

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, 2013: Army, 552,100; Navy, 322,700; Marine Corps, 197,300; and Air Force, 330,383.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 401) that would authorize active duty end strength for the Air Force of 329,597.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would authorize active duty end strength for the Air Force of 329,460.

End strength levels for the active forces for fiscal year 2013 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
Army .....	562,000	552,100	552,100	0	- 9,900
Navy .....	325,700	322,700	322,700	0	- 3,000
Marine Corps .....	202,100	197,300	197,300	0	- 4,800
Air Force .....	332,800	328,900	329,460	560	- 3,340
DOD Total .....	1,422,600	1,401,000	1,401,560	560	- 21,040

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

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 402) that would establish the following minimum end strengths for active duty personnel as of September 30, 2013: Army, 552,100; Navy, 322,700; Marine Corps, 197,300; and Air Force 330,383.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would establish minimum active duty end strengths for the Army of 542,700, for the Marine Corps of 193,500, and for the Air Force of 329,460. The amendment would also authorize the Secretary of Defense to reduce end strengths below the minimum levels established in this section by up to 0.5 percent.

Minimum end strength levels for active duty personnel for fiscal year 2013 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013	Change from
		Recommendation	FY 2012
Army .....	547,400	542,700	- 4,700
Navy .....	325,700	322,700	- 3,000
Marine Corps .....	202,100	193,500	- 8,600
Air Force .....	332,800	329,460	- 3,340
DOD Total .....	1,408,000	1,388,360	- 19,640

*Annual limitation on end strength reductions for regular component of the Army and Marine Corps (sec. 403)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 403) that would require the President to submit to Congress as part of the annual budget a certification that reductions in Army and Marine Corps end strength would not undermine ability to meet the requirements of the National Security Strategy, increase security risks, or compel members to endure diminished dwell time between deployments. The provision would also limit annual reductions in Army and Marine Corps end strength to no more than 15,000 soldiers and 5,000

marines measured from that service's end strength at the end of the preceding fiscal year. Finally, the provision would prohibit the use of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding to pay for end strength requirements.

The Senate amendment contained no similar provision.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would remove the certification requirement and OCO budgeting restriction.

The conferees remain concerned with the pace of the planned drawdown of the ground forces while the nation is still at war, as well as the impact of further defense budget reductions on personnel accounts. It is imperative that the Department fully fund its end strength requirements in accordance with the services' force reduction plans in the annual budgets through 2017.

*Additional Marine Corps personnel for the Marine Corps Security Guard Program (sec. 404)*

The Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 402) that would require the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to develop and implement a plan to increase the number of members of the Marine Corps assigned to the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group at Quantico, Virginia, and Marine Security Group Regional Commands and Marine Security Group detachments at United States embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic facilities by up to 1,000 marines. The purpose of the increase is to provide additional end strength and resources to support enhanced Marine Corps security at embassies and consulates, and other diplomatic facilities.

The provision would further require the President to provide certain funding information on the marine security guard program with the budget submission for fiscal years 2014 through 2017. The provision would require that the Marine Corps fully resource the embassy security mission without degrading readiness to fulfill its requirements under the National Military Strategy prescribed by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Finally, the provision would require the Secretary to submit a report to Congress by October 1, 2013, and annually thereafter through 2017, on implementation of program increases required by this provision.

The House bill contained no similar provision.

The House recedes with an amendment that would limit the annual reports through 2017 to one report due no later than October 1, 2013, and would make other technical and conforming amendments.

The provision will ensure that the increase in the Marine Corps security guard program in any year up to 1,000 additional marines will be authorized and funded over and above end strength needed for the Marine Corps' core mission requirements. The conferees believe that enhanced embassy security and support of the Marine Corps' core missions are essential, that one mission shall not be funded at the expense of the other, and that each must be fully resourced in future budget requests so as not to undermine readiness, as required by this provision.

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, including the end strengths for reserves on active duty in support of the reserves, as of September 30, 2013: the Army National Guard of the United States, 358,200; the Army Reserve, 205,000; the Navy Reserve, 62,500; the Marine Corps Reserve, 39,600; the Air National Guard of the United States, 106,005; the Air Force Reserve, 72,428; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 9,000.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 411) that would authorize end strength for the Air National Guard of 106,435.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would authorize end strengths for the Air National Guard of 105,700 and the Air Force Reserve of 70,880.

End strength levels for the Selected Reserve for fiscal year 2013 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
Army National Guard .....	358,200	358,200	358,200	0	0
Army Reserve .....	205,000	205,000	205,000	0	0
Navy Reserve .....	66,200	62,500	62,500	0	-3,700
Marine Corps Reserve .....	39,600	39,600	39,600	0	0
Air National Guard .....	106,700	101,600	105,700	4,100	-1,000
Air Force Reserve .....	71,400	70,500	70,880	380	-520
DOD Total .....	847,100	837,400	841,880	4,480	-5,220
Coast Guard Reserve .....	10,000	9,000	9,000	0	-1,000

*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, 2013: the Army National Guard of the United States, 32,060; the Army Reserve, 16,277; the Navy Reserve, 10,114; the Marine Corps Reserve, 2,261; the Air National Guard of the United States, 14,952; and the Air Force Reserve, 2,888.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 412) that would authorize end strength for the Air National Guard of 14,871.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would authorize end strength for the Air National Guard of 14,765.

End strength levels for reserves on active duty in support of the reserves for fiscal year 2013 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
Army National Guard .....	32,060	32,060	32,060	0	0
Army Reserve .....	16,261	16,277	16,277	0	16
Navy Reserve .....	10,337	10,114	10,114	0	-223

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
Marine Corps Reserve .....	2,261	2,261	2,261	0	0
Air National Guard .....	14,833	14,305	14,765	460	-68
Air Force Reserve .....	2,662	2,888	2,888	0	226
DOD Total .....	78,414	77,905	78,365	460	-49

*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, 2013: the Army National Guard of the United States, 27,210; the Army Reserve, 8,395; the Air National Guard of the United States, 22,272; and the Air Force Reserve, 10,946.

The Senate amendment contained a similar provision (sec. 413) that would authorize the following end strengths for military technicians (dual status): the Army Reserve, 8,445; the Army National Guard, 28,380; the Air Force Reserve, 10,716; and the Air National Guard, 22,313.

The Senate recedes with an amendment that would authorize end strengths for the Air National Guard of 22,180 and for the Air Force Reserve of 10,400.

End strength levels for military technicians (dual status) for fiscal year 2013 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
Army National Guard .....	27,210	28,380	27,210	-1,170	0
Army Reserve .....	8,395	8,445	8,395	-50	0
Air National Guard .....	22,509	21,101	22,180	1,079	-329
Air Force Reserve .....	10,777	10,283	10,400	117	-377
DOD Total .....	68,891	68,209	68,185	-24	-706

*Fiscal year 2013 limitation on number of non-dual status technicians (sec. 414)*

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 414) that would establish the following personnel limits for the reserve components of the Army and Air Force for non-dual status technicians as of September 30, 2013: 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 conference agreement includes this provision.

Personnel limitations for non-dual status technicians for fiscal year 2013 are set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
Army National Guard .....	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 authorized
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 2013 to provide operational support.

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

The conference agreement includes this provision.

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 2013 is set forth in the following table:

Service	FY 2012 authorized	FY 2013		Change from	
		Request	Recommendation	FY 2013 request	FY 2012 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 section 4401 of division D of this Act.

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

The conference agreement includes this provision.