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Moran Supports Defense Appropriations Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Conference Report on the Defense Appropriations Act, which includes new benefits for military men and women.

The legislation includes an average 4.1 percent pay raise for military personnel. It also reduces the out-of-pocket housing expenses for troops from 7.5 percent to 3.5 percent. In addition, the legislation provides for significant increases in the Defense Health Program.

"The men and women of our military work hard to protect our freedoms, and it's important that we recognize their service," Moran said. "This raise in pay and benefits will help members of our Armed Forces to better provide for their families."

The legislation now goes to the Senate for approval.

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