

TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

SUBTITLE A—ACTIVE FORCES

End strengths for active forces (sec. 401)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 401) that would authorize the following end strengths for active-duty personnel of the Armed Forces as of September 30, 2016: Army, 475,000; Navy, 329,200; Marine Corps, 184,000; and Air Force, 320,715.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 401) that would authorize active-duty end strength for the Air Force of 317,000.

The agreement includes the House provision.

End strength levels for the active forces for fiscal year 2016 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2015 Authorized	FY 2016		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2016 Request	FY 2015 Authorized
Army	490,000	475,000	475,000	0	-15,000
Navy	323,600	329,200	329,200	0	+5,600
Marine Corps	184,100	184,000	184,000	0	-100
Air Force	312,980	317,000	320,715	+3,715	+7,735
DOD Total	1,310,680	1,305,200	1,308,915	0	-1,765

Revisions in permanent active duty end strength minimum levels (sec. 402)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 402) that would revise the permanent Active-Duty end strength minimum levels contained in Section 691(b) of title 10, United States Code.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 402) that would repeal section 691 of title 10, United States Code. The provision would also amend section 115 of title 10, United States Code, to provide the Secretary of Defense and the service secretaries authority to vary military personnel end strengths below those authorized in title IV of this Act.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would amend subsection (e) of section 691 of title 10, United States Code, to increase the variance authority of the Secretary of Defense contained in that section from 0.5 percent to 2 percent.

SUBTITLE B—RESERVE FORCES

End strengths for Selected Reserve (sec. 411)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 411) that would authorize the following end strengths for Selected Reserve personnel of the Armed Forces as of September 30, 2016: the Army National Guard, 342,000; the Army Reserve, 198,000; the Navy Reserve, 57,400; the Marine Corps Reserve, 38,900; the Air National Guard of the United States, 105,500; the Air Force Reserve, 69,200; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 7,000.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 411).

The agreement includes this provision.

End strength levels for the Selected Reserve for fiscal year 2016 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2015 Authorized	FY 2016		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2016 Request	FY 2015 Authorized
Army National Guard	350,200	342,000	342,000	0	-8,200
Army Reserve	202,000	198,000	198,000	0	-4,000

Navy Reserve	57,300	57,400	57,400	0	+100
Marine Corps Reserve	39,200	38,900	38,900	0	-300
Air National Guard	105,000	105,500	105,500	0	+500
Air Force Reserve	67,100	69,200	69,200	0	+2,100
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DOD Total	820,800	811,000	811,000	0	-9,800
Coast Guard Reserve	9,000	7,000	7,000	0	-2,000
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End strengths for reserves on active duty in support of the reserves (sec. 412)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 412) that would authorize the following end strengths for Reserves on Active Duty in support of the reserve components as of September 30, 2016: the Army National Guard of the United States, 30,770; the Army Reserve, 16,261; The Navy Reserve, 9,934; the Marine Corps Reserve, 2,260; the Air National Guard of the United States, 14,748; and the Air Force Reserve, 3,032.

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 412) that would authorize the end strengths for the Reserves on Active Duty in support of the reserve components by the same amounts as the House bill and further required the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to take into account the actual number of members of the Army National Guard of the United States serving in each state as of September 30 each year when allocating full-time duty personnel in the Army National Guard of the United States.

The Senate recedes.

We note that the Senate amendment expressed the Sense of the Senate that the National Guard Bureau should account for states that routinely recruit and retain members in excess of state authorizations when allocating full-time operational support duty personnel. We encourage the National Guard Bureau to consider this when allocating full-time duty support personnel.

End strength levels for the reserves on active duty in support of the reserves for fiscal year 2016 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2015 Authorized	FY 2016		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2016 Request	FY 2015 Authorized
Army National Guard	31,385	30,770	30,770	0	-615
Army Reserve	16,261	16,261	16,261	0	0
Navy Reserve	9,973	9,934	9,934	0	-39
Marine Corps Reserve	2,261	2,260	2,260	0	-1
Air National Guard	14,704	14,748	14,748	0	+44

Air Force Reserve	2,830	3,032	3,032	0	+202
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DOD Total	77,414	77,005	77,005	0	-409
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End strengths for military technicians (dual status) (sec. 413)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 413) that would authorize the following end strengths for military technicians (dual status) as of September 30, 2016: the Army National Guard of the United States, 26,099; the Army Reserve, 7,395; the Air National Guard of the United States, 22,104; and the Air Force Reserve, 9,814.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 413).

The agreement includes this provision.

End strength levels for military technicians (dual status) for fiscal year 2016 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2015 Authorized	FY 2016		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2016 Request	FY 2015 Authorized
Army National Guard	27,210	26,099	26,099	0	-1,111
Army Reserve	7,895	7,395	7,395	0	-500
Air National Guard	21,792	22,104	22,104	0	+312
Air Force Reserve	9,789	9,814	9,814	0	+25
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DOD Total	66,686	65,412	65,412	0	-1,274
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Fiscal year 2016 limitation on number of non-dual status technicians (sec. 414)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 414) that would authorize the following personnel limits for the reserve components of the Army and Air Force for non-dual status technicians as of September 30, 2016: the Army National Guard of the United States, 1,600; the Air National Guard of the United States, 350; the Army Reserve, 595; and the Air Force Reserve, 90.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 414).

The agreement includes this provision.

End strength levels for the non-dual status technicians for fiscal year 2016 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2015 Authorized	FY 2016		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2016 Request	FY 2015 Authorized
Army National Guard.....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Air National Guard.....	350	350	350	0	0
Army Reserve	595	595	595	0	0
Air Force Reserve	90	90	90	0	0
DOD Total	2,635	2,635	2,635	0	0

Maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support (sec. 415)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 415) that would authorize the maximum number of reserve component personnel who may be on Active Duty or full-time National Guard duty under section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, during fiscal year 2016 to provide operational support.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 415).

The agreement includes this provision.

End strength levels for reserve personnel authorized to be on Active Duty for operational support for fiscal year 2016 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2015 Authorized	FY 2016		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2016 Request	FY 2015 Authorized
Army National Guard	17,000	17,000	17,000	0	0
Army Reserve	13,000	13,000	13,000	0	0
Navy Reserve	6,200	6,200	6,200	0	0
Marine Corps Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Air National Guard	16,000	16,000	16,000	0	0
Air Force Reserve	14,000	14,000	14,000	0	0
DOD Total	69,200	69,200	69,200	0	0

SUBTITLE C—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

Military personnel (sec. 421)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 421) that would authorize appropriations for military personnel at the levels identified in the funding table in section 4401 of this Act.

The Senate amendment contained an identical provision (sec. 421).

The agreement includes this provision.

Report on force structure of the Army (sec. 422)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 422) that would require a report on the force structure of the Army.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS NOT ADOPTED

Chief of the National Guard Bureau authority to increase certain end strengths applicable to the Army National Guard

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 416) that would provide the Chief of the National Guard Bureau with the authority to increase the fiscal year 2016 end strength of the Selected Reserve personnel of the Army National Guard as specified in section 411(a)(1) by up to 3,000 members, the end strength of the Reserves serving on full-time duty for the Army National Guard as specified in section 412(1) by 615 Reserves, and military technicians (dual status) for the Army National Guard as specified in section 413(1) by 1,111. The provision contains a limitation stating that the Chief of the National Guard Bureau may only increase an end strength using the authority contained in this section if such increase is paid for entirely out of the readiness funds appropriated for fiscal year 2016 for Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The Senate recesses.