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CONFERENCE REPORT AND EXPLANATORY MATERIAL STATEMENT ON H.R. 2810, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, SUBMITTED BY MR. THORNBERRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 115-404)

The Committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2810), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018”.

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into four divisions as follows:

(1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.

(2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.

(3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.

(4) Division D—Funding Tables.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.

Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.

Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

Subtitle A—Authorization Of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

Sec. 111. Authority to expedite procurement of 7.62mm rifles.

Sec. 112. Limitation on availability of funds for Increment 2 of the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical program.

Sec. 113. Limitation on availability of funds for upgrade of M113 vehicles.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

Sec. 121. Aircraft carriers.

Sec. 122. Icebreaker vessel.

Sec. 123. Multiyear procurement authority for Arleigh Burke class destroyers.

Sec. 124. Multiyear procurement authority for Virginia class submarine program.

Sec. 125. Design and construction of the lead ship of the amphibious ship replacement designated LX(R) or amphibious transport dock designated LPD-30.

Sec. 126. Multiyear procurement authority for V-22 Osprey aircraft.

Sec. 127. Extension of limitation on use of sole-source shipbuilding contracts for certain vessels.

Sec. 128. Limitation on availability of funds for the enhanced multi-mission parachute system.

Sec. 129. Report on Navy capacity to increase production of certain rotary wing aircraft.

Subtitle D—Air Force Programs

Sec. 131. Inventory requirement for Air Force fighter aircraft.

Sec. 132. Prohibition on availability of funds for retirement of E-8 JSTARS aircraft.

Sec. 133. Requirement for continuation of JSTARS aircraft recapitalization program.

Sec. 134. Limitation on selection of single contractor for C-130H avionics modernization program increment 2.

Sec. 135. Limitation on availability of funds for EC-130H Compass Call recapitalization program.

Sec. 136. Limitation on retirement of U-2 and RQ-4 aircraft.

Sec. 137. Cost-benefit analysis of upgrades to MQ-9 Reaper aircraft.

Sec. 138. Plan for modernization of the radar for F-16 fighter aircraft of the National Guard.

Sec. 139. Comptroller General review of Air Force fielding plan for HH-60 replacement programs.

Subtitle E—Defense-wide, Joint, and Multiservice Matters

Sec. 141. F-35 economic order quantity contracting authority.

Sec. 142. Authority for explosive ordnance disposal units to acquire new or emerging technologies and capabilities.

Sec. 143. Requirement that certain aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles use specified standard data link.

Sec. 144. Reinstatement of requirement to preserve certain C-5 aircraft; mobility capability and requirements study.

TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 201. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations

Sec. 211. Cost controls for presidential aircraft recapitalization program.

Sec. 212. Capital investment authority.

Sec. 213. Prizes for advanced technology achievements.

Sec. 214. Joint Hypersonics Transition Office.

Sec. 215. Department of Defense directed energy weapon system prototyping and demonstration program.

Sec. 216. Appropriate use of authority for prototype projects.

Sec. 217. Mechanisms for expedited access to technical talent and expertise at academic institutions to support Department of Defense missions.

Sec. 218. Modification of laboratory quality enhancement program.

Sec. 219. Reauthorization of Department of Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

Sec. 220. Codification and enhancement of authorities to provide funds for defense laboratories for research and development of technologies for military missions.

Sec. 221. Expansion of definition of competitive procedures to include competitive selection for award of science and technology proposals.

Sec. 222. Inclusion of modeling and simulation in test and evaluation activities for purposes of planning and budget certification.

Sec. 223. Limitation on availability of funds for F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Follow-On Modernization.

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