department is directed to continue to report on the real property maintenance backlog at all installations for which there is a requested construction project in future budget requests. This information is to be provided on the Form 1390. In addition, for all troop housing requests, the Form 1391 is to continue to show all real property maintenance conducted in the past 2 years and all future requirements for unaccompanied housing at that installation.

INCREMENTAL FUNDING

In general, the Committee supports full funding for military construction projects. However, it has been the practice of the Committee to provide incremental funding for certain large projects, to allow the Services to more efficiently allocate their limited military construction dollars among projects. Last year, the Office of Management and Budget [OMB] issued a directive that limits incremental funding to projects funded through the BRAC process. The Committee believes that incremental funding for all military construction projects should be considered on a case-by-case basis, as it has in the past, and not reserved solely for the BRAC program. The Committee intends to continue to exercise its constitutional prerogative to provide incremental funding where warranted and has recommended incremental funding of several high cost projects included in the President's fiscal year 2008 request. The Committee urges OMB to reconsider its prohibition on incremental funding and permit the Services to exercise their judgment as to the most efficient method to fund large projects, including the use of incremental funding.

“GROW THE FORCE” INITIATIVE

The Committee recommends the full budget request of \$2,745,898,000 to implement the military construction program associated with the President’s “Grow the Force” proposal to increase the end strength of the Army, including the National Guard, and the Marine Corps, by a total of 92,000 troops over 5 years. However, the Committee has provided this funding by individual project, identified in the State table at the end of this report, instead of as lump sum funding for the initiative as requested by the President.

The Committee supports the Department’s efforts to provide sufficient facilities in a timely manner to accommodate an increase in Army, Guard, and Marine Corps troop levels. However, the Department has yet to provide a comprehensive plan detailing the scope and cost of the total military construction requirement associated with the initiative, nor has it provided an explanation of the criteria on which stationing decisions were based. The Committee notes that Public Law 110–28, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a “Grow the Force” stationing plan to the Congress, and urges the Secretary to submit the plan without delay. Additionally, the Committee directs the Secretary to submit a separate report to the congressional defense committees by January 31, 2008, detailing how the military construction projects intended to support the “Grow the Force” initiative are being integrated into and coordinated with the military construction blueprint for the Global Defense Posture and BRAC 2005.

Because of the lack of detailed information provided by the Department to date, the Committee is concerned that the military construction program to support the initiative was drawn up in haste and may be subject to substantial change. For this reason, the Committee also directs that any above-threshold cost or scope variation, any cancellation of projects, or any transfer of funds among construction projects identified as part of the “Grow the Force” initiative, be subject to the standard reprogramming and notification requirements that apply to the regular military construction appropriation.

GLOBAL DEFENSE POSTURE

The Committee notes that the Department of Defense continues to advance its efforts to realign its overseas installation structure through the Global Defense Posture initiative. As part of this effort, the President has requested \$1,174,418,000 in fiscal year 2008 for overseas military construction, approximately 10 percent of the regular military construction request (excluding BRAC and “Grow the Force” funding). The President’s request for overseas military construction projects spans the globe from Europe to the Pacific and from Southwest Asia to Central America. The proposals include a massive infusion of funding for infrastructure to accommodate the planned buildup of U.S. forces in Guam, projects in Southwest Asia related to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and operational facilities in Djibouti to establish a major new forward oper-

ating site for U.S. forces in Africa. Additionally, the Department continues to request funds for construction projects in Europe for the consolidation of U.S. bases in Germany and Italy. The realignment of bases in Europe must in turn be coordinated with construction in the United States of the facilities needed to accommodate the approximately 70,000 troops and 100,000 family members who will return to the United States as overseas bases are closed or consolidated.

The Committee supports the Department's efforts to reassess and realign its overseas installations to better respond to emerging security challenges. However, the Committee has concerns about the Department's ability to effectively manage and accomplish such an ambitious and overlapping global construction program within the limited time frame it has allotted to the effort.

For example, although the President is requesting \$173,000,000 to construct facilities for the relocation of the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade to Dal Molin, Italy, the Department has not yet achieved a final infrastructure agreement with the Government of Italy and has been unable to date to begin construction of projects at the base for which \$306,500,000 was previously appropriated. In Djibouti, the Department is embarking on a major construction effort at Camp Lemonnier in advance of standing up a planned African Command [AFRICOM], which will have jurisdiction over the installation. The Committee believes that the projects are predicated on possible future use instead of immediate need, and further believes that the new AFRICOM commander should have an opportunity to review the strategic requirement and master plan for permanent infrastructure in Djibouti before the Department executes the current plans. In Guam, the Committee recognizes the complexity of financing and coordinating the proposed development among the United States, the Government of Guam and the Government of Japan, and questions whether the local construction industry can keep pace with the sheer volume of projects planned for the island in fiscal year 2008.

The Committee is also concerned about the continued fidelity of the Department's global basing plan given the current fluidity of the global security environment and the uncertain tenure, number, and future mission requirements of U.S. troops in the Central Command Area of Responsibility, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and neighboring nations.

In a September 2006 report to Congress (GAO-06-852), the Government Accountability Office [GAO] determined that current reporting requirements regarding the global basing strategy were not providing Congress with sufficient information to provide necessary oversight of the initiative. According to the GAO report, "Ongoing negotiations between the United States and host nations, evolving cost estimates, and difficulties establishing service management and funding responsibilities for new overseas sites contribute to the complexity and uncertainty of DOD's overseas restructuring effort. In addition, DOD has not established a comprehensive and routine process to keep Congress informed on its progress dealing with these issues and the overall status of implementing the strategy."

For these reasons, the Committee directs the Department to provide an updated report on the Global Defense Posture initiative to

accompany the fiscal year 2009 budget submission. The report should include the following elements: an overview of the current overseas basing strategy and an explanation of any changes to the strategy; the status of host nation negotiations; the cost to date of implementing the military construction elements of the strategy, and an updated estimate of the cost to complete the construction program; and an updated timeline for implementing the strategy.

The report should be submitted to the congressional defense committees in unclassified and, if needed, classified form, no later than February 15, 2008.

The Committee also directs the Government Accountability Office to assess the Department's updated report, with specific emphasis on the following: (1) an analysis of whether the Department has an integrated process for reassessing and adjusting its overseas presence and basing strategy in light of ongoing changes in the security environment in key regions of the world, planned force structure changes, and emerging DOD initiatives, such as the African Command; (2) an assessment of DOD's progress in implementing the global basing strategy reflected in its 2004 report to Congress ("Strengthening U.S. Global Posture"), including an analysis of any changes to DOD's force structure and basing plans, and the rationale for such changes; (3) an update on DOD's progress in establishing its network of Forward Operating Sites [FOS] and Cooperative Security Locations [CSL], including a current definition of what constitutes an FOS and CSL, and an analysis of the issues related to the management and funding of the sites; and (4) a comparison of how DOD's projected costs for implementing its overseas presence and basing strategy compares with initial estimates, and the extent to which the overseas basing strategy is synchronized with the "Grow the Force" initiative, base realignment and closure activities, and other DOD initiatives.

Master Plan, Guam.—The Committee is aware of the extensive plans, to be carried out by the United States Pacific Command [PACOM], to expand the presence of the United States military on Guam, including the movement of approximately 8,000 marines and their families from Japan by 2014. The Government of Japan has agreed to pay approximately 60 percent of the estimated \$10,300,000,000 cost of this relocation. The Committee commends the Department of Defense for engaging our allies prior to this move to ensure that the moving process and its cost are undertaken as a partnership with the Government of Japan.

The prospect of such a massive construction program on the island of Guam is ambitious to say the least, and will require a well-developed master plan to efficiently use the available land and infrastructure. The Committee therefore directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a master plan for Guam to the congressional defense committees by December 29, 2007. The Committee also renews its standing request of GAO to review overseas master plans, including a review of the master planning effort for Guam. The Committee further directs the Secretary of Defense to provide a report accounting for the United States' share of this construction program to project-level detail and the year in which each project is expected to be funded.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2007 (including rescissions) ¹	\$1,969,652,000
Budget estimate, 2008	4,039,197,000
Committee recommendation	3,928,149,000

¹ Excludes \$1,255,890,000 in emergency supplemental funding in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation for the Army provides for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Army. This appropriation also provides for facilities required as well as funds for infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations around the world.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$3,928,149,000 for the Army for fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$1,958,497,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental funding, and \$111,048,000 above the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Chapel Center, Fort Campbell, Kentucky (Mr. McConnell/Mr. Alexander/Mr. Corker).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$450,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Dining Facility, Camp Rudder, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida (Mr. Nelson).—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,500,000 be made available for the construction of this facility.

Regional Training Institute, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (Mr. Bond).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$500,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Sapper Leader Course General Instruction Building, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri (Mr. Bond).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$360,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Tactical Training Base, Phase I, Fort Dix, New Jersey (Mr. Lautenberg).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$531,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Wabuska Railroad Line Spur, Hawthorne Army Depot, Nevada (Mr. Reid).—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,400,000 be made available for the construction of this rail spur.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2007 (including rescissions) ¹	\$1,101,500,000
Budget estimate, 2008	2,104,276,000
Committee recommendation	2,168,315,000

¹ Excludes \$370,990,000 in emergency supplemental funding in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation for the Navy and Marine Corps provides for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, naval installations, facilities, and real property for the Navy and the Marine Corps. This appropriation also provides for facilities required as well as funds for infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations around the world.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$2,168,315,000 for Navy and Marine Corps military construction for fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$1,066,815,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental funding, and \$64,039,000 above the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

Djibouti.—As noted earlier in this report, the Committee remains concerned that the Navy's infrastructure requests for Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, are predicated on possible future use instead of immediate need. The Committee is also concerned that the United States holds only a 5-year lease, with the option to renew for two additional 5-year terms, for the land on which the Department of Defense proposes to build these projects. It seems inappropriate to the Committee to invest heavily in long-term infrastructure at a location where there is no reasonable assurance that the United States will be permitted to have a long-term presence.

The Committee also observes that the establishment of the new African Command [AFRICOM], which is expected to assume jurisdiction over Camp Lemonier in 2008, remains in the early planning phase. According to a May 16, 2007, report by the Congressional Research Service [CRS] ("Africa Command: U.S. Strategic Interests and the Role of the U.S. Military in Africa"), many questions and congressional oversight issues concerning the future presence of U.S. military forces in Africa remain unanswered. Among the questions CRS raises is how the administration "will ensure that U.S. military efforts in Africa do not overshadow or contradict U.S. diplomatic and development objectives." CRS also notes that the Defense Department "suggests there are no plans to establish any new military bases in Africa."

Clearly, these are key issues the new AFRICOM commander will have to address in considering the future development of Camp Lemonier. In light of the uncertainty surrounding the prospective use of Camp Lemonier, the Committee recommends that the Department restrict its military construction requests to those supporting only immediate operational requirements and withhold long-term infrastructure improvements until the new African Com-

mand is established and further clarity on the future mission of Camp Lemonier is achieved.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY

Bachelor Quarters Addition, Naval Station Newport, Rhode Island (Mr. Reed).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$750,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2007 (including rescissions) ¹	\$1,080,306,000
Budget estimate, 2008	912,109,000
Committee recommendation	1,048,518,000

¹ Excludes \$43,300,000 in emergency supplemental funding in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation for the Air Force provides for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property for the Air Force. This appropriation also provides for facilities required as well as funds for infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations around the world.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,048,518,000 for the Air Force in fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$38,212,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental funding, and \$136,409,000 above the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Joint Security Forces Building, Lackland AFB, Texas (Mrs. Hutchison/Mr. Cornyn).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$900,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Runway Paving, Dyess AFB, Texas (Mrs. Hutchison/Mr. Cornyn).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,710,000 be made available for the design of this project.

SOF C-130 Fuel Cell and Corrosion Control Hangars, Cannon AFB, New Mexico (Mr. Domenici/Mr. Bingaman).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$855,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Taxiway, Randolph AFB, Texas (Mrs. Hutchison/Mr. Cornyn).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$554,000 be made available for the design of this project.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2007 (including rescissions)	\$1,016,771,000
Budget estimate, 2008	1,799,336,000
Committee recommendation	1,758,755,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation for the Department of Defense provides for acquisition, construction, installation, and equipment of temporary or permanent public works, military installations, facilities, and real property Defense-Wide. This appropriation also provides for facilities required as well as funds for infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations around the world.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,758,755,000 for projects considered within the “Defense-Wide” account. This amount is \$741,984,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, and \$40,581,000 below the budget request. Further detail of the Committee’s recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

CONTINGENCY CONSTRUCTION

The Committee has provided \$10,000,000 for the Secretary of Defense “Contingency construction” account. This account provides funds which may be used by the Secretary of Defense for unforeseen facility requirements and military exercises, including those related to the global war on terror.

ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM

The Committee recommends \$85,000,000 for the Energy Conservation Investment Program [ECIP]. This amount is \$15,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee maintains a strong interest in renewable energy resources, including wind, solar, and geothermal. The Committee recommends that the \$15,000,000 in additional funding provided in this account be used exclusively for renewable energy projects, to supplement the \$24,000,000 that the Department proposed for renewable energy in the fiscal year 2008 ECIP budget request, bringing the total amount of funding for these projects to \$39,000,000.

Sustainable Development.—In addition to pursuing the use of renewable energy resources at military installations, the Committee urges the Department to incorporate sustainable development, also known as green building applications, into the military construction and Energy Conservation Investment programs to the maximum extent practicable. The Committee believes that sustainable development—including building practices such as those identified in the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design [LEED] Green Building Rating System—is a constructive goal that not only can provide environmentally responsible construction but can also enhance the health and safety of the personnel who work in these facilities. Given the extraordinary scope of the fiscal year 2008 military construction program, includ-

ing BRAC and the “Grow the Force” initiative, the Committee encourages the Department to give priority consideration to the use of green building practices, energy efficiency improvements, and renewable energy resources in the execution of the 2008 construction program.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, RESERVE COMPONENTS

(INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2007 (including rescissions)	\$850,871,000
Budget estimate, 2008	695,201,000
Committee recommendation (including rescission)	929,864,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The military construction appropriation for Reserve Components provides for acquisition, construction, expansion, rehabilitation, and conversion of facilities for the training and administration of the Reserve Components. This appropriation also provides for facilities required as well as funds for infrastructure projects and programs required to support bases and installations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$929,864,000 for military construction projects for the Guard and Reserve Components. This amount is \$78,993,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$234,663,000 above the budget request. Further detail of the Committee’s recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

The Committee recommends approval of military construction, Reserve Components, as outlined in the following table:

RESERVE COMPONENTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Component	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Army National Guard	404,291	478,836
Air National Guard	85,517	228,995
Army Reserve	119,684	138,424
Navy Reserve	59,150	59,150
Air Force Reserve	26,559	24,459
Total	695,201	929,864

The Committee recommends the following rescission:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 109–114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Alaska: Elmendorf AFB ..	C–17 Convert Hangar for Armed Forces Reserve Center Group Headquarters.	– 3,100
Total .....	.....	.....	– 3,100

The Committee fully expects contracts for the following projects to be awarded, as early in fiscal year 2008 as practical:

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Add/Alter Readiness Center, Kenai, Alaska (Mr. Stevens).—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,400,000 be made available for the construction of this facility.

Armed Forces Reserve Center/Security Forces Facility, Klamath Falls, Oregon (Mr. Wyden/Mr. Smith).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,452,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Billeting, Regional & Readiness Technology Center, Northfield, Vermont (Mr. Leahy).—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,500,000 be made available for the construction of this facility.

Joint Forces Headquarters, New Castle County Air Guard Base, Delaware (Mr. Biden/Mr. Carper).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,020,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Joint Forces Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center, Arden Hills Army Training Site, Minnesota (Ms. Klobuchar).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$3,536,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Readiness Center, Logan County, West Virginia (Mr. Byrd).—The Committee understands that a new reserve center is urgently needed at Logan, West Virginia, to accommodate a major mission change and expansion resulting from the Army's transformation and modularity efforts. The Committee therefore urges the Army National Guard to accelerate planning and design for this facility with funds previously appropriated for this purpose, and to include full funding for this project in the fiscal year 2009 budget request.

Readiness Center, The Dalles, Oregon (Mr. Wyden/Mr. Smith).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$960,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Readiness Center, Tullahoma, Tennessee (Mr. Alexander/Mr. Corker).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$264,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

United States Property and Fiscal Office, North Kingston, Rhode Island (Mr. Reed).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$810,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Joint Forces Headquarters, Rapid City, South Dakota (Mr. Johnson).—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$900,000 be made available for the construction of this facility, for purposes of satisfying the Air National Guard portion of this facility.

Replace Squadron Operations and Relocate Security Perimeter, McGhee Tyson Airport, Tennessee (Mr. Alexander/Mr. Corker).—Of

the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,120,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY RESERVE

Army Reserve Center, Letterkenny Army Depot, Pennsylvania (Mr. Specter/Mr. Casey).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$675,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE RESERVE

Visiting Quarters, Phase I, Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania (Mr. Specter/Mr. Casey).—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$828,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Appropriations, 2007	\$204,789,000
Budget estimate, 2008	201,400,000
Committee recommendation	201,400,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] appropriation provides for the U.S. cost-share of the NATO Security Investment Program for the acquisition and construction of military facilities and installations (including international military headquarters) and for related expenses for the collective defense of the NATO Treaty Area.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$201,400,000 for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program [NSIP] for fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$3,389,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

Missile Defense.—It is the Committee's understanding that U.S. missile defense facilities proposed for Poland and the Czech Republic are not designated as NATO facilities and thus are not eligible for NSIP funding. Should that status change, the Committee directs that no NSIP funds will be obligated or expended for missile defense studies or for the planning and design or construction of missile defense facilities in Poland or the Czech Republic unless the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives are notified in writing 21 days in advance of the obligation of funds and prior approval is obtained from the Committees.

FAMILY HOUSING OVERVIEW

The Committee recommends \$2,922,483,000 for family housing construction, operations and maintenance, and the Department's family housing improvement fund. This amount is \$1,115,992,000

below the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2007 and \$10,000,000 below the fiscal year 2008 budget request.

Oversight of Privatized Family Housing Projects.—The Committee notes that the requirement for family housing construction has been declining steadily over the past several years as the Department has accelerated its family housing privatization program to revitalize military family housing and eliminate inadequate units. The significant drop in the President's fiscal year 2008 budget request is a good indicator of the progress that has been made in reducing the requirement for costly family housing construction. While the Committee strongly supports the privatization program, it remains concerned about the ability of the Services to provide adequate oversight. It is imperative that the Services ensure that private developers meet their contractual obligations to maintain privatized housing communities. To ensure this vigilance, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit quarterly reports to the congressional defense committees on the maintenance of family housing units and the contributions of housing privatization entities to the recapitalization accounts for each ongoing family housing privatization project. The first such report shall be due no later than March 1, 2008.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2007	\$579,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	419,400,000
Committee recommendation	419,400,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing appropriation for the Army provides for expenses of family housing for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration. This appropriation provides for the financing of all costs for construction, improvements and leasing of all Army housing. In addition to quality of life enhancements, the program contains initiatives to reduce operating costs and conserve energy by upgrading or replacing facilities which can be made more efficient through relatively modest investments in improvements. The Department of Defense is authorized 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 the Army.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$419,400,000 for family housing construction, Army, including construction improvements, in fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$159,600,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, and equal to the budget request.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$54,000,000 for new construction, as shown below:

ARMY FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Germany	Ansbach/Urlas	Whole Neighborhood replacement	52,000	52,000
Worldwide	Various locations	Planning & Design	2,000	2,000
Total .....	.....	.....	54,000	54,000

CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The following projects are to be accomplished within the amounts provided for construction improvements:

ARMY CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Alaska	Fort Wainwright ..	Family Housing Privatization (1,421 units)	25,000	25,000
Colorado	Fort Carson	Family Housing Privatization (570 units) (Grow the Force).	98,300	98,300
North Carolina	Fort Bragg	Family Housing Privatization (446 units)(Grow the Force).	59,400	59,400
Oklahoma	Fort Sill	Family Housing Privatization (1,415 units)	30,500	30,500
South Carolina	Fort Jackson	Family Housing Privatization (1,162 units)	43,900	43,900
Texas	Fort Bliss	Family Housing Privatization (442 units) (Grow the Force).	35,600	35,600
Washington	Fort Lewis	Family Housing Privatization (520 units) (Grow the Force).	72,700	72,700
Total .....	.....	.....	365,400	365,400

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

Appropriations, 2007	\$671,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	742,920,000
Committee recommendation	742,920,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing operation and maintenance appropriation for the Army provides for the operation and maintenance of family housing. This includes debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums of Army family housing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$742,920,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Army. This amount is \$71,920,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, and equal to the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2007	\$305,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	298,329,000
Committee recommendation	288,329,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing appropriation for the Navy and Marine Corps provides for expenses of family housing for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration. This appropriation provides for the financing of all costs for construction, improvements, and leasing of all Navy and Marine Corps housing. In addition to quality of life enhancements, the program contains initiatives to reduce operating costs and conserve energy by upgrading or replacing facilities which can be made more efficient through relatively modest investments in improvements. The Department of Defense is authorized 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 the Navy and Marine Corps.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$288,329,000 for family housing construction, Navy and Marine Corps, in fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$16,671,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$10,000,000 below the budget request.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$50,339,000 for new construction, as shown below:

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Guam	Guam	Replace Old Apra, PH II ...	57,167	47,167
Worldwide	Various locations	Planning & Design	3,172	3,172
Total .....	.....	.....	60,339	50,339

CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The following projects are to be accomplished within the amounts provided for construction improvements:

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
California	Camp Pendleton	Privatization (151 units)	25,175	25,175
California	Camp Pendleton	Privatization (150 units) (Grow the Force) ..	25,000	25,000
California	Twentynine Palms	Privatization (279 units) (Grow the Force) ..	50,000	50,000
North Carolina	Camp Lejeune	Privatization (451 units)	87,951	87,951
Guam	Guam	Whole House Improvements (33 units)	9,475	9,475
Guam	Guam	Repairs and Improvements	242	242
Japan	Atsugi	Revitalization (72 units)	13,563	13,563
Japan	Iwakuni	Revitalization (96 units)	12,321	12,321
Japan	Sasebo	Revitalization (21 units)	3,808	3,808
Korea	Chinhae	Revitalization (50 units)	8,971	8,971

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Spain	Rota	Conversion (28 duplexes into 14 homes)	1,484	1,484
Total .....	.....	.....	237,990	237,990

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2007	\$505,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	371,404,000
Committee recommendation	371,404,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing operation and maintenance appropriation for the Navy and Marine Corps provides for the operation and maintenance of family housing. This includes debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums of Navy and Marine Corps family housing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$371,404,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps, in fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$133,596,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2007 (including rescissions)	\$1,150,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	362,747,000
Committee recommendation	362,747,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing appropriation for the Air Force provides for expenses of family housing for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration. This appropriation provides for the financing of all costs for construction, improvements and leasing of all Air Force housing. In addition to quality of life enhancements, the program contains initiatives to reduce operating costs and conserve energy by upgrading or replacing facilities which can be made more efficient through relatively modest investments in improvements. The Department of Defense is authorized 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 the Air Force.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$362,747,000 for family housing construction, Air Force, in fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$787,253,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, including rescissions, and equal to the budget request.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$68,485,000 for new construction, as shown below:

AIR FORCE FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Germany	Ramstein AB	Replace Family Housing (117 units)	56,275	56,275
Worldwide	Various locations	Planning & Design	12,210	12,210
Total .....	.....	.....	68,485	68,485

CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The following projects are to be accomplished within the amounts provided for construction improvements:

AIR FORCE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Australia	Exmouth Family Housing Annex.	Improve Family Housing (12 units)	3,612	3,612
Germany	Ramstein AB	Improve Family Housing (20 units)	4,675	4,675
Japan	Kadena AB, Okinawa ...	Improve Family Housing (741 units)	142,880	142,880
Japan	Kadena AB, Okinawa ...	Install Government Furnished Materials (248 units).	1,118	1,118
Japan	Kadena AB, Okinawa ...	Install Air Conditioning System	916	916
Japan	Misawa AB	Improve Family Housing (256 units)	42,345	42,345
Japan	Yokota AB	Improve Family Housing (190 units)	44,907	44,907
Turkey	Incirlick AB	Improve Family Housing (515 units)	41,272	41,272
United Kingdom	RAF Bicester	Improve Family Housing (36 units)	12,486	12,486
United Kingdom	RAF Menwith Hill	Improve Family Housing (1 unit)	51	51
Total .....	.....	.....	294,262	294,262

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2007	\$750,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	688,335,000
Committee recommendation	688,335,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing operation and maintenance appropriation for the Air Force provides for the operation and maintenance of family housing. This includes debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums of Air Force family housing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$688,335,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Air Force, in fiscal year 2008. This amount is \$61,665,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2007	\$9,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	
Committee recommendation	

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing appropriation for Defense-Wide provides for expenses of family housing for construction, including acquisition, replacement, addition, expansion, extension, and alteration. This appropriation provides for the financing of all costs for construction, improvements and leasing of housing Defense-Wide. In addition to quality of life enhancements, the program contains initiatives to reduce operating costs and conserve energy by upgrading or replacing facilities which can be made more efficient through relatively modest investments in improvements. The Department of Defense is authorized 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 Defense-Wide.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends no funding for family housing construction, Defense-Wide, in fiscal year 2008 as requested by the President.

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2007	\$49,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	48,848,000
Committee recommendation	48,848,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing operation and maintenance appropriation for Defense-Wide provides for the operation and maintenance of family housing. This includes debt payment, leasing, minor construction, principal and interest charges, and insurance premiums of Defense family housing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$48,848,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Defense-Wide. This amount is \$152,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriations, 2007	\$2,475,000
Budget estimate, 2008	500,000
Committee recommendation	500,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The family housing improvement appropriation provides for the Department of Defense to undertake housing initiatives and to provide an alternative means of acquiring and improving military fam-

ily housing and supporting facilities. This account provides seed money for housing privatization initiatives.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$500,000 for the Family Housing Improvement Fund. This amount is \$1,975,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2007	\$131,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	86,176,000
Committee recommendation	104,176,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This account provides funding for design and construction of full-scale chemical disposal facilities and associated projects to upgrade installation support facilities and infrastructure required to support the Chemical Demilitarization Program. This account was established starting in fiscal year 2005 to comply with section 141(b) of the fiscal year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$104,176,000 for chemical demilitarization construction projects, an increase of \$18,000,000 over the President's budget request.

BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 1990

Appropriations, 2007	\$252,279,000
Budget estimate, 2008	220,689,000
Committee recommendation	320,689,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The base closure appropriation (1990) provides for clean up and disposal of property consistent with the four closure rounds required by the base closure Acts of 1988 and 1990.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a total of \$320,689,000 for the Base Closure Account 1990. This is \$68,410,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$100,000,000 above the President's budget request. The Committee notes that the Department of the Navy requested no funds for BRAC environmental cleanup, and is instead continuing to rely solely on revenue from BRAC land sales to finance its prior BRAC environmental cleanup effort. For fiscal year 2008, the Navy anticipates land sale revenues of \$178,800,000. The Committee commends the Navy for its innovative approach to funding its BRAC environmental cleanup program, but is concerned that revenues from Navy BRAC land sales are declining as the inventory of property available for disposal is reduced. This is particularly troubling at a time when the Navy's cost to complete its prior BRAC cleanup program has increased by \$725,000,000 over the past year due to additional remediation requirements at several installations.

According to the most recent estimate from the Government Accountability Office, the projected cost to complete the environmental cleanup from previous BRAC rounds is in excess of \$3,000,000,000. Of that amount, the Navy alone estimates a cost to complete of \$1,168,000,000. Environmental contamination at closed military installations constrains the reuse of these properties and imposes a burden on the Department and on the affected communities. The Committee believes strongly that environmental cleanup from previous BRAC rounds must remain a priority for the Department and for the Nation, and should be completed as expeditiously as possible. The Committee is particularly concerned that resources allotted to the cleanup of bases closed under previous rounds should not be diminished in the face of the major investment required to execute the BRAC 2005 round.

The Committee understands that the Services have the ability to execute additional BRAC environmental cleanup activities beyond those provided for in the fiscal year 2008 budget request. The Committee therefore recommends an increase of \$100,000,000 above the President's budget request for the BRAC 1990 account, of which \$30,000,000 shall be for the Army, \$50,000,000 for the Navy, and \$20,000,000 for the Air Force.

BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 1990 ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW

From fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 2007, a total of \$23,710,833,000 has been appropriated for the environmental clean up of military installations closed or realigned under prior BRAC rounds. The total amount appropriated for BRAC 1990, combined with the Committee recommendation for fiscal year 2008, is \$24,031,522,000.

In appropriating these funds, the Committee continues to provide the Department with broad flexibility to allocate funds by Service, function, and installation. The following table displays the total amount appropriated for each round of base closure, including amounts recommended for fiscal year 2008 for BRAC 1990.

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 1990

[Total funding, fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 2008]

	1990–2006	Fiscal year		Total
		2007 enacted	2008 Committee recommendation	
Part I	\$2,684,577,000	(¹)	(¹)	\$2,684,577,000
Part II	4,915,636,000	(¹)	(¹)	4,915,636,000
Part III	7,269,267,000	(¹)	(¹)	7,269,267,000
Part IV	8,589,074,000	\$252,279,000	\$320,689,000	9,162,042,000
Total	23,458,554,000	252,279,000	320,689,000	24,031,522,000

¹ Not Applicable.

BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$2,489,421,000
Budget estimate, 2008	8,174,315,000
Committee recommendation	8,174,315,000

¹ Excluding \$3,136,802,000 in emergency supplemental funding in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The base realignment and closure appropriation for 2005 provides for clean up and disposal of property consistent with the 2005 closure round required by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (10 U.S.C. section 2687 note).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends a total of \$8,174,315,000 for the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005. This amount is \$5,684,894,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental funding, and equal to the budget request.

The following chart details projects to be carried out using BRAC 2005 funding. Given the magnitude of this effort, and the number and scope of military construction projects associated with it, the Committee is concerned that the projected construction cost of individual projects planned under the BRAC 2005 program may escalate from the original estimate due to market conditions and other variables. The Committee therefore directs that any above-threshold cost or scope variation, any cancellation of projects, or any transfer of funds among construction projects associated with the BRAC 2005 projects identified in the table following this narrative be subject to the standard reprogramming and notification requirements that apply to the regular military construction appropriation.

Enhanced Use Leasing.—In an effort to accomplish the objectives of the BRAC 2005 round in as timely and cost-efficient manner as possible, the Committee urges the Department to fully explore private sector funding options that could augment funding provided through the military construction program. In particular, the Committee recommends that the Army, which is tasked under BRAC with the significant expansion of a number of its major installations, should consider the services and funding capabilities of the private sector by leveraging Enhanced Use Lease opportunities to expedite the development of new facilities at these installations.

BRAC 2005 PROJECTS
[In thousands of dollars]

State	Service	Location	Commission recommendation	Project	Dollar amount
Alaska	Air Force	Elmendorf AFB	80,110	Aircraft Maintenance Complex	11,400
			80,110	Ops and Med Training	12,200
Alabama	Army	Montgomery	80,110	Composite Support Complex	9,600
		Redstone Arsenal	11	Joint Forces Headquarters Building	36,100
			148	Army Materiel Command & United States Army Security Assistance Command Headquarters Incr 1.	30,000
Arkansas	Missile Defense Agency	Redstone Arsenal	134	Construct Von Braun Complex	73,600
	Army	Arkadelphia	13	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	12,200
		Fort Chaffee	13	Joint Forces Vehicle Maintenance Facility	31,300
California	Air Force	Little Rock AFB	92, 93, 103	Aerospace Ground Equipment/Engine Facility	2,800
	Army	Bel	73	Armed Forces Reserve Center, Incr 2	22,100
	Navy	China Lake	184	Fuse Test Facility	9,476
			184	Hardware in the Loop Facility	13,890
			188	Fixed Wing Transfer Facility/AF	8,600
		NS San Diego	71	Renovate Commander, Mine Warfare Command, Headquarters.	19,558
			71	Child Development Center	7,079
			71	Upgrade Magnetic Silencing Facility for MCMs	6,000
		Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach	71	Mobile Mine Assembly Unit 15 Collocation to Building 78.	5,150
Colorado	Army	Fort Carson	6	Hospital Addition	27,000
			6	Troop Health Clinic	54,000
			6	Brigade Combat Team Complex, Incr 3	90,000
			6	Division Headquarters Complex, Incr 2	20,000
			6	Vehicle Maintenance Facility	13,200
			91,143B	Utility Infrastructure Construction	10,080
	Air Force	Buckley AFB	131	CiFA West Office Building	2,363
	Counterintelligence Field Activity	Peterson AFB	131	Indoor Firing Range	4,850
Florida	Army	Eglin Air Force Base	4	Live Fire Exercise Shoothouse	3,300
			4	Live Fire Exercise Breach Facility	3,750
			4	Shotgun Assault Course	3,000
			4	Grenade Launcher Range	1,050
			4	Hand Grenade Qualification Course	1,000
			4	Urban Assault Course	1,500

BRAC 2005 PROJECTS—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

State	Service	Location	Commission recommendation	Project	Dollar amount
Georgia	Navy Air Force	Jacksonville MacDill AFB	65	Hangar/Parking Apron	19,761
			104	Air Force Reserve Civil Engineering and Disaster Prep Training.	3,500
		Homestead Air Reserve Base	104	Air Force Reserve Fire Fighting Administration/Training.	1,150
			104	Air Force Reserve Aeromedical Strategy and Tactics Analysis Group Squadron Training.	3,150
			104	Air Force Reserve Communications Squadron Training	940
			104	Air Force Reserve Add Services Flight Training	840
			104	Air Force Reserve Security Forces Squadron Training	2,200
			113, 115	Armed Forces Reserve Center Add Avionics and Electronic Countermeasures Shop.	2,150
			125	Joint Strike Fighter Academic Simulator Facility	26,000
			125	USMC Hangar	16,800
			128	Air Force Combat Systems Officer Training Hangar	36,500
			128	Combat Systems Officer Training Facility	13,000
	Army	Fort Benning	9	Troop Health Clinic—Winder, Sand Hill	5,100
			9	Troop Health Clinic—Harmony Church	16,000
			9	Troop Dental Clinic—Solomon, Sand Hill	3,550
			9	Modified Record Fire Range 2	4,500
			9	Modified Record Fire Range 1	4,500
			9	Vehicle Maintenance Facility	23,000
			9	General Instruction Complex 1	24,000
			9	Training Aid Support Center Conversion	3,800
			9	Infrastructure Support Incr 1	74,000
			9	Training Support Brigade Complex Incr 2	73,000
Hawaii	Navy Air Force	Fort Gillem	62	RIA-14 Facility	3,764
			79, 103	Dormitory, 120-PN	14,000
	Army	Moody AFB	87	Relocate 202 Environmental Impact Study Operations	1,700
			18	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	49,200
			162	Industrial Waste Treatment Plant	3,000
			19	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	25,000
			19	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	26,400
			151	Metal Parts Production Addition/Alteration	10,600
Iowa	Army	Iowa Army Ammunition Plant			
Illinois	Army	Lake County			
		Mt Vernon Armory			
		Rock Island Arsenal			

Indiana	Air Force	Scott AFB	142	Headquarters US Transportation Command Facilities ...	83,800
Kansas	Army	Lafayette	20	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	28,605
Kentucky	Army	Fort Riley	10	Combat Aviation Brigade Complex Incr 2	109,000
Louisiana	Army	Fort Knox	9	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building, Phase 1	12,000
	Army	Baton Rouge	143	Human Resources Command Complex, Ph 2 Incr 1	55,000
	Army		23	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	40,666
	Navy	Naval Air Station/Joint Reserve Base New Orleans.	73	Armed Forces Reserve Center	8,000
			64	Flag Housing	1,527
			64	Library	3,377
			64	Recreation Center	2,186
			64	General Administrative Building	9,158
			64	Veterinary Facility	806
	Air Force	Naval Air Station, New Orleans Joint Reserve Base.	108	Relocate 214 Environmental Impact Study Operations ..	1,200
Massachusetts	Air Force	Barnes Manpower Personnel Training, Air Guard Squadron.	94	Add To Munitions Storage	5,000
			94	Alert Complex	16,500
Maryland	Army	Aberdeen Proving Ground	5	Command, Control, Computers, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) Facilities Ph 3 Incr 1.	141,000
			5	Command, Control, Computers, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) (2WD) Facilities Ph 2.	104,000
	Navy	Indian Head	169	Medical Research Lab, Chem Bio Defense	27,000
	Air Force	Andrews AFB	187	Army Research Lab	2,900
	Defense Information Systems Agency.	Fort Meade	184	Explosives Development Facility	28,789
	National Security Agency		129	Headquarters & Readiness Center (Increment 1)	28,000
	TRICARE Management Activity		140	Construct DISA Building	151,994
		Fort Meade	130	Construct Adjudication Facility	94
Maine	Navy	Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda.	169	Medical Center Addition/Alteration Incr 1	214,800
		Kittery	65	Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) School and Addition to Building B315.	12,740
		Brunswick	65	Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 27 Facilities	9,295
Michigan	Air Force	Selfridge Air National Guard Base	95	Add to Fuel/Corrosion Control	1,050
Minnesota	Army	Faribault Army National Guard	27	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	16,000
Missouri	Army	Jefferson Barracks	28	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	27,100
Montana	Army	Missoula Armory	29	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	19,200

BRAC 2005 PROJECTS—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

State	Service	Location	Commission recommendation	Project	Dollar amount
North Carolina	Air Force	Great Falls International Airport, Air Guard Station.	94	Upgrade Munitions Storage	3,300
	Army	Fort Bragg	4	Troop Medical Clinic	16,500
	Air Force	Pope AFB	103	Reconfigure Base Supply Building 560	796
			103	Reconfigure Wing Headquarters Building 753	778
		Seymour Johnson AFB	104, 119	Fitness Center Addition B4210	1,600
North Dakota			104, 119	Recreation Center Addition Bldg 3728	820
	Air Force	Grand Forks AFB	104, 119	Construct Flightline Kitchen Facility	960
	Navy	McGuire AFB	104	Convert Hangar for UAV Corrosion Control	1,280
			68	Construct Helicopter Hangars & Marine Aircraft Group Headquarters.	37,809
			68	Joint Use Reserve Training Center	20,580
New Mexico	Air Force	Kirtland AFB	68	Navy VR Fleet Logistics Operations Facility	27,558
	Army	Farmingdale	187	Space Vehicle Facility	42,700
		Niagara Falls	34	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building, Incr 1	65,000
		Fort Hamilton	34	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	27,000
		Columbus	53	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	64,000
Ohio	Army	Springfield	37	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	29,000
		Wright-Patterson AFB	37	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	25,500
	Navy		174	Aero Medical Research Laboratory	13,600
	Air Force	Wright-Patterson AFB	170, 188A	Alter Acquisition Management Facility (Human Systems Group/YA & Fixed Wing).	15,000
			170	Alter Materials Laboratory (Human Systems Group/YA Labs).	6,200
			170	Radiation Calibration Facility	4,600
			170	Air Force Institute for Operational Health Facility	54,000
			170	Air Force Research Laboratory/Human Effectiveness (Brooks).	32,000
			170	U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine Consult Service.	18,500
			170	U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine (Increment 1).	51,000
			170, 187, 188A	Dining Facility	980

Oklahoma	Army	Fort Sill	187	Air Force Research Laboratory/Human Effectiveness (MESA).	34,000
		McAlester	x	Air Defense Artillery Brigade Complex, Incr 1	89,000
		Norman	38	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	34,000
		Vance AFB	38	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	16,000
		West Oklahoma City	38	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	43,200
		Fort Sill	38	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	15,000
			126	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	41,000
			126	Training Aids Support Center	6,000
	Air Force	Tinker AFB	108	Air Defense Artillery School Complex Incr 2	87,000
	Defense Logistics Agency	Defense Distribution Depot Oklahoma City (DDOO).	177	Air Force Reserve Squadron Operations/Life Support Construct General Purpose Warehouse	6,900
Pennsylvania	Army	Letterkenny Army Depot	7	Guided Missile Launcher Equipment Shop, Depot	11,600
		AFRC Bristol	40	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	25,000
		AFRC Scranton	40	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	32,000
		Tobyhanna Army Depot	57	Radar Test Range	2,450
	Navy	Lehigh Valley	73	Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center (NMCRC) Reading to NMCRC Lehigh Valley.	8,600
	Defense Logistics Agency	Defense Distribution Depot Susquehanna (DDSP).	177	Construct General Purpose Warehouse	38,350
South Carolina	Army	Fort Jackson	50	Drill Sergeant School	24,000
		Goose Creek	124	Joint Religious Education & Training Center	11,600
	Navy		71	Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU-6) Detachment Boat Shops.	1,580
	Air Force	Shaw AFB	3A	Base Operational Support Project for Headquarters 3rd Army	25,000
Texas	Army	Fort Bliss	x	Combined Arms Collective Training Facility	18,500
			10	Brigade Combat Team Complex #3 Incr 1	103,000
			10	Digital Multipurpose Training Range	15,000
			10	Urban Assault Course	2,300
			10	Convoy Live Fire Training Range	3,200
			10	Infantry Squad Battle Course	2,400
			10	Troop Health Clinic	42,000
			10	Physical Fitness Facility	22,000
			10	Youth Center Expansion	2,000
			10	Information System Processing Center	6,100
			10	Infrastructure Support Ph 2	55,000
			10	Combat Aviation Brigade Complex Incr 2	90,000
			10	Close Combat Tactical Trainer Facility	6,100

BRAC 2005 PROJECTS—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

State	Service	Location	Commission recommendation	Project	Dollar amount
Virginia	Navy	East Houston	10	Brigade Combat Team Complex #2 Incr 2	70,000
		Fort Bliss	44	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	36,000
		Northwest Houston	44	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	49,900
		Fort Sam Houston	44	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	31,900
		Fort Sam Houston	174	Battlefield Health & Trauma, Incr 2	53,000
		Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base	174	Battlefield Health Trauma Bio-Med Lab	7,473
		Randolph AFB	113	Air Force Reserve Munitions Igloos	1,250
		Lackland AFB	137C	Civilian Personnel Office Administration Center Facility	10,900
		Fort Sam Houston	147, 170	Headquarters Admin Center (Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence & Air Force Real Property Agency & Air Force Wide Support Element)	37,000
		Fort Sam Houston	172	Medical Training Facilities (Increment 1)	96,400
	TRICARE Management Activity	Fort Sam Houston	172	Medical Education & Training—Dining Facilities	38,000
		Fort Sam Houston	172	Medical Education and Training Center Student Dorm #1 (Increment 1)	46,500
		Fort Sam Houston	172	Medical Education and Training Center Student Dorm #2 (Increment 1)	47,000
		Fort Sam Houston	172	Addition/Alteration for San Antonio Military Medical Center (SAMMC) North Incr 1	156,035
		Fort Sam Houston	172	Health Clinic	43,100
	Army	Fort Sam Houston	121	Combat Service Support School Ph 1 Incr 2	212,000
		Fort Lee	121	Combat Service Support School Ph 2 Incr 1	173,000
		Fort Belvoir	122	Joint Center for Consolidated Transportation	13,400
	Navy	Quantico	169	Infrastructure Support Incr 1	20,000
		NSY Norfolk	131	Investigative Agency Facilities	143,132
		Dahlgren	164	Ship Maintenance Engineering Facility Modification	19,362
		Dahlgren	166	Engineering Management Facility Conversion	9,506
	Defense Commissary Agency Defense Intelligence Agency Missile Defense Agency	Dahlgren	184	Research, Development, and Acquisition—Test and Evaluation Consolidated Facility	28,930
		Fort Lee	139	Facility for Consolidation	23,389
		Rivanna Station, Charlottesville	167	Joint Use Intelligence Facility—Phase 1	41,000
		Fort Belvoir	134	Construct Headquarters Command Center	25,100

Vermont	National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency	Fort Belvoir	168	Construct NGA Building	428,879
Washington	TRICARE Management Activity	Fort Belvoir	169	Hospital 1st Increment	219,400
.....	Washington Headquarters Services	Fort Belvoir	133	Office Complex, Increment 1	321,546
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.....	Army	Rutland	45	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	23,000
.....	Army	Yakima	46	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	20,000
.....	Navy	Bremerton	166	Ship Maintenance Engineering Consolidation	130
.....	.....	Fort Lewis	76	Relocate Navy Cargo Handling Facilities Battalion 5	7,333
Wyoming	Army	Joint Forces Hqtrs. Cheyenne	49	Armed Forces Reserve Center Building	32,500
.....	Air Force	Cheyenne MAP AGS	106	Squadron Operations Addition	3,200
Various Locations	Army	Various Locations .....	.....	Planning and Design	183,900
District of Columbia	Navy	Washington .....	.....	Planning and Design	20,127
.....	Air Force	Various Locations		MILCON Planning and Design	25,487
Total Milcon and P&D					6,419,758
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Various Locations	Army	Various		Environmental	86,756
.....	Navy	Various		Environmental	16,953
.....	Air Force	Various		Environmental	8,696
.....	Defense Wide	Various			
Total Environmental					112,405
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Various Locations	Army	Various		Operations and Maintenance	442,967
.....	Navy	Various		Operations and Maintenance	205,656
.....	Air Force	Various .....	.....	Operations and Maintenance	222,601
.....	Defense Wide	Various		Operations and Maintenance	317,492
Total Operations and Maintenance					1,188,716
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Various Locations	Army	Various		Military Personnel Moves	
.....	Navy	Various		Military Personnel Moves	2,499
.....	Air Force	Various .....	.....	Military Personnel Moves	12,256
.....	Defense Wide	Various .....	.....	Military Personnel Moves .....	.....
Total MilPers PCS .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,755

BRAC 2005 PROJECTS—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

State	Service	Location	Commission recommendation	Project	Dollar amount
Various Locations	Army	Various	.....	Other	244,502
	Navy	Various	.....	Other	1,711
	Air Force	Various	.....	Other	30,548
	Defense Wide	Various	.....	Other	161,920
Total Other	.....	.....	.....	.....	438,681
Total BRAC 2005 fiscal year 2008 All Categories.	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,174,315

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 101. The Committee includes a provision that restricts payments under a cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contract for work, except in cases of contracts for environmental restoration at base closure sites.

SEC. 102. The Committee includes a provision that permits use of funds for hire of passenger motor vehicles.

SEC. 103. The Committee includes a provision that permits use of funds for defense access roads.

SEC. 104. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits construction of new bases inside the continental United States for which specific appropriations have not been made.

SEC. 105. The Committee includes a provision that limits the use of funds for purchase of land or land easements.

SEC. 106. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds to acquire land, prepare a site, or install utilities for any family housing except housing for which funds have been made available.

SEC. 107. The Committee includes a provision that limits the use of minor construction funds to transfer or relocate activities among installations.

SEC. 108. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the procurement of steel unless American producers, fabricators, and manufacturers have been allowed to compete.

SEC. 109. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits payments of real property taxes in foreign nations.

SEC. 110. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits construction of new bases overseas without prior notification.

SEC. 111. The Committee includes a provision that establishes a threshold for American preference of \$500,000 relating to architect and engineering services if a host country has not increased defense spending by at least 3 percent in calendar year 2005.

SEC. 112. The Committee includes a provision that establishes 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 Sea.

SEC. 113. The Committee includes a provision that requires notification of military exercises involving construction in excess of \$750,000.

SEC. 114. The Committee includes a provision that limits obligations during the last 2 months of the fiscal year.

SEC. 115. The Committee includes a provision that permits funds appropriated in prior years to be available for construction authorized during the current session of Congress.

SEC. 116. The Committee includes a provision that permits the use of expired or lapsed funds to pay the cost of supervision for any project being completed with lapsed funds.

SEC. 117. The Committee includes a provision that permits obligation of funds from more than 1 fiscal year to execute a construction project, provided that the total obligation for such project is consistent with the total amount appropriated for the project.

SEC. 118. The Committee includes a provision that directs the Department to report annually on actions taken to encourage other nations to assume a greater share of the common defense burden.

SEC. 119. The Committee includes a provision that allows transfer of proceeds from earlier base closure accounts to the continuing base closure account (1990, parts I–IV).

SEC. 120. The Committee includes a provision that permits the transfer of funds from Family Housing Construction accounts to the DOD Family Housing Improvement Fund and from Military Construction accounts to the DOD Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund.

SEC. 121. The Committee includes a provision that requires the Secretary of Defense to notify the congressional defense committees of all family housing privatization solicitations and agreements which contain any clause providing consideration for base realignment and closure, force reductions and extended deployments.

SEC. 122. The Committee includes a provision that provides transfer authority to the Homeowners Assistance Program.

SEC. 123. The Committee includes a provision that requires that all acts making appropriations for military construction be the sole funding source of all operation and maintenance for family housing, including flag and general officer quarters, and limits the repair on flag and general officer quarters to \$35,000 per year without prior notification to the congressional defense committees.

SEC. 124. The Committee includes a provision that provides authority to expend funds from the “Ford Island Improvement” account.

SEC. 125. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the expenditure of funds at installations or for projects no longer necessary as a result of BRAC 2005.

SEC. 126. The Committee includes a provision that specifies notification and reprogramming requirements for “Grow the Force” projects.

TITLE II
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
HEARINGS

The subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs held one hearing related to the fiscal year 2008 Department of Veterans Affairs [VA] budget request on April 12, 2007. The subcommittee heard testimony from the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, concerning the VA's budget request for fiscal year 2008.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$87,501,280,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, including \$44,487,250,000 in mandatory spending and \$43,014,030,000 in discretionary spending. The amount provided for discretionary activities represents an increase of \$6,534,846,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental funding, and an increase of \$3,597,529,000 above the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Veterans Administration was established as an independent agency by Executive Order 5398 of July 21, 1930, in accordance with the Act of July 3, 1930 (46 Stat. 1016). This act authorized the President to consolidate and coordinate Federal agencies especially created for or concerned with the administration of laws providing benefits to veterans, including the Veterans' Bureau, the Bureau of Pensions, and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. On March 15, 1989, the Veterans Administration was elevated to Cabinet-level status as the Department of Veterans Affairs [VA].

The VA's mission is to serve America's veterans and their families as their principal advocate in ensuring they receive the care, support, and recognition they have earned in service to the Nation. On September 30, 2006, there were an estimated 24 million living veterans, with 23.9 million of them residing in the United States and Puerto Rico. There were an estimated 36.6 million dependents (spouses and dependent children) of living veterans in the United States and Puerto Rico. There were over 538,000 survivors of deceased veterans receiving VA survivor benefits in the United States and Puerto Rico. Thus, more than 61 million people, or 20 percent of the total estimated resident population of the United States and Puerto Rico were recipients, or potential recipients of veterans' benefits from the Federal Government. The VA's operating units in-

clude the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, National Cemetery Administration, and staff support offices.

The Veterans Benefits Administration [VBA] provides an integrated program of non-medical veteran benefits. The VBA administers a broad range of benefits to veterans and other eligible beneficiaries through 57 regional offices and the records processing center in St. Louis, Missouri. The benefits provided include: compensation for service-connected disabilities; pensions for wartime, needy, and totally disabled veterans; vocational rehabilitation assistance; educational and training assistance; home buying assistance; estate protection services for veterans under legal disability; information and assistance through personalized contacts; and six life insurance programs.

The Veterans Health Administration [VHA] develops, maintains, and operates a national healthcare delivery system for eligible veterans; carries out a program of education and training of healthcare personnel; carries out a program of medical research and development; and furnishes health services to members of the Armed Forces during periods of war or national emergency. A system of 155 hospitals, 925 outpatient clinics, 135 nursing homes, and 45 VA domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs is maintained to meet the VA's medical mission.

The National Cemetery Administration provides for the interment of the remains of eligible deceased servicepersons and discharged veterans in any national cemetery with available grave space; permanently maintains these graves; provides headstones and markers for the graves of eligible persons in national and private cemeteries; administers the grant program for aid to States in establishing, expanding, or improving State veterans' cemeteries; and provides certificates to families of deceased veterans recognizing the veterans' contributions and service to the Nation. The National Cemetery Administration includes 158 cemeterial installations and activities.

Other VA offices include the General Counsel, Inspector General, Boards of Contract Appeals and Veterans Appeals, and the general administration, which supports the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Under Secretary for Benefits, Under Secretary for Health, and the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

Legislative Initiatives.—The Committee is pleased to note that the VA, for the first time in 5 years, did not predicate its fiscal year 2008 budget request on a proposal to impose new fees and increased co-payments on veterans for medical services and prescription medicines. This is an issue which is clearly in the purview of the authorizing committee, and is not an appropriations issue. The Committee has repeatedly denied such budget assumptions in the past and commends the VA for following its guidance in developing the fiscal year 2008 budget request, which assumes no revenue from fees that have not been passed into law. The Committee does note that the VA will transmit a fee proposal to Congress for consideration separately from the budget request.

VA Medical Facilities.—The Committee is seriously concerned about the deplorable conditions that were found at the outpatient facilities of the Defense Department's Walter Reed Army Medical

Center. Therefore, the Committee is carefully monitoring the VA health care system to ensure that any such deficiencies in VA medical centers are identified and dealt with promptly and efficiently. The Committee provided \$950,907,000 in the fiscal year 2007 supplemental funding bill for maintenance, improvements and for minor construction at VA medical care facilities, and recommends \$1,018,002,000 over the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 to continue to address maintenance deficiencies and minor construction needs throughout the system. The Committee continues to be concerned with the VA's practice of withholding non-recurring maintenance funds until the last quarter of the fiscal year. A recently published Government Accountability Office [GAO] report found that the VA waited until September 2006 to obligate about \$248,000,000—almost 60 percent—of non-recurring maintenance funding, despite the fact that the Office of Management and Budget apportions this funding quarterly. The GAO notes that extensive year-end spending can place government programs at risk for waste. Further, the GAO found that VA headquarters lacks the ability to monitor individual maintenance projects among the 21 Veterans Integrated Service Networks [VISN]. Specifically, VA headquarters does not have access to the financial information system that VISN regional offices use to track the status of individual non-recurring maintenance projects. The VA is required to report quarterly on expenditure of funds in this account and has begun to include the balance of non-recurring maintenance funding in the quarterly financial status reports. The Committee strongly encourages the Department to continue doing this. The Committee directs the Secretary to report back to the Committee by January 15, 2008, on steps the VA is undertaking to better track non-recurring maintenance projects and expenditures at the VISN level. Additionally, the Committee has included bill language restricting to 20 percent the amount of funding the VA can obligate in the last 2 months of the fiscal year.

Budget Projections.—The Committee is deeply concerned about the long-term impacts the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will have on VA's ability to deliver timely, high quality health care. In the first 6 months of fiscal year 2007, VA treated nearly 124,000 OEF and OIF patients. This is a 29 percent increase over the same time period in fiscal year 2006. Coupled with the general aging veteran population and the increased usage of long-term care, the VA is facing a pending crisis within the system. There appears to be a disconnect between substantial increases for veterans health care provided by Congress and the administration's future budget projections. The Historical Tables accompanying the fiscal year 2008 Budget Submission for the U.S. Government show a flat line for veterans health care through 2012. The Committee understands that actuarial models can fluctuate year to year; however, given increasing medical inflation, it seems illogical that the administration believes spending on veterans' health care will remain frozen over the next 5 years. While the budget request is constructed year-to-year and the Historical Tables are merely projections, the VA must have a better blueprint on out-year costs in order to efficiently and effectively build capacity to meet future demand. The Committee directs the Department to conduct a study of future

needs of health care for the next 10 years and provide the report to the Committee on Appropriations by March 21, 2008.

Waiting Times.—The Committee remains committed to ensuring that the VA decrease the time it takes for veterans to schedule health care appointments and have their benefits claims processed. In order to reduce the waiting times for health care appointments, the VA has instituted the Advanced Clinical Access Initiative. Through the second quarter of fiscal year 2007, the VA reported that 96 percent of primary care appointments were scheduled within 30 days of the desired date; 94 percent of specialty care appointments were scheduled within 30 days of the desired date; and, 74.5 percent of new patient appointments were scheduled within 30 days of the desired date. While the VA has made significant strides over the past 4 years to reduce the waiting times, more needs to be done. The Committee is concerned that these statistics may not accurately reflect actual experiences, based on anecdotal reports of appointments made and then cancelled. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations by March 21, 2008, on the policy, procedures and guidance issued to the field on reducing appointment waiting times.

Services for Women Veterans.—The Committee remains dedicated to ensuring that the needs of women veterans are met. In 1994 the VA established the Center for Women Veterans. The mission of the Center for Women Veterans is to ensure that women veterans have access to VA benefits and services on par with male veterans and to ensure that VA programs are responsive to the gender-specific needs of women veterans. The VA must be prepared to handle the increasing number of women who are choosing the military as a career. Therefore, the Committee directs the VA to report to the Committee on Appropriations by March 7, 2008, on outreach efforts the VA is undertaking to ensure that women veterans are duly informed of the services they have earned through their service. Additionally, the Committee directs that future outreach efforts detail the types of specific health care services, including readjustment counseling, offered to women veterans.

Arizona Veterans Museum.—The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance, where appropriate, to the Arizona Office of Veterans Services in its efforts to provide community education and display military artifacts from Arizona State Veterans' Organizations.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2007	\$41,440,411,000
Budget estimate, 2008	44,642,822,000
Committee recommendation	44,642,822,000

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The Veterans Benefits Administration [VBA] is responsible for the payment of compensation and pension benefits to eligible service-connected disabled veterans. This administration also provides education benefits and housing loan guarantees.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$44,642,822,000 for the Veterans Benefits Administration. This amount is composed of \$41,236,322,000 for “Compensation and pensions”; \$3,300,289,000 for “Readjustment benefits”; \$41,250,000 for “Veterans insurance and indemnities”; \$17,389,000 for the “Veterans housing benefit program fund program account”, with \$108,000,000 in credit subsidies and \$154,562,000 for administrative expenses; \$71,000 for the “Vocational rehabilitation loans program account” and \$311,000 for administrative expenses; and \$628,000 for the “Native American veteran housing loan program account”.

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2007	\$38,007,095,000
Budget estimate, 2008	41,236,322,000
Committee recommendation	41,236,322,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Compensation is payable to living veterans who have suffered impairment of earning power from service-connected disabilities. The amount of compensation is based upon the impact of disabilities on a veteran’s earning capacity. Death compensation or dependency and indemnity compensation is payable to the surviving spouses and dependents of veterans whose deaths occur while on active duty or result from service-connected disabilities. A clothing allowance may also be provided for service-connected veterans who use a prosthetic or orthopedic device.

Pensions are an income security benefit payable to needy wartime veterans who are precluded from gainful employment due to non-service-connected disabilities which render them permanently and totally disabled. Public law 107–103, the Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001, restored the automatic presumption of permanent and total non-service connected disability for purposes of awarding a pension to veterans age 65 and older, subject to the income limitations that apply to all pensioners. Death pensions are payable to needy surviving spouses and children of deceased wartime veterans. The rate payable for both disability and death pensions is determined on the basis of the annual income of the veteran or their survivors.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$41,236,322,000 for “Compensation and pensions”. This is an increase of \$3,229,227,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The amount includes funds for a projected fiscal year 2008 cost-of-living increase of 1.4 percent for pension recipients.

The appropriation includes \$28,583,000 in payments to the “General operating expenses” and “Medical administration” accounts for expenses related to implementing provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, the Veterans’ Benefits Act of 1992, the Veterans’ Benefits Improvements Act of 1994, and the Veterans’ Benefits Improvements Act of 1996.

Claims Processing.—The Committee remains extremely concerned with the VA's ability to adjudicate claims in a timely and efficient manner. New claims receipts have grown by 39 percent from 2000 to 2006. The average wait time for a veteran's claim to be processed is 177 days, almost 6 months, and the Department has a current backlog of almost 400,000 claims. Additionally, the complexity of adjudicating the claims is estimated to grow as veterans are documenting a greater number of disabilities, such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD] and complex combat injuries. In order to address these serious problems, the Committee provided in fiscal year 2007 an additional \$60,750,000 in supplemental funding. For fiscal year 2008, the Committee recommends for VBA's General Operating Expense account an additional \$130,750,000 above the President's budget request. The Committee encourages the Department to place as a priority the integration of technology that will further streamline the benefits claims process. In Public Law 110–28, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, Congress included by reference a reporting requirement directing the VA to submit a report on the number of new hires for claims processing in fiscal year 2007 and projections for 2008, the attrition rate for claims examiners, the projected productivity per FTE, the productivity by Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN), and the plan to leverage new technology to create a more efficient system. As a follow on to this report, the Committee directs the Department to provide this information by regional office rather than by VISN.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Appropriations, 2007	\$3,262,006,000
Budget estimate, 2008	3,300,289,000
Committee recommendation	3,300,289,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The "Readjustment benefits" appropriation finances the education and training of veterans and servicepersons whose initial entry into active duty took place on or after July 1, 1985. These benefits are included in the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program (Montgomery GI bill) authorized under 38 U.S.C. section 30. 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. This account also finances vocational rehabilitation, specially adapted housing grants, automobile grants with the associated approved adaptive equipment for certain disabled veterans, and educational assistance allowances for eligible dependents of those veterans who died from service-connected causes or have a total permanent service-connected disability, as well as dependents of servicepersons who were captured or missing in action.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$3,300,289,000 for "Readjustment benefits". This is an increase of \$38,283,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Appropriations, 2007	\$49,850,000
Budget estimate, 2008	41,250,000
Committee recommendation	41,250,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Veterans insurance and indemnities” appropriation consists of the former appropriations for military and naval insurance, applicable to World War I veterans; National Service Life Insurance, applicable to certain World War II veterans; Servicemen’s indemnities, applicable to Korean conflict veterans; and veterans mortgage life insurance to individuals who have received a grant for specially adapted housing.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$41,250,000 for “Veterans insurance and indemnities”. This is a decrease of \$8,600,000 below the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The Department estimates there will be 7,149,360 policies in force in fiscal year 2008 with a value of \$1,116,486,000,000.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Administrative expenses
Appropriations, 2007	\$66,234,000	\$154,284,000
Budget estimate, 2008	17,389,000	154,562,000
Committee recommendation	17,389,000	154,562,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This appropriation provides for all costs, with the exception of the “Native American veteran housing loan program” and the “Guaranteed transitional housing loans for homeless veterans program”, of the VA’s direct and guaranteed housing loans, as well as the administrative expenses to carry out these programs.

VA loan guaranties are made to service members, veterans, reservists and unremarried surviving spouses for the purchase of homes, condominiums, manufactured homes and for refinancing loans. VA guarantees part of the total loan, permitting the purchaser to obtain a mortgage with a competitive interest rate, even without a downpayment, if the lender agrees. The VA requires that a downpayment be made for a manufactured home. With a VA guaranty, the lender is protected against loss up to the amount of the guaranty if the borrower fails to repay the loan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends such sums as may be necessary for funding subsidy payments, estimated to total \$17,389,000; and \$154,562,000 for administrative expenses for fiscal year 2008. Bill language limits gross obligations for direct loans for specially-adapted housing to \$500,000.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Administrative ex- penses
Appropriations, 2007	\$53,000	\$305,000
Budget estimate, 2008	71,000	311,000
Committee recommendation	71,000	311,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 \$1,016 (based on the indexed chapter 31 subsistence allowance rate) are available to service-connected disabled veterans enrolled in vocational rehabilitation programs, as provided under 38 U.S.C. chapter 31, when the veteran is temporarily in need of additional assistance. Repayment is made in 10 monthly installments, without interest, through deductions from future payments of compensation, pension, subsistence allowance, educational assistance allowance, or retirement pay. Over 99 percent of loans are repaid in full in less than 1 year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$71,000 for program costs and \$311,000 for administrative expenses for the "Vocational rehabilitation loans program account". The administrative expenses may be transferred to and merged with the "General operating expenses" account. Bill language is included limiting program direct loans to \$3,287,000. It is estimated that the VA will make 4,349 loans in fiscal year 2008, with an average amount of \$756.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2007	\$584,000
Budget estimate, 2008	628,000
Committee recommendation	628,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program is authorized by 38 U.S.C. chapter 37, section 3761 to provide direct loans to Native American veterans living on trust lands. The loans are available to purchase, construct, or improve homes to be occupied as veteran residences. The principal amount of a loan under this authority is limited to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation's single-family conventional conforming loan limit. Veterans pay a funding fee of 1.25 percent of the loan amount but veterans with service-connected disability are exempt from paying the fee. Before a direct loan can be made, the veteran's tribal organization must sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the VA regarding the terms and conditions of the loan. The Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program began as a pilot program in 1993 and was made permanent by Public Law 109-233, the Veterans Housing Opportunity and Benefits Act of 2006.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$628,000 for administrative expenses associated with this program. This is \$44,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

GUARANTEED TRANSITIONAL HOUSING LOANS FOR HOMELESS
VETERANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program was established by Public Law 105–368, the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998. The program is a pilot project designed to expand the supply of transitional housing for homeless veterans and to guarantee up to 15 loans with a maximum aggregate value of \$100,000,000. The project must enforce sobriety standards and provide a wide range of supportive services such as counseling for substance abuse and development of job readiness skills.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

All funds authorized for the “Guaranteed transitional housing loans for homeless veterans program account” have been appropriated. Therefore, additional appropriations are not required. Administrative expenses of the program, limited to \$750,000 for fiscal year 2008, will be borne by the “Medical services” and “General operating expenses” accounts.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$32,679,735,000
Budget estimate, 2008	34,612,671,000
Committee recommendation	37,213,220,000

¹ Excludes \$1,344,278,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates the largest Federal medical care delivery system in the country, with 155 hospitals, 45 VA domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs, 135 nursing homes, and 925 outpatient clinics, which include independent, satellite, community-based, and rural outreach clinics.

The Department of Veterans Affairs “Medical care collections fund” [MCCF] was established by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). In fiscal year 2004, Public Law 108–199 allowed the Department to deposit 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 Parking Program provides funds for the construction, alteration, and acquisition (by purchase or lease) of parking garages at VA medical facilities authorized by 38 U.S.C. section 8109. The Secretary is required under certain circumstances to establish and collect fees for the use of such garages and parking facilities. Receipts from the parking fees are to be deposited into the MCCF and are used for medical services activities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$37,213,220,000 for the Veterans Health Administration, without collections. This amount is composed of \$28,979,220,000 for Medical services; \$3,642,000,000 for Medical administration; \$4,092,000,000 for Medical facilities; and \$500,000,000 for Medical and prosthetic research. Medical care collections are expected to be \$2,414,000,000. Therefore, VHA will have total resources of \$39,627,220,000, plus any carryover from fiscal year 2007, available in fiscal year 2008.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Age Related Hearing Loss.—The Committee recognizes the incidence and severity of hearing loss due to faulty sensory nerves, known as sensorineural hearing loss, and that its associated costs are increasing at dramatic rates. Currently, there are no approved therapeutics that either prevent or treat sensorineural hearing loss, a leading and costly cause of disability within the VA system. The Committee encourages the VA to examine and support the development and clinical testing of therapeutics aimed at preventing and treating, sensorineural, age-related, noise-induced and drug-induced hearing loss.

VA Nursing Academy.—The Committee commends VA for addressing the nursing shortage through the Veterans Affairs Nursing Academy. This 5-year pilot program will establish partnerships with competitively selected nursing schools to expand the number of teaching faculty in VA facilities and affiliated nursing schools in order to increase student enrollment in baccalaureate nursing programs.

The Committee urges VA to continue its collaboration with the Department of Defense through the Uniformed Services University of the Health Services [USUHS] by providing nurse faculty and nursing students in the graduate nursing education programs.

Advanced Nursing Education.—The Committee urges the Department of Veterans Affairs, in conjunction with accredited schools of nursing, to explore the development of a fast-track doctoral training program which would facilitate completion of a doctorate (Ph.D.) in nursing by qualified nurses employed within the VA network who possess their bachelor of science in nursing.

Lung Cancer Screening.—The Committee encourages the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to institute a pilot program for lung cancer screening, early diagnosis and treatment among high risk veteran populations to be coordinated and partnered with the International Early Lung Cancer Action Program and its member institutions and with the designated sites of the National Cancer Institute's Lung Cancer Specialized Programs of Research Excellence. The Department shall report back to the Committee on Appropriations within 90 days of enactment of this act, on the viability and plans to institute a program of this nature.

Contract Care.—The Committee directs the Secretary to submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations within 60 days after the enactment of this act, regarding the existing conditions and criteria used for contracting with civilian rehabilitation providers, and current outreach efforts to inform OEF/OIF veterans and those who

advocate on their behalf about such conditions, criteria, and treatment options.

Center for America's Veterans.—The Committee notes the establishment of the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery National Center for America's Veterans and urges the Department to partner with the Center in education and outreach programs for veterans and in the establishment of a social and policy research center on veterans' affairs.

USOC Paralympic Military Program.—The Committee fully supports the Department of Veterans Affairs' U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Military Program, which assists service members through their recovery and allows participants to take part in USOC Paralympic Military Sports Camps, a Veteran's Paralympic Performance Program, and individualized Veteran's Performance Programs. The Committee encourages the Department to continue its collaboration with DOD to provide training and technical assistance to program participants at VA medical centers.

MEDICAL SERVICES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$25,518,254,000
Budget estimate, 2008	27,167,671,000
Committee recommendation	28,979,220,000

¹ Excludes \$466,788,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Medical services” account provides for medical services of enrolled eligible veterans and certain dependent beneficiaries in VA 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 VA.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$28,979,220,000 for “Medical services”. This amount is an increase of \$3,460,966,000 over the fiscal year 2007 enacted level, excluding emergency supplemental funding, and \$1,811,549,000 above the budget request. In addition, the VA has the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections, estimated to total \$2,414,000,000 in fiscal year 2008.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2009, up to \$1,350,000,000 of the “Medical services” appropriation. This provides flexibility to the Department of Veterans Affairs as it continues to implement significant program changes.

Public Law 110–5, the Continuing Appropriations Resolution, 2007, was signed by the President on February 15, 2007, causing a large sum of funds to begin to flow into the VA more than halfway through the second quarter of the fiscal year making it difficult to execute the VA's budget. Thus the Committee has increased the amount of 2-year availability of fiscal year 2008 funds by \$250,000,000 over fiscal year 2007.

The bill includes language to allow for the transfer of \$15,000,000 to the DOD/VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund. The Fund provides a mechanism for the DOD and VA to increase their resource sharing activities to achieve cost effective use of health care services.

The fiscal year 2008 budget request for Medical Services reflects a realignment of 5,689 full-time equivalent and \$400,000,000 from the Medical Facilities account into Medical Services. Costs incurred for hospital food service workers, provisions and related supplies are for the direct care of patients. The Committee supports this realignment and has provided funding for food service costs under this account. Additionally, the recommendation also reflects the VA's transfer of 609 FTE and \$58,000,000 from the Medical Services account to the Information Technology Systems account.

Level 1 Polytrauma.—Congress provided \$30,000,000 in Public Law 110–28, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Act, 2007, to establish at least one new Level 1 Polytrauma Center. In addition, Congress also provided \$9,440,000 for the establishment of polytrauma residential transitional rehabilitation programs, \$8,000,000 for polytrauma support clinic teams, and \$5,356,000 for additional polytrauma points of contact. Clearly Congress is fully supportive of the Department's efforts in this highly successful initiative.

The Department of the Army is planning to invest over \$1,100,000,000 in the next 5 years to consolidate its medical facilities at locations with the largest concentration of active duty service personnel. When deciding where to establish a new polytrauma center, the Committee directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to evaluate the potential benefits of co-locating it with an Army facility.

Mental Health/Post Traumatic Stress Disorder/Traumatic Brain Injury.—The ability of the VA to provide timely and effective mental health services is crucial for the readjustment of veterans. In Public Law 110–28, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, Congress provided \$100,000,000 in supplemental funding for the VA to bolster capacity in the delivery of mental health services. In many underserved areas of the country, Community Mental Health Centers are a key resource for the delivery of mental health services. The Committee strongly supports the opening of VA outpatient clinics in underserved locations and urges the VA to continue opening these clinics expeditiously. However, concern regarding mental health services in these areas remains. The Committee encourages the VA to establish a training program for OEF/OIF veterans to assist in providing peer support services and outreach. Additionally, the Committee directs the Department to report to the Committee on Appropriations on its plan to better utilize services of Community Mental Health Centers and the implementation of peer training programs, while the Department continues to implement the opening of VA outpatient clinics.

The Committee directs the Department to make efficient and timely delivery of mental health services a top priority. Moreover, the Committee is concerned that the fiscal year 2008 budget request includes a reduction in inpatient psychiatric care. While in-

patient treatment is not optimal in every case for the treatment of mental health disorders, it is nonetheless key to treatment in many cases. Therefore, within the increase provided under Medical Services, the Committee directs the Department to reexamine the policy for a reduction in psychiatric inpatient care, taking into account the needs of returning OEF/OIF veterans. The Department is directed to report to the Committee by February 29, 2008, the finding of this review and what additional resources have been utilized to ensure that adequate inpatient care is available. Further, the Committee directs the VA not to reduce the number of inpatient beds at any facility that currently has a waiting list.

As media reports have highlighted, Traumatic Brain Injury [TBI] has become one of the signature wounds of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. In many instances, these wounds are not readily apparent as there is often no outward sign of trauma, with symptoms ranging from mild to disabling. It is imperative that the VA be able to effectively diagnose, treat, and rehabilitate those suffering from this injury. As was evidenced by the additional funding for polytrauma included in Public Law 110–28, the Committee is deeply committed to providing the VA the resources it requires to treat not only those veterans enrolled in the health care system, but all wounded soldiers being treated in VA hospitals and polytrauma centers. Within the increase for Medical Services, the Committee recommends additional funding for the treatment of Traumatic Brain injury. Further, the Committee believes that the VA should begin to track all TBI cases and directs that future budget submissions include an estimated cost for treatment within the Medical Services budget justification.

The National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder was created in 1989 within the Department of Veterans Affairs in response to a congressional mandate carried in Public Law 98–528 to address the needs of veterans with military-related post traumatic stress disorder [PTSD]. The mandate called for a center of excellence that would set the agenda for research and education on PTSD without direct responsibility for patient care. The VA determined that no single VA site could adequately serve this unique mission and established the Center as a consortium of divisions. The Center currently consists of 7 divisions. The National Center for PTSD is an integral component of the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Mental Health Services. In fiscal year 2006, the Department of Veterans Affairs allocated \$9,800,000, and in fiscal year 2007 has allocated \$10,100,000 to support the research and education associated with the Center. The fiscal year 2008 budget request includes only pay raise and inflationary increases for the Center. The Committee is extremely concerned that resources to support this important mission have been inadequate. At a time when independent and Government experts in the area of PTSD are warning of the likelihood that large numbers of returning combat troops from Iraq and Afghanistan are suffering from mental disorders and PTSD, it seems illogical for the budget of the Center to remain flat. Therefore, within the increase for Medical Services, the Committee strongly encourages the Department to increase the budget for the Center in order to enhance the availability of educational outreach programs and research into the area of PTSD, to

further the understanding and treatment of this serious mental disorder. Further, the Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations by November 12, 2007, detailing what increases have been made to the Center.

Blind Rehabilitative Service.—The VA's Blind Rehabilitative Service is known worldwide for its excellence in delivering comprehensive blind rehabilitation to our Nation's blind veterans at 10 VA Blind Rehabilitation Centers. On July, 22, 2004, GAO testified before Congress that more outpatient services for blind veterans and better outpatient training could better meet the demands of today's blind veteran population. Since 1940, the VA has focused its training and treatment at inpatient facilities. While the VA should continue to support and maintain its inpatient capacity at its Blind Rehabilitation Centers, it should also begin to expand its treatment for blind veterans through outpatient services closer to where veterans live. The Committee recommends an increase of \$10,000,000 for the VA to continue implementing a plan to expand more outpatient blind rehabilitation services and training consistent with the recommendations of the GAO report: "More Outpatient Rehabilitation Services for Blind Veterans Could Better Meet their Needs" (GAO-04-996T); the conclusions of the VA's Office of Finance and Allocation Resource Center; and the recommendations of the VA's Visual Impairment Advisory Board [VIAB]. The full continuum of outpatient blind and low vision rehabilitation services will include Visual Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation [VISOR], Blind Rehabilitation Specialists, and Visual Impairment Center to Optimize Remaining Sight [VICTORS].

The Committee is concerned that the number of Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient Specialists is inadequate to fully meet the needs of blind veterans, particularly in rural or remote areas of the country. The Committee urges VA to develop a plan to increase the number of these specialists in geographically diverse and underserved areas.

Readjustment Counseling.—The Committee recognizes the increased and ongoing pressures facing military families, and believes it is important to take a proactive, preemptive approach in helping veterans, particularly those in the National Guard and Reserves, and their families, adjust to deployments and the transition home after the battlefield. Vet Centers serve as the front line for many veterans and their families. A Defense Department program has been developed that has been successfully utilized by Army families, which focuses on goals, family strengthening, and communication as tools to deal with stressful situations. The program can be successfully facilitated by Vet Center staff and can help veterans and their families to deal with both the transition from active duty to civilian life and the call up to active duty for National Guard and Reserve personnel. The Committee encourages VA to look at the Defense Department program and consider applying it to the veteran population.

The VA's fiscal year 2008 budget request for Vet Centers is \$114,822,000. An additional \$20,000,000 in emergency supplemental funds was provided in Public Law 110-28 for the establishment of new Vet Centers and to increase staffing to reduce wait times. The Committee strongly supports the services provided by

Vet Centers and their mission. Therefore, the Committee recommends an additional \$15,000,000 for Vet Centers in fiscal year 2008. Further, the Committee directs the Department to report back to the Committee by March 31, 2008, on the number of Vet Centers opened, the staffing levels by Vet Center, and the current waiting times at all Vet Centers.

Veteran Access to Health Care.—Adequate access to VA medical facilities is essential to delivering medical care to our Nation's veterans. Unfortunately, too many of our veterans in both urban and rural areas lack transportation services to and from VA medical facilities. The VA can offer the best medical care in the world, yet it does a patient no good if they can't get to the facility. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to study the feasibility of establishing a transportation pilot program aimed at improving access to medical facilities. The Department should report the results of the feasibility study, an implementation plan, and projected costs associated with such a pilot program, to the Committee on Appropriations no later than February 1, 2008.

Homeless Veterans.—The Committee fiscal year 2008 budget request includes \$107,180,000 for the Homeless Provider Grant and Per Diem Program. VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program is offered annually by the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care for Homeless Veterans [HCHV] Programs to fund community agencies providing services to homeless veterans. The purpose is to promote the development and provision of supportive housing and/or supportive services with the goal of helping homeless veterans achieve residential stability, increase their skill levels and/or income, and obtain greater self-determination. Within the increase for Medical Services, the Committee directs the Department to fund the program at the fully authorized level of \$130,000,000.

The HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program is a joint-supported housing program with the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] which provides permanent housing and ongoing treatment services to homeless, mentally ill veterans and those suffering from substance abuse disorders. Under the program, the VA screens homeless veterans for program eligibility and provides case management services to enrollees. Rental subsidy vouchers are allocated by HUD to the VA, which in turn distributes the vouchers to the veteran enrollees. The Committee strongly supports this program. Should HUD increase the number of vouchers offered, the VA is directed to increase funding for this program by at least \$20,000,000 to hire additional case workers.

Sleep Apnea.—The prevalence of Obstructive Sleep Apnea [OSA] in veterans is reported to be four times greater than in the general population. Of the 600,000 enrolled veterans possibly at risk, only 30,000 VA patients have a definitive diagnosis of OSA. Yet, untreated sleep apnea patients incur large hospitalization costs. Additional attention is needed by VA to ensure that VA is at the forefront of treatment and evaluation for OSA.

Epilepsy.—The Committee is concerned that the Veterans Health Administration may not have an adequate national program for researching, diagnosing, and treating epilepsy. A large number of OEF/OIF veterans are likely to confront epilepsy, as it is a common

consequence of traumatic brain injury [TBI]. The need for substantial investment in epilepsy research is greater now than ever before. The Committee supports the revitalization of VA's Epilepsy Centers of Excellence as an integral component of VA's efforts to address the long-term health care needs of veterans with TBI.

Diabetes.—The Committee is encouraged by the Department's work on diabetes and obesity. Twenty percent of the veteran population is affected by this disease. The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to continue this important work and expand on its public-private partnerships in the area of nutrition, diabetes, obesity and health-oriented research.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment.—The Committee is aware of the devastating impacts of combat stress and related mental health conditions on returning OEF/OIF veterans. In order to better support veterans with post-traumatic conditions the VA is encouraged to improve cooperation with existing VA health care units currently undertaking new treatment methods.

HIV/AIDS Among Veterans.—The Committee is concerned that the VA health care system's HIV testing policy guidelines are preventing early diagnosis of HIV/AIDS among our Nation's veterans, particularly among minority veterans. The Committee strongly recommends that VA consider changing its HIV testing guidelines to concur with the Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Healthcare Settings issued in September 2006, and any subsequent policy changes made to these recommendations, by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]. The Committee requests a progress report by January 30, 2008.

MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$3,177,968,000
Budget estimate, 2008	3,442,000,000
Committee recommendation	3,642,000,000

¹ Excludes \$250,000,000 in emergency supplemental funding provided in Pubic Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Medical administration” account provides funds for the expenses of management, security, and administration of the VA health care system. This appropriation provides for costs associated with the operation of the VA medical centers; other facilities; and VHA headquarters; plus the costs of VISN offices and facility director offices; chief of staff operations; quality of care oversight; legal services; billing and coding activities; procurement; financial management; and human resource management.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$3,642,000,000 for “Medical administration”. This amount is an increase of \$464,032,000 over the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and an increase of \$200,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee has increased funding for Medical administration to ensure that adequate staffing levels are in place to manage the health care system given the increase in medical service delivery. Additionally, the funding increase should be sufficient to ensure that large transfers from the Medical Services

account to the Medical administration account are not needed in fiscal year 2008.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2009, up to \$250,000,000 of the “Medical administration” appropriation.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$3,569,533,000
Budget estimate, 2008	3,592,000,000
Committee recommendation	4,092,000,000

¹ Excludes \$595,000,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Medical facilities” account provides funds for the operation and maintenance of the VA healthcare system’s vast capital infrastructure. This appropriation provides for costs associated with utilities, engineering, capital planning, leases, laundry, groundskeeping, housekeeping, facility repair, and property disposition and acquisition.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2009, up to \$350,000,000 of the medical facilities appropriation. This provision provides flexibility to the Department as it continues to implement significant program changes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$4,092,000,000 for “Medical facilities”. This amount is \$522,467,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$500,000,000 above the budget request. The Committee has provided a substantial increase above the budget request for the medical facilities account. This reflects the Committee’s ongoing commitment to ensuring that VA medical facilities are maintained at the highest possible level. The additional funds provided in the Committee recommendation are to be used for non-recurring maintenance at existing facilities, as identified in facility condition assessment reports. Additionally, these funds are to be allocated in a manner not subject to the Veterans Equitable Resource Allocation.

The Committee recommendation also reflects the transfer of 5,689 positions and \$400,000,000 for food service operations from the Medical Facilities appropriation to the Medical Services appropriation.

Community Based Outpatient Clinics [CBOC].—Veterans access to VA health care facilities needs to be the top priority for the VHA. The Committee remains deeply concerned about the lack of accessible VA health care services in many rural areas of the Nation. The Committee notes the Department’s plans to open 23 new community-based outpatient clinics in fiscal year 2007 and 15 new CBOCs in fiscal year 2008. The Committee strongly supports the role CBOCs play in outreach and improved health care delivery to veterans living in rural and underserved areas. The Committee directs the Department to continue expediting the opening of new CBOCs, and directs the Department to submit a report outlining

the actual number and locations of CBOCs opened in fiscal year 2007.

Watertown and Wagner, South Dakota, Community Based Outpatient Clinics.—The Committee commends the VA for approving the establishment of CBOCs in Watertown and Wagner, South Dakota, and urges the Department to move in an expeditious manner in opening the two new clinics.

Rural Colorado.—Thousands of veterans in rural Colorado have to drive 200–300 miles round trip to the Denver VA Medical Center for basic medical services. Colorado has a strong and growing veteran population. The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to study the feasibility of establishing a VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic to serve rural Colorado.

Northwest Washington.—The Committee is aware of the lack of access to VA primary care in Washington State and appreciates the Department's approval of a CBOC in Northwest Washington. The Committee encourages the VA to move forward in opening the CBOC by the VA's target date of February 2008.

Wenatchee Community Based Outpatient Clinic.—The Committee is concerned about repeated delays in the opening of the Wenatchee CBOC and urges the VA to open the clinic as soon as possible.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$413,980,000
Budget estimate, 2008	411,000,000
Committee recommendation	500,000,000

¹Excludes \$32,500,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Medical and prosthetic research” account provides funds for medical, rehabilitative, and health services research. Medical research supports basic and clinical studies that advance knowledge leading to improvements in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of diseases and disabilities. Rehabilitation research focuses on rehabilitation engineering problems in the fields of prosthetics, orthotics, adaptive equipment for vehicles, sensory aids and related areas. Health services research focuses on improving the effectiveness and economy of the delivery of health services.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$500,000,000 for “Medical and prosthetic research”. This is \$86,020,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$89,000,000 above the budget request.

The Committee remains highly supportive of this program, and recognizes its importance both in improving healthcare services to veterans and recruiting and retaining high-quality medical professionals in the Veterans Health Administration. Through the Department's research and development program, the VA has implemented a comprehensive research agenda to develop new treatments and tools for clinicians to ease the physical and psychological pain of men and women returning from conflicts, to improve access to VA healthcare services, and to accelerate discoveries and applications, especially for neurotrauma, sensory loss, amputation, polytrauma, and related prosthetic needs. The Committee encour-

ages the VA to expand its research into the areas of neurotrauma, sensory loss, and post traumatic stress disorder with a focus on developing clinical practices using evidenced-based medicine.

Longitudinal Study.—In 1984 Congress directed the VA to initiate a large-scale survey of the psychiatric and socio-medical components of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD] in Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans. The National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study [NVVRS] is the largest nationwide psychiatric study ever done to date. Only through the NVVRS has the American public and medical community become aware of the high rates of current and lifetime PTSD, and of the long-term consequences of high stress war zone combat exposure. Section 212 of Public Law 106–419, directed the VA to contract for a follow-up report, using the exact same participants, to assess the psychosocial, psychiatric, physical, and general well being of these individuals. The follow-up report would become a longitudinal study of the mortality and morbidity of the participants, and draw conclusions as to the long-term effects of service in the military and of service in Vietnam in particular. The results of the study were to be reported to Congress in 2005, but the study has not been executed to date. The results of the study would not only help the VA to better understand the long-term mental health and social needs of Vietnam veterans, but could prepare the VA for the long-term needs of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who are returning in record numbers with PTSD. The Committee directs the Department to fulfill the mandate carried in Public Law 106–419 and to report to the Committee on Appropriations within 90 days of enactment of this act, the steps the Department is undertaking to execute this legal requirement.

Gulf War Illness Research.—The Committee is encouraged by the Department's commitment to continue to search for answers to the problems associated with gulf war illness, and encourages the Department to continue this effort by devoting not less than \$15,000,000 annually to this research.

Nursing Research Program.—The Committee supports the Veterans Affairs Nursing Research Initiative to facilitate research that focuses on the specific healthcare needs of returning war heroes and aging veterans. The Committee strongly supports continuation of this program in the future.

The Committee also encourages collaboration between Veterans Affairs nurses and Tri Service Nursing Research Program award recipients in the exploration of research proposals that improve the health and well-being of their shared beneficiary population.

Neuro-rehabilitation Research.—The Committee is aware of the work being conducted at the Providence VA Medical Center on Neuro-rehabilitation. This research has promising implications for future generation prostheses. The Committee commends the research work being done in this area.

Geriatric Care.—The Committee is concerned that as the median age of veterans rises, the VA has not adequately concentrated its resources to deliver world class geriatric care. The Committee strongly encourages the VA to evaluate the desirability of expanding research and clinical specialists in disciplines related to aging to stay at the forefront of geriatric care.

MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY COLLECTIONS

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND

Appropriations, 2007	\$2,329,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	2,414,000,000
Committee recommendation	2,414,000,000

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND—REVENUES APPLIED

Appropriations, 2007	–\$2,329,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	–2,414,000,000
Committee recommendation	–2,414,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical Care Collection Fund [MCCF] was established by the Balanced budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–33). In fiscal year 2004, Public Law 108–199 allowed the Department of Veterans Affairs to deposit first-party and pharmacy co-payments; third-party insurance payments and enhanced use collections; long-term care co-payments; Compensated Work Therapy Program collections; and Parking Program fees into the MCCF. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs has the authority to transfer funds between the MCCF and the medical services appropriation, and medical facilities appropriation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommendation includes the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections, estimated to total \$2,414,000,000 in fiscal year 2008.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$160,747,000
Budget estimate, 2008 ¹	166,809,000
Committee recommendation ¹	217,709,000

¹ Previously included in Departmental Administration.

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

The National Cemetery Administration was established in accordance with Public Law 93–94, the National Cemeteries Act of 1973. It has a four-fold mission: To provide for the interment in any national cemetery of the remains of eligible deceased servicepersons and discharged veterans, together with their spouses and certain dependents, and permanently to 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.

There are a total of 158 cemeterial installations in 39 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The Committee's recommendation for the National Cemetery Administration provides funds for all of these cemeterial installations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$217,709,000 for the “National Cemetery Administration”. This is an increase of \$56,962,000 over the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$50,900,000 above the budget request.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2009, up to \$25,000,000 of the “National Cemetery Administration” [NCA] appropriation. The additional funding included above the budget request is for operations and maintenance to correct gravesite deficiencies identified in the Millennium Act Study and reflects a shift of \$900,000 from Information Technology to NCA which was incorrectly transferred during the Information Technology reorganization. The 2002 Millennium Act Report to Congress identified 928 repair projects needed at national cemeteries at an estimated cost of \$280,000,000. Through fiscal year 2006, NCA has completed work on 269 projects, with an estimated cost of \$99,000,000. These projects account for about 44 percent of the deficiencies identified in the Millennium Act report. National shrine repairs include gravesite renovation projects to renovate turf, repair sunken graves and raise, realign and clean headstones. Personnel costs for these projects are funded in the NCA operations and maintenance budget.

Southern Colorado National Cemetery.—Southern Colorado is home to six active military installations, more than 32,000 active duty personnel, 44,000 family members, and more than 125,000 veterans. Despite these facts, there is no national veterans cemetery in the region, leaving military survivors to travel long distances in difficult conditions to reach the national veterans cemetery at Fort Logan. The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine the feasibility of establishing a veterans cemetery in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2007 ^{1 2}	\$3,927,776,000
Budget estimate, 2008 ¹	4,481,449,000
Committee recommendation ¹	5,427,529,000

¹ Does not include National Cemetery Administration.

² Excludes \$444,300,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

ADMINISTRATION OVERVIEW

This appropriation provides for the administration of nonmedical veterans benefits through the Veterans Benefits Administration [VBA], the executive direction of the Department, several top level supporting offices, the Board of Contract Appeals, and the Board of Veterans’ Appeals.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$5,427,529,000 for “Departmental administration”. The amount is composed of \$1,612,031,000 for “General operating expenses”; \$88,700,000 for the “Office of the Inspector General”; \$727,400,000 for “Construction, major projects”; \$751,398,000 for “Construction, minor projects”; \$250,000,000 for grants for “Construction of State extended care facilities”;

\$100,000,000 for “Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries”; and \$1,898,000,000 for “Information technology systems”.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$1,481,473,000
Budget estimate, 2008	1,471,837,000
Committee recommendation	1,612,031,000

¹ Excludes \$83,200,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This appropriation provides for the “General operating expenses” of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,612,031,000 for “General operating expenses”. This amount is \$130,558,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$140,194,000 above the budget request.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

[In thousands of dollars]

Department	Fiscal year 2008 request	Committee recommendation
Office of the Secretary	7,747	7,747
Veterans Benefits Administration	1,198,294	1,329,044
Board of Veterans Appeals	58,545	62,269
General Counsel	65,185	68,405
Office of Management	38,184	40,684
Human Resources & Administration	62,437	62,437
Office of Policy and Planning	14,775	14,775
Office of Security and Preparedness	11,911	11,911
Public and Intergovernmental Affairs	10,425	10,425
Congressional and Legislative Affairs	4,334	4,334
Total General Operating Expenses	1,471,837	1,612,031

Franchise Fund.—The Franchise Fund was established in 1997 as a pilot program and made permanent in fiscal year 2006 under Public Law 109–114. The Committee directs the Department to provide a report on the Franchise Fund’s business plan for fiscal year 2008. This plan should include a list of services, customers, overhead expenses, funds collected for services, and the unobligated balance from the previous fiscal year. The VA shall submit this report to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days following enactment of this act.

Increase in Funding.—The Committee has provided an increase of \$140,194,000 above the budget request for General Operating Expenses. In Public Law 110–28, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans’ Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, Congress provided \$60,750,000 for the hiring and training of new claims processors. The increase of \$130,750,000 above the budget request for the VBA annualizes the costs of the new hires funded with supplemental funds and provides additional funding for the hiring of new claims processors in fiscal year 2008. Also included in this increase is \$2,000,000 for VBA to enter into operating leases to increase space requirements to meet the level

of new personnel. Additionally, the Committee has provided an increase of \$3,724,000 above the budget request for the Board of Veterans Appeals [BVA] and an increase of \$3,220,000 above the budget request for the General Counsel [GC]. As the Department hires more claims processors, the number of expected appeals will increase. Thus the additional funding will provide both the BVA and GC with increased personnel to handle these appeals.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriations, 2007	\$73,066,000
Budget estimate, 2008	72,599,000
Committee recommendation	88,700,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Office of Inspector General was established by the Inspector General Act of the 1978 and is responsible for the audit and investigation and inspections of all Department of Veterans Affairs programs and operations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$88,700,000 for the "Office of Inspector General". This is \$15,634,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$16,101,000 above the budget request.

The recommended amount includes \$1,100,000 from the "Information technology systems" account for IT systems unique to the Office of Inspector General.

The increase will allow the Office of Inspector General to expand and improve its independent oversight of transitional health care for veterans returning from OEF/OIF and VA information technology programs.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2007	\$399,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	727,400,000
Committee recommendation	727,400,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The "Construction, major projects" account provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities (including parking projects) under the jurisdiction or for the use of the VA, including planning, architectural and engineering services, Capital Asset Realignment Enhanced Services [CARES] activities, assessment, and site acquisition where the estimated cost of a project is more than the amount set forth in 38 U.S.C. section 8104(a)(3)(A). Proceeds realized from Enhanced Use Lease activities may be deposited into the "Construction, major projects" and "Construction, minor projects" accounts.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$727,400,000 for the construction of major projects. This is \$328,400,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee has continued its practice of not earmarking major construction projects not requested in the budget submission. The

Committee strongly urges the Department to begin requesting adequate funding in future budget submissions to expedite construction projects associated with the VA's 5-year Capital Plan.

The following table compares the Committee recommendation with the budget request.

[In thousands of dollars]

Location and description	2008 request	Committee recommendation	Requested by
Veterans Health Administration (VHA):			
Pittsburgh, PA—Consolidation of Campuses	40,000	40,000	The President
Denver, CO—New Medical Center Facility	61,300	61,300	The President
Orlando, FL—New Medical Center Facility, Land Acquisition.	35,000	35,000	The President
Las Vegas, NV—New Medical Center Facility	341,400	341,400	The President
Syracuse, NY—Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Center	23,800	23,800	The President
Lee County, FL—Outpatient Clinic	9,890	9,890	The President
Advanced Planning Fund—Various Locations	40,285	40,285	
Asbestos and Other Airborne Contaminates—Various Locations.	3,000	3,000	
BRAC Land Acquisitions—Various Locations	5,000	5,000	
Claims Analyses—Various Locations	2,000	2,000	
Facility Security Projects—Various Locations	21,325	21,325	
Facility Security General—Various Locations			
Hazardous Waste Abatement—Various Locations	2,000	2,000	
Judgment Fund—Various Locations	30,000	30,000	
Reprogramming From Prior Year Funds	—45,000	—45,000	
Sale of VA Assets	—10,000	—10,000	
Total VHA	560,000	560,000	
National Cemetery Administration (NCA):			
Columbia/Greenville-area National Cemetery—Phase 1 Development.	19,200	19,200	The President
Sarasota-area National Cemetery—Phase 1 Development.	27,800	27,800	The President
Jacksonville-area National Cemetery—Phase 1 Development.	22,400	22,400	The President
Southeastern, PA National Cemetery—Phase 1 Development.	29,600	29,600	The President
Birmingham-area National Cemetery—Phase 1 Development.	18,500	18,500	The President
Bakersfield-area National Cemetery—Phase 1 Development.	19,500	19,500	The President
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery—Gravesites Development.	29,400	29,400	The President
Advanced Planning Fund—Various Locations	1,000	1,000	
Total NCA	167,400	167,400	
Total Construction, Major Projects	727,400	727,400	

Major Construction Planning.—The Committee is concerned that the cost estimates it receives for major construction projects vary widely from month-to-month and year-to-year, well beyond what can be accounted for through construction inflation. Between the time of the President's budget submission in February and April 2007, five major projects increased by a collective 18 percent, representing over \$120,000,000 in cost increases. This is in addition to significant increases recorded on the top eight projects between the 2007 and 2008 Presidential budget requests, which totaled over \$615,000,000, a collective increase of 32 percent over previous estimates in just 1 year. The Committee is deeply concerned about the

Department's ability to accurately estimate project costs and therefore directs the Department to examine its major construction project estimation and oversight processes, and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that information provided to the Committee is accurate, consistent, and realistic.

Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services [CARES].—The Veterans Health Administration's capital planning is driven by the CARES process. In March 2007, the Government Accountability Office [GAO] issued a report highlighting the VA's inability to centrally track CARES decisions or monitor the impact that implementation has had on its mission. GAO notes that without this information, VA cannot determine what effect CARES has had on veterans' care or whether CARES is achieving intended results. The Committee encourages the VA to develop performance measures designed to centrally track the impact of CARES decisions and implementation.

Beckley, West Virginia, Nursing Home.—The Committee urges the VA to include \$28,500,000 in the President's fiscal year 2009 budget request for the construction of a 90-bed nursing home and adult day care center at the Beckley VAMC, which was listed in the February 2005 VA's Five-Year Capital Plan.

Martinsburg, West Virginia, Veterans Affairs Medical Center.—The Committee urges the VA to include \$3,560,000 in the President's fiscal year 2009 budget request for planning and design work associated with the renovation and expansion of the primary, mental health, and specialty outpatient care at the Martinsburg VAMC, which was listed in the February 2005 VA's Five-Year Capital Plan, 2005–2010.

Walla Walla Outpatient Facility.—The Committee is aware of the substantial number of veterans served by the Walla Walla, Washington, VA Medical Center and is supportive of the VA's decision to approve construction of an outpatient clinic in Walla Walla as part of the CARES process. In order to complete the construction of this project in a timely manner, the Committee urges the VA to include funding for this project in the fiscal year 2009 budget request.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$198,937,000
Budget estimate, 2008	233,396,000
Committee recommendation	751,398,000

¹ Excludes \$326,000,000 in emergency supplemental funding included in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The "Construction, minor projects" account provides for constructing, altering, extending, and improving any of the facilities (including parking) under the jurisdiction or for the use of the VA, including planning, CARES activities, assessment of needs, architectural and engineering services, and site acquisition, where the estimated cost of a project is equal to or less than \$10,000,000. Public Law 106–117, the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act of 1999, gave the VA the authority to make capital contributions from minor construction in enhanced-use leases. Proceeds realized from enhanced-use lease activities may be deposited

into the “Construction, major projects” and “Construction, minor projects” accounts.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$751,398,000 for minor construction. This is \$552,461,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$518,002,000 above the budget request.

The Committee has included additional funds within the minor construction account to continue the efforts to reduce the \$5,000,000,000 worth of deficiencies outlined in the Department’s rolling facilities condition assessments at existing facilities and to begin an effort to modernize and upgrade research facilities. Additionally, of the increase provided within this account, the Committee directs that an additional \$75,000,000 above the budget request be used for gravesite expansion and infrastructure improvements at cemeteries operated by NCA and an additional \$8,000,000 above the budget request be used for minor construction associated with the Veterans Benefits Administration. The Committee has included bill language requiring the Department to submit an expenditure plan for the amount appropriated for minor construction.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2007	\$85,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	85,000,000
Committee recommendation	250,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This account is used to provide grants to assist States in acquiring or constructing 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. The grant may not exceed 65 percent of the total cost of the project. Public Law 102–585 granted permanent authority for this program, and Public Law 106–117 provided greater specificity in directing VA to prescribe regulations for the number of beds for which grant assistance may be furnished. This program has been a successful partnership between the States and the VA in meeting the long-term care needs of elderly veterans for decades.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$250,000,000 for “Grants for the construction of State extended care facilities”. This is \$165,000,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$165,000,000 above the budget request. This program cost-effectively meets long-term healthcare needs of veterans.

On August 11, 2006, the VA published an interim final rule in the Federal Register amending the Department’s regulations regarding grants to States for construction or acquisition of State homes. The new regulation sets aside 70 percent of all funding appropriated to the Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities to ensure sufficient funding for life safety projects at existing facilities. Over the past several years, the administration has not requested sufficient funds to cover both anticipated construc-

tion costs and life safety requirements. Therefore, the Committee has included additional funds within this account to assist the Department with its construction and life safety needs.

Walla Walla Extended Care Facility.—The Committee is aware of the collaborative efforts of the Walla Walla VA Medical Center and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs to meet the long-term care needs of veterans in southeast Washington and northern Oregon by building a long-term care facility on the Walla Walla VA Medical Center grounds. The Committee supports the creation of a jointly operated veterans' home in Walla Walla, Washington, and encourages the VA to promptly review this application and place it on the priority list for funding in fiscal year 2008 from the Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities account.

North Dakota Veterans Home.—The Committee is aware that the North Dakota Veterans Home in Lisbon, North Dakota, has been cited in violation of structural conditions that threaten the life and safety of its residents and that the State has applied for a grant to help replace the facility. The Committee understands that the North Dakota application qualifies for the highest priority of VA matching funds, and it encourages the VA to promptly evaluate this application and place it on the priority list for funding in fiscal year 2008 from the Grants for Construction of State Extended Care Facilities account.

GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

Appropriations, 2007	\$32,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	32,000,000
Committee recommendation	100,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Public Law 105–368, amended title 38 U.S.C. section 2408, established authority to provide aid to States for establishment, expansion, and improvement of State veterans cemeteries which are operated and permanently maintained by the States. This statutory change increased the maximum Federal share from 50 percent to 100 percent in order to fund 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 is aware that pending applications for improvement or expansion of existing State cemeteries or establishment of new State cemeteries totals almost \$172,000,000. The Committee has included additional funding to ensure that State cemeteries are maintained at the highest level and capacity exists for future burials.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$100,000,000 for “Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries”. This is \$68,000,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$68,000,000 the budget request.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Appropriations, 2007 ¹	\$1,214,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	1,859,217,000
Committee recommendation	1,898,000,000

¹Excludes \$35,100,000 in emergency supplemental funding provided in Public Law 110–28.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Information Technology [IT] Systems account was created in Public Law 109–114, the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2006, in order to centralize the Department's IT development into one account. The establishment of this account has allowed for better budget planning, control and oversight of VA's IT system development. In fiscal year 2007, the VA furthered this realignment by consolidating pay associated costs for operations and maintenance staff under the IT account. The budget request for fiscal year 2008 reflects this realignment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee remains very supportive of IT efforts, particularly in the field of claims processing and electronic health records, and recommends an appropriation of \$1,898,000,000 for Information Technology Systems, an increase of \$684,000,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$38,783,000 above the budget request. Within the amounts provided, the Committee directs \$39,683,000 be utilized for computers and other information technology needs associated with the increase in claims processors for the Veterans Benefits Administration and for increased staff across the VA.

While the Committee is supportive of the consolidation of pay associated costs for operations and maintenance under the IT account, it strongly encourages the Department to continue to track non-pay and pay costs separately in future budget justifications for this account. Therefore, of the amounts provided with the IT account, \$1,303,841,000 is for non-pay expenses, including equipment associated with system development, and \$554,376,000 is for payroll expenses.

To provide further oversight and monitoring of system development costs the Committee has included bill language requiring the Department to submit an expenditure plan for the total amount provided, as well as a reprogramming base letter outlining, by project, total costs associated with each development project.

Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Interoperability.—It is imperative that future electronic medical records systems, as well as systems designed to expedite the processing of benefits claims, be interoperable with systems being developed by the Department of Defense. The Committee remains concerned that any deviation from interoperability would lead to further stove-piping of information, increasing lag times in processing medical records and benefits claims. The Committee understands that the VA has established initiatives that support the VA/DOD Joint Strategic Plan to share timely, consistent, demographic and personnel related data. The Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations by January 31, 2008,

detailing the steps the VA is undertaking to ensure that future systems will be interoperable with DOD systems.

Information Security.—The Department of Veterans Affairs is responsible for maintaining and protecting personal, financial and medical data for millions of veterans. In May 2006, the Department established the Data Security/Assessment and Strengthening of Controls program. This program was established to provide focus to all of the Department's activity related to data security. Nonetheless, the safeguard of personal information by the VA remains a deep concern for the Committee. In Public Law 110–28, the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007, Congress provided \$15,100,000 in supplemental funding for remediation/prevention actions related to the latest data breach. Proper training and encryption technology must reach throughout the VA system. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committee on Appropriations no later than February 8, 2008, detailing what mechanisms are being employed by VA headquarters to ensure adequate training in field locations and explaining how encryption technology is being implemented throughout the system.

Financial and Logistics Integrated Technology Enterprise [FLITE].—The Department of Veterans Affairs is taking important steps toward implementing its financial and logistics integrated technology enterprise [FLITE], including the adoption of a functional FLITE Governance Framework and the hiring of a dedicated program director. This management structure provides a new and necessary level of accountability for this crucial initiative.

The Committee is anxious to see a comprehensive schedule for this project that includes a total project cost. Congress appropriated \$26,000,000 in fiscal year 2006, \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2007, and supports the VA request for \$35,000,000 in fiscal year 2008. However, the Committee is concerned that the scope of the project could be far larger than projected. The Department has failed to determine a definitive resourced schedule and a total cost for this project. As a result, the VA shall report to the Committee within 30 days after enactment of this act on a total cost and realistic schedule to complete this project. If the Department cannot satisfy this requirement, the Department shall notify the Committee in writing within the 30-day period why the schedule and cost cannot be determined.

HealtheVet-Vista Electronic Health Records.—The Committee lauds the VA on its accomplishments with its electronic health record system. This premier system sets the standard for quality health care in both the public and private sectors. HealtheVet-Vista, an on-line patient records system, has made it possible for physicians and clinicians to have accurate and timely access to all relevant information on the veteran's health, thus enabling the best health care for the veteran. HealtheVet-Vista has the potential to revolutionize the health care system in the United States, and the Committee fully supports the VA's efforts in improving the quality of healthcare delivery.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. The Committee includes a provision which outlines re-programming authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Benefits Administration.

SEC. 202. The Committee includes a provision which outlines re-programming authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Health Administration.

SEC. 203. The Committee includes a provision which outlines the use of the "Salaries and expenses" account.

SEC. 204. The Committee includes a provision mandating that only construction funds may be used for land procurement.

SEC. 205. The Committee includes a provision allowing for reimbursements to the "Medical services" account.

SEC. 206. The Committee includes a provision allowing for payments of prior year obligations.

SEC. 207. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the use of fiscal year 2007 funds for prior year obligations.

SEC. 208. The Committee includes a provision which allows for payments from the National Service Life Insurance Fund.

SEC. 209. The Committee includes a provision which outlines the use of funds from enhanced-use lease proceeds.

SEC. 210. The Committee includes a provision which provides for funds for the Office of Resolution Management and the Office of Employment Discrimination Complaint Adjudication.

SEC. 211. The Committee includes a provision which sets a limit on new leases without congressional approval.

SEC. 212. The Committee includes a provision which requires disclosure of third-party reimbursement information.

SEC. 213. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the transfer of funds into the construction accounts.

SEC. 214. The Committee includes a provision which outlines authorized uses for "Medical services" funds.

SEC. 215. The Committee includes a provision which allows funds in the Medical Care Collection Fund to be transferred into the "Medical services" account.

SEC. 216. The Committee includes a provision which allows eligible veterans in the State of Alaska to obtain medical care services.

SEC. 217. The Committee includes a provision which allows for the transfer of funds into the construction accounts.

SEC. 218. The Committee includes a provision which allows for outreach and marketing to enroll new veterans.

SEC. 219. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit quarterly financial reports on the Veterans Health Administration.

SEC. 220. The Committee includes a provision outlining transfer authority to the "Information technology systems" account.

SEC. 221. The Committee includes a provision outlining transfer authority to the "Medical services" account.

SEC. 222. The Committee includes a provision outlining limits on transfers within the "Information technology systems" account.

SEC. 223. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the Department from implementing a national standardized contract for diabetes monitoring equipment.

SEC. 224. The Committee includes a provision limiting the amount of non-recurring maintenance fund that can be obligated during the last 2 months of the fiscal year.

SEC. 225. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting disposal of land at the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Mrs. Feinstein).

SEC. 226. The Committee includes a provision maintaining research for gulf war illness.

TITLE III
RELATED AGENCIES
AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS COMMISSION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The American Battle Monuments Commission [ABMC] is responsible for the following: the maintenance and construction of U.S. monuments and memorials commemorating the achievements in battle of our Armed Forces since April 1917 (the date of the United States entry into World War I); the erection of monuments and markers by U.S. citizens and organizations in foreign countries; and the design, construction, and maintenance of permanent military cemetery memorials in foreign countries. The Commission maintains 24 military memorial cemeteries and 31 monuments, memorials, and markers in 15 countries around the world, including three memorials on U.S. soil. It is presently charged with erecting an Interpretive Center at the Normandy American Cemetery, Normandy, France.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2007	\$37,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	42,100,000
Committee recommendation	45,600,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$45,600,000 for the “Salaries and expenses” account. This amount is \$8,600,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$3,500,000 above the budget request. The Committee has increased the appropriation for ABMC above the budget request for additional capital improvements and infrastructure modernization. The Committee is dedicated to ensuring that budget requests include sufficient funding for maintenance and infrastructure improvements at American military cemeteries abroad. Therefore, the Committee directs the ABMC to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations by February 29, 2008, detailing maintenance and infrastructure requirements at all ABMC memorials.

Pointe du Hoc.—In fiscal year 2006, the Committee provided funding for the ABMC to conduct a study on ground erosion surrounding the World War II Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument in France. The Committee directs the AMBC to submit a copy of this report to the Committee on Appropriations by November 10, 2007.

The bill does not include funds for payments to the State Department’s Capital Security Cost Sharing Program.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

Appropriations, 2007	\$5,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	11,000,000
Committee recommendation	11,000,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$11,000,000 for the “Foreign currency fluctuation” account. This amount is \$6,000,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims was established by the Veterans’ Judicial Review Act of 1988. The Court is an independent judicial tribunal with exclusive jurisdiction to review decisions of the Board of Veterans’ Appeals. It has the authority to decide all relevant questions of law; interpret constitutional, statutory, and regulatory provisions; and determine the meaning or applicability of the terms of an action by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. It is authorized to compel action by the Secretary. It is authorized to hold unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful and set aside decisions, findings, conclusions, rules and regulations issued or adopted by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Board of Veterans’ Appeals, or the Chairman of the Board that are found to be arbitrary or capricious. The Court’s principle office location is Washington, District of Columbia; however, it is a national court, empowered to sit anywhere in the United States.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2007	\$20,189,000
Budget estimate, 2008	21,217,000
Committee recommendation	24,217,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$24,217,000 for the “U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims”. This amount is an increase of \$4,028,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$3,000,000 above the budget request. In Public Law 110–28, the Committee included emergency supplemental funds for the Veterans Benefits Administration to hire additional claims processors. In fiscal year 2008, the Committee has recommended an additional increase above the budget request for the Veterans Benefits Administration’s General Operating Expenses to annualize the costs of those hires and to provide funding for additional personnel in fiscal year 2008. The Committee realizes that increases in claims processing has a ripple effect across the entire system and leads to more cases before the Court. Thus the Committee has provided additional resources to ensure the Court can operate in a timely fashion.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

OVERVIEW

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.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2007	\$30,000,000
Budget estimate, 2008	26,892,000
Committee recommendation	31,865,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$31,865,000 for the "Ceremonial expenses, Army" account. This amount is \$1,865,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and \$4,973,000 above the budget request. The Committee recommendation provides an increase for the realignment of government-issued headstones, the construction of a heavy equipment storage facility, and costs not included in the budget request associated with the relocation of utilities at Arlington National Cemetery.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

Appropriations, 2007	\$57,227,000
Budget estimate, 2008	61,624,000
Committee recommendation	61,624,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Armed Forces Retirement Home account provides funds to operate and maintain the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Washington, District of Columbia, and the Armed Forces Retirement Home—Gulfport, Mississippi. These two facilities provide medical and domiciliary care and other authorized benefits for the relief and support of certain retired and former military personnel of the Armed Forces.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends authority to expend \$61,624,000 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. This amount is \$4,397,000 above the fiscal year 2007 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

SEC. 301. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits American Battle Monuments Commission funds from being used for the Capital Security Costs Sharing program.

TITLE IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 401. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the obligation of funds beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided.

SEC. 402. The Committee includes a provision that requires pay raises to be absorbed within the levels appropriated.

SEC. 403. The Committee includes a provision that 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.

SEC. 404. The Committee includes a provision that prohibits the use of funds to support or defeat legislation pending before Congress.

SEC. 405. The Committee includes a provision that encourages the expansion of E-Commerce technologies and procedures.

SEC. 406. The Committee includes a provision that limits funds from being transferred from this appropriations measure to any instrumentality of the United States Government without authority from an appropriations act.

SEC. 407. The Committee includes a provision that specifies the congressional committees that are to receive all reports and notifications.

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7, RULE XVI, OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 7 of rule XVI requires that Committee reports accompanying general appropriations bills identify each recommended amendment which proposes an item of appropriation which is not made to carry out the provisions of an existing law, a treaty stipulation, or an act or resolution previously passed by the Senate during that session. The Committee is filing an original bill, which is not covered under this rule, but reports this information in the spirit of full disclosure. The Committee recommends funding for the following programs which currently lack authorization:

Title I: Department of Defense

- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard
- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Security Investment Program
- Family Housing Construction, Army
- Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Army
- Family Housing Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps
- Family Housing Construction, Air Force
- Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Air Force
- Family Housing Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide
- Department of Defense, Family Housing Improvement Fund
- Chemical Demilitarization, Defense-Wide
- Base Closure Account, 1990
- Base Closure Account, 2005

Title II: Department of Veterans Affairs

- Veterans Health Administration
- National Cemetery Administration
- Departmental Administration

Title III: Related Agencies

- American Battle Monuments Commission
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- Cemeterial Expenses, Army
- Armed Forces Retirement Home

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7(C), RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on June 14, 2007, the Committee ordered reported an original bill (S. 1645) making appropriations for the military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, subject to amendment and subject to the budget allocations and authorized the chairman of the committee or the chairman of the subcommittee to offer the text of the Senate bill as a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute to the House companion measure, by a recorded vote of 28–1, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

Yeas	Nays
Chairman Byrd	Mr. Craig
Mr. Inouye	
Mr. Leahy	
Mr. Harkin	
Ms. Mikulski	
Mr. Kohl	
Mrs. Murray	
Mr. Dorgan	
Mrs. Feinstein	
Mr. Durbin	
Mr. Johnson	
Ms. Landrieu	
Mr. Reed	
Mr. Lautenberg	
Mr. Nelson	
Mr. Cochran	
Mr. Stevens	
Mr. Specter	
Mr. Domenici	
Mr. Bond	
Mr. McConnell	
Mr. Shelby	
Mr. Gregg	
Mr. Bennett	
Mrs. Hutchison	
Mr. Brownback	
Mr. Allard	
Mr. Alexander	

COMPLIANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 12, RULE XXVI OF THE
STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE

Paragraph 12 of rule XXVI requires that Committee reports on a bill or joint resolution repealing or amending any statute or part of any statute include “(a) the text of the statute or part thereof which is proposed to be repealed; and (b) a comparative print of that part of the bill or joint resolution making the amendment and of the statute or part thereof proposed to be amended, showing by stricken-through type and italics, parallel columns, or other appropriate typographical devices the omissions and insertions which

would be made by the bill or joint resolution if enacted in the form recommended by the committee.”

TITLE 38—VETERANS’ BENEFITS

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PART VI—ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

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CHAPTER 81—ACQUISITION AND OPERATION OF HOS- PITAL AND DOMICILIARY FACILITIES; PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY; ENHANCED-USE LEASES OF REAL PROP- ERTY

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SUBCHAPTER V—ENHANCED-USE LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY

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§ 8162. Enhanced-use leases

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(c)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the entering into an enhanced-use lease covering any land or improvement described in section 421(b)(2) of the Veterans’ Benefits and Services Act of 1988 (Public Law 100-322; 102 Stat. 553) or *section 225(a) of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008* shall be considered to be prohibited by [that section] *such sections* unless specifically authorized by law.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
ALABAMA				
ARMY: ANNISTON ARMY DEPOT: INDUSTRIAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT	26,000	26,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
REDSTONE ARSENAL: SYSTEMS SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ANNEX .....	.....	20,000	+ 20,000	MR. SHELBY/MR. SESSIONS
NAVY: EVERGREEN: NAVAL OUTLYING LANDING FACILITY EVERGREEN RUNWAY EXTENSION	9,560	9,560	.....	THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: SPRINGVILLE: READINESS CENTER, ADDITIONAL/ALTERATION (ARMY DIVISION REDESIGN STUDY)	3,300	3,300	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, ALABAMA	38,860	58,860	+ 20,000	
ALASKA				
ARMY: FORT RICHARDSON: BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	36,000	+ 36,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	42,000	+ 42,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	14,800	+ 14,800	THE PRESIDENT
FORT WAINWRIGHT: BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	20,000	+ 20,000	THE PRESIDENT
COMPANY OPERATIONS FACILITY	14,000	14,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
RAILHEAD OPERATIONS FACILITY, PHASE I .....	.....	8,900	+ 8,900	MR. STEVENS
REPLACE SUBSTATION/UPGRADE ELECTRIC	60,000	60,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	11,600	+ 11,600	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE: ELMENDORF AFB: F-22 7 BAY AIRCRAFT SHELTER	21,400	21,400	.....	THE PRESIDENT

F-22 FIGHTER TOWN EAST INFRASTRUCTURE PHASE 2	7,100	7,100	.....	THE PRESIDENT
F-22 JET ENGINE INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE	13,800	13,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
F-22 TAXIWAY, TAXILANE & ARM/DE-ARM PAD	27,880	27,880	.....	THE PRESIDENT
JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION CENTER .....	.....	13,000	+ 13,000	MR. STEVENS
AIR FORCE RESERVE:				
ELMENDORF AFB:				
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON FACILITY	4,550	4,550	.....	THE PRESIDENT
GROUP HEADQUARTERS	10,400	10,400	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, ALASKA	159,130	305,430	+ 146,300	
ARIZONA				
ARMY:				
FORT HUACHUCA:				
AIT TRAINEE COMPLEX (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	105,000	+ 105,000	THE PRESIDENT
GENERAL INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	13,600	+ 13,600	THE PRESIDENT
EFFLUENT REUSE SYSTEM	11,000	11,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY:				
YUMA:				
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	22,980	22,980	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOWWAY G	10,740	10,740	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE:				
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB:				
COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE EC130 MAINTENANCE HANGAR/ AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT	11,200	11,200	.....	THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
FLORENCE:				
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP .....	.....	10,870	+ 10,870	MR. KYL
TOTAL, ARIZONA	55,920	185,390	+ 129,470	
ARKANSAS				
AIR FORCE:				
LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE:				
RUNWAY REPAIR .....	.....	9,800	+ 9,800	MRS. LINCOLN/MR. PRYOR
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
CAMP ROBINSON:				
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT	5,500	5,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CENTER/GED PLUS TRAINING COMPLEX (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	18,423	+ 18,423	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, ARKANSAS	5,500	33,723	+ 28,223	

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
CALIFORNIA				
ARMY:				
FORT IRWIN:				
MILITARY OPERATIONS URBAN TERRAIN, PHASE 2	18,500	.....	- 18,500	THE PRESIDENT
TRAINING LAND IMPROVEMENTS	5,500	5,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PRESIDIO MONTEREY:				
GENERAL INSTRUCTION BUILDING	28,000	28,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY:				
CAMP PENDLETON:				
1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP ARMORY (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	8,150	+ 8,150	THE PRESIDENT
1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP AND BATTALION OPERATIONS CENTER (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	22,220	+ 22,220	THE PRESIDENT
1ST MARINE LOGISTICS GROUP OPERATIONS CENTER (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	18,160	+ 18,160	THE PRESIDENT
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS-WOUNDED WARRIOR BATTALION (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	25,940	+ 25,940	THE PRESIDENT
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS—CHAPPO	29,050	29,050	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS—HEADQUARTERS	31,980	31,980	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS—MARGARITA	26,530	26,530	.....	THE PRESIDENT
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS SHOP (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	16,840	+ 16,840	THE PRESIDENT
FORCE INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS CENTER—HEADQUARTERS AREA (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	24,990	+ 24,990	THE PRESIDENT
HANGAR ADDITIONS	4,400	4,400	.....	THE PRESIDENT
INFANTRY SQUAD BATTLE COURSE	18,090	18,090	.....	THE PRESIDENT
INTELLIGENCE, SURVEILLANCE, AND RECONNAISSANCE CAMP—INTELLIGENCE BATTALION	17,980	17,980	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND SUPPORTING FACILITIES	17,730	17,730	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER	8,510	8,510	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TACTICAL SUPPORT VAN PADS EXPANSION	6,050	6,050	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS	5,830	5,830	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MIRAMAR:				
HANGAR MODIFICATION (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	26,760	+ 26,760	THE PRESIDENT
SAN DIEGO:				
MAGNETIC SILENCING FACILITY MODIFICATION	14,590	14,590	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PIER 5002 SUB FENDER INSTALLATION	9,040	9,040	.....	THE PRESIDENT

TWENTYNINE PALMS:					
ARMORY (GROW THE FORCE)		5,920	+ 5,920	THE PRESIDENT	
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS AND PARKING STRUCTURE	34,329	34,329		THE PRESIDENT	
LANDFILL (GROW THE FORCE)		13,560	+ 13,560	THE PRESIDENT	
MOUT-FACILITY (PHASE 3) (GROW THE FORCE)		21,390	+ 21,390	THE PRESIDENT	
MULTI-BATTALION OPERATIONS CENTER (GROW THE FORCE)		33,770	+ 33,770	THE PRESIDENT	
MULTI-BATTALION OPERATIONS CENTER (GROW THE FORCE)		33,650	+ 33,650	THE PRESIDENT	
AIR FORCE:					
EDWARDS AFB:					
MAIN BASE RUNWAY INCREMENT 3	35,000	35,000		THE PRESIDENT	
TRAVIS AFB:					
C-17 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS	4,600	4,600		THE PRESIDENT	
C-17 SOUTHWEST LANDING ZONE	22,000	22,000		THE PRESIDENT	
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
CAMP PENDLETON:					
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION FACILITY	5,950	5,950		THE PRESIDENT	
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES PARALIFT/BOAT/DIVE LOCKER	5,770	5,770		THE PRESIDENT	
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SUPPLY FACILITY	8,310	8,310		THE PRESIDENT	
CORONADO:					
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SPECIAL BOAT TEAM OPERATIONS FACILITY	12,000	12,000		THE PRESIDENT	
POINT LOMA ANNEX:					
REPLACE FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES	140,000	140,000		THE PRESIDENT	
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
CAMP ROBERTS:					
INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE	2,850	2,850		THE PRESIDENT	
SACRAMENTO ARMY DEPOT:					
READINESS CENTER	21,000	21,000		THE PRESIDENT	
ARMY RESERVE:					
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT:					
CONVOY LIVE FIRE RANGE	2,534	2,534		THE PRESIDENT	
RANGE CONTROL FACILITY	4,501	4,501		THE PRESIDENT	
GARDEN GROVE:					
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	25,440	25,440		THE PRESIDENT	
NAVY RESERVE:					
MIRAMAR:					
RESERVE CENTER ADDITIONS	5,580	5,580		THE PRESIDENT	
TOTAL, CALIFORNIA	571,644	804,494	+ 232,850		

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
COLORADO				
ARMY:				
FORT CARSON:				
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	53,000	+ 53,000	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE ACCESS ROAD	9,300	8,300	- 1,000	THE PRESIDENT
HOSPITAL ADDITION & DENTAL CLINIC (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	18,000	+ 18,000	THE PRESIDENT
INDOOR RANGE	4,900	4,900	.....	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATION FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	59,000	+ 59,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATION FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	13,000	+ 13,000	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE:				
FORT CARSON:				
AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON COMPLEX	13,500	13,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SCHRIEVER AFB:				
AIR AND SPACE INTEGRATION FACILITY	24,500	24,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY:				
UPGRADE ACADEMIC FACILITY PHASE IVB	15,000	15,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE:				
PUEBLO ARMY DEPOT:				
AMMUNITION DEMILITARIZATION FACILITY PH IX	35,159	35,159	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
BUCKLEY AFB:				
REPLACE SQUADRON OPERATIONS .....	.....	7,300	+ 7,300	MR. ALLARD/MR. SALAZAR
TOTAL, COLORADO	102,359	251,659	+ 149,300	
CONNECTICUT				
NAVY:				
NEW LONDON SUBMARINE BASE:				
WATERFRONT OPERATIONS SMALL CRAFT FACILITY .....	.....	11,900	+ 11,900	MR. DODD/MR. LIEBERMAN:

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: NIANTIC: READINESS CENTER (ARMY DIVISION REDESIGN STUDY)	13,600	13,600	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, CONNECTICUT	13,600	25,500	+ 11,900	
DELAWARE				
ARMY: DOVER AFB: JOINT PERSONAL EFFECTS DEPOT	17,500	17,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIR GUARD BASE: C-130 MAINTENANCE HANGER, PHASE I .....	.....	10,800	+ 10,800	MR. BIDEN/MR. CARPER
TOTAL, DELAWARE	17,500	28,300	+ 10,800	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA				
AIR FORCE: BOLLING AFB: COMMUNICATION SWITCH FACILITY	2,500	2,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE: BOLLING AFB: INSTALL BACKUP WATER SYSTEM	1,012	1,012	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	3,512	3,512	.....	
FLORIDA				
ARMY: EGLIN AFB: OPERATIONS COMPLEX, PHASE 2	66,000	66,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MIAMI DORAL: SOUTHERN COMMAND HEADQUARTERS FACILITY INCREMENT I	237,000	118,500	- 118,500	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY: BLOUNT ISLAND: MAIN GATE IMPROVEMENTS	7,570	7,570	.....	THE PRESIDENT
CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION: ENGINEERING SERVICES FACILITY .....	.....	9,900	+ 9,900	MR. BILL NELSON
PANAMA CITY: LITTORAL WARFARE SYSTEMS FACILITY	13,870	13,870	.....	THE PRESIDENT

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued
[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
AIR FORCE:				
EGLIN AFB:				
CONSTRUCT SEAWALLS SANTA ROSA ISLAND RANGE COMPLEX	35,000	35,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
F-35 ADD/ALTER 53RD JOINT REPROGRAMMING FACILITY	8,300	8,300	.....	THE PRESIDENT
F-35 INTEGRATED TRAINING CENTER	39,000	39,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
F-35 SQUADRON OPERATIONS/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT/ HANGAR	27,000	27,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
REPAIR ROADS SANTA ROSA ISLAND RANGE COMPLEX	49,000	49,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MACDILL AFB:				
ALTER CENTRAL COMMAND HEADQUARTERS	57,000	57,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MACDILL CENTCOM JOINT INTELLIGENCE CENTER	25,000	25,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PATRICK AFB:				
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	11,854	11,854	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TYNDALL AFB:				
FITNESS CENTER	19,014	19,014	.....	THE PRESIDENT
REPAIR AIRFIELD	25,100	25,100	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
HURLBURT FIELD:				
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES MAINTENANCE STORAGE FACILITY	4,711	4,711	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SQUADRON OPERATIONS ADDITION	4,000	4,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SQUADRON OPERATIONS FORCES, OPERATIONS FACILITY	5,500	5,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES COMBAT WEATHER OPERATIONS FACILITY	14,900	14,900	.....	THE PRESIDENT
KEY WEST:				
REPLACE FUEL PUMP HOUSE	1,874	1,874	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MACDILL AFB:				
CLINIC REPLACEMENT, INCREMENT II	41,400	41,400	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PHARMACARE ADDITION/ALTERATION	5,000	5,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES 501-D BUILDING ADDITION PHASE 2	12,200	12,200	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES ACQUISITION CENTER	35,500	35,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: JACKSONVILLE:		12,200	12,200		THE PRESIDENT
ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY ADDITION/ALTERATION			649,393	-108,600	
TOTAL, FLORIDA	GEORGIA	757,993			
ARMY:					
FORT BENNING:					
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE		5,800	5,800		THE PRESIDENT
RECEPTION STATION, PHASE 1		51,000	51,000		THE PRESIDENT
SIMULATIONS TRAINING FACILITY		56,000	56,000		THE PRESIDENT
TRAINEE BARRACKS COMPLEX		73,000	73,000		THE PRESIDENT
FORT STEWART:					
BARRACKS COMPLEX		36,000	36,000		THE PRESIDENT
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)			25,000	+25,000	THE PRESIDENT
BRIGADE COMPLEX—HEADQUARTERS		26,000			THE PRESIDENT
FIRE STATION (GROW THE FORCE)			5,500	+5,500	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)			15,000	+15,000	THE PRESIDENT
HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD:					
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)			16,000	+16,000	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE:					
ROBINS AFB:					
AIRCRAFT COMPONENT REPAIR FACILITY		14,700	14,700		THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
AUGUSTA:					
REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATION CENTER INCREMENT III		100,000	100,000		THE PRESIDENT
FORT BENNING:					
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES BATTALION COMPLEX		21,000	21,000		THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING ADDITION		5,000	5,000		THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES TACTICAL EQUIPMENT SHOP		9,000	9,000		THE PRESIDENT
HUNTER AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION:					
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SUPPORT COMPANY FACILITY		13,800	13,800		THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
SAVANNAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
TROOP DORMS			9,000	+9,000	MR. CHAMBLISS/MR. ISAKSON
TOTAL, GEORGIA		411,300	481,800	+70,500	

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
HAWAII				
ARMY:				
FORT SHAFTER:				
BARRACKS COMPLEX	31,000	31,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS:				
BARRACKS COMPLEX	43,000	43,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BARRACKS COMPLEX	45,000	45,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
WHEELER AFB:				
BARRACKS COMPLEX	51,000	51,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY:				
KANEOHE BAY:				
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	37,961	37,961	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PEARL HARBOR:				
DRY DOCK SHIP SUPPORT SERVICES .....	.....	30,200	+ 30,200	MR. INOUE/MR. AKAKA
SUB DRIVE-IN MAGNETIC SILENCING FACILITY	99,860	99,860	.....	THE PRESIDENT
WAIHANA:				
COMMUNICATION CENTER	65,410	65,410	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE:				
HICKAM AFB:				
C-17 PARKING RAMP	15,471	15,471	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND SYSTEM INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	16,500	16,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
HICKAM AFB:				
REPLACE HYDRANT FUELS SYSTEM	11,900	11,900	.....	THE PRESIDENT
KUNIA:				
REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATION CENTER INCREMENT III	136,318	136,318	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, HAWAII	553,420	583,620	+ 30,200	

IDAHO					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
GOWEN FIELD:					
TRAINING AREA RAILHEAD	1,700	7,615	+ 7,615	MR. CRAIG/MR. CRAPO	
ORCHARD TRAINING AREA:		1,700	.....	THE PRESIDENT	
URBAN ASSAULT COURSE					
TOTAL, IDAHO	1,700	9,315	+ 7,615		
ILLINOIS					
ARMY:					
ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL:					
COMBINED FIRE/POLICE FACILITY		3,350	+ 3,350	MR. DURBIN/MR. OBAMA	
NAVY:					
GREAT LAKES:					
RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE, INCREMENT 3	16,650	16,650	.....	THE PRESIDENT	
SMALL ARMS MARKSMANSHIP TRAINER	10,221	10,221	.....	THE PRESIDENT	
AIR FORCE:					
SCOTT AFB:					
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER		8,200	+ 8,200	MR. DURBIN	
SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY	16,700	16,700	.....	THE PRESIDENT	
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
GREAT LAKES:					
FEDERAL HEALTHCARE FACILITY	99,000	99,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT	
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
ST CLAIR COUNTY:					
READINESS CENTER (ARMY DIVISION REDESIGN STUDY)	8,100	8,100	.....	THE PRESIDENT	
TOTAL, ILLINOIS	150,671	162,221	+ 11,550		
INDIANA					
NAVY:					
CRANE NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER:					
SECURED ELECTRONIC WARFARE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING FACILITY		12,000	+ 12,000	MR. BAYH/MR. LUGAR	
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
HULMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT:					
DIGITAL GROUND STATION BEDDOWN	7,700	7,700		THE PRESIDENT	
TOTAL, INDIANA	7,700	19,700	+ 12,000		

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
IOWA				
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
IOWA CITY:				
READINESS CENTER		13,186	+ 13,186	MR. HARKIN/MR. GRASSLEY
TOTAL, IOWA		13,186	+ 13,186	
KANSAS				
ARMY:				
FORT LEAVENWORTH:				
BARRACKS COMPLEX	55,000	55,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		12,800	+ 12,800	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		23,000	+ 23,000	THE PRESIDENT
FORT RILEY:				
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		50,000	+ 50,000	THE PRESIDENT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER (GROW THE FORCE)		8,500	+ 8,500	THE PRESIDENT
DIGITAL MULTIPURPOSE RANGE COMPLEX	28,000	28,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
HEALTH & DENTAL CLINIC (GROW THE FORCE)		8,800	+ 8,800	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		43,000	+ 43,000	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE:				
FORT RILEY:				
AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON COMPLEX	12,515	12,515	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
SMOKY HILL AIR NATIONAL GUARD RANGE:				
AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON BEDDOWN		9,000	+ 9,000	MR. BROWNBACK
TOTAL, KANSAS	95,515	250,615	+ 155,100	

KENTUCKY					
ARMY:					
FORT CAMPBELL:					
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		27,000		+ 27,000	THE PRESIDENT
INDOOR RANGE	5,000	5,000		.....	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		24,000		+ 24,000	THE PRESIDENT
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	49,000	49,000		.....	THE PRESIDENT
FORT KNOX:					
CANTONMENT AREA ROADS, PAVED	6,700	6,700		.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
FORT CAMPBELL:					
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES BATTALION OPERATIONS COMPLEX	35,000	35,000		.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES GROUP SUPPORT BATTALION COMPLEX	18,500	18,500		.....	THE PRESIDENT
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE WIDE:					
BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT:					
AMMUNITION DEMILITARIZATION FACILITY PH VIII	51,017	69,017		+ 18,000	THE PRESIDENT/MR. MCCONNELL
TOTAL, KENTUCKY	165,217	234,217		+ 69,000	
LOUISIANA					
ARMY:					
FORT POLK:					
4TH BRIGADE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS FACILITY		9,800		+ 9,800	MRS. LANDRIEU/MR. VITTER
CHILD CARE CENTER		6,100		+ 6,100	MRS. LANDRIEU/MR. VITTER
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
CAMP BEAUREGARD:					
UPGRADE AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON FACILITY	1,800	1,800		.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, LOUISIANA	1,800	17,700		+ 15,900	
MAINE					
NAVY:					
PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD:					
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY CONTROL CENTER		9,700		+ 9,700	MS COLLINS
TOTAL, MAINE		9,700		+ 9,700	

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MARYLAND				
ARMY:				
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND:				
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION FACILITY		12,200	+ 12,200	MS. MIKULSKI/MR. CARDIN
NAVY:				
PATUXENT RIVER:				
AIRCRAFT PROTOTYPE FACILITY PHASE 1	17,990	17,990	.....	THE PRESIDENT
E-2 ADVANCED HAWKEYE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TESTING, AND EVALUATION FACILITY	13,650	13,650	.....	THE PRESIDENT
JOINT PRECISION APPROACH AND LANDING SYSTEM ADDITION TO BUILDING 2110/2122	6,720	6,720	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SUITLAND:				
NATIONAL MARITIME INTELLIGENCE CENTER INCREMENT II	52,069	52,069	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
FORT DETRICK:				
US ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES STAGE I, INC II	150,000	150,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
FORT MEADE:				
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY WASHINGTON-OPS1 SOUTH STAIR TOWER	4,000	4,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY WASHINGTON—POWER, SPACE, AND COOLING UTILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PHIL.	7,901	7,901	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, MARYLAND	252,330	264,530	+ 12,200	
MASSACHUSETTS				
AIR FORCE:				
HANSCOM AFB:				
RENOVATE ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT FACILITY B1102C		12,800	+ 12,800	MR. KENNEDY
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
OTIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE:				
DIGITAL GROUND STATION INITIAL OPERATING CAPACITY BEDDOWN	1,800	1,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,800	14,600	+ 12,800	

MICHIGAN			
ARMY:			
DETROIT ARSENAL:			
GROUND SYSTEMS POWER AND ENERGY LABORATORY	18,500	+ 18,500	MR. LEVIN/MS. STABENOW
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
LANSING:			
US PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICE AND READINESS CENTER RENOVATION	4,239	+ 4,239	MR. LEVIN/MS. STABENOW
CAMP GRAYLING:			
INFANTRY PLATOON BATTLE COURSE W/ CONVOY LIVE FIRE RANGE	2,450	+ 2,450	MR. LEVIN/MS. STABENOW
NAVY RESERVE:			
SELRIDGE:			
RESERVE TRAINING CENTER	4,030		THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, MICHIGAN	4,030	29,219	+ 25,189
MINNESOTA			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CAMP RIPLEY:			
COMBINED ARMS COLLECTIVE TRAINING FACILITY	4,850	4,850	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, MINNESOTA	4,850	4,850	
MISSISSIPPI			
NAVY:			
MERIDIAN NAVAL AIR STATION:			
FIRE STATION		6,770	+ 6,770
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
JOHN C. STENNIS SPACE CENTER:			
SOF RIVERINE AND COMBATANT CRAFT OPERATIONS FACILITY		10,200	+ 10,200
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CAMP SHELBY:			
LIVE FIRE SHOOT HOUSE/URBAN ASSAULT COURSE		4,000	+ 4,000
TOTAL, MISSISSIPPI		20,970	+ 20,970
MISSOURI			
ARMY:			
FORT LEONARD WOOD:			
AUTOMATED MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE (GROW THE FORCE)	4,150	+ 4,150	THE PRESIDENT
AUTOMATED PISTOL RANGE (GROW THE FORCE)	2,700	+ 2,700	THE PRESIDENT

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	26,000	+ 26,000	THE PRESIDENT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	.....	7,000	+ 7,000	MR. BOND
DINING FACILITY—BASIC COMBAT TRAINING COMPLEX (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	22,000	+ 22,000	THE PRESIDENT
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	3,800	3,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	4,000	4,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	56,000	+ 56,000	THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
WHITEMAN AFB:				
ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	30,000	30,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, MISSOURI	37,800	155,650	+ 117,850	
MONTANA				
AIR FORCE:				
MALMSTROM AFB:				
CONSTRUCT COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER .....	.....	7,000	+ 7,000	MR. BAUCUS/MR. TESTER
ARMY RESERVE:				
BUTTE:				
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/LAND	7,629	7,629	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, MONTANA	7,629	14,629	+ 7,000	
NEBRASKA				
AIR FORCE:				
OFFUTT AFB:				
ADD/ALTER INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON FACILITY	16,952	16,952	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:				
ADD/ALTER SECURITY FORCES COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX .....	.....	8,900	+ 8,900	MR. BEN NELSON/MR. HAGEL
TOTAL, NEBRASKA	16,952	25,852	+ 8,900	

NEVADA							
ARMY:							
	HAWTHORNE ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT:			11,800	11,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
	GROUND WATER TREATMENT PLANT						
NAVY:							
	FALLON NAVAL AIR STATION:				11,460	+ 11,460	MR. REID/MR. ENSIGN
	RANGE IMPROVEMENTS B-20						
AIR FORCE:							
	NELLIS AFB:				4,950	+ 4,950	MR. REID/MR. ENSIGN
	JOINT TERMINAL AIR CONTROL VIRTUAL TRAINING FACILITY						
AIR GUARD:							
	RENO:				5,200	+ 5,200	MR. REID/MR. ENSIGN
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX						
	TOTAL, NEVADA	11,800		33,410		+ 21,610	
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:							
	PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE:				8,900	+ 8,900	MR. GREGG/MR. SUNUNU
	WING HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITY						
	TOTAL, NEW HAMPSHIRE			8,900		+ 8,900	
NEW JERSEY							
NAVY:							
	LAKEHURST NAVAL AIR ENGINEERING STATION:						
	JOINT INSTALLATION ROAD IMPROVEMENT				4,100	+ 4,100	MR. LAUTENBERG/MR. MENENDEZ
ARMY RESERVE:							
	FORT DIX:						
	COMBINED MAINTENANCE FACILITY	17,000		17,000		.....	THE PRESIDENT
	TOTAL, NEW JERSEY	17,000		21,100		+ 4,100	
NEW MEXICO							
ARMY:							
	WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE:						
	UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)				71,000	+ 71,000	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE:							
	CANNON AFB:						
	ADD/ALTER HANGAR 09 FOR C-130	1,688		1,688			THE PRESIDENT

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
KIRTLAND AFB: P/CRO RESCUE AND RECOVERY TRAINING CENTER .....	.....	11,400	+ 11,400	MR. DOMENICI/MR. BINGAMAN
DEFENSE-WIDE: CANNON AFB: SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES FLIGHT SIMULATOR FACILITY	7,500	7,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
KIRTLAND AFB: REPLACE FUEL UNLOAD FACILITY	1,800	1,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, NEW MEXICO	10,988	93,388	+ 82,400	
NEW YORK				
ARMY: FORT DRUM: BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	61,000	+ 61,000	THE PRESIDENT
BRIGADE COMPLEX MAINTENANCE FACILITY	44,000	44,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BRIGADE COMPLEX—BARRACKS/OPERATIONS	40,000	40,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BRIGADE COMPLEX—COMPANY OPERATIONS	55,000	55,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES	12,000	12,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	41,000	+ 41,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	38,000	+ 38,000	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE: FORT DRUM: MEDICAL CLINIC ADDITIONAL ALTERATION	41,000	41,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: GABRESKI ANG BASE, WESTHAMPTON: PARARESCUE FACILITY PH 1 .....	.....	8,400	+ 8,400	MR. SCHUMER/MRS. CLINTON
ARMY RESERVE: FORT DRUM: ARMY RESERVE CENTER	15,923	15,923		THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, NEW YORK	207,923	356,323	+ 148,400	

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES EQUIPMENT FACILITY	10,800	10,800		THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SUPPLY & PRE-DEPLOYMENT FACILITY	10,500	10,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
FORT BRAGG:				
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES HEADQUARTERS AND MOTOR POOL COMPLEX	39,250	39,250	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES OPERATIONS/INTELLIGENCE ADDITION	8,000	8,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, NORTH CAROLINA	428,164	718,244	+ 290,080	
NORTH DAKOTA				
AIR FORCE:				
GRAND FORKS AFB:				MR. DORGAN/MR. CONRAD
CONTROL TOWER/RAPCON .....	.....	13,000	+ 13,000	
MINOT AFB:				THE PRESIDENT
DORMITORY (144 ROOM)	18,200	18,200	.....	
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
CAMP GRAFTON:				THE PRESIDENT
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE PHASE 1 (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	33,416	+ 33,416	
TOTAL, NORTH DAKOTA	18,200	64,616	+ 46,416	
OHIO				
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
COLUMBUS:				THE PRESIDENT
DECENTRALIZE HEAT PLANT	4,000	4,000	.....	
NAVY RESERVE:				THE PRESIDENT
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB:				
RESERVE TRAINING CENTER	10,277	10,277	.....	
TOTAL, OHIO	14,277	14,277	.....	

OKLAHOMA			
ARMY:			
FORT SILL:			
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	2,900	2,900	THE PRESIDENT
MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE		3,300	MR. INHOFE
AIR FORCE:			
ALTUS AFB:			
C-17 SHEET METAL COMPOSITE SHOP	2,000	2,000	THE PRESIDENT
TINKER AFB:			
CONSOLIDATED FUEL OVERHAUL REPAIR & TEST FACILITY	34,600	34,600	THE PRESIDENT
VANCE AFB:			
FUEL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE HANGAR		7,700	MR. INHOFE
TOTAL, OKLAHOMA	39,500	50,500	+ 11,000
OREGON			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
ONTARIO:			
READINESS CENTER	11,000	11,000	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY RESERVE:			
PORTLAND:			
OPERATIONAL FACILITIES MOBILE INSHORE UNDERSEA WARFARE UNIT 110/INSHORE BOAT UNIT 13	1,900	1,900	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, OREGON	12,900	12,900	
PENNSYLVANIA			
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT NEW CUMBERLAND:			
REPLACE CENTRAL HEAT PLANT	21,000	21,000	THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
CARLISLE:			
READINESS CENTER (STRYKER BRIGADE COMPANY TEAM (SBCT))	7,800	7,800	THE PRESIDENT
EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP:			
READINESS CENTER (SBCT)	8,300	8,300	THE PRESIDENT
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP:			
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT UPGRADE (SBCT)	9,500	9,500	THE PRESIDENT
GETTYSBURG:			
READINESS CENTER (SBCT)	6,300	6,300	THE PRESIDENT
GRATERFORD:			
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP (SBCT)	7,300	7,300	THE PRESIDENT

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HANOVER: READINESS CENTER, ADDITIONAL/ALTERATION (SBCT)	5,500	5,500		THE PRESIDENT
HAZELTON: READINESS CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION (SBCT)	5,600	5,600	.....	THE PRESIDENT
HOLIDAYSBURG: READINESS CENTER (SBCT)	9,400	9,400	.....	THE PRESIDENT
HUNTINGDON: READINESS CENTER (SBCT)	7,500	7,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
KUTZTOWN: READINESS CENTER, ADDITIONAL/ALTERATION (SBCT)	6,800	6,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
LEBANON: READINESS CENTER, ADDITIONAL/ALTERATION (SBCT)	7,800	7,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
PHILADELPHIA: FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP, ADDITION/ALTERATION (SBCT)	3,650	3,650	.....	THE PRESIDENT
READINESS CENTER, ALTERATION (SBCT)	10,000	10,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: FORT INDIANTOWN GAP	6,400	6,400	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON BEDDOWN .....	.....	6,300	+ 6,300	MR. SPECTER/MR. CASEY
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITY .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL, PENNSYLVANIA	122,850	129,150	+ 6,300	.....
RHODE ISLAND	.....	.....	.....	.....
NAVY: NAVAL STATION NEWPORT: RECONSTRUCT WHARF BETWEEN PIERS 1&2 .....	.....	9,900	+ 9,900	MR. REED
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: EAST GREENWICH: READINESS CENTER	8,200	8,200	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NORTH KINGSTOWN: ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	33,000	33,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT

AIR NATIONAL GUARD: QUONSET STATE AIRPORT:					MR. REED
SPECIAL OPERATIONS TRAINING FACILITY		5,000		+ 5,000	
TOTAL, RHODE ISLAND	41,200	56,100		+ 14,900	
SOUTH CAROLINA					
ARMY: FORT JACKSON: BASIC TRAINING COMPLEX (GROW THE FORCE)		85,000		+ 85,000	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY: BEAUFORT: FIRE STATION	6,800	6,800		.....	THE PRESIDENT
PARRIS ISLAND: CONSOLIDATED DINING FACILITY (GROW THE FORCE)		24,430		+ 24,430	THE PRESIDENT
MOTOR TRANSPORTATION COMPLEX	5,530	5,530		.....	THE PRESIDENT
RECRUIT BARRACKS—3RD BATTALION (PHASE 1)	25,322	25,322		.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE: CHARLESTON AFB: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER		11,000		+ 11,000	MR. GRAHAM
TOTAL, SOUTH CAROLINA	37,652	158,082		+ 120,430	
SOUTH DAKOTA					
AIR FORCE: ELLSWORTH AFB: BASE CIVIL ENGINEER ADMINISTRATIVE FACILITY		16,600		+ 16,600	MR. JOHNSON/MR. THUNE
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: JOE FOSS FIELD: BASE CIVIL ENGINEER MAINTENANCE COMPLEX		7,900		+ 7,900	MR. JOHNSON/MR. THUNE
NAVY RESERVE: SIOUX FALLS: JOINT ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER	3,730	3,730		.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, SOUTH DAKOTA	3,730	28,230		+ 24,500	
TENNESSEE					
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: MCGHEE-TYSON AIRPORT: MILSTAR BEDDOWN—RELOCATE BASE ACCESS ROAD	3,200	3,200			THE PRESIDENT

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MEMPHIS IAP:				
C-5 FINAL INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT	6,676	6,676		THE PRESIDENT
C-5 GROUND RUN-UP ENCLOSURE	3,200	3,200		THE PRESIDENT
C-5 MUNITIONS STORAGE COMPLEX	1,500	1,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, TENNESSEE	14,576	14,576	.....	
TEXAS				
ARMY:				
CAMP BULLIS:				
URBAN ASSAULT COURSE	1,600	1,600	.....	THE PRESIDENT
FORT BLISS:				
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	11,400	+ 11,400	THE PRESIDENT
HEALTH & DENTAL CLINIC (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	16,500	+ 16,500	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	84,000	+ 84,000	THE PRESIDENT
FORT HOOD:				
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	.....	7,400	+ 7,400	MRS. HUTCHISON/MR. CORNYN
BARRACKS COMPLEX	47,000	47,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	45,000	+ 45,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNITS OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	46,000	+ 46,000	THE PRESIDENT
FORT SAM HOUSTON:				
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	6,600	+ 6,600	THE PRESIDENT
BATTLE COMMAND TRAINING CENTER, PHASE 1	1,950	1,950	.....	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	10,600	+ 10,600	THE PRESIDENT
RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT:				
MANEUVER SYSTEMS SUSTAINMENT CENTER, PHASE 2	9,200	9,200	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY:				
CORPUS CHRISTI:				
AVIATION TRAINERS/SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	14,290	14,290	.....	THE PRESIDENT

AIR FORCE:					
LACKLAND AFB:					
BASIC EXPEDITIONARY AIRMAN SKILL TRAINING PHASE 2	14,000	14,000			THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
CAMP BULLIS:					
HEALTH CLINIC REPLACEMENT	7,400	7,400			THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
CAMP BOWIE:					
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	1,500	1,500			THE PRESIDENT
FORT WOLTERS:					
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	2,100	2,100			THE PRESIDENT
ARMY RESERVE:					
ELLINGTON FIELD:					
ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER BATTLE PROJECTION CENTER (PHASE II)			15,000	+ 15,000	MRS. HUTCHISON/MR. CORNYN
FORT WORTH:					
ARMY RESERVE CENTER	15,076	15,076			THE PRESIDENT
NAVY RESERVE:					
AUSTIN:					
RESERVE TRAINING CENTER	6,490	6,490			THE PRESIDENT
FORT WORTH:					
AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT PARKING FACILITY	5,140	5,140			THE PRESIDENT
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	4,920	4,920			THE PRESIDENT
JOINT CONTROL TOWER	12,454	12,454			THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, TEXAS	143,120	385,620		+ 242,500	
UTAH					
AIR FORCE:					
HILL AFB:					
AIRCRAFT POWER SYSTEMS REPAIR FACILITY	8,399	8,399			THE PRESIDENT
CONSOLIDATED 388TH MUNITIONS FLIGHT ADMINISTRATIVE/MAINTENANCE FACILITY		9,200		+ 9,200	MR. BENNETT/MR. HATCH
HYDRAULIC FLIGHT CONTROL FACILITY	8,400	8,400			THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
NORTH SALT LAKE:					
READINESS CENTER	12,200	12,200			THE PRESIDENT
AIR FORCE RESERVE:					
HILL AFB:					
WING SUPPORT FACILITY	3,200	3,200			THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, UTAH	32,199	41,399		+ 9,200	

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
VERMONT				
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
ETHAN ALLEN RANGE, JERICHO:				
MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE		1,996	+ 1,996	MR. LEAHY/MR. SANDERS
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:				
BASE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS		6,600	+ 6,600	MR. LEAHY/MR. SANDERS
TOTAL, VERMONT		8,596	+ 8,596	
VIRGINIA				
ARMY:				
FORT BELVOIR:				
DEFENSE ACCESS ROAD PHASE 3	13,000	13,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
FORT EUSTIS:				
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		32,000	+ 32,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		43,000	+ 43,000	THE PRESIDENT
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		6,900	+ 6,900	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		9,800	+ 9,800	THE PRESIDENT
FORT MYER:				
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		12,400	+ 12,400	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		8,400	+ 8,400	THE PRESIDENT
NAVY:				
CHESAPEAKE:				
MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM INSTALLATION	8,450	8,450	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NORFOLK:				
E2/C2 AIRCREW TRAINING FACILITY	11,510	11,510	.....	THE PRESIDENT
JOINT FORCES COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, BUILDING ONE		14,200	+ 14,200	MR. WARNER/MR. WEBB
MH-60S HANGAR & AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS	53,850	53,850	.....	THE PRESIDENT

QUANTICO:	18,839	18,839	THE PRESIDENT
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS—MARINE SECURITY GUARD BATTALION HEADQUARTERS	26,680	26,680	THE PRESIDENT
STUDENT QUARTERS—THE BASIC SCHOOL (PHASE 2)	5,000	5,000	THE PRESIDENT
WARFARE PROGRAMS SUPPORT CENTER (GROW THE FORCE)		+ 5,000	
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
DAM NECK:			
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES OPERATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY	14,000	14,000	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY INCREMENT I	94,500	47,250	THE PRESIDENT
FORT BELVOIR:			
ENTRANCE GATE SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS	5,000	5,000	THE PRESIDENT
LITTLE CREEK:			
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES HEADQUARTERS FACILITY	51,000	51,000	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SEAL TEAM OPERATIONS AND SUPPORT FACILITY	34,000	34,000	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SPECIAL BOAT TEAM OPERATIONS FACILITY	14,000	14,000	THE PRESIDENT
NORFOLK:			
ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTIVE MEDICINE UNIT 2 REPLACEMENT	6,450	6,450	THE PRESIDENT
PENTAGON:			
PENTAGON RESERVATION ELECTRICAL UPGRADES	18,531		THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
FORT PICKETT:			
COMBAT PISTOL QUALIFICATION COURSE	1,050	1,050	THE PRESIDENT
REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE PHASE 1 (GROW THE FORCE)		25,161	THE PRESIDENT
WINCHESTER:			
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP		3,113	MR. WARNER/MR. WEBB
NAVY RESERVE:			
QUANTICO:			
RESERVE CENTER ADDITIONS	2,410	2,410	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, VIRGINIA	373,270	467,463	+ 94,193
WASHINGTON			
ARMY:			
FORT LEWIS:			
BARRACKS (GROW THE FORCE)		32,000	THE PRESIDENT
BRIGADE COMPLEX, INCREMENT 2	102,000	102,000	THE PRESIDENT
INDOOR RANGE	5,000	5,000	THE PRESIDENT
RAILROAD YARD UPGRADE (GROW THE FORCE)		14,600	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		62,000	THE PRESIDENT
UNIT OPERATIONS FACILITIES (GROW THE FORCE)		51,000	THE PRESIDENT

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
YAKIMA:				
NAVY:				
BANGOR:				
DIGITAL MULTIPURPOSE RANGE COMPLEX	29,000	29,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BREMERTON:				
LIMITED AREA PRODUCTION & STORAGE COMPLEX INCREMENT IV	39,750	39,750	.....	THE PRESIDENT
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS HOMEPORT ASHORE INCREMENT II	47,240	47,240	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NUCLEAR AIRCRAFT CARRIER MAINTENANCE PIER REPLACEMENT	91,070	91,070	.....	THE PRESIDENT
MISSILE ASSEMBLY BUILDING 3	28,690	28,690	.....	THE PRESIDENT
NAVAL STATION EVERETT:				
FLEET REGION READINESS CENTER .....	.....	10,940	+ 10,940	MRS. MURRAY
WHIDBEY ISLAND:				
EA-18G FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS	23,910	23,910	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
FORT LEWIS:				
MEDICAL/DENTAL CLINIC	21,000	21,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES BATTALION OPERATIONS COMPLEX	47,000	47,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES SUPPORT BATTALION COMPLEX	30,000	30,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, WASHINGTON	464,660	635,200	+ 170,540	
WEST VIRGINIA				
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
CAMP DAWSON:				
MODIFIED RECORD FIRE RANGE	4,500	4,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA REGIONAL AIRPORT—SHEPHERD:				
FIELD:				
C-5 FINAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE	5,176	5,176	.....	THE PRESIDENT
C-5 FUEL CELL MAINTENANCE HANGAR AND SHOPS	26,000	26,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
C-5 PARKING APRON, PHASE 2 .....	.....	12,000	+ 12,000	MR. BYRD

C-5 SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	7,600	7,600	.....	THE PRESIDENT
YEAGER ANG BASE:				
REPLACE AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR	17,300	17,300	+ 17,300	MR. BYRD
TOTAL, WEST VIRGINIA	43,276	72,576	+ 29,300	
WISCONSIN				
ARMY RESERVE:				
ELLSWORTH:				
ARMY RESERVE CENTER/LAND	9,100	9,100	.....	THE PRESIDENT
FORT MCCOY:				
REGIONAL MEDICAL TRAINING FACILITY	8,523	8,523	.....	THE PRESIDENT
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:				
TRUAX FIELD MADISON:				
ADD/ALTER FIRE CRASH/RESCUE STATION	7,000	7,000	+ 7,000	MR. KOHL
TOTAL, WISCONSIN	17,623	24,623	+ 7,000	
WYOMING				
AIR FORCE:				
F. E. WARREN AFB:				
RENOVATE HISTORIC DORMITORIES	14,600	14,600	.....	THE PRESIDENT
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:				
CAMP GUERNEY:				
QUALIFICATION TRAINING RANGE	2,650	2,650	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, WYOMING	17,250	17,250	.....	
AFGHANISTAN				
ARMY:				
BAGRAM:				
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	13,800	13,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, AFGHANISTAN	13,800	13,800	.....	
BAHRAIN ISLAND				
NAVY:				
SOUTHWEST ASIA:				
WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT PHASE I	35,500	35,500		THE PRESIDENT

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
SOUTHWEST ASIA:				
SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY	19,000	19,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, BAHRAIN ISLAND	54,500	54,500	.....	
BELGIUM				
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
CASTEAU:				
BRUSSELS AMERICAN SCHOOL ADDITION	5,992	5,992	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, BELGIUM	5,992	5,992	.....	
BULGARIA				
ARMY:				
NEVO SELO FORWARD OPERATING SITE:				
BASE CAMP	61,000	61,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, BULGARIA	61,000	61,000	.....	
DIEGO GARCIA				
NAVY:				
DIEGO GARCIA:				
SEWAGE LAGOON, AIR OPERATIONS	7,150	7,150	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, DIEGO GARCIA	7,150	7,150		

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued
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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
AIR FORCE:				
ANDERSEN AFB:				
UPGRADE NORTHWEST FIELD INFRASTRUCTURE	10,000	10,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, GUAM	288,818	222,656	- 66,162	
HONDURAS				
ARMY:				
HONDURAS VARIOUS:				
DINING FACILITY	2,550	2,550	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, HONDURAS	2,550	2,550	.....	
ITALY				
ARMY:				
VICENZA:				
BRIGADE COMPLEX—BARRACKS/COMMUNITY FACILITY INCREMENT I	86,000	43,000	- 43,000	THE PRESIDENT
BRIGADE COMPLEX—OPERATIONS SUPPORT FACILITY INCREMENT I	87,000	43,500	- 43,500	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, ITALY	173,000	86,500	- 86,500	
JAPAN				
NAVY:				
YOKOSUKA:				
WHARF UPGRADES (INCREMENTED)	8,750	8,750	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, JAPAN	8,750	8,750	.....	

ARMY:	KOREA	CAMP HUMPHREYS:	22,000	22,000	THE PRESIDENT
		BARRACKS COMPLEX	35,000	35,000	
		TOTAL, KOREA	57,000	57,000	
AIR FORCE:	QATAR	AL UDEID:	22,300	22,300	THE PRESIDENT
		MULTI AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR			
DEFENSE-WIDE:	QATAR	AL UDEID:	8,332	8,332	THE PRESIDENT
		SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AIR OPERATIONS CENTER	18,515	18,515	
		SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AIRCRAFT PARKING RAMP	18,908	18,908	
		SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES OPERATIONS COMPLEX	3,590	3,590	
		SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES STORAGE FACILITY	3,507	3,507	
		SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY			
		TOTAL, QATAR	75,152	75,152	
ARMY:	ROMANIA	MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU FOS:	12,600	12,600	THE PRESIDENT
		BASE CAMP, PHASE 2			
		TOTAL, ROMANIA	12,600	12,600	
AIR FORCE:	SPAIN	MORON:	1,800	1,800	THE PRESIDENT
		TACTICAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DORM (400 ROOM)			
		TOTAL, SPAIN	1,800	1,800	
AIR FORCE:	UNITED KINGDOM	MENWITH HILL STATION:	31,000	31,000	THE PRESIDENT
		ADD/ALTER OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL FACILITY			

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
POWER AVAILABILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	10,000	10,000	.....	THE PRESIDENT
ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH:	15,500	15,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
F-15C SQUAD OPERATIONS/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE UNIT	1,800	1,800	.....	THE PRESIDENT
SMALL DIAMETER BOMB-STORAGE IGLOO	58,300	58,300	.....	
TOTAL, UNITED KINGDOM	201,400	201,400	.....	
NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM				
WORLDWIDE CLASSIFIED				
AIR FORCE:				
SPECIAL EVALUATION PROGRAM	4,051	2,439	-1,612	THE PRESIDENT
SPECIAL EVALUATION PROGRAM	9,889	9,889	.....	THE PRESIDENT
CLASSIFIED MILCON PROJECT	1,500	1,500	.....	THE PRESIDENT
DEFENSE-WIDE:				
CLASSIFIED MILCON PROJECT	1,887	1,887	.....	THE PRESIDENT
TOTAL, WORLDWIDE CLASSIFIED	17,327	15,715	-1,612	
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED				
ARMY:				
GROW THE FORCE	1,608,129	.....	-1,608,129	
HOST NATION SUPPORT	23,000	23,000	.....	
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	23,000	25,900	+2,900	
PLANNING AND DESIGN	458,468	84,670	-373,798	
PLANNING AND DESIGN (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	232,479	+232,479	
NAVY:				
GROW THE FORCE	361,120	.....	-361,120	
WHARF UTILITIES UPGRADE	8,900	8,900	.....	
HOST NATION INFRASTRUCTURE	2,700	2,700	.....	
PLANNING AND DESIGN	110,167	93,466	-16,701	

MARINE CORPS PLANNING AND DESIGN (GROW THE FORCE)	.....	21,792	+ 21,792
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	10,000	17,000	+ 7,000
AIR FORCE:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN	51,587	64,958	+ 13,371
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	15,000	15,000	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:			
CONTINGENCY CONSTRUCTION	10,000	10,000	.....
ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	70,000	85,000	+ 15,000
PLANNING AND DESIGN:			
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	3,400	3,400	.....
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	26,749	26,749	.....
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	19,679	19,679	.....
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY	69,000	69,000	.....
UNDISTRIBUTED	35,900	35,900	.....
SUBTOTAL, PLANNING AND DESIGN	154,728	154,728	.....
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION:			
DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY	4,100	4,100	.....
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	666	666	.....
THE JOINT STAFF	8,753	8,753	.....
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	3,693	3,693	.....
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY	3,499	3,499	.....
UNDISTRIBUTED	3,000	3,000	.....
SUBTOTAL, UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	23,711	23,711	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:			
GROW THE FORCE	77,000	.....	- 77,000
PLANNING AND DESIGN	43,841	40,017	- 3,824
PLANNING AND DESIGN (GROW THE FORCE)	.....	17,000	+ 17,000
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	8,700	22,600	+ 13,900
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN	7,965	20,943	+ 12,978
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	6,500	7,400	+ 900
ARMY RESERVE:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN	10,958	11,698	+ 740
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	3,000	6,000	+ 3,000
NAVY RESERVE:			
PLANNING AND DESIGN	2,219	2,219	

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued
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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
AIR FORCE RESERVE:				
PLANNING AND DESIGN	3,500	4,500	+ 1,000	
MINOR CONSTRUCTION	4,909	4,909	.....	
RESCUSSION .....	.....	- 3,100	- 3,100	
TOTAL, WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED	3,099,102	997,490	- 2,101,612	
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY				
GERMANY:				THE PRESIDENT
ANSBACH (URLAS TRAINING AREA)	52,000	52,000	.....	
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	365,400	99,400	- 266,000	
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	266,000	+ 266,000	
PLANNING AND DESIGN	2,000	2,000	.....	
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	419,400	419,400	.....	
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:				
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	145,366	145,366	.....	
SERVICES ACCOUNT	29,500	29,500	.....	
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	64,864	53,007	- 11,857	
OPERATIONS (GROW THE FORCE) .....	.....	11,857	+ 11,857	
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	12,985	12,985	.....	
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	31,940	31,940	.....	
LEASING	206,129	206,129	.....	
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	215,585	215,585	.....	
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	36,551	36,551	.....	
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	742,920	742,920	.....	
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY	1,162,320	1,162,320	.....	

FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS					
GUAM:					
NAVAL BASE GUAM—OLD APRA PHASE II (73 UNITS)		57,167	47,167	— 10,000	THE PRESIDENT
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS		237,990	162,990	— 75,000	
USMC FAMILY HOUSING (GROW THE FORCE)			75,000	+ 75,000	
PLANNING AND DESIGN		3,172	3,172	.....	
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION		298,329	288,329	— 10,000	
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:					
UTILITIES ACCOUNT		41,802	41,802	.....	
SERVICES ACCOUNT		13,155	13,155	.....	
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT		59,422	59,422	.....	
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT		640	640	.....	
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT		14,962	14,962	.....	
LEASING		141,757	141,757	.....	
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY		70,678	70,678	.....	
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS		28,988	28,988	.....	
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE		371,404	371,404	.....	
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS		669,733	659,733	— 10,000	
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE					
GERMANY:					THE PRESIDENT
RAMSTEIN (117 UNITS)		56,275	56,275	.....	
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS		294,262	294,262	.....	
PLANNING AND DESIGN		12,210	12,210	.....	
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION		362,747	362,747	.....	
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:					
UTILITIES ACCOUNT		100,176	100,176	.....	
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT		56,736	56,736	.....	
SERVICES ACCOUNT		20,673	20,673	.....	
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT		43,472	43,472	.....	
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT		1,960	1,960		
LEASING		114,394	114,394		
MAINTENANCE		298,465	298,465		
DEBT ACCOUNT		1	1		

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Installation and project	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with budget estimate (+ or -)	Requested by
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	52,458	52,458	.....	
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	688,335	688,335	.....	
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE	1,051,082	1,051,082	.....	
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE				
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:				
UTILITIES ACCOUNT (NSA)	7	7	.....	
OPERATIONS ACCOUNT (NSA)	27	27	.....	
LEASING (NSA)	10,534	10,534	.....	
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY (NSA)	70	70	.....	
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT (DIA)	4,274	4,274	.....	
LEASING (DIA)	32,662	32,662	.....	
UTILITIES ACCOUNT (DLA)	445	445	.....	
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT (DLA)	104	104	.....	
SERVICES ACCOUNT (DLA)	49	49	.....	
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT (DLA)	410	410	.....	
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY (DLA)	266	266	.....	
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	48,848	48,848	.....	
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE	48,848	48,848	.....	
DOD FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	500	500	.....	
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE				
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 1990	220,689	320,689	+ 100,000	
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 2005	8,174,315	8,174,315	.....	

TOTAL, BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE	8,395,004	8,495,004	+ 100,000
GRAND TOTAL	21,165,182	21,556,664	+ 391,482
RECAP			
ARMY	4,039,197	3,928,149	- 111,048
NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	2,104,276	2,168,315	+ 64,039
AIR FORCE	912,109	1,048,518	+ 136,409
DEFENSE-WIDE	1,799,336	1,758,755	- 40,581
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	404,291	478,836	+ 74,545
AIR NATIONAL GUARD	85,517	228,995	+ 143,478
ARMY RESERVE	119,684	138,424	+ 18,740
NAVY RESERVE	59,150	59,150	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE	26,559	27,559	+ 1,000
RES/ISSN .....	.....	- 3,100	- 3,100
NATO INFRASTRUCTURE	201,400	201,400	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY	1,162,320	1,162,320	.....
(CONSTRUCTION)	(419,400)	(419,400)	.....
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(742,920)	(742,920)	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	659,733	659,733	.....
(CONSTRUCTION)	(298,329)	(288,329)	- 10,000
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(371,404)	(371,404)	(- 10,000)
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE	1,051,082	1,051,082	.....
(CONSTRUCTION)	(362,747)	(362,747)	.....
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(688,335)	(688,335)	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE	48,848	48,848	.....
(CONSTRUCTION) .....	.....	.....	.....
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(48,848)	(48,848)	.....
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION	86,176	104,176	+ 18,000
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND,	500	500	.....
BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE	8,395,004	8,495,004	+ 100,000
GRAND TOTAL	21,165,182	21,556,664	+ 391,482

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NEW BUDGET (OBLIGATIONAL) AUTHORITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 AND BUDGET ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED IN THE BILL
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008
[In thousands of dollars]

Item	2007 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				2007 appropriation	Budget estimate
TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE					
Military construction, Army	2,013,000	4,039,197	3,928,149	+ 1,915,149	— 111,048
Emergency appropriations	1,255,890			— 1,255,890	
Rescissions	— 43,348			+ 43,348	
Total	3,225,542	4,039,197	3,928,149	+ 702,607	— 111,048
Military construction, Navy and Marine Corps	1,129,000	2,104,276	2,168,315	+ 1,039,315	+ 64,039
Emergency appropriations	370,990			— 370,990	
Rescissions	— 27,500			+ 27,500	
Total	1,472,490	2,104,276	2,168,315	+ 695,825	+ 64,039
Military construction, Air Force	1,083,000	912,109	1,048,518	— 34,482	+ 136,409
Emergency appropriations	43,300			— 43,300	
Rescissions	— 2,694			+ 2,694	
Total	1,123,606	912,109	1,048,518	— 75,088	+ 136,409
Military construction, Defense-Wide	1,127,000	1,799,336	1,758,755	+ 631,755	— 40,581
Rescissions	— 110,229			+ 110,229	
Total	1,016,771	1,799,336	1,758,755	+ 741,984	— 40,581
Total, Active components	6,838,409	8,854,918	8,903,737	+ 2,065,328	+ 48,819
Military construction, Army National Guard	473,000	404,291	478,836	+ 5,836	+ 74,545
Rescissions	— 2,129			+ 2,129	
Total	470,871	404,291	478,836	+ 7,965	+ 74,545
Military construction, Air National Guard	126,000	85,517	228,995	+ 102,995	+ 143,478
Military construction, Army Reserve	166,000	119,684	138,424	— 27,576	+ 18,740

Military construction, Navy Reserve	43,000	59,150	59,150	+ 16,150	.....
Military construction, Air Force Reserve	45,000	27,559	27,559	- 17,441	+ 1,000
Rescissions .....	.....	.....	- 3,100	- 3,100	- 3,100
Total, Reserve components	850,871	695,201	929,864	+ 78,993	+ 234,663
Total, Military construction	7,689,280	9,550,119	9,833,601	+ 2,144,321	+ 283,482
Appropriations	(6,205,000)	(9,550,119)	(9,836,701)	(+ 3,631,701)	(+ 286,582)
Emergency appropriations	(1,670,180)	.....	.....	(- 1,670,180)	.....
Rescissions	(- 185,900)	.....	(- 3,100)	(+ 182,800)	(- 3,100)
North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program	204,789	201,400	201,400	- 3,389	.....
Family housing construction, Army	579,000	419,400	419,400	- 159,600	.....
Family housing operation and maintenance, Army	671,000	742,920	742,920	+ 71,920	.....
Family housing construction, Navy and Marine Corps	305,000	298,329	288,329	- 16,671	- 10,000
Family housing operation and maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	505,000	371,404	371,404	- 133,596	.....
Family housing construction, Air Force	1,168,000	362,747	362,747	- 805,253	.....
Rescissions	- 18,000	.....	.....	+ 18,000	.....
Total	1,150,000	362,747	362,747	- 787,253	.....
Family housing operation and maintenance, Air Force	750,000	688,335	688,335	- 61,665	.....
Family housing construction, Defense-Wide	9,000	.....	.....	- 9,000	.....
Family housing operation and maintenance, Defense-Wide	49,000	48,848	48,848	- 152	.....
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	2,475	500	500	- 1,975	.....
Total, Family housing	4,020,475	2,932,483	2,922,483	- 1,097,992	- 10,000
Appropriations	(4,038,475)	(2,932,483)	(2,922,483)	(- 1,115,992)	(- 10,000)
Rescissions	(- 18,000)	.....	.....	(+ 18,000)	.....
Chemical demilitarization construction, Defense-Wide	131,000	86,176	104,176	- 26,824	+ 18,000
Base realignment and closure:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Base realignment and closure account, 1990	252,279	220,689	320,689	+ 68,410	+ 100,000
Base realignment and closure account, 2005	2,489,421	8,174,315	8,174,315	+ 5,684,894	.....
Emergency appropriations	3,136,802	.....	.....	- 3,136,802	.....
Total, Base realignment and closure	5,878,502	8,395,004	8,495,004	+ 2,616,502	+ 100,000
Total, title I	17,924,046	21,165,182	21,556,664	+ 3,632,618	+ 391,482
Appropriations	(13,320,964)	(21,165,182)	(21,559,764)	(+ 8,238,800)	(+ 394,582)

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Item	2007 appropriation	Budget estimate	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
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Emergency appropriations	(4,806,982)			(- 4,806,982)	
Rescissions	(- 203,900)		(- 3,100)	(+ 200,800)	(- 3,100)
TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS					
Veterans Benefits Administration					
Compensation and pensions	38,007,095	41,236,322	41,236,322	+ 3,229,227	.....
Readjustment benefits	3,262,006	3,300,289	3,300,289	+ 38,283	.....
Veterans insurance and indemnities	49,850	41,250	41,250	- 8,600	.....
Veterans housing benefit program fund program account (indefinite)	66,234	17,389	17,389	- 48,845	.....
(Limitation on direct loans)	(500)	(500)	(500)	.....	.....
Credit subsidy	- 100,000	- 108,000	- 108,000	- 8,000	.....
Administrative expenses	154,284	154,562	154,562	+ 278	.....
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account	53	71	71	+ 18	.....
(Limitation on direct loans)	(4,242)	(3,287)	(3,287)	(- 955)	.....
Administrative expenses	305	311	311	+ 6	.....
Native American veteran housing loan program account	584	628	628	+ 44	.....
(Limitation on direct loans)	(30,000)	.....	.....	(- 30,000)	.....
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration	41,440,411	44,642,822	44,642,822	+ 3,202,411	.....
Veterans Health Administration					
Medical services	25,518,254	27,167,671	28,979,220	+ 3,460,966	+ 1,811,549
Emergency appropriations	466,778	.....	.....	- 466,778	.....
Medical administration	3,177,968	3,442,000	3,642,000	+ 464,032	+ 200,000
Emergency appropriations	250,000	.....	.....	- 250,000	.....
Medical facilities	3,569,533	3,592,000	4,092,000	+ 522,467	+ 500,000
Emergency appropriations	595,000	.....	.....	- 595,000	.....
Medical and prosthetic research	413,980	411,000	500,000	+ 86,020	+ 89,000
Emergency appropriations	32,500	.....	.....	- 32,500	.....

Medical care cost recovery collections:						
Offsetting collections	— 2,329,000	— 2,414,000	— 2,414,000	— 85,000	.....	.....
Appropriations (indefinite)	2,329,000	2,414,000	2,414,000	+ 85,000	.....	.....
Total, Veterans Health Administration	34,024,013	34,612,671	37,213,220	+ 3,189,207		+ 2,600,549
National Cemetery Administration						
National Cemetery Administration	160,747	166,809	217,709	+ 56,962		+ 50,900
Departmental Administration						
General operating expenses	1,481,473	1,471,837	1,612,031	+ 130,558		+ 140,194
Emergency appropriations	83,200	.....	.....	— 83,200		.....
Information technology systems	1,214,000	1,859,217	1,898,000	+ 684,000		+ 38,783
Emergency appropriations	35,100	.....	.....	— 35,100		.....
Office of Inspector General	73,066	72,599	88,700	+ 15,634		+ 16,101
Construction, major projects	399,000	727,400	727,400	+ 328,400		.....
Construction, minor projects	198,937	233,396	751,398	+ 552,461		+ 518,002
Emergency appropriations	340,485	.....	.....	— 340,485		.....
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	— 14,485	.....	.....	+ 14,485		.....
Grants for construction of State extended care facilities	85,000	85,000	250,000	+ 165,000		+ 165,000
Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries	32,000	32,000	100,000	+ 68,000		+ 68,000
Total, Departmental Administration	3,927,776	4,481,449	5,427,529	+ 1,499,753		+ 946,080
Total, title II						
Appropriations	79,552,947	83,903,751	87,501,280	+ 7,948,333		+ 3,597,529
Emergency appropriations	(77,764,369)	(83,903,751)	(87,501,280)	(+ 9,736,911)		(+ 3,597,529)
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	(1,803,063)	.....	.....	(— 1,803,063)		.....
.....	(— 14,485)	.....	.....	(+ 14,485)		.....
(Limitation on direct loans)	(34,742)	(3,787)	(3,787)	(— 30,955)		.....
Discretionary						
Mandatory	38,267,762	39,416,501	43,014,030	+ 4,746,268		+ 3,597,529
.....	41,285,185	44,487,250	44,487,250	+ 3,202,065		.....
TITLE III—RELATED AGENCIES						
American Battle Monuments Commission						
Salaries and expenses	37,000	42,100	45,600	+ 8,600		+ 3,500
Foreign currency fluctuations account	5,000	11,000	11,000	+ 6,000		

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Total, American Battle Monuments Commission	42,000	53,100	56,600	+ 14,600	+ 3,500
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims					
Salaries and expenses	20,189	21,217	24,217	+ 4,028	+ 3,000
Department of Defense—Civil					
Cemeterial Expenses, Army					
Salaries and expenses	30,000	26,892	31,865	+ 1,865	+ 4,973
Armed Forces Retirement Home					
Operation and maintenance					
Capital program	55,991	55,724	55,724	- 267	.....
General fund appropriation	1,236	5,900	5,900	- 1,236	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 5,900	.....
Total, Armed Forces Retirement Home	57,227	61,624	61,624	+ 4,397	.....
Total, title III	149,416	162,833	174,306	+ 24,890	+ 11,473
Appropriations	(149,416)	(162,833)	(174,306)	(+ 24,890)	(+ 11,473)
Grand total	97,626,409	105,231,766	109,232,250	+ 11,605,841	+ 4,000,484
Appropriations	(91,234,749)	(105,231,766)	(109,235,350)	(+ 18,000,601)	(+ 4,003,584)
Emergency appropriations	(6,610,045)	.....	.....	(- 6,610,045)	.....
Rescissions	(- 203,900)		(- 3,100)	(+ 200,800)	(- 3,100)
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	(- 14,485)			(+ 14,485)	

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