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# H. R. 1666

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 14, 2005

Mrs. TAUSCHER (for herself, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. HOYER, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. KIND, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MEEK of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. REYES, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. TANNER, Mr. COOPER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. MELANCON, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. DICKS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Mr. SPRATT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## 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 ACTIVE-**  
2 **DUTY END-STRENGTH LEVELS AND SPECIAL**  
3 **OPERATIONS FORCES STRENGTHS FOR THE**  
4 **ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) MINIMUM ACTIVE-DUTY STRENGTH LEVELS.—  
6 Section 691 of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
7 by inserting after subsection (d) the following new sub-  
8 section:

9 “(e) For each of fiscal years 2006 through 2010, the  
10 numbers in effect for purposes of subsection (b) shall be  
11 the following, which shall be treated as the strengths spec-  
12 ified in that subsection for purposes of subsections (c) and  
13 (d):

14 “(1) For the Army, 532,400.

15 “(2) For the Navy, 367,900.

16 “(3) For the Marine Corps, 190,000.

17 “(4) For the Air Force, 360,700.”.

18 (b) SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES.—Such section is  
19 further amended by adding at the end the following new  
20 subsection:

21 “(g)(1) The Secretary of Defense shall manage the  
22 selection, training, and retention of Special Operations  
23 Forces personnel so that as of September 30, 2010, the  
24 total number of such personnel is not less than the number  
25 equal to the baseline number plus 10,000. The Secretary

1 shall ensure that, of the increase in Special Operations  
2 Forces personnel required by the preceding sentence—

3 “(A) not less than 6,000 shall be in Army Spe-  
4 cial Operations Forces personnel;

5 “(B) not less than 2,000 shall be in Navy Spe-  
6 cial Operations Forces personnel; and

7 “(C) not less than 2,000 shall be in Air Force  
8 Special Operations Forces personnel.

9 “(2) In order to accomplish the implementation of the  
10 increase in the total number of Special Operations Forces  
11 personnel required by paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
12 manage Special Operations Forces personnel so that—

13 “(A) as of September 30, 2006, the total num-  
14 ber of such personnel is not less than the number  
15 equal to the baseline number plus 2,000;

16 “(B) as of September 30, 2007, the total num-  
17 ber of such personnel is not less than the number  
18 equal to the baseline number plus 4,000;

19 “(C) as of September 30, 2008, the total num-  
20 ber of such personnel is not less than the number  
21 equal to the baseline number plus 6,000; and

22 “(D) as of September 30, 2009, the total num-  
23 ber of such personnel is not less than the number  
24 equal to the baseline number plus 8,000.

25 “(3) In this subsection:

1           “(A) The term ‘Special Operations Forces per-  
2           sonnel’ means members of the Army, Navy, or Air  
3           Force who are qualified and designated as Special  
4           Operations Forces personnel.

5           “(B) The term ‘baseline number’ means the  
6           total number of Special Operations Forces personnel  
7           as of September 30, 2004.”.

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