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H. R. 3696

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide a temporary increase in the minimum end strength level for active duty personnel for the Army, the Marine Corps, and the Air Force, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2003

Mrs. TAUSCHER (for herself, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. EVANS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. REYES, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HILL, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HOLT, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. FROST, and Mr. COOPER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN MINIMUM END**
2 **STRENGTH LEVEL FOR THE ARMY, MARINE**
3 **CORPS, AND AIR FORCE.**

4 (a) FIVE-YEAR INCREASE.—Section 691 of title 10,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
6 following new subsection:

7 “(g) Notwithstanding subsection (b), at the end of
8 each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2008—

9 “(1) the number of members of the Army on
10 active duty shall be not less than 522,400;

11 “(2) the number of members of the Marine
12 Corps on active duty shall be not less than 190,000;
13 and

14 “(3) the number of members of the Air Force
15 on active duty shall be not less than 388,000.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING INCREASE IN FISCAL YEAR 2004
17 END STRENGTH.—Section 401 of the National Defense
18 Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108–
19 136; 117 Stat. 1450) is amended—

20 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “482,400”
21 and inserting “522,400”;

22 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “175,000”
23 and inserting “190,000”; and

24 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking “359,300”
25 and inserting “388,000”.