

TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

Subtitle A—Active Forces

End strengths for active forces (sec. 401)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2010, as shown below:

| | Fiscal year | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 authorization | 2010 request | 2010 recommendation |
| Army | 532,400 | 547,400 | 547,400 |
| Navy | 326,323 | 328,800 | 328,800 |
| Marine Corps | 194,000 | 202,100 | 202,100 |
| Air Force | 317,050 | 331,700 | 331,700 |

The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Public Law 110–417) authorized an active-duty end strength for the Army of 532,400 and for the Marine Corps of 194,000. Additional authority was provided in section 403 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 2008 (Public Law 110–181) to increase active-duty end strength for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 to 547,400 for the Army and 202,000 for the Marine Corps.

The committee has supported the growth in the Army and Marine Corps over the past several years, and commends those services for achieving their planned growth almost 3 years ahead of schedule. With demand for forces unlikely to lessen in 2010, the higher end strengths are essential, especially in view of the growing number of individuals who are unable to deploy due to injuries, disease, or for other reasons. The committee remains concerned about the level of stress on the force that repeated and lengthy deployments are causing. In recent years, all of the services have seen their suicide rates increase, and the Army in particular has seen a troubling rise in the number of suicides this year. Meanwhile, the Secretary of Defense announced that the Army will cease its use of stop-loss by January 2010. While the committee applauds this change in policy, it recognizes that additional personnel may be required to continue to ensure the cohesiveness and readiness of units preparing to deploy. The active component dwell time target of 2 years home for each year deployed is still not being met, even with the increased forces. The committee urges the Department of Defense to implement personnel policies that will improve dwell time and the quality-of-life of military members and their families.

Meanwhile, the Air Force and the Navy have been reducing their active-duty end strengths in recent years. Both services announced this year a halt to the planned decline of the size of their active forces, and the Administration's 2010 budget submission reflects

this decision. The committee supports the higher end strengths of the Air Force and Navy requested in the budget that more accurately reflect what those services require to accomplish their missions.

The committee supports the Administration's request and recommends active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2010 for the Army of 547,400, the Marine Corps of 202,100, the Navy of 328,800, and the Air Force of 331,700.

Additional authority for increases of Army active duty end strengths for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 (sec. 402)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize the Secretary of Defense to increase the Army active-duty end strength by 30,000 over 2010 levels in fiscal years 2011 and 2012, provided the Secretary requests the necessary funding in the fiscal year 2011 and 2012 budget requests.

Subtitle B—Reserve Forces

End strengths for Selected Reserve (sec. 411)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize Selected Reserve end strengths for fiscal year 2010, as shown below:

| | Fiscal year | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 authorization | 2010 request | 2010 recommendation |
| The Army National Guard of the United States | 352,600 | 358,200 | 358,200 |
| The Army Reserve | 205,000 | 205,000 | 205,000 |
| The Navy Reserve | 66,700 | 65,500 | 65,500 |
| The Marine Corps Reserve | 39,600 | 39,600 | 39,600 |
| The Air National Guard of the United States | 106,756 | 106,700 | 106,700 |
| The Air Force Reserve | 67,400 | 69,500 | 69,500 |
| The Coast Guard Reserve | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |

End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the Reserves (sec. 412)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize full-time support end strengths for fiscal year 2010, as shown below:

| | Fiscal year | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 authorization | 2010 request | 2010 recommendation |
| The Army National Guard of the United States | 32,060 | 32,060 | 32,060 |
| The Army Reserve | 16,170 | 16,261 | 16,261 |
| The Navy Reserve | 11,099 | 10,818 | 10,818 |
| The Marine Corps Reserve | 2,261 | 2,261 | 2,261 |
| The Air National Guard of the United States | 14,360 | 14,555 | 14,555 |
| The Air Force Reserve | 2,733 | 2,896 | 2,896 |

The committee recommends Active Guard and Reserve end strength increases of 91 in the Army Reserve, 195 in the Air National Guard, and 163 in the Air Force Reserve over levels approved for fiscal year 2009. The committee supports increases in full-time support manning consistent with requested levels to increase readiness in the reserve components.

The committee also recommends a decrease of 281 from the fiscal year 2009 level in the Navy Reserve, consistent with reductions in the overall Navy Reserve end strength. The committee recommends end strengths for the Army National Guard and the Marine Corps Reserve equal to the fiscal year 2009 level, consistent with the budget request.

End strengths for military technicians (dual status) (sec. 413)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize end strengths for military technicians (dual status) for fiscal year 2010, as shown below:

| | Fiscal year | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 authorization | 2010 request | 2010 recommendation |
| The Army Reserve | 8,395 | 8,154 | 8,395 |
| The Army National Guard of the United States | 27,210 | 26,901 | 27,210 |
| The Air Force Reserve | 10,003 | 10,417 | 10,417 |
| The Air National Guard of the United States | 22,452 | 22,313 | 22,313 |

Fiscal year 2010 limitation on number of non-dual status technicians (sec. 414)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of non-dual status technicians who may be employed in the Department of Defense as of September 30, 2010, as shown below:

| | Fiscal year | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 authorization | 2010 request | 2010 recommendation |
| The Army National Guard of the United States | 1,600 | 2,500 | 1,600 |
| The Air National Guard of the United States | 350 | 350 | 350 |
| The Army Reserve | 595 | 836 | 595 |
| The Air Force Reserve | 90 | 90 | 90 |

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

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of Reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support under section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, as of September 30, 2010, as shown below:

| | Fiscal year | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| | 2009 authorization | 2010 request | 2010 recommendation |
| The Army National Guard of the United States | 17,000 | 17,000 | 17,000 |
| The Army Reserve | 13,000 | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| The Navy Reserve | 6,200 | 6,200 | 6,200 |
| The Marine Corps Reserve | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| The Air National Guard of the United States | 16,000 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| The Air Force Reserve | 14,000 | 14,000 | 14,000 |

**Report on trainee account for the Army National Guard
(sec. 416)**

The committee recommends a provision that would require the Secretary of the Army to submit to the congressional defense committees a report assessing the need to establish a trainees, transients, holdees, and students account within the Army National Guard. The report would be due no later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Subtitle C—Authorization of Appropriations

Military personnel (sec. 421)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize funds to be appropriated for military personnel accounts of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2010. The provision would also authorize funds to be contributed to the Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Fund.

Budget Item

Military personnel funding changes

The amount authorized to be appropriated for military personnel programs in section 421 of this Act includes the following changes from the budget request:

[Changes in millions of dollars]

| | |
|--|---------|
| Increase in military pay raise | 350.0 |
| Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program | 59.0 |
| Travel reimbursement for suspended training | 5.0 |
| Mental health assessments | 3.0 |
| Substance abuse study | 1.5 |
| Reduction of unobligated military personnel balances | - 818.5 |
| Total | - 400.0 |