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RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATION BILL, 2007

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REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 5385]

The Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 5385) making appropriations for military quality of life functions of the Department of Defense, military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, reports the same to the Senate with an amendment, and an amendment to the title, and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

Amounts in new budget authority

Total of bill as reported to the Senate	\$94,315,643,000
Amount of 2006 appropriations	81,215,894,000
Amount of 2007 budget estimate by Senate	94,749,144,000
Amount of House allowance ¹	93,910,158,000
Bill as recommended to Senate compared to—	
Amount of 2006 appropriations	+ 13,099,749,000
Amount of 2007 budget estimate	– 433,501,000
Amount of House allowance	+ 405,485,000

¹ Excludes \$42,465,630,000 to be addressed in another bill.

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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 healthcare. 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 \$94,315,643,000 for fiscal year 2007 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 2007 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 ¹	Amount of bill	Committee allocation ¹	Amount of bill
Comparison of amounts in the bill with Committee allocations to its subcommittees of budget totals for 2007: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies:				
Mandatory	36,961	36,961	NA	¹ 36,814
Discretionary	52,900	52,900	NA	¹ 47,897
Projection of outlays associated with the recommendation:				
2007				² 71,854
2008				9,785
2009				5,606
2010				2,589
2011 and future years				1,092
Financial assistance to State and local governments for 2007	NA	738	NA	546

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 2007 appropriations of \$94,315,643,000. This is \$13,099,749,000 over the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$433,501,000 below 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.

Title I of the Committee recommendation does not contain certain items addressed in the House bill, H.R. 5385. The Committee believes that it is more appropriate to fund these items as part of the Senate Department of Defense Appropriations bill, 2007, H.R. 5631. For ease of comparison, the Committee report sets forth in title I a “House allowance” as if these items had not been contained in the House passed bill.

OVERVIEW AND SUMMARY OF THE BILL

The total amount of new budget authority recommended by the Committee in this bill for fiscal year 2007 is \$94,315,643,000. The new budget authority represents an increase of \$13,099,749,000 over the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$433,501,000 below the President’s budget request for fiscal year 2007. The amount of discretionary budget authority recommended by this Committee, as defined by the Budget Act of 1980, is \$52,900,000,000.

This bill makes appropriations for the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, and other related agencies for fiscal year 2007. It provides for military construction, family housing and base realignment and closure activities of the Defense Department. In addition, the bill includes funds for the operation of med-

ical facilities and medical care for the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as providing for the benefits and pensions of our Nation's veterans. This bill also provides resources for the construction and maintenance of cemeteries and monuments, both domestically and abroad, that commemorate American servicemen and women who have served and died in combat. It also provides resources for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and for the Armed Forces Retirement Homes.

SUPPORTING THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE

As stated in the Constitution of the United States, "to provide for the common defense" is an essential function of the Federal Government. Currently, this task is complicated by budgetary constraints and the Nation's changing defensive posture. Given this shift in defense posture and the global war on terror, the Committee understands the importance of providing the necessary tools to those tasked with providing for the common defense. Thus, the Committee has made a concerted effort to provide resources only for infrastructure projects that are the most necessary components of the Department's mission.

Increasing Energy Efficiency

The Federal Government is the Nation's largest consumer of energy. The Department of Defense is the Federal Government's largest consumer of energy, accounting for approximately 75 percent of the government's energy use. This means that the Department is in a unique position to contribute to the Nation's independence from foreign energy sources by emphasizing efficiency in the operation of its facilities. Further, by focusing on energy efficiency the Department stands to extend the life of its facilities, furnishings and equipment while improving its bottom line.

It is worth noting that the Department has made strides in this regard, actually decreasing its energy consumption from fiscal year 1994 to fiscal year 2004 by approximately 2 percent. Yet more can be done to promote a "green" mentality within the Department. Because the Committee is committed to guiding the Department in the direction of energy efficiency, the Committee has recommended fully funding the Department of Defense's Energy Conservation Investment Program. This program has yielded excellent results over its life, producing on average four dollars of savings through improved energy and water efficiency for every dollar invested in the program. The Committee has also included language directing the Department of Defense to incorporate the highest energy efficiency standards possible into the building envelopes of all construction funded in this act.

Encouraging Allies' Involvement

The Committee supports the commitment of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] to transform itself into a lighter, more agile fighting force. The Committee also notes the establishment of the NATO Response Force, which will be rapidly deployable. While these efforts are essential to the ability of NATO to be effective in a 21st century threat environment, this transformation cannot be successful without sufficient funding.

The United States spent approximately 4 percent of its gross domestic product [GDP] on defense in 2004, an increase of over \$37,000,000,000 above the previous year, for the benefit of the United States and its allies. By comparison, Germany spent 1.4 percent of its GDP on defense; Italy spent 2 percent on defense; Spain spent 1.1 percent; and France spent 2.6 percent. As NATO attempts to transform itself, it becomes more important for the members of the NATO alliance to commit funding to modernize their own armed forces to an operational standard that allows them to be interoperable with the United States. Instead, the amount spent by each of these nations on defense decreased from 2004 to 2005, and the vast majority of contributions by these nations to the United States' defense of their countries has come in the form of indirect contributions, such as tax waivers, rather than in the form of direct contributions to the United States. The result of these policies by our allies is that more of a burden lands on the United States to provide unilaterally for the common defense. It also creates a perception that other NATO countries are acting in their own interests to the exclusion of the interests of the alliance.

By increasing defense spending, or by increasing their contributions to offset the cost to the United States of maintaining forces on their soil, these allies could demonstrate their substantial interest in our common defense. An alliance in which partners are all substantially contributing for the common good also becomes an alliance in which the partners have a vested interest in the activities and success of the alliance. When western European nations become more active participants in the funding of the alliance, they will also become more active partners in securing the peace.

To encourage our allies to become more invested in our common defense, the Committee recommendation includes provisions to encourage increases in the level of defense spending by our allies and to require the Department of Defense to report on its efforts to secure contributions to our common defense.

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS THROUGH BETTER HEALTHCARE

Electronic Health Records

The VA is at the forefront of developing a comprehensive electronic health record system, called HealtheVet-Vista. This system will revolutionize the entire healthcare system through the use of information technology by making a veteran's healthcare record accessible on-line for VA healthcare clinicians. At no time was it more valuable than during the hurricanes of the 2005 season when veterans from Louisiana were evacuated to Texas and needed medical care. When the evacuation took place, there was no time to gather paper healthcare records. The VA relocated the records to a server in Houston, and doctors throughout Texas could access them. This is a monumental tribute to the VA and the electronic healthcare records they used.

The Committee is supportive of this valuable national project and encourages the Department to move forward with nationwide implementation. In addition, the Committee understands the Department of Veterans Affairs is working with the Department of Defense on the Bi-directional Health Information Exchange, a se-

cure exchange of medical records between the two Departments. However, this cooperation is not moving at a pace suitable to the importance of the men and women in uniform. With significant numbers of military service persons transitioning from the active duty ranks to the VA rolls, the sharing of medical records is even more important. The Committee urges the Department of Defense to adopt the VA's architecture and hasten the shared use of such a valuable system. The Committee believes the VA is leading the Nation, both in government and private industry, in healthcare delivery, and the electronic health records are a large part of that service.

Mental Healthcare Needs

Many Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom [OEF/OIF] veterans, including Guard and Reserve forces, are returning home with physical and/or mental injuries. The attacks from insurgents and suicide bombers have left a record number of men and women with a loss of limbs, brain and spinal cord injuries, and blindness. In past wars, these service members would not have survived these types of injuries, but recent advancements in medical science have made it possible to save more lives. The road to recovery is often dependent on the quality of care the VA's healthcare system has to offer.

Many veterans have injuries that are not visible. Many suffer from mental health issues and post-traumatic stress disorders [PTSD]. PTSD can debilitate our veterans with severe mental anguish, stress and depression, disabling them from moving forward with their lives. This Committee fully supports the VA's efforts to treat all mental health disorders, particularly PTSD, and commends the VA for its work in this area.

The Department of Veterans Affairs at a Crossroads

The VA is facing tremendous stresses to its system. Healthcare costs are rising, and patient workload is increasing. The Department has built the premier healthcare system in the country. Veterans are receiving better healthcare than at any time in our Nation's history. Compensation and pension benefits are at an all time high. At the current rate, VA healthcare costs will double by 2014.

The administration and the Congress must work together to continue to provide this world-class healthcare while working to contain cost and expenses. Administration proposals to increase collections and revenue are not totally without merit, but a fairer and more equitable way to implement them must be found.

This Committee urges the administration to work with the Congress to devise a way to contain cost before submitting fee methods as part of a budget request. Without the cooperation of both branches of government, the primary objective of the entire government—quality healthcare for our veterans—will not be met in the future. The Department is at a critical crossroads on fiscal policy. Providing superior healthcare for our Nation's veterans and fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers are not mutually exclusive. It will take creative and innovative approaches, but the goals are achievable.

TITLE I
MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST
HEARINGS

The Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs held a hearing related to the fiscal year 2007 Military Construction budget request on May 9, 2006. The subcommittee heard testimony from representatives of the Department of Defense (the Department); the United States Army; the United States Navy; and the United States Air Force concerning fiscal year 2007 budget priorities, base realignment and closure [BRAC], and the impending restructuring of United States military facilities overseas.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The budget request for fiscal year 2007 reflects an increase of \$2,230,026,000 from the amount enacted in fiscal year 2006, including rescissions and supplemental funds.

The Committee recommends \$16,262,758,000. This is \$435,665,000 below 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).

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.

Air Force Operation and Maintenance Repair Projects.—The Committee notes that the Air Force has made extensive use of the authority to carry out repair projects using "Operation and maintenance" account funding. In funding repair projects with Operation and Maintenance funds, the Air Force often cites a need to maintain its flexibility "while balancing [its] operation and maintenance and military construction programs." However, in the view of the Committee, this practice has slipped out of balance. The Air Force elected to execute \$772,210,837 in facility repair projects with costs over \$750,000 (the threshold for using O&M funds for construction) in fiscal year 2005 using O&M funds. While these projects are within the bounds of operation and maintenance, they could appropriately be executed with military construction funds. The Air Force requested \$5,601,510,000 in emergency supplemental funding for operation and maintenance in fiscal year 2005, justifying these funds as "necessary resources to cover costs associated with personnel support costs for Active and mobilized Reserve and National Guard personnel, including travel and per diem; and operations, such as incremental flying hours, special airlift missions, contractor logistics support, fuel purchases, base support, depot maintenance, and for over-ocean transportation." The supplemental request did not mention facility repair. Yet, had the Air Force not spent \$772,210,837 of operation and maintenance funds on projects that could have been funded through military construction, funds for personnel costs and flying hours, for example, would have been available to the Air Force and thus reduced the necessary amount of its supplemental request.

While the demand for operation and maintenance dollars is divided among many competing and “must-pay” bills, military construction funds, by contrast, are devoted solely to facilities. It seems to the Committee to be unwise to siphon funds from such a widely needed account to fund requirements that could be funded using a more appropriate account. The Air Force has continued the practice of pursuing facility repair projects with operation and maintenance funds into fiscal year 2006, and requested \$6,088,200,000 in emergency supplemental funds.

In attempt to restore balance to the operation and maintenance and military construction programs, the Committee directs the Air Force to submit a report of its fiscal year 2007 facility repair projects by September 30, 2006, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress. This report shall include the account and sub-account from which the Air Force intends to fund each repair project.

GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

The Committee is aware of several military construction projects in Iraq funded in previous supplemental funding bills that are no longer needed. This underscores the concern long expressed by this Committee regarding the inclusion of military construction projects in supplemental spending bills. However, as long as the administration continues to request funding for the global war on terror via emergency supplemental funding, as is clearly the administration’s intent, it is important the process remain consistent, rather than fund some war-related military construction via supplemental spending bills and other war-related military construction through the regular budget process. For this reason, the Committee has rescinded the funds for projects no longer required in Iraq and appropriated, using these emergency funds, several projects requested in the President’s budget request which are clearly linked to the global war on terror. They are as follows: Special Operations Forces Rotary Wing Hangar, Qatar; Special Operations Forces Aircraft Operations and Maintenance Hangar, Qatar; Operations/Technical Building, Menwith Hill Station, United Kingdom; Base Camp, Classified Location; and the Secretary of Defense’s “Contingency construction” account. This action will keep emergency projects related to the global war on terror funded within emergency supplemental appropriations until the administration includes all funding related to the global war on terror in its base budget.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescissions and supplementals)	\$1,924,861,000
Budget estimate, 2007	2,059,762,000
House allowance (including rescissions)	1,712,950,000
Committee recommendation (including rescissions)	2,003,474,000

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 \$2,003,474,000 for the Army for fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$78,613,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions and supplemental funds, and \$56,288,000 below the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

Master Plan, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.—The Committee is aware of the disparate tenant agencies and organizations that will be brought together at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, as a result of the 2005 BRAC process. Further, the Committee is concerned that the significant construction planned for Fort Belvoir as a part of this consolidation be developed in a comprehensive way, to prevent redundant expenditures and inefficient use of the land and infrastructure at Fort Belvoir. The Committee directs the Department of the Army, in consultation with tenant agencies, to submit a master plan for Fort Belvoir, incorporating BRAC 2005 decisions, by September 30, 2006.

The Committee fully expects contracts for the following projects to be awarded, as early in fiscal year 2007 as practical:

Advanced Individual Training Barracks, Fort Meade, Maryland.—The Committee urges the Army to advance the construction of this facility in its Future Years Defense Plan to fiscal year 2008 to replace the current failing facilities constructed in 1954, and meet the urgent housing needs for trainees at Fort Meade.

Aviation Readiness Center Addition/Alteration, Helena Regional Airport, Montana.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$3,370,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Body Repair Building, Red River Army Depot, Texas.—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 and urges the Army to include this project in its Future Years Defense Plan in the fiscal year 2008 budget submission.

General Instruction Building, Fort Lewis, Washington.—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.

Multifunction Center, Camp Rudder, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,450,000 be made available for the construction of this facility, which is urgently needed to replace a multipurpose center which was destroyed by fire in November 2005. The Committee notes that Camp Rudder is a remote Army Ranger enclave located on Eglin AFB, and that as a result of the fire, no multifunction facilities are available within 25 miles for the students or permanent party personnel attached to Camp Rudder.

Railroad Line Spur, Wabasha, Hawthorne Army Depot, Nevada.—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 railroad spur.

Regional NCO Academy, Fort Richardson, Alaska.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,300,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

The Committee recommends rescissions as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location	Installation	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Korea	Camp Humphreys	Barracks (PN 058248)	- 11,898
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Korea	Camp Humphreys	Barracks (PN 058354)	- 17,044
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Korea	Camp Humphreys	Barracks (PN 058398)	- 14,406
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Marez	Combat Support Hospital	- 9,900
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Marez	CMU Barracks	- 9,300
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Various Locations	CMU Barracks	- 55,200
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	LSA Anaconda	Battalion and Company HQ	- 7,800
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Camp Warrior	Medical Facility	- 7,500
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Camp Hope	CMU Barracks	- 2,500
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Camp Taii	CMU Barracks	- 24,600
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Camp Warrior	Tactical Ops Building	- 6,100
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Marez	Troop Medical Clinic	- 2,900
Total				- 169,148

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescissions and supplementals)	\$1,431,522,000
Budget estimate, 2007	1,162,038,000
House allowance (including rescissions)	1,155,834,000
Committee recommendation (including rescissions)	1,200,065,000

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 \$1,200,065,000 for Navy and Marine Corps military construction for fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$231,457,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions and supplemental funds, and \$38,027,000 above the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

Master Plan, Guam.—The Committee is aware of the considerable plans of United States Pacific Command [PACOM] to expand the presence of the United States military on Guam, including the movement of approximately 8,000 Marines from Japan. 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 the moving process and its cost are undertaken as a partnership. Further, the Committee commends the Government of Japan for its commitment to our common defense.

The prospect of a \$10,300,000,000 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. Absent this plan, the Committee has not recommended funding for two projects included in the President's budget request at Anderson Air Force Base. Rather, the Committee recommends deferring these projects until such time as they can be incorporated into a master plan for Guam and viewed in that context. To that end, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit a master plan for Guam by December 29, 2006, to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress and clarifies its standing request of GAO to review overseas master plans, to include a review of the master planning effort for Guam. The Committee also 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.

The Committee recommends rescissions as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location	Installation	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 108-324 (Fiscal Year 2005)	North Carolina	Washington County	OLF Land Acquisition (Phase I)	- 8,000
Public Law 108-132 (Fiscal Year 2004)	Italy	La Maddalena	Consolidate Santo Stefano Facilities	- 30,000
Total				- 38,000

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescissions and supplementals)	\$1,424,157,000
Budget estimate, 2007	1,156,148,000
House allowance (including rescissions)	1,184,856,000
Committee recommendation (including rescissions)	1,191,175,000

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 \$1,191,175,000 for the Air Force in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$232,982,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions and supplemental funds, and \$35,027,000 above the budget request. Further detail of the Committee's recommendation is provided in the State table at the end of this report.

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado.—The Committee notes that most of the United States Air Force Academy's [USAFA's] campus, including its dormitories, classrooms, gymnasiums, training centers, and administrative buildings, was constructed in the late 1950s. The Committee recognizes the Air Force invested a sizable amount of military construction funding, totaling \$310,000,000, and operation and maintenance facility and infrastructure sustainment funding, totaling \$437,600,000, at the Air Force Academy from fiscal year 2000 to fiscal year 2006. The Committee supported these requests and notes they were helpful in alleviating some concerns about the Academy's infrastructure. However, the Committee understands that these requests are not sufficient to address the overall rapidly deteriorating condition of a significant portion of the USAFA campus. The Committee encourages the Air Force to continue its strong commitment to the Academy's infrastructure.

The Committee is interested in the Air Force's infrastructure recapitalization plan for the Academy, and urges the Air Force to provide resources needed to improve the infrastructure at USAFA over the long-term. Therefore, the Committee directs the Air Force to submit a master infrastructure recapitalization plan for USAFA facilities by no later than March 16, 2007. The plan should include descriptions of the projects that are needed to improve the infrastructure required for educating, training, and equipping the cadets at USAFA; and a funding plan showing when the Air Force would expect to support the projects listed.

The Committee fully expects contracts for the following projects to be awarded, as early in fiscal year 2007 as practical:

Consolidated Base Support Center, Dyess AFB, Texas.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,800,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Information Technology Complex, Phase II, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.—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.

Joint Intelligence Technical Training Facility, Phase I, Goodfellow AFB, Texas.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,550,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Parking Structure, Los Angeles Air Force Base, California.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,300,000 be made available for the design of this facility and urges the Air Force to fully fund this project in fiscal year 2008 to alleviate a severe parking shortage.

33rd IOS Operations Facility, Lackland AFB, Texas.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,750,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

The Committee recommends rescissions as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location	Installation	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 108-324 (Fiscal Year 2005)	Maryland	Andrews AFB	ASA Munitions Storage Igloos	— 1,100
Public Law 108-324 (Fiscal Year 2005)	Italy	Aviano AB	Flight Simulator Facility	— 1,594
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Korea	Kunsan AB	Dormitory (382 Rm)	— 13,419
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Korea	Osan AB	Dormitory (156 Rm)	— 6,397
Public Law 109-13 (Fiscal Year 2005—Emergency)	Iraq	Taill	Temporary Cantonment Area	— 10,800
Total				— 33,310

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescissions and supplementals)	\$1,044,366,000
Budget estimate, 2007	1,208,198,000
House allowance (including rescissions)	997,377,000
Committee recommendation	1,038,216,000

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 \$1,038,216,000 for projects considered within the "Defense-Wide" account. This amount is \$6,150,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions and supplemental funds, and \$169,982,000 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 the full budget request of \$60,000,000 for the Energy Conservation Investment Program [ECIP]. The Committee maintains a strong interest in renewable energy resources, including wind, solar, and geothermal, and commends the Services for the awards they have received for renewable energy initiatives, including the Presidential Awards for Leadership in Federal Energy Management.

Energy Efficiency.—The Committee notes that energy efficiency in building practices provides significant opportunities for energy savings and thus cost savings for the Department of Defense. The Committee therefore directs the Department to incorporate the highest energy efficiency standards possible into the building envelopes of all construction funded under this act. "Energy efficiency" is defined as in sections 179D(c) and 45L(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1), as amended by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58).

Water Conservation.—The Committee encourages the Department of Defense to aggressively pursue water conservation technologies in its construction projects, and notes that the Army has promulgated a standard for the use of waterfree urinals in new military construction and in major renovations of existing facilities. The Committee commends the Army for its adoption of this fiscally

and environmentally prudent technology, and directs the Secretary of the Army to report to the Committee by December 31, 2006, on the Army's implementation of the new standard, including the impact on energy consumption, water use, and utility costs at facilities using the technology. The Committee encourages the Departments of the Navy and Air Force, and the Defense Agencies, to explore the adoption of similar standards for new construction and major renovation, as appropriate, with particular attention to facilities in arid environments. The Secretary of Defense is directed to report to the Committee by March 1, 2007, on the Department's actions to integrate this and other water conserving technologies into its facilities.

The Committee recommends rescissions as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location	Installation	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 108-132 (Fiscal Year 2004)	District of Columbia	Walter Reed AMC	Energy Plant Addition	— 9,000
Public Law 108-324 (Fiscal Year 2005)	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	Hospital Replacement (Phase I)	— 43,000
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	Hospital Replacement (Phase II)	— 56,329
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Virginia	Fort Belvoir	Alter Air Intakes	— 1,900
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Mississippi	Keesler AFB	Surgery Suite Addition/Alteration	— 13,836
Total				— 124,065

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, RESERVE COMPONENTS

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescissions and supplementals)	\$1,809,105,000
Budget estimate, 2007	858,816,000
House allowance	999,729,000
Committee recommendation (including rescission)	1,075,303,000

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 \$1,075,303,000 for military construction projects for the Guard and Reserve Components. This amount is \$733,802,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions and supplementals, and \$216,487,000 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

Component	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Army National Guard	\$473,197,000	\$537,675,000
Air National Guard	125,788,000	252,834,000
Army Reserve	166,487,000	191,450,000
Navy Reserve	48,408,000	48,408,000
Air Force Reserve	44,936,000	44,936,000
Total	858,816,000	1,075,303,000

The Committee recommends rescissions as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location	Installation	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Massachusetts	Westfield	Fire Station	-2,129
Total				-2,129

The Committee fully expects contracts for the following projects to be awarded, as early in fiscal year 2007 as practical:

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Armed Forces Reserve Center, Clarksdale, Mississippi.—The Committee understands a new reserve center is urgently needed at this location and is among the top priorities of the Mississippi Adjutant General. 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 2008 budget request.

Armed Forces Reserve Center, Monticello, Mississippi.—The Committee understands a new reserve center is urgently needed at this location and is among the top priorities of the Mississippi Adjutant General. 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 2008 budget request.

Armed Forces Reserve Center, Logan County, West Virginia.—The Committee understands that a new reserve center is urgently needed at this location 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 2008 budget request.

Bachelor Officers Quarters/Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, Ravenna Training and Logistics Site, Ohio.—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 barracks facility.

Barracks, Los Alamitos, California.—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 barracks facility.

Billeting, Regional and Readiness Technology Center, Northfield, Vermont.—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.

Rappelling Tower, Camp Dawson, West Virginia.—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 tower.

Dining Facility, Camp Roberts, San Miguel, California.—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, Camp Dawson, West Virginia.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$2,000,000 be made available for the design of these facilities.

United States Property and Fiscal Office, Nashville, Tennessee.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the

Committee directs that \$1,164,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

Vehicle Storage Facility, 31st Civil Support Team, Smyrna, Delaware.—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,000,000 be made available for the construction of this facility.

United States Property and Fiscal Office, Buckhannon, West Virginia.—Of the funds provided for planning and design in this account, the Committee directs that \$3,000,000 be made available for the design of this facility.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Deployment Processing Facility, Great Falls International Airport, Montana.—Of the funds provided for unspecified minor construction in this account, the Committee directs that \$1,450,000 be made available for the construction of this facility.

Engine Shop Addition/Alteration, NAS/JRB Fort Worth, Texas.—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.

Fire Station, Ellington JRB, Texas.—The Committee notes the fire station at Ellington Joint Reserve Base in Houston, Texas, is in a state of deterioration and is not sufficient to adequately serve the base community. The Committee urges the Air National Guard to include funds for this project in its fiscal year 2008 budget request.

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Appropriations, 2006	\$174,789,000
Budget estimate, 2007	220,985,000
House allowance	200,985,000
Committee recommendation	205,985,000

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 \$205,985,000 for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization [NATO] Security Investment Program for fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$31,196,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$15,000,000 below the budget request.

European Investment.—The United States contributes 23.2 percent of the funding provided to the NATO Security Investment Program in addition to the President's current budget request of \$940,000,000 for United States military construction projects at United States military installations in the European Theater in fiscal year 2007. Thus, while the United States contributes more than

any other country to the NATO infrastructure program, it will also contribute almost \$1,000,000,000 unilaterally in military infrastructure in fiscal year 2007 to the common defense of the NATO alliance.

It is against this backdrop that the Committee urges the United States' NATO allies to increase their investment in our common defense and, as detailed in section 118 of the administrative provisions of this title, directs the Department of Defense to report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, no later than December 1, 2006, on its efforts to obtain contributions from our allies to our common defense.

The Committee continues the requirement that no funds will be used for projects (including planning and design) related to the enlargement of NATO and the Partnership for Peace program, unless the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress are notified 21 days in advance of the obligation of funds.

The Department of Defense is directed to identify separately the level of effort anticipated for NATO enlargement and for Partnership for Peace for that fiscal year in future budget justifications.

FAMILY HOUSING OVERVIEW

The Committee recommends \$3,988,827,000 for family housing construction, operations and maintenance, and the Department's family housing improvement fund. This amount is \$493,405,000 below the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2006, including rescissions and supplemental funds, and \$95,213,000 below the fiscal year 2007 budget request.

Oversight of Privatized Family Housing Projects.—The Committee is concerned that, as the inventory of military family housing transitions from direct military management to the management of private developers, the military Services remain vigilant in their oversight of family housing. It is imperative that the Services ensure private developers, once entrusted with contracts to provide family housing, maintain military communities not only at levels commensurate with the level of dedication exhibited by their occupants, but in accordance with their requirements under contract. To ensure this vigilance, the Committee directs the Secretary of Defense to submit quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress 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.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, ARMY

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescission)	\$528,140,000
Budget estimate, 2007	594,991,000
House allowance	578,791,000
Committee recommendation	578,791,000

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 \$578,791,000 for family housing construction, Army, in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$50,651,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions, and \$16,200,000 below the budget request.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$241,800,000 for new construction, as shown below:

ARMY FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Alaska	Fort Richardson	Replacement Construction (105 Units)	45,000	45,000
Alaska	Fort Richardson	Replacement Construction (57 Units)	25,000	25,000
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Replacement Construction (90 Units)	50,000	50,000
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Replacement Construction (86 Units)	50,000	50,000
Alaska	Fort Wainwright	Replacement Construction (58 Units)	32,000	32,000
Arizona	Fort Huachuca	Replacement Construction (119 Units)	32,000	32,000
Arkansas	Pine Bluff Arsenal	Replacement Construction (10 Units)	2,900	2,900
Wisconsin	Fort McCoy	Replacement Construction (13 Units)	4,900	4,900
Total .....	.....	.....	241,800	241,800

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 Richardson	Construction Improvements (86 Units)	14,800	14,800
Arkansas	Pine Bluff Arsenal	Construction Improvements (34 Units)	4,059	4,059
Arizona	Fort Huachuca	Construction Improvements (16 Units)	6,200	6,200
Oklahoma	Fort Sill	Construction Improvements (416 Units)	48,000	48,000
Germany	Ansbach	Construction Improvements (116 Units)	19,500	19,500
Germany	Stuttgart	Construction Improvements (116 Units)	22,000	22,000
Germany	Stuttgart	Construction Improvements (126 Units)	25,000	25,000
Germany	Wiesbaden	Construction Improvements (34 Units)	7,200	7,200
Germany	Wiesbaden	Construction Improvements (104 Units)	25,000	25,000
Germany	Wiesbaden	Construction Improvements (36 Units)	8,300	8,300
California	Fort Irwin	Privatization (172 Units)	31,000	31,000
District of Columbia	Fort McNair	Privatization (29 Units)	16,200	.....
New York	Fort Drum	Privatization (358 Units)	75,000	75,000

ARMY CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Texas	Fort Bliss	Privatization (90 Units)	12,600	12,600
New York	U.S. Military Academy.	Privatization (966 Units)	22,000	22,000
Total .....	.....	.....	336,859	320,659

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, ARMY

Appropriations, 2006	\$795,953,000
Budget estimate, 2007	676,829,000
House allowance	674,657,000
Committee recommendation	675,617,000

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 \$675,617,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Army. This amount is \$120,336,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, and \$1,212,000 below the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplemental)	\$302,918,000
Budget estimate, 2007	305,071,000
House allowance	308,956,000
Committee recommendation	305,071,000

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 \$305,071,000 for family housing construction, Navy and Marine Corps, in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$2,153,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and equal to the budget request.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$126,025,000 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
California	Barstow	Replace Desert View	27,851	27,851
Guam	Guam	Replace Old Apra	48,017	48,017
Guam	Guam	Replace N. Tipalo	50,157	50,157
Total .....	.....	.....	126,025	126,025

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
Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas.	.....	Southeast Region, Phase II	19,900	19,900
Guam .....	.....	Wholehouse Improvements (4 Units)	830	830
Japan	CFA Yokosuka	9 Halsey	383	383
Japan	CFA Yokosuka	11 Halsey	383	383
Japan	CFA Yokosuka	13 Halsey	383	383
California	MCB Camp Pendleton	Privatization	19,564	19,564
Hawaii	MCB Hawaii	Privatization	56,052	56,052
North Carolina	MCB Camp Lejeune/MCAS Cherry Point.	Privatization	78,951	78,951
Total .....	.....	.....	176,446	176,446

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplemental)	\$631,662,000
Budget estimate, 2007	509,126,000
House allowance	509,126,000
Committee recommendation	498,525,000

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 \$498,525,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps, in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$133,137,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and \$10,601,000 below the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2006 (including rescissions and supplementals)	\$1,368,868,000
Budget estimate, 2007	1,183,138,000
House allowance (including rescissions)	1,102,938,000
Committee recommendation (including rescissions)	1,115,938,000

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 \$1,115,938,000 for family housing construction, Air Force, in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$252,930,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including rescissions and supplemental funds, and \$67,200,000 below the budget request.

Family Housing, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.—The Air Force’s fiscal year 2007 budget request to spend \$39,294,000 to build a second phase of family housing (60 units) at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, has been of great interest to the Committee. In fiscal year 2006, Congress provided \$45,385,000 for the first phase of family housing (79 units) at Spangdahlem in an effort to put the needs of our airmen and their families first and to demonstrate the commitment of the United States to the community surrounding Spangdahlem Air Base.

The Committee has conducted extensive review of the Air Force’s proposed housing plan at Spangdahlem, including briefings, site visits to Spangdahlem Air Base and surrounding areas, and a request of GAO to review the Air Force’s methodology in undertaking this project. The Committee questioned the Air Force’s underlying assumptions, such as residual value calculations, and remains skeptical of its original proposal to build housing at Spangdahlem without first conducting an updated Housing Requirements Market

Analysis [HRMA] and measuring community interest in build-to-lease housing at Spangdahlem. According to the GAO, the Air Force did not follow its own guidance in performing its original life-cycle cost analysis.

Throughout this process, the Committee has supported the need for family housing at Spangdahlem Air Base. After this thorough review, the Committee recommends fully funding the President's fiscal year 2007 budget request of \$39,294,000 for family housing at Spangdahlem. However, the Committee does not expect funding for a third phase of housing at Spangdahlem, as originally proposed by the Air Force, to be necessary, as an updated HRMA should reduce the expected need and build-to-lease proposals should meet the remaining need at Spangdahlem. Therefore, this Committee does not intend to provide funding for housing at Spangdahlem Air Base in fiscal year 2008.

Family Housing, Malmstrom AFB, Montana.—The Committee recognizes the quality of construction from past housing projects on Malmstrom AFB that utilized local contractors. The Committee therefore directs the Air Force to contract for housing at Malmstrom AFB in housing blocks small enough to allow local contractors to compete for these contracts and further directs the Air Force not to use language that may unfairly bias contract bids to large companies over small contractors.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$765,159,000 for new construction, as shown below:

AIR FORCE FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Alaska	Eielson AFB	Replace Family Housing (129 Units)	87,414	87,414
Idaho	Mountain Home AFB	Replace Family Housing, Phase 8 (457 Units).	107,800	107,800
Missouri	Whiteman AFB	Replace Family Housing (116 Units)	39,270	39,270
Montana	Malmstrom AFB	Replace Family Housing (493 Units)	140,252	140,252
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB ..	Replace Family Housing, Phase 10 (56 Units).	22,956	22,956
North Dakota	Minot AFB	Replace Family Housing, Phase 13 (575 Units).	171,188	170,188
Texas	Dyess AFB	Replace Family Housing, Phase 7 (199 Units).	49,215	49,215
Germany	Ramstein AB	Replace Family Housing (101 Units)	73,488	73,488
Germany	Spangdahlem AB	Replace Family Housing (60 Units)	39,294	39,294
United Kingdom	Royal Air Force Lakenheath.	Replace Family Housing (74 Units)	35,282	35,282
Total .....	.....	.....	766,159	765,159

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
Alaska	Eielson AFB	Improve Family Housing	102,261	102,261
Missouri	Whiteman AFB	Improve Family Housing	12,816	12,816
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB ..	Improve Family Housing	9,655	9,655
North Dakota	Minot AFB	Improve Family Housing	24,356	24,356
Tennessee	Arnold AFB	Improve Family Housing	2,521	2,521
Germany	Ramstein AB	Improve Family Housing	5,448	5,448
Japan	Kadena AB	Improve Family Housing	121,777	121,777
Japan	Kadena AB	Install Government Furnished Materials.	1,871	1,871
Japan	Misawa AB	Improve Family Housing	68,997	68,997
Japan	Misawa AB	Install Government Furnished Materials.	1,304	1,304
Japan	Yokota AB	Improve Family Housing	52,239	52,239
United Kingdom	RAF Mildenhall	Improve Family Housing	482	482
Classified	Classified	Improve Infrastructure	50	50
Total .....	.....	.....	403,777	403,777

The Committee recommends rescissions as follows:

[In thousands of dollars]

Public Law	Location/Installation	Project Title	Committee recommendation
Public Law 108-324 (Fiscal Year 2005)	Various Locations	Privatization Savings	- 23,400
Public Law 109-114 (Fiscal Year 2006)	Various Locations	Privatization Savings	- 42,800
Total .....	.....	.....	- 66,200

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AIR FORCE

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplemental)	\$806,289,000
Budget estimate, 2007	755,071,000
House allowance	755,071,000
Committee recommendation	755,071,000

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 \$755,071,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Air Force, in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$51,218,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and equal to the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2006 .....	.....
Budget estimate, 2007	\$8,808,000
House allowance	8,808,000
Committee recommendation	8,808,000

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 \$8,808,000 for family housing construction, Defense-Wide, in fiscal year 2007. This amount is \$8,808,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

CONSTRUCTION

The Committee recommends \$8,040,000 for new construction, as shown below:

DEFENSE-WIDE FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Pennsylvania	Mechanicsburg	Planning/Design—Wholehouse Renovation.	200	200
Virginia	Richmond IAP	Replace Family Housing (25 Units)	7,840	7,840
Total .....	.....	.....	8,040	8,040

CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

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

DEFENSE-WIDE CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Budget request	Committee recommendation
Virginia	Defense Supply Center Richmond.	Wholehouse Renovation	484	484
United Kingdom	RAF Menwith Hill Station	Enclose Covered Parking	284	284
Total .....	.....	.....	768	768

FAMILY HOUSING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2006	\$45,927,000
Budget estimate, 2007	48,506,000
House allowance	48,506,000
Committee recommendation	48,506,000

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 \$48,506,000 for family housing operation and maintenance, Defense-Wide. This amount is \$2,579,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND

Appropriations, 2006	\$2,475,000
Budget estimate, 2007	2,500,000
House allowance	2,500,000
Committee recommendation	2,500,000

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$2,500,000 for the Family Housing Improvement Fund. This amount is \$25,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE

Appropriations, 2006 .....	.....
Budget estimate, 2007	\$130,993,000
House allowance	90,993,000
Committee recommendation	140,993,000

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 infrastructures 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 \$140,993,000 for chemical demilitarization construction projects, an increase of \$10,000,000 over the President’s budget request. The Committee notes that the fiscal year 2006 budget request did not include any funding for chemical demilitarization construction in the military construction program, but instead funded the entire chemical demilitarization program through the “Defense chemical agents and munitions destruction, Army, research and development” account. The \$51,000,000 provided for construction activities at the Blue Grass and Pueblo sites in this account in fiscal year 2006 was a one-time exception to assist the Defense Department to restart work at these two sites. The Committee directs the Department to include future requests for funding in the appropriate military construction accounts.

BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 1990

Appropriations, 2006	\$252,279,000
Budget estimate, 2007	191,220,000
House allowance	216,220,000
Committee recommendation	191,220,000

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 \$191,220,000 for the Base Closure Account 1990. This is \$61,059,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Military Departments have assured the Committee that this level of funding, in conjunction with estimated proceeds from Navy land sales of \$334,800,000, is adequate to address urgent requirements for fiscal year 2007 resulting from prior BRAC rounds.

Since the start of the current process for BRAC, Military Construction Appropriations Acts have appropriated a net total of \$23,458,554,000 for the entire program for fiscal years 1990 through 2006. The total amount appropriated for BRAC 1990, combined with the Committee recommendation for fiscal year 2007 is \$23,649,774,000.

In appropriating these funds, the Committee continues to provide the Department with the 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 2007 for BRAC 1990.

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 1990

[Total funding, fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 2007]

	Fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 2005	Fiscal year 2006 enacted	Fiscal year 2007 Committee recommendation	Total
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

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT, 1990—Continued

[Total funding, fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 2007]

	Fiscal year 1990 through fiscal year 2005	Fiscal year 2006 en- acted	Fiscal year 2007 Committee rec- ommendation	Total
Part IV	8,334,247,000	\$254,827,000	\$191,220,000	8,780,294,000
Total	23,203,727,000	254,827,000	191,220,000	23,649,774,000

¹ Not Applicable.

Environmental Remediation, McClellan AFB, California.—The former McClellan Air Force Base, closed by the 1995 Base Realignment and Closure round, performed operation and maintenance service on aircraft involving the use, storage, and disposal of hazardous materials including industrial solvents, caustic cleansers, paints, metal plating wastes, low-level radioactive wastes, and a variety of fuel oils and lubricants. Active cleanup of solvents in soil and groundwater has been continuing since it first started in the mid 1980s. In 1987 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] named McClellan a Superfund Site.

The Committee is concerned that the funds the Air Force programs for environmental cleanup annually at McClellan are being diverted to bases not on the EPA's National Priorities List [NPL]. The NPL highlights known releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the United States and its territories.

The Committee strongly urges the Air Force to accelerate clean-up efforts at McClellan, and to provide the Committees on Appropriation of both Houses of Congress, no later than December 29, 2006, with a timetable and full accounting of past and projected BRAC funding for this site through the completion of the remediation process.

BASE CLOSURE ACCOUNT 2005

Appropriations, 2006	\$1,489,421,000
Budget estimate, 2007	5,626,223,000
House allowance	5,309,876,000
Committee recommendation	5,237,100,000

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 \$5,237,100,000 for the Department of Defense Base Closure Account 2005. This amount is \$3,747,679,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$389,123,000 below the budget request.

Jointness.—The 2005 BRAC round was undertaken in large part to facilitate a more “joint” Department of Defense. While this process requires the Services to reconcile sometimes conflicting philosophies, the Department is becoming more “joint” as it implements

the 2005 BRAC decisions. The chart below details joint projects to be carried out using BRAC 2005 funding.

BRAC JOINT PROJECTS
[In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Amount	Joint occupants
Alabama	Birmingham	Armed Forces Reserve Center	28,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Arizona	Buckeye	Armed Forces Reserve Center	19,500	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
California	Beil	Armed Forces Reserve Center	46,900	Army Reserve/Army National Guard/Navy Reserve
California	Moffett Field	Armed Forces Reserve Center	47,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Connecticut	Middletown	Armed Forces Reserve Center	35,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Florida	MacDill AFB	AFR Add/Alter Aerial Port Squadron Training	1,700	Air National Guard/Air Force
Florida	MacDill AFB	ADAL Bldg 6 for Squad Ops/AMU	16,500	Air National Guard/Air Force
Florida	Eglin AFB	Special Forces Complex, Phase 1	115,700	Army/Air Force
Kansas	Fort Leavenworth	Regional Correctional Facility	68,000	Army/Air Force
Kentucky	Paducah	Armed Forces Reserve Center	16,500	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Kentucky	Bluegrass Army Depot	Armed Forces Reserve Center	21,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Louisiana	Belle Chasse	Military Entrance Processing Center	6,307	Army/Navy/Air Force
Maryland	Bethesda	Joint Medical Command HQ Fac, Navy	1,374	Army/Navy/Air Force
Maryland	Fort Detrick	Armed Forces Reserve Center	13,800	Army Reserve/Marine Corps Reserve
Massachusetts	Ayer	Armed Forces Reserve Center	81,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard/Marine Corps Reserve
Massachusetts	Westover AFB	Armed Forces Reserve Center	34,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard/Marine Corps Reserve
Minnesota	Cambridge	Armed Forces Reserve Center	10,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Nebraska	Hastings	Armed Forces Reserve Center	12,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Nebraska	Kearney	Armed Forces Reserve Center	4,700	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
New Mexico	Kirtland AFB	Armed Forces Reserve Center	20,000	Army Reserve/Navy Reserve
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB	AFR Add/Alter Squad Ops & AMU	9,600	Air Force/Air Force Reserve
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB	AFR Add/Alter Maintenance Shops	1,100	Air Force/Air Force Reserve
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB	AFR Flight Simulator (AFRC)	3,500	Air Force/Air Force Reserve
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB	AFR Corrosion Control Hangar	9,400	Air Force/Air Force Reserve
North Carolina	Seymour Johnson AFB	AFR KC-135 Parts Stor, Bldg 4810	1,000	Air Force/Air Force Reserve
Texas	Fort Sam Houston	Joint Project Navy Share	48,991	Army/Navy/Air Force
Texas	Stewart Newburgh	Armed Forces Reserve Center	22,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Texas	Camp Bullis	Armed Forces Reserve Center	44,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Texas	Grand Prairie	Armed Forces Reserve Center	35,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Texas	Seagoville	Armed Forces Reserve Center	19,500	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Texas	Fort Sam Houston	Battlefield Health/Trauma Biomed Lab, Incr 1	54,000	Army/Navy
Virginia	Fort Lee	Combat Service Support Center, Incr 1	197,000	Army/Air Force
Washington	Fairchild AFB	Armed Forces Reserve Center	31,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Washington	Fort Lewis	Armed Forces Reserve Center	24,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard

BRAC JOINT PROJECTS—Continued
 [In thousands of dollars]

Location	Installation	Project title	Amount	Joint occupants
Washington	Vancouver	Armed Forces Reserve Center	28,000	Army Reserve/Army National Guard
Total .....	.....	.....	1,127,072	

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, and requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a prior-approval reprogramming request before re-directing such funds.

TITLE II
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplementals)	\$71,457,832,000
Budget estimate, 2007	77,908,797,000
House allowance	77,908,811,000
Committee recommendation	77,908,797,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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. The VA's operating units include 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 156 hospitals, 935 outpatient clinics, 135 nursing homes, and 43 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.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$77,908,797,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, including \$41,415,643,000 in mandatory spending and \$36,493,154,000 in discretionary spending. The amount provided for discretionary activities represents an increase of \$2,240,836,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and equal to the budget request.

Administrative Policy and Legislative Proposals.—The Committee is deeply concerned that the Department of Veterans Affairs continues to assume congressional approval of its policy and legislative proposals before the Congress has done so. The current budget request has not only assumed full enactment of its proposal, the Department assumed \$795,509,000 in revenue and savings as part of the budget request. Therefore, the Department's budget request is \$795,509,000 less than the stated need. This practice of under-requesting the true needs of the Department to care for our veterans, with the mandate that the Congress either enact the fees, short-change veterans healthcare, or make up the difference, is not responsible budgeting. It is not a practice that the Congress should tolerate. Risking the healthcare service for our veterans is not a practice our veterans should tolerate.

Therefore, the Department of Veterans Affairs should thoroughly evaluate revenue alternatives and report these alternatives to the proper Committees in Congress for consideration prior to including any such assumptions in budget requests. In the strongest terms possible, this Committee directs the Department not to submit another budget using assumed fees and copayments until such time as the Congress approves and authorizes the Department to implement new revenue enhancing policies. To do otherwise undermines the entire appropriations process and a system that veterans depend on for critical care.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2006	\$37,360,027,000
Budget estimate, 2007	41,569,801,000
House allowance	41,569,815,000
Committee recommendation	41,569,801,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 \$41,569,801,000 for the Veterans Benefits Administration. This amount is composed of \$38,007,095,000 for “Compensation and pensions”; \$3,262,006,000 for “Readjustment benefits”; \$49,850,000 for “Veterans insurance and indemnities”; \$196,692,000 for the “Veterans housing benefit program fund program account”, with \$100,000,000 in credit subsidies and \$153,185,000 for administrative expenses; \$53,000 for the “Vocational rehabilitation loans program account” and \$305,000 for administrative expenses; and \$615,000 for the “Native American veteran housing loan program account”.

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2006	\$33,897,787,000
Budget estimate, 2007	38,007,095,000
House allowance	38,007,095,000
Committee recommendation	38,007,095,000

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. Under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, veterans 65 years of age or older are no longer considered permanently and totally disabled by law and are thus subject to a medical evaluation. 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 \$38,007,095,000 for “Compensation and pensions”. This is an increase of \$4,109,308,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The amount includes funds for a projected fiscal year 2007 cost-of-living increase of 2.6 percent for pension recipients.

The appropriation includes \$28,112,000 in payments to the “General operating expenses” and “Medical services” 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 Wait Time.—The Committee is aware the VA claim processing wait time is projected to increase significantly. At a time when our OEF/OIF veterans are returning with significant injuries, the Committee believes the VA should be processing veterans claims in a more timely and efficient manner. The Committee is concerned how the VA will reduce the number of average days processing claims. Progress is not being made fast enough toward achieving the 125 day strategic goal. Therefore, the Committee directs the VA to provide a report on the number of new hires for claim processing in fiscal year 2006 and projections for 2007, the attrition rate for claims examiners, and the projected productivity per FTE. This report is due to the Committee on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days following enactment of this act.

READJUSTMENT BENEFITS

Appropriations, 2006	\$3,309,234,000
Budget estimate, 2007	3,262,006,000
House allowance	3,262,006,000
Committee recommendation	3,262,006,000

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 \$3,262,006,000 for “Readjustment benefits”. This is a decrease of \$47,228,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

VETERANS INSURANCE AND INDEMNITIES

Appropriations, 2006	\$45,907,000
Budget estimate, 2007	49,850,000
House allowance	49,850,000
Committee recommendation	49,850,000

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 \$49,850,000 for “Veterans insurance and indemnities”. This is an increase of \$3,943,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and the same as the budget request. The Department estimates there will be 7,270,907 policies in force in fiscal year 2007 with a value of \$1,100,182,000,000.

VETERANS HOUSING BENEFIT PROGRAM FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

	Program account	Administrative expenses
Appropriations, 2006	\$64,586,000	\$153,575,000
Budget estimate, 2007	196,692,000	153,185,000
House allowance	196,692,000	153,185,000
Committee recommendation	196,692,000	153,185,000

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 \$100,000,000; and \$153,185,000 for administrative expenses for fiscal year 2007. 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, 2006	\$53,000	\$305,000
Budget estimate, 2007	53,000	305,000
House allowance	67,000	305,000
Committee recommendation	53,000	305,000

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 \$977 (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. Most loans are repaid in full in less than 1 year.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$53,000 for program costs and \$305,000 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 \$4,242,000. It is estimated that the VA will make 4,630 loans in fiscal year 2007, with an average amount of \$728.

NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Appropriations, 2006	\$580,000
Budget estimate, 2007	615,000
House allowance	615,000
Committee recommendation	615,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program tests the feasibility of enabling VA to make direct home loans to Native American veterans who live on U.S. trust lands. It is a pilot program that began in 1993 and expires on December 31, 2008. Subsidy amounts necessary to support this program were appropriated in fiscal year 1993.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$615,000 for administrative expenses associated with this program. This is \$35,000 above the fiscal year 2006 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 2007, will be borne by the “Medical services” and “General operating expenses” accounts.

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2006	\$29,340,517,000
Budget estimate, 2007	32,657,000,000
House allowance	32,695,000,000
Committee recommendation	32,670,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates the largest Federal medical care delivery system in the country, with 156 hospitals, 43 VA domiciliary residential rehabilitation treatment programs, 135 nursing homes, and 935 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 \$32,670,000,000 for the “Veterans Health Administration”, without collections. This amount is composed of \$28,689,000,000 for “Medical services”; \$3,569,000,000 for

“Medical facilities”; and \$412,000,000 for “Medical and prosthetic research”. Medical care collections are expected to be \$2,329,000,000. Therefore, VHA will have total resources of \$34,999,000,000, plus any carryover from fiscal year 2006, available in fiscal year 2007.

AREAS OF INTEREST

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 healthcare 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 healthcare for the veteran. HealtheVet-Vista has the potential to revolutionize the healthcare system in the United States, and the Committee fully supports the VA’s efforts in improving the quality of healthcare delivery.

VA–DOD Bi-Directional Health Information Exchange.—Recently the VA and DOD began live production testing of computable pharmacy and allergy data. The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Defense achieved the first-ever bi-directional exchange of standardized and computable pharmacy and allergy data in a live patient care environment. Using a new jointly developed interface known as “CHDR” clinicians from the William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Ft. Bliss, Texas, and the El Paso VA Healthcare System exchanged pharmacy and allergy data on patients who were receiving healthcare from both healthcare systems. Production testing also demonstrated CHDR’s ability to support automatic drug-drug and drug-allergy order checking for these same patients. This unprecedented achievement is expected to have a significant impact upon the ability of VA and DOD to deliver safe, effective care to shared patients. The Committee lauds the Department on this accomplishment and encourages the Department to continue testing this new technology.

The DOD has now established the Clinical Data Repository in El Paso, Texas. The William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss hosts a co-located DOD/VA medical facility. To enhance the use of this technology, the VA is directed to continue the VA/DOD demonstration project at the William Beaumont Army Medical Center.

Traumatic Brain Injury.—The Committee is concerned that a growing number of veterans returning from combat operations overseas are not being properly screened for Traumatic Brain Injury [TBI]. Although TBI clinically presents many of the signs and symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD], these two serious medical conditions require separate and distinct treatment programs. The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs, in coordination with the four Polytrauma Centers in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Palo Alto, California; Richmond, Virginia; and Tampa, Florida, to establish a separate education and diagnosis screening program for VA medical centers and VET Centers that is distinct from current PTSD programs.

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 VA to continue this important work and expand on its public-private partnerships in the area of nutrition, diabetes, obesity and health-oriented research.

The Committee also recognizes that the technology to closely monitor diabetics in patients' homes or daily environments is rapidly advancing. These advances depend on the reliable collection of accurate blood glucose data from patients and coaching feedback to patients.

The Committee is aware that any solution to home-based monitoring of diabetes must be readily accessible, easy to use, and as effective as possible in managing veterans' diabetes. Because telephones are nearly universally accessible, when combined with third generation advanced voice interactive protocols, a voice interactive system can provide patients with a familiar and readily available management tool that other technologies do not. Such technologies combined with patient blood glucose data uploads could be especially useful in reaching homebound veterans or veterans who live outside of urban areas. The Committee encourages the VA to pursue these promising interactive technologies.

Furthermore, the Committee is sensitive to the fact that there is no current standard for the transfer of data from blood glucose meters to programs in the VA healthcare centers via wire or wireless methods. The Committee recommends that the VA work with the providers of diabetes monitoring programs to establish standards for data transfer between blood glucose meters and remote diabetes monitoring programs so that this process can be fully tested for the benefit of diabetic veterans nationwide.

Age-Related Hearing Loss.—The Committee recognizes the incidence and severity of age-related hearing loss and that their associated costs are increasing at dramatic rates. Currently, there are no approved therapeutics that either prevent or treat age-related hearing loss, a leading cause of disability and costs within the VA. The Committee encourages the VA to examine and support the development and testing of therapeutics aimed at preventing and treating age-related hearing loss.

Advanced Nursing Education.—The Committee urges the VA in conjunction with accredited schools of nursing to explore the development of a fast track doctoral training program which would facilitate completion of a 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 a proposal for this program.

Veterans Affairs Bio-Based Packaging Public Private Partnership.—The Congress is interested in encouraging the use of bio-based products wherever possible through implementation of section 9002 of the 2002 farm bill. The Department shall develop a program for the use of bio-based products as part of its food service operations, consistent with section 9002 of the 2002 farm bill, utilizing bio-based products to the maximum extent feasible in facilities where disposable food service products are used. The Department shall report to the Congress by December 31, 2007, and annually thereafter, on its progress in developing and utilizing bio-based food service products, cleaning supplies, and other products as may be available in its operations, and the cost-savings realized or increases incurred as a result of such products.

MEDICAL SERVICES

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

Appropriations, 2006	\$25,630,848,000
Budget estimate, 2007	28,689,000,000
House allowance	28,689,000,000
Committee recommendation	28,689,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The “Medical services” account combines programs and funding into one account previously appropriated as “Medical services” and “Medical administration”.

The “Medical services” account provides for medical services of eligible veterans and 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.

This account also provides funds for the expenses of management, security, and administration of the VA healthcare system. This appropriation provides for costs associated with the operation of 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; human resource management; and medical program information technology personnel services, travel, and training.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$28,689,000,000 for “Medical services”. This amount is an increase of \$3,058,152,000 over the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request. In addition, the VA has the authority to retain co-payments and third-party collections, estimated to total \$2,329,000,000 in fiscal year 2007.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2008, 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.

The bill does not include requested language to allow for the transfer of \$15,000,000 to the DOD/VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund. The Committee notes that the Fund has a large unobligated balance in its fourth year of existence, and additional funds are not recommended at this time.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Centers of Excellence.—Public Law 109–114 created three Centers of Excellence specializing in mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder [PTSD]. These centers could not have come at a more appropriate time. A recent DOD questionnaire determined many of the OEF/OIF service members are returning from the conflict at a high risk for PTSD. The Committee is very interested to determine what progress has been made with the three centers, Waco VAMC, Texas; San Diego VAMC, California; and Canandaigua VAMC, New York, to address mental health care, and when these centers will be operational. The VA is directed to submit a status report on each of these Centers to the Committees of Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days following enactment of this act.

Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.—The Committee commends the Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder at the White River Junction, VA Medical Center, Vermont. This facility has directly benefited VA medical centers across the country, as well as numerous other local, State and Federal governmental agencies. The Subcommittee encourages the VA to fund the Center's budget commensurate with its activities and responsibilities.

Blind Rehabilitative Service.—The VA's Blind Rehabilitative Service is known world-wide 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. Within the amount provided in the medical services account, the Committee directs the VA to begin 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 Site [VICTORS]. Additionally, the Committee is concerned about current and future staffing levels of existing and expanded programs and

directs the VA to report back to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress within 120 days after the enactment of this act, the status of the expansion of these services and the current and planned staffing levels of both inpatient Blind Rehabilitation Centers and the newly established outpatient services.

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 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 Guardsmen and Reservists. The Committee encourages VA to look at the DOD program and consider applying it to the veteran population.

G.V. Montgomery National Center for the Study of Veterans' Education Policy, Mississippi State University, Mississippi.—The Committee notes the advent of the G.V. “Sonny” Montgomery National Center for the Study of Veterans’ Education Policy at Mississippi State University and encourages the VA to seek out opportunities to work with the Center as it goes about the important work of research on veterans’ education and training issues.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2006	\$3,297,669,000
Budget estimate, 2007	3,569,000,000
House allowance	3,594,000,000
Committee recommendation	3,569,000,000

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 and food services, groundskeeping, housekeeping, facility repair, and property disposition and acquisition.

The Committee has included bill language to make available through September 30, 2008, up to \$250,000,000 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 \$3,569,000,000 for “Medical facilities”. This amount is \$271,331,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

Community-Based Outpatient Clinics.—The Committee continues to support the VA’s efforts to provide healthcare delivery to veterans in rural areas through its community-based outpatient clin-

ics [CBOCs]. The CBOCs play an important role in outreach to veterans, Reserves, and Guard forces in areas not served by major medical facilities.

As a result of the direction from the Committee in the fiscal year 2006 appropriations conference report (H. Rept. 109–305) the VA submitted a report on the status of establishing Community-Based Outpatient Clinics [CBOCs] in locations around the country. While the Committee appreciates the update from the VA on the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services [CARES] Initiatives on CBOCs, it remains concerned about the VA’s ability to open CBOCs in a timely fashion. The Committee encourages the VA to place an emphasis on opening new CBOCs especially in areas that lack VA primary care. Additionally, the Committee encourages the VA to move forward establishing clinics in Bellingham and Centralia, Washington; Alpena, Michigan; and in rural Colorado. The Committee is concerned that some rural areas throughout the country lack primary and secondary medical services for their veteran population. The Committee encourages the VA to study the feasibility of contracting these services in rural areas that lack VA inpatient or outpatient facilities or services.

The Committees directs the VA to submit a report outlining the location of the CBOCs opened in fiscal year 2006 and the locations planned in fiscal year 2007. This report shall be due to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress within 60 days following enactment of this act.

MEDICAL AND PROSTHETIC RESEARCH

Appropriations, 2006	\$412,000,000
Budget estimate, 2007	399,000,000
House allowance	412,000,000
Committee recommendation	412,000,000

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 \$412,000,000 for “Medical and prosthetic research”. This is equal to the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$13,000,000 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.

Gulf War Illness Research Center of Excellence.—The Committee commends the VA for establishing a center of excellence devoted to gulf war illness research, at the University of Texas, Southwestern

Medical Center [UTSMC] in collaboration with the VA Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. This center is the result of the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illness' [RAC/GWVI] report recommendation to develop a comprehensive Federal research plan to address gulf war veterans illnesses by adopting a strategic research program that identifies and addresses key medical questions. As specified in the Joint Explanatory Statement of the Committee of Conference accompanying Public Law 109-114 and in accordance with RAC's funding recommendation, the Committee directs the Department to continue devoting at least \$15,000,000 to gulf war illness research in this fiscal year and the next 3 years through this collaborative center.

Gulf War Illness Research and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis [ALS].—Recent studies conducted by the Houston VA Medical Center, in conjunction with Baylor College of Medicine, have shown gulf war veterans were twice as likely to develop amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as “Lou Gehrig’s disease”) than the general population. The Committee encourages the VA to continue researching ALS to determine the relationship to the high incidence of ALS among our gulf war veterans.

Nursing Research Program.—The Committee encourages collaboration between the VA 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.

Myeloma Initiative.—Multiple Myeloma is a cancer of the plasma cell, a treatable but incurable disease. The Committee understands the VA is working closely with the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation to establish patient education programs to inform affected veterans about this rare blood cancer disease and the proper treatment. The Committee is highly supportive and directs the VA to work with the University of Maryland to develop a pilot program on a Tablet PC Patient Education System. The Committee envisions this pilot program to test the use of Tablet PCs in a minimum of four VA medical facilities.

Joint Research Initiative.—The Committee understands that the Department has been involved in discussions with the Israeli Ministry of Defense regarding a number of research issues including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, virtual reality rehabilitation for motor recovery and ambulatory training for veterans with prosthetic limbs, and robotic rehabilitation trials for the neurologically impaired and for veterans with missing limbs. The Committee is supportive of continued discussions regarding the possibility of developing a working group composed of the Veterans Health Administration, the Israeli Ministry of Defense, clinicians, and researchers that would guide collaborative research in these areas.

Not later than March 1, 2007, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress a report that describes: (1) the ways in which the Department of Veterans Affairs and Israel have cooperated on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, virtual reality rehabilitation for motor recovery and ambulatory training for veterans with prosthetic limbs, and robotic rehabilitation trials for the neurologically impaired and for veterans

with missing limbs; (2) projects initiated; and (3) plans for future cooperation and joint projects.

Parkinson's Disease and Multiple Sclerosis.—The Committee commends the work of the Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers [PADRECCs] and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence [MSCoEs] in the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The six PADRECCs and two MSCoEs serve veterans across the entire Veterans Health Administration via a nationally coordinated system. These centers are the model of innovation in the delivery of highly specialized healthcare and research for chronic disease in the veteran population. The Committee commends the PADRECCs and MSCoEs for conducting clinical and basic science research, administering national outreach and education programs, and providing state-of-the-art clinical care vital not only to veterans, but to the entire Nation. The Committee encourages continued support and funding for the Parkinson's Disease Research Education and Clinical Centers and Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence.

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. In 2000, Congress 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 report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress, within 60 days of enactment of this act, on a plan to complete this study, to include its legal ability to obtain the original data and the anticipated cost of completing the study.

Educational Outreach Program.—The Committee is aware that many veterans who were part of Department of Defense programs that conducted chemical and biological warfare testing from 1962 through 1973, including the program designated as Project Shipboard Hazard and Defense [SHAD], are presenting themselves to VA medical facilities with unrecognizable or confusing medical symptoms. The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate with the Department of Defense on an educational outreach program to all VA medical facilities to educate VA medical professionals regarding the symptoms of such testing

and services veterans are eligible for pertaining to hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care.

Mental Health/PTSD.—The Committee is aware of the significant impact combat stress and its related mental health disorders have on the lives of returning soldiers. The Committee encourages the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives [CFBCI] and the Centers of Excellence for Mental Health/PTSD, all VA entities, to work jointly in support of faith-based and community organizations assisting veterans diagnosed with mental health disorders.

MEDICAL CARE COST RECOVERY COLLECTIONS

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND

Appropriations, 2006	\$2,170,000,000
Budget estimate, 2007	2,329,000,000
House allowance	2,329,000,000
Committee recommendation	2,329,000,000

MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND—REVENUES APPLIED

Appropriations, 2006	\$2,170,000,000
Budget estimate, 2007	2,329,000,000
House allowance	2,329,000,000
Committee recommendation	2,329,000,000

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 \$2,329,000,000 in fiscal year 2007.

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2006 ¹ (including supplemental)	\$156,647,000
Budget estimate, 2007 ¹	160,733,000
House allowance ¹	160,733,000
Committee recommendation ¹	160,733,000

¹ Previously included in Departmental Administration.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 \$160,733,000 for the "National Cemetery Administration". This is an increase of \$4,086,000 over the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and the same as the budget request.

Pikes Peak Region and El Paso County, Colorado.—The Pikes Peak region and El Paso County, Colorado, have 125,000 veterans. There is no national veterans' cemetery in this region of the State. The Committee encourages the Department of Veterans Affairs to consider establishing a veterans' cemetery in the Pikes Peak region of Colorado.

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplementals) ¹	\$4,600,641,000
Budget estimate, 2007 ¹	3,521,263,000
House allowance ¹	3,483,263,000
Committee recommendation ¹	3,508,263,000

¹ Does not include National Cemetery Administration.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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 \$3,508,263,000 for "Departmental administration". The amount is composed of \$1,467,764,000 for "General operating expenses"; \$70,599,000 for the "Office of the Inspector General"; \$399,000,000 for "Construction, major projects"; \$198,000,000 for "Construction, minor projects"; \$85,000,000 for grants for "Construction of State extended care facilities"; \$32,000,000 for "Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries"; and \$1,255,900,000 for "Information technology systems".

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplemental)	\$1,435,391,000
Budget estimate, 2007	1,480,764,000
House allowance	1,480,764,000
Committee recommendation	1,467,764,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,467,764,000 for “General operating expenses”. This amount is \$32,373,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and \$13,000,000 below the budget request.

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 2007. 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.

Procurement Contracting.—There are possible opportunities for the Department to save funds by procuring supplies and equipment from vendors not on the General Services Administration [GSA] schedule. Therefore, when purchasing these items, the Committee urges the Department to review proposals from companies both on and off the GSA schedule and make decisions based on best value.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Appropriations, 2006	\$70,174,000
Budget estimate, 2007	69,499,000
House allowance	69,499,000
Committee recommendation	70,599,000

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 \$70,599,000 for the “Office of Inspector General”. This is \$425,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$1,100,000 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.

CONSTRUCTION, MAJOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplementals)	\$1,560,519,000
Budget estimate, 2007	399,000,000
House allowance	283,670,000
Committee recommendation	429,000,000

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 \$429,000,000 for the construction of major projects. This is \$1,131,519,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds for construction related to Hurricane Katrina, and \$30,000,000 above the budget request.

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

(In thousands of dollars)

Location and description	2007 request	Committee recommendation
Veterans Health Administration (VHA):		
American Lake, Washington, Seismic Correction, NHCU & Dietetics	\$38,220	\$38,220
Columbia, Missouri, OR Replacement	25,830	25,830
Denver, Colorado, Replacement Medical Center Facility	52,000	52,000
Long Beach, California, Seismic Correction, Bldg. 7 & 126	97,545	97,545
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Center	32,500	32,500
St. Louis, Missouri, Medical Facility Improvement & Cemetery Exp	7,000	7,000
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Ambulatory Care Facility		40,000
Subtotal, CARES	253,095	293,095
Advance planning fund: Various locations	39,255	29,255
Asbestos abatement: Various locations	5,000	5,000
Claims Analyses: Various locations	2,000	2,000
Judgment Fund: Various locations	2,000	2,000
Hazardous Waste: Various locations	2,000	2,000
Facility Security Fund: Various locations	4,000	4,000
Subtotal, Various locations	54,255	44,255
Total VHA construction, major projects	307,350	337,350
National Cemetery Administration (NCA):		
Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, Phase 2 Gravesite Expansion	13,000	13,000
Gerald B.H. Solomon-Saratoga, New York, Phase 2 Gravesite Expansion	7,600	7,600
Great Lakes, Michigan, Phase 1B Development	16,900	16,900
Design Fund: Various locations	2,300	2,300
Advance Planning Fund: Various locations	13,600	13,600
Total NCA construction, major projects	53,400	53,400
General Administration (Staff Offices)		
Martinsburg, West Virginia, Capital Region Readiness Center	35,000	35,000
Asset Management [APF] Various Locations	3,250	3,250

[In thousands of dollars]

Location and description	2007 request	Committee recommendation
Total construction, major projects	399,000	429,000

¹ National Cemetery Administration major project requests do not include the purchase of pre-placed crypts, which are funded by the Compensation and Pensions appropriation.

Major Construction Planning.—The Committee is concerned about the large number of major construction projects underway. There are numerous projects in various stages of completion that need additional funding. There are other projects with full funding that are behind schedule. The Department has now requested additional project funds to begin new projects. While the Committee understands the schedule timelines for large construction projects, the Department's request for only \$399,000,000 this year is not consistent with its stated construction schedule priority processes. Therefore, the Department is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress by April 1, 2007, on the Department's entire construction program. This report shall contain a list of all projects that have received funding in this and previous appropriations acts, specifying total project cost, scheduled completion date, reason for delay, if applicable, and additional funding needed.

Orlando, Florida, Medical Care Facility.—In 2004, Congress appropriated \$25,000,000 for a medical care facility at Orlando, Florida. Since then, VA has made no progress on the design and construction of this hospital. The Committee directs the Department to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days following enactment of this act, on the status of the Orlando, Florida, medical care facility project and the reason for the delay in construction.

Beckley, West Virginia, Nursing Home.—The Committee urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to include \$28,500,000 in the President's fiscal year 2008 budget request for the construction of a 90-bed nursing home and adult day care center at the Beckley Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which was listed in the VA's February 2005 Five-Year Capital Plan, 2005–2010.

Martinsburg, West Virginia, Veterans Affairs Medical Center.—The Committee urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to include an amount of \$3,560,000 in the President's fiscal year 2008 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 Veterans Affairs Medical Center, which was listed in the VA's February 2005 Five-Year Capital Plan, 2005–2010.

Relocation of PTSD Program.—Last year, the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System [PIHCS] relocated the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Residential Rehabilitation Program from Hilo to temporary space at the Tripler Army Medical Center campus in Honolulu, Hawaii. The relocation was intended to consolidate and expand existing resources into a single location to allow VA PIHCS to treat patients with chronic PTSD and acute PTSD, including OEF/OIF veterans. However, the temporary space in which the program is currently located is inadequate. The Committee understands that a permanent relocation project is included in the list

of VA potential construction projects for fiscal year 2007. The Committee encourages VA to find a permanent facility in which to house the PTSD Residential Rehabilitation Program.

West Los Angeles, California Veterans Affairs Medical Center.—The Committee includes a provision which directs the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit a report on the Master Plan for the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center and its land. The Committee understands that this report was mandated as part of Public Law 105–368, yet the Department has not produced the report. Therefore, the Committee has included similar language as the original requirement. Further, the Committee has included a section requiring the VA to allow 120 days after submission of the report to the Committees on Appropriations before implementing any recommendations made within the report. Additionally, any recommendation which does not provide direct services for veterans requires approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress before implementation. Nothing contained within the provision shall be construed to prevent the Department of Veterans Affairs from providing maintenance, services, or programs consistent with the mission of the VA.

CONSTRUCTION, MINOR PROJECTS

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplemental)	\$200,737,000
Budget estimate, 2007	198,000,000
House allowance	210,000,000
Committee recommendation	168,000,000

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 the amount set forth in 38 U.S.C. section 8104(a)(3)(4). 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 \$168,000,000 for minor construction. This is \$32,737,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and \$30,000,000 below the budget request.

GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STATE EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES

Appropriations, 2006	\$85,000,000
Budget estimate, 2007	85,000,000
House allowance	105,000,000
Committee recommendation	85,000,000

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 \$85,000,000 for “Grants for the construction of State extended care facilities”. This is the same as the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request. This program cost-effectively meets long-term healthcare needs of veterans.

Life and Safety Requirements.—The Committee is extremely concerned about the existing State veterans nursing homes cited in violation of structural conditions which threaten the life and safety of its residents. The VA has the responsibility to provide Federal assistance to correct these life and safety violations to the best interests and care of our veterans. Therefore, the Department shall report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress no later than 60 days after enactment of this act on its plan to rectify these critical life safety issues.

GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

Appropriations, 2006	\$32,000,000
Budget estimate, 2007	32,000,000
House allowance	32,000,000
Committee recommendation	32,000,000

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.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$32,000,000 for “Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries”. This is the same as the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Appropriations, 2006	\$1,213,820,000
Budget estimate, 2007	1,257,000,000
House allowance	1,302,330,000
Committee recommendation	1,255,900,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Information Technology Systems account was established in Public Law 109–114. The account encompasses the entire non-pay information technology portfolio for the Department of Veterans Affairs, including all automation efforts in all administrations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$1,255,900,000 for “Information technology systems” [IT]. This amount is \$42,080,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$1,100,000 below the budget request.

The recommended amount reflects a decrease of \$1,100,000 which is transferred to the Office of Inspector General for information technology systems.

Personnel Cost.—When the personnel associated cost for IT maintenance and operations support is moved under the purview of the CIO, the Department may elect to move funding under such a heading to this “Information technology systems” account.

Information Security.—The Committee is deeply concerned with the vulnerabilities in the VA’s information technology and security system which leaves our veterans’ personal data information at high risk for fraud and identity theft. For the past 4 years, the Inspector General cited in his reports the “VA’s systems remain vulnerable to unauthorized access and misuse of sensitive information and data,” yet the VA did not take positive steps to rectify this. As the second largest department in the Federal Government, the VA is responsible to maintain and protect the data for millions of veterans’ personal, financial, and medical data information. The VA cannot continue to operate with an information security program which does not secure its veterans’ data information. The Committee directs the VA to report to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress no later than December 30, 2006, on the measures the VA is taking to secure its database from employee downloading or copying sensitive information.

Information Technology System Reorganization.—In fiscal year 2006, the Committees directed the Secretary of the VA to reorganize the program office’s information technology systems into one office with the authority to manage the entire IT portfolio. The congressional intent for the VA IT reorganization was to produce a coordinated, systematic, and efficient information technology portfolio management system. The Committee directs the VA to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress within 60 days following the enactment of this act, on the current status of funds and the related progress on organizing this IT oversight program.

E-Gov Initiatives.—This bill does not contain any funding for the E-Gov initiatives as specified in the administration’s request. The Committee is not convinced these initiatives add value to the De-

partment of Veterans Affairs. From fiscal year 2005 to fiscal year 2006, the VA's E-Gov obligations increased by 60.31 percent. For fiscal year 2007, VA's E-Gov request increases by 5.93 percent over the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, from \$10,768,000 to \$11,407,000. The Committee is concerned the funds needed for this program are growing at an alarming rate, while the utility to the VA is taking the opposite track. Future budget request for E-Gov initiatives should include a detailed explanation of how they directly benefit the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Financial and Logistics Integrated Technology Enterprise [FLITE].—The VA is at the beginning stages of developing its financial and logistics integrated technology enterprise [FLITE] system. The VA needs a comprehensive accounting and financial management system as mandated by the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990. The Committee is pleased to see the VA is approaching FLITE in incremental steps and is more vigilant over cost and performance by contractors. The Committee expects the VA to benefit from lessons learned by the preceding project. It is imperative the VA has complete oversight of a contractor's work and enforces any requirements if the contractor fails to deliver in a timely and cost effective manner. In the final stages of development, the VA must provide quality training to its employees if it expects quality outcome delivered from this system. The Committee directs the VA to submit a semi-annual progress report on FLITE to the Committees on Appropriations in both Houses of Congress until this project reaches completion.

Automated Collateral Management System.—The Committee encourages the Department to consider implementing a national automated collateral management/appraisal management system. Such a system would greatly increase the efficiency of loan origination appraisals.

Regional Data Center Consolidation.—The VA is undergoing a regional data center consolidation effort to decrease maintenance cost on their key applications. The VISN headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi, is an ideal location for a regional center. As the VA continues to evaluate locations for these centers, the Committee recommends Jackson, Mississippi, be included as a possible location.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

SEC. 201. The Committee includes a provision which outlines reprogramming authority and responsibilities for the Veterans Benefit Administration.

SEC. 202. The Committee includes a provision which outlines reprogramming 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 denying payments for E-Gov Initiatives.

SEC. 219. The Committee includes a provision which allows for outreach and marketing to enroll new veterans.

SEC. 220. The Committee includes a provision requiring the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit quarterly financial reports on the Veterans Health Administration.

SEC. 221. The Committee includes a provision outlining transfer authority to the "Information technology systems" account.

SEC. 222. The Committee includes a provision outlining transfer authority to the "Medical services" account.

SEC. 223. The Committee includes a provision outlining limits on transfers within the "Information technology systems" account.

SEC. 224. The Committee includes a provision denying contributions to the DOD/VA Health Care Sharing Incentive Fund.

SEC. 225. The Committee includes a provision continuing authority granted under 38 U.S.C.

SEC. 226. The Committee includes a provision requiring a report on a master plan.

SEC. 227. The Committee includes a provision prohibiting the Department from implementing a national standardized contract for diabetes monitoring equipment.

SEC. 228. The Committee includes a provision allowing the VA to procure land and construct a new medical facility.

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 25 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, 2006	\$35,888,000
Budget estimate, 2007	35,838,000
House allowance	37,088,000
Committee recommendation	37,088,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$37,088,000 for the “Salaries and expenses” account. This amount is \$1,200,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and \$1,250,000 above the budget request.

Normandy Interpretive Center.—Within this amount, the Committee recommends funding for initial staffing of guides, security and maintenance personnel for the Center. Public Law 107–73 funded the design of an Interpretive Center at the American Cemetery in Normandy, France. The Center will tell the story of the 9,386 American soldiers buried and 1,557 missing in action at Normandy. Groundbreaking was held on August 28, 2004, with the official opening scheduled for June 6, 2007.

Point du Hoc.—The Committee fully supports the Commission’s effort to preserve the World War II Ranger Monument located at Point du Hoc. This monument is a tribute to sacrifices made by the Army Rangers during the D-Day invasion at Normandy, France, and must be preserved as a reminder to the world of what happened that day. The Committee understands the sensitive nature of this project and has included funds to ensure the Commission has sufficient resources to accomplish this mission.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS

Appropriations, 2006	\$15,098,000
Budget estimate, 2007	4,900,000
House allowance	4,900,000
Committee recommendation	4,900,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$4,900,000 for the "Foreign currency fluctuation" account. This amount is \$10,198,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request. The Committee has provided these funds due to unanticipated currency fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the euro to meet the increased operating needs of its sites in Europe.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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, 2006	\$18,607,000
Budget estimate, 2007	19,790,000
House allowance	19,790,000
Committee recommendation	19,790,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$19,790,000 for the "U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims". This amount is an increase of \$1,183,000 above the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

CEMETERIAL EXPENSES, ARMY

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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, 2006	\$28,760,000
Budget estimate, 2007	26,550,000
House allowance	26,550,000
Committee recommendation	26,550,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends \$26,550,000 for the "Ceremonial expenses, Army" account. This amount is \$2,210,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level and equal to the budget request.

ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOME

Appropriations, 2006 (including supplemental)	\$299,499,000
Budget estimate, 2007	54,846,000
House allowance	54,846,000
Committee recommendation	54,846,000

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 \$54,846,000 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 \$244,653,000 below the fiscal year 2006 enacted level, including supplemental funds, and equal to the budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

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

SEC. 302. The Committee includes a provision which extends funds for the Appellate Case Management Electronic Case Files System.

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 on general appropriations bills identify each Committee amendment to the House bill “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.”

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

Medical Services

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

Pursuant to paragraph 7(c) of rule XXVI, on July 20, 2006, the Committee ordered reported, en bloc: H.R. 5631, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; S. 3708, an original bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes; H.R. 5576, making ap-

ropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and H.R. 5385, making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title; with each bill subject to further amendment and each subject to the budget allocation, by a recorded vote of 28–0, a quorum being present. The vote was as follows:

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

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.”

The Committee bill as recommended contains no such provisions.

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

Installation and project	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				Budget estimate	House allowance
ALABAMA					
ARMY:					
REDSTONE ARSENAL:					
CHILD CARE CENTER		2,000			-2,000
EXPLOSIVE CARGO HANDLING APRON		2,300			-2,300
SYSTEMS SOFTWARE ENGINEERING ANNEX			20,000	+20,000	+20,000
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
ANNISTON: READINESS CENTER PHASE 1	13,223	13,223	13,223		
MOBILE: ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER BUILDING (PHASE III)	9,012	9,012	9,012		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: BIRMINGHAM: ALERT QUARTERS AND MOBILITY PROCESSING COMPLEX		4,500			-4,500
TOTAL, ALABAMA	22,235	31,035	42,235	+20,000	+11,200
ALASKA					
ARMY:					
FORT RICHARDSON:					
AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT UPGRADE	9,800	9,800	9,800		
BARRACKS COMPLEX	50,000	48,356	50,000		+1,644
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	12,500	12,500	12,500		
FORT WAINWRIGHT: RAILHEAD OPERATIONS FACILITY (PHASE I)			8,800	+8,800	+8,800
AIR FORCE:					
EIELSON AFB:					
ADD/ALTER PHYSICAL FITNESS CENTER	23,900	23,900	23,900		
REPLACE CHAPEL CENTER	14,400	14,400	14,400		
ELMENDORF AFB:					
C-17 MAINTENANCE COMPLEX PHASE 2	30,000	30,000	30,000		
DORMITORY (120 RM)	21,000	21,000	21,000		
FA-22 CORROSION CONTROL/LOW OBSERVABLE COMPOSITE REPAIR FACILITY	31,750	31,750	31,750		
FA-22 FIGHTER TOWN EAST INFRASTRUCTURE	3,350	3,350	3,350		
REPLACEMENT OF THE ALASKA PME CENTER (PHASE I)			12,000	+12,000	+12,000

DEFENSE-WIDE: FORT RICHARDSON: HEALTH CLINIC	37,200	37,200	37,200	37,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL, ALASKA	233,900	232,256	254,700	254,700	+20,800	.....	.....	.....	+22,444
ARIZONA									
NAVY: YUMA: FIXED WING FUELING APRON	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AIR FORCE: .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB: .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
COMBAT SEARCH AND RESCUE GROUP HEADQUARTERS FACILITY	4,600	4,600	4,600	4,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CONSOLIDATED MISSION SUPPORT CENTER .....	.....	7,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	-7,200
DEFENSE-WIDE: YUMA: FIXED WING HYDRANT FUEL SYSTEM	8,715	8,715	8,715	8,715	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: FLORENCE: FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP .....	.....	.....	10,870	10,870	+10,870	.....	.....	.....	+10,870
TOTAL, ARIZONA	19,281	26,481	30,151	30,151	+10,870	.....	.....	.....	+3,670
ARKANSAS									
AIR FORCE: LITTLE ROCK AFB: EDUCATION CENTER COMPLEX .....	.....	9,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	-9,800
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: LITTLE ROCK AFB: ENGINE INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE FACILITY .....	.....	.....	3,600	3,600	+3,600	.....	.....	.....	+3,600
TOTAL, ARKANSAS .....	.....	9,800	3,600	3,600	+3,600	.....	.....	.....	-6,200
CALIFORNIA									
ARMY: .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FORT IRWIN: .....	.....	8,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	-8,200
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LAND ACQUISITION PHASE 4 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NAVY: .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CAMP PENDLETON: .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARMORY/COMMUNICATIONS COMPLEX	12,160	12,160	12,160	12,160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE TEST BRANCH ANNEX—DEL MAR	2,320	2,320	2,320	2,320	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS	18,068	.....	18,068	18,068	.....	.....	.....	.....	+18,068
BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS—22 AREA—FREST	14,940	14,940	14,940	14,940	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FIRE STATION—DEL MAR	4,710	4,710	4,710	4,710	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
LIGHT ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION FACILITY	7,969	.....	7,969	7,969	.....	.....	.....	.....	+7,969
MARSOC BACHELOR ENLISTED QUARTERS AND DINING FACILITY	31,115	31,115	31,115	31,115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RECLAMATION/CONVEYANCE (WASTEWATER PHASE 2)	33,290	33,290	33,290	33,290	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
REGIMENTAL MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FACILITIES (PHASE 2)	14,860	14,860	14,860	14,860	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TACTICAL SUPPORT VAN PAIDS EXPANSION	5,057	5,057	5,057	5,057	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TAXIWAY IMPROVEMENTS	1,355	1,355	1,355	1,355	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MIRAMAR: MISSILE MAGAZINE	2,968	2,968	2,968	2,968	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued

[In thousands of dollars]

Installation and project	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				Budget estimate	House allowance
MONTEREY: GLOBAL WEATHER OPERATIONS CENTER EXPANSION .....	.....	7,380	.....	.....	-7,380
NORTH ISLAND: WATERFRONT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS FACILITY	21,535	21,535	21,535	.....	.....
TWENTYNINE PALMS:					
COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE	8,217	8,217	8,217	.....	.....
MILITARY OPERATIONS ON URBAN TERRAIN FACILITY, PHASE 2 .....	.....	19,000	.....	.....	-19,000
AIR FORCE:					
BEALE AFB: DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND STATION OPERATIONS FACILITY	28,000	28,000	28,000	.....	.....
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE: MAIN BASE RUNWAY, PHASE 2	31,000	31,000	31,000	.....	.....
TRAVIS AFB:					
C-17 MUNITIONS STORAGE FACILITY	6,200	6,200	6,200	.....	.....
C-17 ROADS/UTILITIES	8,800	8,800	8,800	.....	.....
C-17 TAXIWAY LIMA	8,500	8,500	8,500	.....	.....
C-17 TWO-2-BAY HANGAR	50,400	50,400	50,400	.....	.....
FIRE/CRASH STATION .....	.....	.....	11,900	+11,900	+11,900
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
BEALE AFB: REPLACE FUEL STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	9,000	9,000	9,000	.....	.....
CAMP PENDLETON: SOF MARINE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND HEADQUARTERS	24,400	24,400	24,400	.....	.....
FORT IRWIN: DENTAL CLINIC ADDITION/ALTERATION	6,050	6,050	6,050	.....	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
CAMP ROBERTS: INFANTRY SQUAD BATTLE COURSE	2,000	.....	2,000	.....	+2,000
FORT IRWIN: MANEUVER AREA TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT SITE PHASE 2	20,000	20,000	20,000	.....	.....
FRESNO: AVIATION CLASSIFICATION AND REPAIR DEPOT PHASE 1	30,000	30,000	30,000	.....	.....
SACRAMENTO ARMY DEPOT: FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP ADDITION/ALTERATION	4,500	4,500	4,500	.....	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
FRESNO/YOSEMITE IAP: SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	.....	.....	9,800	+9,800	+9,800
MARCH ARB: PREDATOR OPERATIONS AND TRAINING COMPLEX	6,000	6,000	6,000	.....	.....
ARMY RESERVE:					
FORT HUNTER LIGGETT: COMBAT PISTOL/MILITARY POLICE QUALIFICATIONS COURSE	1,351	1,351	1,351	.....	.....
MORENO VALLEY: ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/AREA MAINTENANCE AND SUP- PORT ACTIVITY/UNHEATED STORAGE	32,562	32,562	32,562	.....	.....
NAVY RESERVE: COLTON: RESERVE TRAINING CENTER—MCB TWENTYNINE PALMS	11,453	11,453	11,453	.....	.....

	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,300	10,300
AIR FORCE RESERVE: MARCH ARB: C-17 ALTER GENERAL MAINTENANCE HANGAR						
TOTAL, CALIFORNIA	479,080	485,623	500,780	+21,700	+15,157	
COLORADO						
ARMY:						
FORT CARSON:						
AIRFIELD ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE COMPLEX, PHASE 2	24,000	24,000	24,000			
UTILITY UPGRADES, PHASE 1		6,800			-6,800	
AIR FORCE:						
BUCKLEY AFB: CONSOLIDATED FUELS FACILITY	10,700	10,700	10,700			
PETERSON AFB: COMMAND COMPLEX FORCE PROTECTION LAND ACQUISITION		4,900			-4,900	
SCHRIEVER AFB: SPACE TEST & EVALUATION FACILITY	21,000	21,000	21,000			
DEFENSE-WIDE: FORT CARSON: SOF COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT COMPLEX	26,100	26,100	26,100			
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:						
BUCKLEY AFB:						
AIR SOVEREIGNTY ALERT—ALERT CREW QUARTERS		3,100			-3,100	
SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY (F-16)			7,000	+7,000	+7,000	
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE: PUEBLO DEPOT: AMMUNITION DEMILITARIZATION FACILITY, PHASE VII	41,836		41,836		+41,836	
TOTAL, COLORADO	123,636	96,600	130,636	+7,000	+34,036	
CONNECTICUT						
NAVY: NEW LONDON: WATERFRONT OPERATIONS & SMALL CRAFT: MAINTENANCE FACILITY		9,580	9,580	+9,580		
TOTAL, CONNECTICUT		9,580	9,580	+9,580		
DELAWARE						
AIR FORCE:						
DOVER AFB:						
C-17 ADD/ALTER COMPOSITE SHOP	2,600	2,600	2,600			
C-17 AIRCREW LIFE SUPPORT	7,400	7,400	7,400			
C-17 ALTER HANGARS	13,400	13,400	13,400			
C-17 ENGINE STORAGE	3,000	3,000	3,000			
PRECISION MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT LABORATORY			4,000	+4,000	+4,000	
TOTAL, DELAWARE	26,400	26,400	30,400	+4,000	+4,000	

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA					
NAVY RESERVE: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: ADMINISTRATIVE & BOAT STORAGE FACILITY	1,924	1,924	1,924		
TOTAL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1,924	1,924	1,924		
FLORIDA					
NAVY:					
BLOUNT ISLAND: WATERFRONT OPERATIONS FACILITY		3,580		- 3,580	
CAPE CANAVERAL AIR FORCE STATION: ENGINEERING SERVICES FACILITY			9,900	+ 9,900	
JACKSONVILLE: HELICOPTER HANGAR REPLACEMENT (INCREMENT 2)	43,250	43,250	43,250		
PENSACOLA: BAGHELOL ENLISTED QUARTERS	13,486	13,486	13,486		
AIR FORCE:					
EGLIN AFB:					
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER		11,000		- 11,000	
DORMITORIES (144 RM)	15,000	15,000	15,000		
REPLACE EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL COMPLEX	4,350	4,350	4,350		
HURLBURT FIELD:					
ADD/ALTER SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY	1,900	1,900	1,900		
DORMITORY (50 RM)	8,400	8,400	8,400		
FIRE CRASH/RESCUE STATION	6,400	6,400	6,400		
JOINT OPERATIONS PLAN FACILITY	7,250	7,250	7,250		
REALIGN CRUZ AVENUE	2,000	2,000	2,000		
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE FACILITY	7,000	7,000	7,000		
MACDILL AFB:					
ADD TO USCENTCOM HEADQUARTERS	60,000	60,000	60,000		
CENTCOM JOINT INTEL CENTER (INCREMENT 2)	23,300	23,300	23,300		
DORMITORY (96 RM)	11,000	11,000	11,000		
TYNDALL AFB:					
1ST AIR FORCE/AFFOR CENTER, PHASE 3		6,400		- 6,400	
F-22 OPERATIONS FACILITY ADDITION	1,800	1,800	1,800		

DEFENSE-WIDE:									
HURLBURT FIELD:									
SOF ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FACILITY	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500					
SOF TALON II SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY	5,982	5,982	5,982	5,982					
JACKSONVILLE: HOSPITAL ALTERATION	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000					
MACDILL AFB:									
CLINIC REPLACEMENT	87,000	45,600	45,600	45,600					
SOF 501-D BUILDING ADDITION	27,300	27,300	27,300	27,300					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: CAMP BLANDING: REGIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, PHASE 3		14,800	14,800						-14,800
AIR FORCE RESERVE: PATRICK AFB: ISO/PHASE DOCK EXTENSION, HANGAR 630		3,000	3,000						-3,000
TOTAL, FLORIDA	349,918	347,298	318,418	318,418	-31,500				-28,880
GEORGIA									
ARMY:									
FORT GILLEM: FORENSIC LAB	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000					
FORT STEWART:									
BRIGADE COMPLEX	23,800		23,800	23,800					+23,800
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	7,700	7,700	7,700	7,700					
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800					
COMBINED ARMS COLLECTIVE TRAINING FACILITY	23,000		23,000	23,000					+23,000
DIGITAL MULTIPURPOSE RANGE COMPLEX	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000					
NAVY:									
ALBANY:									
COMBAT VEHICLE WAREHOUSE		4,960	4,960						-4,960
LAND SETTLEMENT—BLOUNT ISLAND	62,000	62,000	62,000	62,000					
KINGS BAY:									
REACTION FORCE FACILITY AUXILIARY SUPPORT COMPLEX	13,648	13,648	13,648	13,648					
WATERFRONT SECURITY FORCE FACILITY	6,634	6,634	6,634	6,634					
AIR FORCE:									
ROBINS AFB:									
ADVANCED METAL FINISHING FACILITY	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000					
CONSOLIDATED LOGISTICS FACILITY, PHASE 1		7,000	7,000						-7,000
DEPOT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT HANGAR	8,600	8,600	8,600	8,600					
SOFTWARE SUPPORT FACILITY (PHASE I)			14,000	14,000					+14,000
DEFENSE-WIDE: AUGUSTA: REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER, INCREMENT 2	107,118	87,118	107,118	107,118					+20,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:									
SAVANNAH/HILTON HEAD IAP:									
REPLACE OPERATIONS TRAINING AND SECURITY FORCES COMPLEX	7,100	7,100	7,100	7,100					

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REPLACE TROOP TRAINING QUARTERS	8,700	-8,700
TOTAL, GEORGIA	345,400	299,260	359,400	+14,000	+60,140
HAWAII					
ARMY:					
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS:					
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	12,500	12,500	12,500	.....	.....
UNIT OPERATIONAL FACILITIES	42,000	42,000	42,000	.....	.....
NAVY:					
PEARL HARBOR:					
DREDGE WEST LOCH CHANNEL FOR T-AKE	30,994	30,994	30,994	.....	.....
DRY DOCK SHIP SUPPORT SERVICES .....	.....	.....	22,000	+22,000	+22,000
HELICOPTER FLIGHT TRAINING FACILITY	4,324	4,324	4,324	.....	.....
NAVAL MAGAZINE FIRE STATION .....	.....	6,010	.....	.....	-6,010
SITE PREPARATION MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM	13,020	13,020	13,020	.....	.....
AIR FORCE:					
HICKAM AFB:					
C-17 FUEL CELL NOSE DOCK	25,000	25,000	25,000	.....	.....
C-17 ROAD RESTORATION	3,538	3,538	3,538	.....	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
KUNIA: REGIONAL SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER REPLACEMENT	47,016	47,016	47,016	.....	.....
PEARL HARBOR: ENVIRONMENTAL PREVENTIVE MEDICINE: UNIT 6 REPLACEMENT FACILITY	7,700	7,700	7,700	.....	.....
TOTAL, HAWAII	186,092	192,102	208,092	+22,000	+15,990
IDAHO					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: GOWEN FIELD: RAILHEAD (PHASE II)	6,964	+6,964	+6,964
TOTAL, IDAHO	6,964	+6,964	+6,964

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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	8,200	-8,200
FORT RILEY:					
BARRACKS COMPLEX	32,000	32,000	32,000
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	5,200	5,200	5,200	.....	.....
VEHICLE INSPECTION/CARGO PROCESSING FACILITY .....	.....	.....	10,200	+ 10,200	+ 10,200
AIR FORCE: MCCONNELL AFB: UPGRADE RAMP LIGHTING NORTH AND SOUTH .....	.....	3,875	.....	.....	-3,875
TOTAL, KANSAS	52,200	64,275	62,400	+ 10,200	-1,875
KENTUCKY					
ARMY:					
BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT: BLOCK & BRACE FACILITY	3,500	.....	3,500	.....	+ 3,500
FORT CAMPBELL:					
BARRACKS	26,000	26,000	26,000	.....	.....
BARRACKS COMPLEX	50,000	50,000	50,000	.....	.....
BATTLE COMMAND TRAINING CENTER	24,400	24,400	24,400	.....	.....
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	5,000	5,000	5,000	.....	.....
TACTICAL UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE FACILITY .....	.....	8,100	.....	.....	-8,100
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP	10,000	.....	10,000	.....	+ 10,000
WARRIOR REHABILITATION AND FITNESS CENTER (PHASE I) .....	.....	.....	11,800	+ 11,800	+ 11,800
AIR FORCE: FORT KNOX: TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY-AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON FACILITY	3,500	3,500	3,500	.....	.....
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
FORT CAMPBELL: SOF BATTALION OPERATIONS COMPLEX (5th SPECIAL FORCES GROUP)	24,500	24,500	24,500	.....	.....
FORT KNOX: HIGH SCHOOL REPLACEMENT	18,108	18,108	18,108	.....	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
LONDON: READINESS CENTER ADDITION/ALTERATION .....	.....	2,500	.....	.....	-2,500
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION, DEFENSE-WIDE: BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT-AMMUNITION DEMILITARIZATION FACILITY, PHASE VII	89,157	.....	99,157	+ 10,000	+ 99,157
TOTAL, KENTUCKY	254,165	162,108	275,965	+ 21,800	+ 113,857

LOUISIANA													
ARMY:													
	FORT POLK:												
	4TH BRIGADE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS	.....	9,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 9,800
	CHILD CARE CENTER	.....	.....	6,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 9,800
	TOTAL, LOUISIANA	.....	9,800	6,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 9,800
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 3,700
MAINE													
NAVY:													
	PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD: DRYDOCK NUMBER 3 WATERFRONT SUPPORT FACILITY	.....	9,650	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 9,650
	TOTAL, MAINE	.....	9,650	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 9,650
MARYLAND													
ARMY:													
	ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND: AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION FACILITY (PHASE I)	.....	8,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 8,800
	FORT DETRICK: RESEARCH ACQUISITION BUILDING	.....	.....	12,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 8,800
NAVY:													
	ANNAPOLIS: WESLEY BROWN FIELD HOUSE (INCREMENT 2)	26,685	.....	21,685	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 5,000
	PATUXENT RIVER: MULTI-MISSION MARITIME AIRCRAFT TEST FACILITIES, RENOVATION & MODERNIZATION	16,316	.....	16,316	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	SUITLAND: NATIONAL MARITIME INTEL CENTER (INCREMENT 1)	11,780	.....	11,780	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	AIR FORCE: ANDREWS AFB: STRATEGIC PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT FACILITY	29,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 29,000
	DEFENSE-WIDE:												
	FORT DETRICK: U.S. ARMY MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES REPLACEMENT FACILITY STAGE I (INCREMENT 1)	29,000	.....	29,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	FORT MEADE:												
	CLASSIFIED MATERIAL CONVERSION (INCREMENT II)	11,151	.....	11,151	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	HEADQUARTERS UTILITY UPGRADE	4,517	.....	4,517	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	- 4,517
	ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: GAITHERSBURG: READINESS CENTER ADDITIONAL ALTERNATION	5,612	.....	5,612	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	AIR NATIONAL GUARD: MARTIN STATE AIRPORT: REPLACE FIRE STATION AND AIRCRAFT SURVIVABILITY EQUIPMENT FACILITY	.....	.....	8,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	- 8,800
	TOTAL, MARYLAND	134,061	.....	121,261	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 4,283
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 17,083
MASSACHUSETTS													
AIR FORCE:													
	HANSCOM AFB: RENOVATE ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT FACILITY	.....	12,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 12,400
ARMY RESERVE:													
	FORT DEVENS: URBAN ASSAULT COURSE	1,713	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	+ 1,713
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:													
	BARNES ANGB: ADD/ALTER FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION	7,000	- 7,000
	TOTAL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,713	7,000	+ 7,113

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MICHIGAN					
ARMY: DETROIT ARSENAL: GROUND SYSTEMS POWER AND ENERGY LABORATORY	18,500	+18,500	+18,500
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: LANSING: U.S. PROPERTY AND FISCAL OFFICE/READINESS CENTER, PHASE 2 .....	.....	4,239	.....	.....	-4,239
TOTAL, MICHIGAN .....	.....	4,239	18,500	+18,500	+14,261
MINNESOTA					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
CAMP RIPLEY: URBAN ASSAULT COURSE .....	.....	1,700	1,700	+1,700	.....
ST CLOUD: ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	34,453	34,453	34,453	.....	.....
AIR FORCE RESERVE: MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL IAP: AERIAL PORT FACILITY .....	.....	6,400	.....	.....	-6,400
TOTAL, MINNESOTA	34,453	42,553	36,153	+1,700	-6,400
MISSISSIPPI					
NAVY: MERIDIAN NAVAL AIR STATION: FIRE STATION .....	.....	.....	5,870	+5,870	+5,870
DEFENSE-WIDE: STENNIS SPACE CENTER: SOF RIVERINE AND COMBATANT CRAFT OPERATIONS FACILITY SBT-22 .....	.....	10,200	.....	.....	-10,200
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
CAMP SHELBY: JOINT USE SIMULATION CENTER .....	.....	.....	14,839	+14,839	+14,839
TUPELO: ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	29,888	29,888	29,888	.....	.....
TOTAL, MISSISSIPPI	29,888	40,088	50,597	+20,709	+10,509
MISSOURI					
ARMY:					
FORT LEONARD WOOD:					
BARRACKS	17,000	17,000	17,000	.....	.....
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER .....	.....	.....	6,900	+6,900	+6,900
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SHOP, 58TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION .....	.....	10,600	.....	.....	-10,600
AIR FORCE: WHITEMAN AFB: ANIMAL CLINIC/SECURITY FORCES KENNEL COMPLEX .....	.....	3,800	.....	.....	-3,800

NAVY RESERVE: ST LOUIS: ADMINISTRATIVE & BOAT STORAGE FACILITY	4,108	4,108	4,108	4,108	.....	.....
TOTAL, MISSOURI	21,108	35,508	28,008	+ 6,900	- 7,500	.....
MONTANA						
AIR FORCE: MALMSTROM AFB: COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER .....	.....	5,700	.....	.....	- 5,700	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: GREAT FALLS IAP: OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITY .....	.....	.....	9,600	+ 9,600	+ 9,600	.....
TOTAL, MONTANA .....	.....	5,700	9,600	+ 9,600	+ 3,900	.....
NEBRASKA						
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: GRAND ISLAND: ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	17,275	17,275	17,275	.....	.....	.....
ARMY RESERVE:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
NORTH PLATTE: ARMY RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY/	.....	.....	7,630	+ 7,630	+ 7,630	.....
UNHEATED STORAGE .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
OMAHA: ARMY RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY/UNHEATED	24,143	24,143	24,143	.....	.....	.....
STORAGE	5,160	5,160	5,160	.....	.....	.....
NAVY RESERVE: OMAHA: ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER OFFUTT AFB	46,578	46,578	54,208	+ 7,630	+ 7,630	.....
TOTAL, NEBRASKA .....	.....	.....	7,730	+ 7,730	+ 7,730	.....
NEVADA						
NAVY: NAS FALLON: RANGE IMPROVEMENTS .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AIR FORCE:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
INDIAN SPRINGS:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PREDATOR VARIOUS FACILITIES	26,000	.....	26,000	.....	+ 26,000	.....
PREDATOR VARIOUS FACILITIES	23,923	.....	23,923	.....	+ 23,923	.....
NELLIS AFB: AIRFIELD FIRE/RESCUE STATION .....	.....	.....	4,800	+ 4,800	+ 4,800	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: RENO-TAHOE IAP: REPLACE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE COMPLEX .....	.....	5,000	5,000	+ 5,000	.....	.....
TOTAL, NEVADA	49,923	5,000	67,453	+ 17,530	+ 62,453	.....
NEW JERSEY						
ARMY: PICATINNY ARSENAL: ARMAMENT INTEGRATION FACILITY .....	.....	9,900	.....	.....	- 9,900	.....
AIR FORCE:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MCGUIRE AFB:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C-17 NORTHEAST ASSAULT LANDING ZONE	15,500	15,500	15,500	.....	.....	.....
UNIFIED SECURITY FORCES OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	.....	13,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: LAKEHURST: CONSOLIDATED LOGISTICS AND TRAINING FACILITY	20,024	20,024	20,024	- 13,000

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AIR NATIONAL GUARD: ATLANTIC CITY IAP: ARM/DISARM APRON	1,800	1,800	+ 1,800
TOTAL, NEW JERSEY	35,524	60,224	37,324	+ 1,800	- 22,900
NEW MEXICO	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AIR FORCE: KIRTLAND AFB: PJ/CRO RESCUE AND RECOVERY TRAINING CENTER .....	.....	.....	11,400	+ 11,400	+ 11,400
TOTAL, NEW MEXICO .....	.....	.....	11,400	+ 11,400	+ 11,400
NEW YORK	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ARMY:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FORT DRUM:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AUTOMATED QUALIFICATION TRAINING RANGE .....	.....	9,400	.....	.....	- 9,400
BARRACKS	40,000	40,000	40,000	.....	.....
BARRACKS	29,000	29,000	29,000	.....	.....
BARRACKS COMPLEX INCREMENT 2	16,500	16,500	16,500	.....	.....
BRIGADE COMPLEX #1, PHASE 1	36,500	.....	36,500	.....	+ 36,500
BRIGADE COMPLEX #2, PHASE 1	37,400	.....	37,400	.....	+ 37,400
BRIGADE COMPLEX #3, PHASE 1	42,400	.....	42,400	.....	+ 42,400
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	7,400	7,400	7,400	.....	.....
COMBINED ARMS COLLECTIVE TRAINING FACILITY	16,500	.....	16,500	.....	+ 16,500
DEFENSE-WIDE: DENTAL CLINIC	9,700	9,700	9,700	.....	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CAMP SMITH: READINESS CENTER	21,908	21,908	21,908	.....	.....
FORT DRUM: MANEUVER AREA TRAINING & EQUIPMENT SITE, PHASE II	12,658	12,658	12,658	.....	.....
QUEENSBURY: READINESS CENTER ADDITIONAL/WALTERATION	9,763	9,763	9,763	.....	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
GRIFFISS ANG BASE: NORTHEAST AIR DEFENSE SECTOR SUPPORT FACILITY, PHASE 2 .....	.....	6,600	6,600	+ 6,600	.....
HANGCOCK FIELD: UPGRADE BASE FACILITIES	8,000	- 8,000
NAVY RESERVE: STEWART IAP: MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTER	1,834	1,834	1,834

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ARMY RESERVE: RALEIGH-DURHAM: ARMY RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/UNHEATED STORAGE	12,114	12,114	12,114		
NAVY RESERVE: CAMP LEJUNE:					
RESERVE CENTER RELOCATION	5,210	5,210	5,210		
RESERVE TRAINING CENTER	5,792	5,792	5,792		
TOTAL, NORTH CAROLINA	583,290	546,980	596,990	+ 13,700	+ 50,010
NORTH DAKOTA					
AIR FORCE: MINOT AFB: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL COMPLEX (PHASE I)			9,000	+ 9,000	+ 9,000
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: HECTOR IAP: PREDATOR OPERATIONS COMPLEX	5,500	5,500	5,500		
TOTAL, NORTH DAKOTA	5,500	5,500	14,500	+ 9,000	+ 9,000
OHIO					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
COLUMBUS: READINESS CENTER, ADDITION/ALTERATION	1,108	1,108	1,108		
MARYSVILLE: READINESS CENTER	6,163	6,163	6,163		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: RICKENBACKER IAP: SECURITY FORCES COMPLEX, COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY		7,200	7,200	+ 7,200	
AIR FORCE RESERVE: WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB: C-5 ALTER FACILITY FOR RESERVE TRAINING	2,700	2,700	2,700		
TOTAL, OHIO	9,971	17,171	17,171	+ 7,200	
OKLAHOMA					
ARMY: MCALESTER: FABRICATION FACILITY	3,050	3,050	3,050		
AIR FORCE:					
ALTUS AFB:					
CONSTRUCT VISITING QUARTERS (PHASE I)			8,000	+ 8,000	+ 8,000
DEFENSE ACCESS ROAD REPAIR MCGUEN ROAD	1,500	1,500	1,500		
TINKER AFB: ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION 6		5,700	8,100	+ 8,100	+ 2,400

TOTAL, OKLAHOMA	4,550	10,250	20,650	+ 16,100	+ 10,400
OREGON					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: BOARDMAN: MULTIPURPOSE TRAINING RANGE	3,314	3,314	3,314		
TOTAL, OREGON	3,314	3,314	3,314		
PENNSYLVANIA					
ARMY: LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT: PORT STAGING FACILITY			7,500	+ 7,500	+ 7,500
DEFENSE-WIDE: DEFENSE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT NEW CUMBERLAND: ADD TO CONSOLIDATED MAINTENANCE FACILITY			8,900		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:	8,900	8,900			
BRADFORD: READINESS CENTER STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM (SBCT)	6,206	6,206	6,206		
BUTLER: READINESS CENTER, ADD/ALT (SBCT)	2,496	2,496	2,496		
CARLISLE: FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP (SBCT)	7,033	7,033	7,033		
CHAMBERSBURG: READINESS CENTER, ADD/ALT (SBCT)	4,560	4,560	4,560		
EASTON:					
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP (SBCT)	9,707	9,707	9,707		
READINESS CENTER (SBCT)	5,190	5,190	5,190		
LANCASTER:					
FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP (SBCT)	8,309	8,309	8,309		
READINESS CENTER (SBCT)	10,714	10,714	10,714		
LEWISTOWN: READINESS CENTER, ADD/ALT (SBCT)	8,868	8,868	8,868		
PUNXSUTAWNEY: READINESS CENTER, ADD/ALT (SBCT)	5,470	5,470	5,470		
READING: READINESS CENTER ADD/ALT (SBCT)	5,817	5,817	5,817		
WAYNESBURG: READINESS CENTER		8,012			- 8,012
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP: OPERATIONS AND TRAINING FACILITY		6,000			- 6,000
STATE COLLEGE ANG: REPLACE AIR OPERATIONS SQUADRON TRAINING FACILITY	5,300	5,300	5,300		
ARMY RESERVE: BEAVER FALLS: ARMY RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/UNHEATED STORAGE	10,285	10,285	10,285		
TOTAL, PENNSYLVANIA	98,855	112,867	106,355	+ 7,500	- 6,512
RHODE ISLAND					
NAVY: NAVAL STATION NEWPORT: HAZARDOUS MATERIAL STORAGE FACILITY			3,410	+ 3,410	+ 3,410
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: EAST GREENWICH: COMBINED SUPPORT MAINTENANCE SHOP	27,472	27,472	29,547	+ 2,075	+ 2,075
TOTAL, RHODE ISLAND	27,472	27,472	32,957	+ 5,485	+ 5,485

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SOUTH CAROLINA					
NAVY:					
BEAUFORT:					
ENLISTED DINING FACILITY	14,970	14,970	14,970		
LAND ACQUISITION (PHASE 1)	7,255	7,255		-7,255	-7,255
NUCLEAR/BIOLOGICAL/CHEMICAL TRAINING FACILITY		3,350			-3,350
AIR FORCE:					
CHARLESTON AFB: CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER			10,200	+10,200	+10,200
SHAW AFB:					
AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT SHOP	6,200	6,200	6,200		
AIR DEFENSE ALERT AIRFIELD PAVEMENTS		9,300			-9,300
DORMITORY (144 RM)	16,000	16,000	16,000		
TOTAL, SOUTH CAROLINA	44,425	57,075	47,370	+2,945	-9,705
SOUTH DAKOTA					
AIR FORCE:					
ELLSWORTH AFB: BASE WATER WELL		3,000	3,000		
JOE FOSS FIELD: BASE CIVIL ENGINEER MAINTENANCE COMPLEX			7,500	+3,000	+7,500
ARMY RESERVE:					
SIoux FALLS: ARMY RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/AREA MAINTENANCE SUPPORT ACTIVITY/UNHEATED STORAGE WITH LAND	12,876	12,876	12,876		
TOTAL, SOUTH DAKOTA	12,876	15,876	23,376	+10,500	+7,500
TENNESSEE					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:					
LOUISVILLE: ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT FACILITY	5,239	5,239	5,239		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:					
MEMPHIS IAP:					
C-5 INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE	5,000	5,000	5,000		
C-5 REPLACE FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION	4,350	4,350	4,350		
C-5 REPLACE AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT SHOP AND STORAGE	4,400	4,400	4,400		
C-5 REPLACE SQUADRON OPERATIONS/SIMULATOR FACILITY	10,000	10,000	10,000		

MCGHEE TYSON ANGB: SQUADRON OPERATIONS/RELOCATE FRONT GATE			11,200	+ 11,200	+ 11,200
TOTAL, TENNESSEE	28,989	28,989	40,189	+ 11,200	+ 11,200
TEXAS					
ARMY:					
CORPUS CHRISTI: AIRCRAFT COMPONENT MAINTENANCE FACILITY		12,200			- 12,200
FORT BLISS: PHYSICAL FITNESS FACILITY		8,200			- 8,200
FORT HOOD:					
BARRACKS COMPLEX	47,000	47,000	47,000		
CH-47 MAINTENANCE HANGAR		18,000			- 18,000
COMBINED ARMS COLLECTIVE TRAINING FACILITY	28,000		28,000		+ 28,000
RED RIVER ARMY DEPOT: MANUEVER SYSTEM SUSTAINMENT CENTER (PHASE I)			6,000	+ 6,000	+ 6,000
AIR FORCE:					
FORT BLISS: TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY-AIR SUPPORT OPERATIONS SQUADRON FACILITY	8,500	8,500	8,500		
LACKLAND AFB:					
REPLACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SWITCH/ADMIN SUPPORT FACILITY	13,200	13,200	13,200		
BASIC EXPEDITIONARY AIRMAN SKILL TRAINING FACILITY			25,400	+ 25,400	+ 25,400
LAUGHLIN AFB: STUDENT OFFICER QUARTERS, PHASE 2		12,600			- 12,600
SHEPPARD AFB: BASE OPERATIONS RAMP, PHASE 1		7,000			- 7,000
DEFENSE-WIDE: FORT HOOD: WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES ADDITIONAL/ALTERATION	18,000	18,000	18,000		
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: CAMP BOWIE: MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	2,229	2,229	2,229		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: ELLINGTON FIELD: PREDATOR OPERATIONS COMPLEX	6,000	6,000	6,000		
NAVY RESERVE: ELLINGTON FIELD: ARMED FORCES RESERVE CENTER (PHASE III)			15,000	+ 15,000	+ 15,000
FORT WORTH:					
JOINT GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE FACILITY	9,428	9,428	9,428		
JOINT MULTI-LEVEL PARKING FACILITY		6,500			- 6,500
TOTAL, TEXAS	132,357	168,857	178,757	+ 46,400	+ 9,900
UTAH					
ARMY: DUGWAY PROVING GROUND: MICHAEL ARMY AIRFIELD RUNWAY PHASE 3	14,400	14,400	14,400		
AIR FORCE:					
HILL AFB:					
ADD TO SOFTWARE SUPPORT FACILITY	20,000	20,000	20,000		
ARMAMENT OVERHAUL FACILITY	7,400	7,400	7,400		
CONSOLIDATED OO-ALC WAREHOUSE			10,000	+ 10,000	+ 10,000
F/A-22 FUELED COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT OVERHAUL/TEST FACILITY	26,000	26,000	26,000		

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ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: CAMP WILLIAMS: TOTAL ARMY SCHOOL SYSTEM BARRACKS (PHASE 1)	19,688	19,688	19,688		
TOTAL, UTAH	87,488	87,488	97,488	+ 10,000	+ 10,000
VERMONT					
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: ETHAN ALLEN: INFANTRY SQUAD BATTLE COURSE	2,204	2,204	2,204		
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: BURLINGTON IAP: POOR FARM ROAD SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (PHASE 1)			6,000	+ 6,000	+ 6,000
TOTAL, VERMONT	2,204	2,204	8,204	+ 6,000	+ 6,000
VIRGINIA					
ARMY:					
FORT BELVOIR:					
ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDINGS	31,000		31,000		+ 31,000
DEFENSE ACCESS ROAD PHASE 2	13,000	13,000	13,000		
MUSEUM SUPPORT CENTER	27,000		27,000		+ 27,000
FORT LEE: DEPLOYMENT STAGING AREA		4,150			- 4,150
NAVY:					
NSWC DAHLGREN: ELECTROMAGNETIC LAUNCH RDT&E FACILITY			9,850	+ 9,850	+ 9,850
NORFOLK:					
DAMAGE CONTROL SCHOOL TRAINER	13,502	13,502	13,502		
DRY DOCK #8 MODERNIZATION	34,952	34,952	34,952		
HELICOPTER TRAINING FACILITY ADDITION	12,062	12,062	12,062		
JOINT DEPLOYMENT/FLEET SERVICES COMMAND CENTER	14,960	14,960	14,960		
JOINT FORCES COMMAND HEADQUARTERS FACILITY, BUILDING 1		13,250	10,500	+ 10,500	- 2,750
PIER 11 REPLACEMENT (INCREMENT 3)	30,633	30,633	30,633		
SHIP REPAIR PIER 3 REPLACEMENT (INCREMENT 2)	30,939	30,939	30,939		
QUANTICO:					
ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION FACILITY—STAFF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS	8,317	8,317	8,317		
STUDENT QUARTERS—THE BASIC SCHOOL (PHASE 1)	22,311	22,311	22,311		

AIR FORCE:							
LANGLEY AFB:							
DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND STATION OPERATIONS FACILITY	47,700	47,700	47,700	47,700			
DORMITORY (96 RM)	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000			
DEFENSE-WIDE:							
FORT BELVOIR: MATERIAL RECEIVING AND SCREENING FACILITY	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500			
LITTLE CREEK: SOF SEAL DELIVERY VEHICLE TEAM TWO MAINTENANCE FACILITY	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000			
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:							
FORT PICKETT: AMMO SUPPLY POINT MAGAZINES (STRYKER BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM)	1,889	1,889	1,889	1,889			
WINGHESTER: ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP		3,113					-3,113
TOTAL, VIRGINIA	325,765	288,278	346,115		+20,350		+57,837
WASHINGTON							
ARMY:							
FORT LEWIS:							
BARRACKS COMPLEX	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000			
BARRACKS COMPLEX	49,000	49,000	49,000	49,000			
BRIGADE COMPLEX INCREMENT 1	102,000		102,000				+102,000
CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER	10,600	10,600	10,600	10,600			
NAVY:							
BANGOR:							
LIMITED AREA PRODUCTION AND STORAGE COMPLEX (INCREMENT 3)	14,274	14,274	14,274	14,274			
REACTION FORCE FACILITY AUXILIARY SUPPORT COMPLEX	13,507	13,507	13,507	13,507			
EVERETT: BEQ HOMEPORT ASHORE (INCREMENT 2)	20,917	20,917	20,917	20,917			
KITSAP: OCEAN ENGINEERING SUPPORT FACILITY		4,110					-4,110
WHIDBEY ISLAND:							
HANGAR 5 RECAPITALIZATION	57,653	26,500	26,500	26,500		-31,153	
INDOOR WASHRACK		9,650	9,650	9,650		+9,650	
AIR FORCE: FAIRCHILD AFB: PHYSIOLOGICAL TRAINING FACILITY		4,250					-4,250
DEFENSE-WIDE: CONSOLIDATED FUEL FACILITY	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000			
TOTAL, WASHINGTON	328,951	213,808	307,448		-21,503		+93,640
WEST VIRGINIA							
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: CAMP DAWSON: MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING		4,842					-4,842
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:							
REGIONAL AIRPORT—SHEPHERD FIELD:							
C-5 AVIONICS SHOP			5,000	5,000		+5,000	
C-5 REPLACE BASE SUPPLY FACILITY	5,700	5,700	5,700	5,700			

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C-5 REPLACE FIRE/CRASH RESCUE STATION	7,500	7,500	7,500
C-5 UPGRADE/EXTEND RUNWAY AND TAXIWAYS	20,500	20,500	20,500
YEAGER AB: AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE HANGAR .....	.....	.....	17,300	+ 17,300	+ 17,300
TOTAL, WEST VIRGINIA	33,700	38,542	56,000	+ 22,300	+ 17,458
WISCONSIN					
AIR NATIONAL GUARD: TRUXALD FIELD: ADD/ALTER FIRE CRASH/RESCUE STATION .....	.....	.....	7,000	+ 7,000	+ 7,000
ARMY RESERVE:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
FORT MCCOY: GENERAL PURPOSE WAREHOUSE	13,744	13,744	13,744	.....	.....
MEMASHA: ARMY RESERVE CENTER/ORGANIZATIONAL MAINTENANCE SHOP/UNHEATED STORAGE	12,159	12,159	12,159	.....	.....
TOTAL, WISCONSIN	25,903	25,903	32,903	+ 7,000	+ 7,000
WYOMING					
AIR FORCE: F. E. WARREN AFB: RENOVATE DORMITORY 320	11,000	11,000	11,000	.....	.....
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD: CAMP GUERNSEY: MULTIPURPOSE MACHINE GUN RANGE	1,796	1,796	1,796	.....	.....
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHEYENNE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
ADD/ALTER FIRE CRASH/RESCUE STATION	4,200	4,200	4,200	.....	.....
REPLACE SQUADRON OPERATIONS FACILITY .....	.....	.....	7,600	+ 7,600	+ 7,600
TOTAL, WYOMING	16,996	16,996	24,596	+ 7,600	+ 7,600
DIEGO GARCIA					
NAVY: DIEGO GARCIA: WHARF IMPROVEMENTS & SHORE SUPPORT FACILITY	37,473	37,473	37,473
TOTAL, DIEGO GARCIA	37,473	37,473	37,473

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DEFENSE-WIDE:					
CAMP EDERLE: NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	31,460	31,460	31,460		
VICENZA: ENHANCED HEALTH SERVICE CENTER	52,000	52,000	52,000		
TOTAL, ITALY	319,511	319,511	319,511		
JAPAN					
ARMY: CAMP HANSEN: RANGE COMPLEX PH 2	7,150		7,150		+ 7,150
NAVY: YOKOSUKA: WHARF UPGRADES (INCREMENT 2)	44,360	44,360	44,360		
DEFENSE-WIDE: TENGAN ANCHORAGE (OKINAWA): REPLACE SINGLE POINT MOORING	5,000	5,000	5,000		
TOTAL, JAPAN	56,510	49,360	56,510		+ 7,150
KOREA					
ARMY:					
CAMP HUMPHREYS:					
BARRACKS COMPLEX	42,000	42,000	33,600	- 8,400	- 8,400
BARRACKS COMPLEX	35,000	35,000	28,000	- 7,000	- 7,000
YONPYONG:					
DIGITAL MULTIPURPOSE RANGE	4,350	4,350	4,350		
SHOOT HOUSE	1,450		1,450		+ 1,450
SHOOT HOUSE	1,600		1,600		+ 1,600
AIR FORCE:					
KUNSAN AB: DORMITORY (480 RM)	46,700	46,700	37,360	- 9,340	- 9,340
OSAN AB: DISTRIBUTED COMMON GROUND STATION INTEL SQUAD OPERATIONS FACILITY	2,156	2,156	2,156		
DEFENSE-WIDE: OSAN HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION	4,589	4,589	4,589		
TOTAL, KOREA	137,845	134,795	113,105	- 24,740	- 21,690

KWAJALEIN					
DEFENSE-WIDE: KWAJALEIN ATOLL: LAUNCH CONTROL FACILITY LIFE SAFETY UPGRADES	7,592		7,592		+ 7,592
TOTAL, KWAJALEIN	7,592		7,592		+ 7,592
PUERTO RICO					
ARMY RESERVE: CAMP SANTIAGO: COMBAT PISTOL/MILITARY POLICE FIREARM QUALIFICATION COURSE	2,054	2,054			
TOTAL, PUERTO RICO	2,054	2,054			
QATAR					
DEFENSE-WIDE:					
QATAR:					
SOF AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE HANGAR	28,000			- 28,000	
(EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION)			28,000		+ 28,000
SOF ROTARY WING HANGAR	16,500			- 16,500	
(EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION)			16,500		+ 16,500
TOTAL, QATAR	44,500		44,500		+ 44,500
SPAIN					
DEFENSE-WIDE: ROTA: HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION	23,048	23,048			
TOTAL, SPAIN	23,048	23,048			
UNITED KINGDOM					
DEFENSE-WIDE: MENWITH HILL STATION: OPERATIONS/TECH BUILDING INCREMENT 2	46,386	46,386		- 46,386	
(EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION)			46,386		+ 46,386
TOTAL, UNITED KINGDOM	46,386	46,386			
WAKE ISLAND					
DEFENSE-WIDE: WAKE ISLAND: REPLACE FUEL TRUCK LOADING FACILITY	2,600	2,600			
TOTAL, WAKE ISLAND	2,600	2,600			
NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION: NATO SECURITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM	220,985	200,985		- 15,000	+ 5,000
TOTAL, NATO	220,985	200,985		- 15,000	+ 5,000

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WORLDWIDE CLASSIFIED					
ARMY: CLASSIFIED LOCATION-BASE CAMP (EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION)	34,800	34,800	34,800	-34,800	-34,800
AIR FORCE:				+34,800	+34,800
CLASSIFIED PROJECT	3,377	3,377	3,377		
CLASSIFIED	1,700	1,700	1,700		
CLASSIFIED-SPECIAL EVALUATION PROGRAM	4,600	4,600	4,600		
GLOBAL HAWK AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS COMPLEX	26,000	26,000	26,000	-26,000	-26,000
TOTAL, WORLDWIDE CLASSIFIED	70,477	70,477	44,477	-26,000	-26,000
WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED					
ARMY:					
HOST NATION SUPPORT	21,000	21,000	21,000		
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	23,000	23,930	27,350	+4,350	+3,420
PLANNING & DESIGN	191,830	199,830	199,540	+7,710	-290
RESCISSION (PUBLIC LAW 109-114)		-43,348	-43,348	-43,348	
RESCISSION (EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION) (PUBLIC LAW 109-13)			-125,800	-125,800	-125,800
NAVY:					
PLANNING AND DESIGN	67,861	72,857	71,626	+3,765	-1,231
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	8,939	8,939	8,939		
HELICOPTER SUPPORT FACILITY	12,185	12,185	12,185		
HOCHMUTH HALL ADDITION	11,559	10,159	11,559		+1,400
RESCISSION (PUBLIC LAW 108-132)		-30,000	-30,000	-30,000	
RESCISSION (PUBLIC LAW 108-324)		-8,000	-8,000	-8,000	
AIR FORCE:					
COMMON BATTLEFIELD AIRMAN TRAINING COMPLEX	14,200			-14,200	
PLANNING AND DESIGN	87,504	97,504	71,381	-16,123	-26,123
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	15,000	15,000	15,000		
RESCISSION (PUBLIC LAW 108-114)			-19,816	-19,816	-19,816
RESCISSION (EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION) (PUBLIC LAW 109-13)			-10,800	-10,800	-10,800

RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 108-324)		-2,694	-2,694	-2,694		
DEFENSE-WIDE:						
CONTINGENCY CONSTRUCTION	10,000				-10,000	
(EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION)		10,000			+10,000	
ENERGY CONSERVATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM	60,000		60,000			+5,000
PLANNING AND DESIGN:						
NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY	6,416	6,416	6,416			
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	47,915	48,715	47,915			-800
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY	81,800	81,800	81,800			
WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS SERVICE	507	507	507			
UNDISTRIBUTED	35,512	35,512	35,512			
SUBTOTAL, PLANNING AND DESIGN	172,150	172,950	172,150			-800
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION:						
DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE	1,421	1,421	1,421			
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPENDENT EDUCATION	466	466	466			
THE JOINT STAFF	7,531	7,531	7,531			
SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	4,342	4,342	4,342			
TRICARE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY	3,321	3,321	3,321			
UNDISTRIBUTED	4,591	4,591	4,591			
SUBTOTAL, UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	21,672	21,672	21,672			
RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 108-132)		-9,000	-9,000		-9,000	
RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 108-324)		-43,000	-43,000		-43,000	
RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 109-114)		-58,229	-72,065		-72,065	-13,836
SUBTOTAL, UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	21,672	-88,557	-102,393		-124,065	-13,836
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:						
PLANNING AND DESIGN	57,337	63,337	68,372		+11,035	+5,035
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	20,844	20,844	29,244		+8,400	+8,400
RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 109-114)			-2,129		-2,129	-2,129
AIR NATIONAL GUARD:						
UNSPECIFIED WORLDWIDE LOCATIONS:						
PLANNING AND DESIGN	18,838	27,838	30,834		+11,996	+2,996
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	6,000	6,000	8,850		+2,850	+2,850
ARMY RESERVE:						
PLANNING AND DESIGN	19,509	22,509	21,842		+2,333	-667
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	3,042	3,042	3,042			

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NAVY RESERVE:					
UNSPECIFIED WORLDWIDE LOCATIONS:					
PLANNING AND DESIGN	2,387	2,637	2,387		
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	1,112	1,112	1,112		-250
AIR FORCE RESERVE:					
VARIOUS WORLDWIDE LOCATIONS:					
PLANNING AND DESIGN	5,109	7,609	5,109		
UNSPECIFIED MINOR CONSTRUCTION	4,477	4,477	4,477		-2,500
TOTAL, WORLDWIDE UNSPECIFIED	855,555	686,160	511,019	-344,536	-175,141
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY					
ALASKA:					
FORT RICHARDSON (105 UNITS)	45,000	45,000	45,000		
FORT RICHARDSON (57 UNITS)	25,000	25,000	25,000		
FORT WAINWRIGHT (58 UNITS)	32,000	32,000	32,000		
FORT WAINWRIGHT (86 UNITS)	50,000	50,000	50,000		
FORT WAINWRIGHT (90 UNITS)	50,000	50,000	50,000		
FORT HUACHUCA-FORT HUACHUCA (119 UNITS)	32,000	32,000	32,000		
ARIZONA: FORT HUACHUCA-FORT HUACHUCA (10 UNITS)	2,900	2,900	2,900		
ARIZONA: PINE BLUFF ARSENAL (13 UNITS)	4,900	4,900	4,900		
WISCONSIN: FORT MCCOY (13 UNITS)	336,859	320,659	320,659	-16,200	
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	16,332	16,332	16,332		
PLANNING AND DESIGN					
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	594,991	578,791	578,791	-16,200	
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:					
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	106,133	106,133	106,133		
SERVICES ACCOUNT	26,726	26,726	26,726		
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	60,919	60,919	60,919		
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	630	630	630		
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	36,687	36,687	36,687		

LEASING	214,781	214,781	214,781	214,781	.....	.....	.....
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	204,963	202,791	203,751	203,751	.....	- 1,212	+ 960
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	25,990	25,990	25,990	25,990	.....	.....	.....
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	676,829	674,657	675,617	675,617	.....	- 1,212	+ 960
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY	1,271,820	1,253,448	1,254,408	1,254,408	.....	- 17,412	+ 960
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS							
CALIFORNIA: BARSTOW—DESERT VIEW & CLUB ST (74 UNITS)							
GUAM:	27,851	27,851	27,851	27,851	.....	.....	.....
NORTH TIPALO—PHASE II (108 UNITS)	50,157	50,157	50,157	50,157	.....	.....	.....
OLD APPA—PHASE I (68 UNITS)	48,017	48,017	48,017	48,017	.....	.....	.....
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	176,446	180,146	176,446	176,446	.....	.....	- 3,700
PLANNING AND DESIGN	2,600	2,785	2,600	2,600	.....	.....	- 185
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	305,071	308,956	305,071	305,071	.....	.....	- 3,885
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:	80,751	80,751	80,751	80,751	.....	.....	.....
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	34,123	34,123	34,123	34,123	.....	.....	.....
SERVICES ACCOUNT	75,085	75,085	75,085	75,085	.....	.....	.....
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	595	595	595	595	.....	.....	.....
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	18,036	18,036	18,036	18,036	.....	.....	.....
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	132,282	132,282	121,681	121,681	.....	- 10,601	- 10,601
LEASING	152,991	152,991	152,991	152,991	.....	.....	.....
MAINTENANCE OF REAL PROPERTY	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....
MORTGAGE INSURANCE PREMIUM	15,261	15,261	15,261	15,261	.....	.....	.....
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	509,126	509,126	498,525	498,525	.....	- 10,601	- 10,601
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	814,197	818,082	803,596	803,596	.....	- 10,601	- 14,486
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	87,414	87,414	87,414	87,414	.....	.....	.....
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE							
ALASKA: EIELSON AFB (129 UNITS)							
IDAHO: MOUNTAIN HOME AFB (457 UNITS)	107,800	107,800	107,800	107,800	.....	.....	.....
MISSOURI: WHITEMAN AFB (116 UNITS)	39,270	39,270	39,270	39,270	.....	.....	.....
MONTANA: MALMSTROM AFB (493 UNITS)	140,252	140,252	140,252	140,252	.....	.....	.....
NORTH CAROLINA: SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB (56 UNITS)	22,956	22,956	22,956	22,956	.....	.....	.....
NORTH DAKOTA: MINOT AFB (575 UNITS)	171,188	171,188	170,188	170,188	- 1,000	- 1,000
TEXAS: DYESS AFB (199 UNITS)	49,215	49,215	49,215	49,215

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GERMANY:					
RAMSTEIN AB (101 UNITS)	73,488	59,488	73,488		+ 14,000
SPANGDAHEM AB (60 UNITS)	39,294	39,294	39,294		
UNITED KINGDOM: ROYAL AIR FORCE LAKENHEATH (74 UNITS)	35,282	35,282	35,282		
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	403,777	403,777	403,777		
PLANNING AND DESIGN	13,202	13,202	13,202		
RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 108-324)		-23,400	-23,400		
RESCISSON (PUBLIC LAW 109-114)		-42,800	-42,800		
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	1,183,138	1,102,938	1,115,938	-67,200	+ 13,000
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE:					
UTILITIES ACCOUNT	103,250	103,250	103,250		
MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT	77,981	77,981	77,981		
SERVICES ACCOUNT	25,888	25,888	25,888		
FURNISHINGS ACCOUNT	44,545	44,545	44,545		
MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT	1,914	1,914	1,914		
LEASING	121,295	121,295	121,295		
MAINTENANCE	342,298	342,298	342,298		
DEBT ACCOUNT	1	1	1		
PRIVATIZATION SUPPORT COSTS	37,899	37,899	37,899		
SUBTOTAL, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	755,071	755,071	755,071		
TOTAL, FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE	1,938,209	1,858,009	1,871,009	-67,200	+ 13,000
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE					
VIRGINIA: DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER RICHMOND (DLA) (25 UNITS)	7,840	7,840	7,840		
CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS	768	768	768		
PLANNING AND DESIGN (DLA)	200	200	200		
SUBTOTAL, CONSTRUCTION	8,808	8,808	8,808		

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LISTING BY LOCATION—Continued
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Installation and project	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)	
				Budget estimate	House allowance
RESCISSION					
AIR NATIONAL GUARD	125,788	207,088	-2,129	-2,129	-2,129
RESCISSION			252,834	+127,046	+45,746
ARMY RESERVE	166,487	167,774	191,450	+24,963	+23,676
RESCISSION					
NAVY RESERVE	48,408	55,158	48,408		-6,750
RESCISSION					
AIR FORCE RESERVE	44,936	56,836	44,936		-11,900
RESCISSION					
TOTAL, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION	6,444,962	6,050,746	6,498,633	+53,671	+447,887
NATO INFRASTRUCTURE	220,985	200,985	205,985	-15,000	+5,000
RESCISSION					
FAMILY HOUSING, ARMY	1,271,820	1,253,448	1,254,408	-17,412	+960
(CONSTRUCTION)	(594,991)	(578,791)	(578,791)	(-16,200)	
(RESCISSION)	(676,829)	(674,657)	(675,617)	(-1,212)	(+960)
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	814,197	818,082	803,596	-10,601	-14,486
FAMILY HOUSING, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS	(305,071)	(308,956)	(305,071)		(-3,885)
(CONSTRUCTION)					
(RESCISSION)					
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(509,126)	(509,126)	(498,525)	(-10,601)	(-10,601)
FAMILY HOUSING, AIR FORCE	1,938,209	1,858,009	1,871,009	-67,200	+13,000
(CONSTRUCTION)	(1,183,138)	(1,169,138)	(1,182,138)	(-1,000)	(+13,000)
(RESCISSION)					
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(755,071)	(755,071)	(755,071)	-66,200	-66,200
FAMILY HOUSING, DEFENSE-WIDE	57,314	57,314	57,314		
(CONSTRUCTION)	(8,808)	(8,808)	(8,808)		
(OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE)	(48,506)	(48,506)	(48,506)		
CHEMICAL DEMILITARIZATION CONSTRUCTION	130,993	90,993	140,993	+10,000	+50,000
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FAMILY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT FUND	2,500	2,500	2,500		
RESCISSIONS					

BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE ACCOUNT	5,817,443	5,526,096	5,428,320	- 389,123	- 97,776
GRAND TOTAL	16,698,423	15,858,173	16,262,758	- 435,665	+ 404,585

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Item	2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)		
					2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE							
Military construction, Army	1,757,507	2,059,762	1,756,298	2,137,822	+380,315	+78,060	+381,524
Emergency appropriations .....	.....	.....	.....	34,800	+34,800	+34,800	+34,800
Rescissions	-19,746	.....	-43,348	-43,348	-23,602	-43,348	.....
Rescissions (emergency appropriations) .....	.....	.....	.....	-125,800	-125,800	-125,800	-125,800
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	187,100	.....	.....	.....	-187,100	.....	.....
Total	1,924,861	2,059,762	1,712,950	2,003,474	+78,613	-56,288	+290,524
Military construction, Navy and Marine Corps	1,145,570	1,162,038	1,170,245	1,238,065	+92,495	+76,027	+67,820
Rescissions	-50,037	.....	-14,411	-38,000	+12,037	-38,000	-23,589
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	291,219	.....	.....	.....	-291,219	.....	.....
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	44,770	.....	.....	.....	-44,770	.....	.....
Total	1,431,522	1,162,038	1,155,834	1,200,065	-231,457	+38,027	+44,231
Military construction, Air Force	1,275,645	1,156,148	1,187,550	1,214,885	-60,760	+58,737	+27,335
Rescissions	-29,100	.....	-2,694	-22,510	+6,590	-22,510	-19,816
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	52,612	.....	.....	.....	-52,612	.....	.....
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	125,000	.....	.....	.....	-125,000	.....	.....
Rescissions (emergency appropriations) .....	.....	.....	.....	-10,800	-10,800	-10,800	-10,800
Total	1,424,157	1,156,148	1,184,856	1,181,575	-242,582	+25,427	-3,281
Military construction, Defense-Wide	998,766	1,208,198	1,107,606	1,061,395	+62,629	-146,803	-46,211
Emergency appropriations .....	.....	.....	.....	100,886	+100,886	+100,886	+100,886
Rescissions	-20,000	.....	-110,229	-124,065	-104,065	-124,065	-13,836
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	45,000	.....	.....	.....	-45,000	.....	.....
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	20,600	.....	.....	.....	-20,600	.....	.....
Total	1,044,366	1,208,198	997,377	1,038,216	-6,150	-169,982	+40,839

Total, Active components	5,824,906	5,586,146	5,051,017	5,423,330	- 401,576	- 162,816	+ 372,313
Military construction, Army National Guard	517,919	473,197	512,873	539,804	+ 21,885	+ 66,607	+ 26,931
Rescissions				- 2,129	- 2,129	- 2,129	- 2,129
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	374,300				- 374,300		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	210,071				- 210,071		
Total	1,102,290	473,197	512,873	537,675	- 564,615	+ 64,478	+ 24,802
Military construction, Air National Guard	312,956	125,788	207,088	252,834	- 60,122	+ 127,046	+ 45,746
Rescissions	- 13,700				+ 13,700		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	35,000				- 35,000		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	5,800				- 5,800		
Total	340,056	125,788	207,088	252,834	- 87,222	+ 127,046	+ 45,746
Military construction, Army Reserve	151,043	166,487	167,774	191,450	+ 40,407	+ 24,963	+ 23,676
Military construction, Navy Reserve	46,395	48,408	55,158	48,408	+ 2,013		- 6,750
Rescissions	- 66,090				+ 66,090		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	120,132				- 120,132		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	24,270				- 24,270		
Total	124,707	48,408	55,158	48,408	- 76,299		- 6,750
Military construction, Air Force Reserve	104,824	44,936	56,836	44,936	- 59,888		- 11,900
Rescissions	- 13,815				+ 13,815		
Total	91,009	44,936	56,836	44,936	- 46,073		- 11,900
Total, Reserve components	1,809,105	858,816	999,729	1,075,303	- 733,802	+ 216,487	+ 75,574
Total, Military construction	7,634,011	6,444,962	6,050,746	6,498,633	- 1,135,378	+ 53,671	+ 447,887
Appropriations	(6,310,625)	(6,444,962)	(6,221,428)	(6,729,599)	(+ 418,374)	(+ 284,637)	(+ 508,171)
Emergency appropriations	(1,535,874)			(135,686)	(- 1,400,188)	(+ 135,686)	(+ 135,686)
Rescissions							
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	(- 212,488)		(- 170,682)	(- 230,052)	(- 17,564)	(- 230,052)	(- 59,370)
Total	204,789	220,985	200,985	205,985	+ 1,196	- 15,000	+ 5,000
Rescissions	- 30,000				+ 30,000		
Total	174,789	220,985	200,985	205,985	+ 31,196	- 15,000	+ 5,000

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Item	2006 appropriation		Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)		
	2006 appropriation	Rescissions				2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
Family housing construction, Army	544,140		594,991	578,791	578,791	+34,651	-16,200	
Rescissions	-16,000					+16,000		
Total	528,140		594,991	578,791	578,791	+50,651	-16,200	
Family housing operation and maintenance, Army	795,953		676,829	674,657	675,617	-120,336	-1,212	+960
Family housing construction, Navy and Marine Corps	216,753		305,071	308,956	305,071	+88,318		-3,885
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	86,165					-86,165		
Total	302,918		305,071	308,956	305,071	+2,153		-3,885
Family housing operation and maintenance, Navy and Marine Corps	582,773		509,126	509,126	498,525	-84,248	-10,601	-10,601
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	48,889					-48,889		
Total	631,662		509,126	509,126	498,525	-133,137	-10,601	-10,601
Family housing construction, Air Force	1,090,868		1,183,138	1,169,138	1,182,138	+91,270	-1,000	+13,000
Rescissions				-66,200	-66,200	-66,200	-66,200	
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	278,000					-278,000		
Total	1,368,868		1,183,138	1,102,938	1,115,938	-252,930	-67,200	+13,000
Family housing operation and maintenance, Air Force	759,270		755,071	755,071	755,071	-4,199		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	47,019					-47,019		
Total	806,289		755,071	755,071	755,071	-51,218		
Family housing construction, Defense-Wide			8,808	8,808	8,808	+8,808		
Family housing operation and maintenance, Defense-Wide	45,927		48,506	48,506	48,506	+2,579		
Department of Defense Family Housing Improvement Fund	2,475		2,500	2,500	2,500	+25		
Total, Family housing	4,482,232		4,084,040	3,989,353	3,988,827	-493,405	-95,213	-526

Appropriations	(4,038,159)	(4,084,040)	(4,055,553)	(4,055,027)	(+ 16,868)	(- 29,013)	(- 526)
Emergency appropriations	(460,073)				(- 460,073)		
Rescissions	(- 16,000)				(- 50,200)		
Chemical demilitarization construction, Defense-Wide		130,993	90,993	140,993	+ 140,993	+ 10,000	+ 50,000
Base realignment and closure:							
Base realignment and closure account, 1990	252,279	191,220	216,220	191,220	- 61,059		- 25,000
Base realignment and closure account, 2005	1,489,421	5,626,223	5,309,876	5,237,100	+ 3,747,679	- 389,123	- 72,776
Total, Base realignment and closure	1,741,700	5,817,443	5,526,096	5,428,320	+ 3,686,620	- 389,123	- 97,776
Total, title I	14,032,732	16,698,423	15,858,173	16,262,758	+ 2,230,026	- 435,665	+ 404,585
Appropriations	(12,295,273)	(16,698,423)	(16,095,059)	(16,589,924)	(+ 4,264,651)	(- 138,499)	(+ 464,869)
Emergency appropriations	(1,995,947)			(135,686)	(- 1,860,261)	(+ 135,686)	(+ 135,686)
Rescissions					(- 37,764)	(- 296,252)	(- 59,370)
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)	(- 258,488)				(- 136,600)	(- 136,600)	(- 136,600)
TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS							
Veterans Benefits Administration							
Compensation and pensions	33,897,787	38,007,095	38,007,095	38,007,095	+ 4,109,308		
Readjustment benefits	3,309,234	3,262,006	3,262,006	3,262,006	- 47,228		
Veterans insurance and indemnities	45,907	49,850	49,850	49,850	+ 3,943		
Veterans housing benefit program fund program account (indefinite) ..	64,586	196,692	196,692	196,692	+ 132,106		
(Limitation on direct loans)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)			
Credit subsidy	- 112,000	- 100,000	- 100,000	- 100,000	+ 12,000		
Administrative expenses	153,575	153,185	153,185	153,185	- 390		
Vocational rehabilitation loans program account	53	53	67	53			- 14
(Limitation on direct loans)	(4,242)	(4,242)	(3,369)	(4,242)			(+ 873)
Administrative expenses	305	305	305	305			
Native American veteran housing loan program account	580	615	615	615	+ 35		
(Limitation on direct loans)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)			
Total, Veterans Benefits Administration	37,360,027	41,569,801	41,569,815	41,569,801	+ 4,209,774		- 14
Veterans Health Administration							
Medical services	24,180,583	28,689,000	28,689,000	28,689,000	+ 4,508,417		
Emergency appropriations	1,225,000				- 1,225,000		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	198,265				- 198,265		

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Item	2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)		
					2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	27,000				-27,000		
Subtotal, Medical Services	25,630,848	28,689,000	28,689,000	28,689,000	+3,058,152		
Medical facilities	3,297,669	3,569,000	3,594,000	3,569,000	+271,331		-25,000
Medical and prosthetic research	412,000	399,000	412,000	412,000		+13,000	
Medical care cost recovery collections:							
Offsetting collections	-2,170,000	-2,329,000	-2,329,000	-2,329,000	-159,000		
Appropriations (indefinite)	2,170,000	2,329,000	2,329,000	2,329,000	+159,000		
Total, Veterans Health Administration	29,340,517	32,657,000	32,695,000	32,670,000	+3,329,483	+13,000	-25,000
National Cemetery Administration							
General operating expenses	156,447	160,733	160,733	160,733	+4,286		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	200				-200		
Total, National Cemetery Administration	156,647	160,733	160,733	160,733	+4,086		
Departmental Administration							
General operating expenses	1,410,520	1,480,764	1,480,764	1,467,764	+57,244	-13,000	-13,000
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	24,871				-24,871		
Office of Inspector General	70,174	69,499	69,499	70,599	+425	+1,100	+1,100
Construction, major projects	607,100	399,000	283,670	429,000	-178,100	+30,000	+145,330
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	367,500				-367,500		
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-234)	585,919				-585,919		
Construction, minor projects	198,937	198,000	210,000	168,000	-30,937	-30,000	-42,000
Emergency appropriations (Public Law 109-148)	1,800				-1,800		
Grants for construction of State extended care facilities	85,000	85,000	105,000	85,000			-20,000
Grants for the construction of State veterans cemeteries	32,000	32,000	32,000	32,000			
Information technology systems	1,213,820	1,257,000	1,302,330	1,255,900	+42,080	-1,100	-46,430

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Item	2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance	Committee recommendation	Senate Committee recommendation compared with (+ or -)		
					2006 appropriation	Budget estimate	House allowance
Total, Section 302							
Total, title III							
Appropriations	397,852	141,924	143,174	143,174	-254,678	+1,250	+404,571
Emergency appropriations	(156,032)	(141,924)	(143,174)	(143,674)	(-12,378)	(+1,750)	(+465,355)
Rescissions	(241,800)			(-500)	(-241,800)	(-500)	(+135,686)
Grand total	85,888,416	94,749,144	93,910,158	94,314,729	+8,426,313	-434,415	+404,571
Appropriations	(81,475,602)	(94,749,144)	(94,147,040)	(94,612,395)	(+13,136,793)	(-136,749)	(+465,355)
Emergency appropriations	(4,671,302)			(135,686)	(-4,535,616)	(+135,686)	(+135,686)
Rescissions	(-258,488)		(-236,882)	(-296,752)	(-38,264)	(-296,752)	(-59,870)
Rescissions (emergency appropriations)				(-136,600)	(-136,600)	(-136,600)	(-136,600)