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Appropriations Policy Brief

H.R. 5631 — Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2007

BY THE NUMBERS:

In Millions of Dollars

	FY06	FY07 Bush Request	FY07 Committee	Cmte v. Request	Cmte v. FY06
Appropriations	358,349	381,358	377,357	-4,001	+19,008
<i>Emergency Approps</i>	53,365	50,000	50,000	0	-3,365
TOTAL	411,714	431,358	427,357	-4,001	+15,643

Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:

- **\$19.0 billion (5.3%) more than last year**
- **\$4.0 billion (1%) less than the request**

Budget Compliance: According to CBO, the bill is within the 302(b) allocation of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and thus complies with the Budget Act. H.R. 5631 also includes \$50 billion in reserve funds to continue the global war against terror. These additional funds are provided for by the budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 376), which includes \$50 billion for ongoing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Unauthorized Appropriations: According to the Committee Report, much of the bill constitutes unauthorized appropriations. The Rules of the House prohibit this practice, but the rule governing consideration of the bill waives this restriction. However, these programs will receive their authorization with the enactment of H.R. 5122, the FY 2007 Defense Authorization Act (which passed the House on May 11, 2006).

Items of Note:

Contingency Operations Reserve Fund: Includes \$50 billion “for the first six months of fiscal year 2007 in order to ensure the uninterrupted delivery of resources to our troops in the field, and to avoid any disruption in funding for the global war on terrorism.” This is the second year of providing such a defense reserve fund as a down payment on future war supplemental spending.

Rescissions: Relies on roughly \$707.9 million in rescissions to offset the cost of new spending in order to comply with the budget resolution. According to CBO, these rescissions result in outlay savings and therefore, real savings to the taxpayer.

Competitive Sourcing: Prohibits funds from being made available to perform any cost study pursuant to the provisions of OMB Circular A-76 (competitive sourcing), if the study being performed exceeds a period of 24 months after initiation of such study with respect to a single function activity or 30 months after initiation of such study for a multi-function activity.

Wind Demonstration Program: Provides \$6.3 million “to coordinate a wind demonstration project on a U.S. Air Force installation using domestically manufactured turbines that are new to the U.S. market and to execute the renewable energy purchasing plan.”

F/A-22 Sales: Prohibits funds from being used to approve or license the sale of the F/A-22 advanced tactical fighter to any foreign government.

Dyslexia Report: Requires the Pentagon to submit a report within 90 days detailing its efforts to address dyslexia in students at DoD Education Activity Schools.

Earmarks:

Note: The following earmarks are located in the text of the bill. There are additional earmarks listed in the Committee Report.

- \$2.5 million to the Fisher House Foundation (construction of housing for ill or hospitalized military beneficiaries)
- \$4.5 million to the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Foundation
- \$4.0 million to the Center for Applied Science and Technologies at Jordan Valley Innovation Center
- \$1.0 million to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation
- \$2.0 million to the Presidio Trust
- \$1.5 million to the Red Cross Consolidated Blood Services Facility

Funding Summaries:

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 2006 Enacted	FY 2007 Request	FY 2007 Cmte	Cmte Vs. FY 2006	Cmte Vs. Request	Cmte Vs. FY 2006	Cmte Vs. Request
Military Personnel, Total.....	83,017,553	86,088,114	84,914,949	1,897,396	-1,173,165	2.29%	-1.36%
Operations and Maintenance, Total.....	114,433,394	122,449,410	120,541,265	6,107,871	-1,908,145	5.34%	-1.56%
Procurement, Total.....	75,774,023	82,919,502	81,781,819	6,007,796	-1,137,683	7.93%	-1.37%
Research, Develop., Test & Evaluation, Total	71,410,904	73,156,008	75,336,246	3,925,342	2,180,238	5.50%	2.98%
Revolving and Management Funds.....	2,221,556	2,436,430	2,436,430	214,874	0	9.67%	0.00%
Chemical Agents.....	1,386,819	1,277,304	1,277,304	-109,515	0	-7.90%	0.00%
Drug Interdiction.....	908,474	926,890	936,990	28,516	10,100	3.14%	1.09%
Related Agencies (intelligence, etc.).....	662,721	891,211	853,511	190,790	-37,700	28.79%	-4.23%