

The House will be considering, later today, a long-term, government-wide Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 2011. The DoD section is summarized below. More details when known.

## **Defense**

The Act provides \$513 billion, \$4.9 billion above 2010.

The Act also extends expiring authorities and includes several new authorities related to ongoing contingency operations and acquisition matters.

Defense funding increases include:

- \$2.77 billion for additional military pay including funds for a 1.4% military pay raise and additional funding for Basic Allowance for Housing and Basic Allowance for Subsistence.

- \$1.56 billion for the Defense Health Program to address cost increases.

Within the 2010 baseline, the Act specifies certain funding levels for programs that enhance the quality of life for military members, and for other matters, including:

- \$250 million to upgrade schools on DoD bases that are owned and operated by local education authorities. Improving these schools is a priority of the Secretary of Defense.

- \$300 million for transportation infrastructure improvements near DoD medical facilities that have been impacted by base closure and realignment.

- Funding for the Joint Department of Defense-Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Demonstration Fund.

- \$205 million for Iron Dome, a new program related to Israeli missile defense activities.

The Act also:

- Provides DoD broad authority to realign funding to accommodate programs and projects planned for FY 2011, including new program starts, significant changes in program emphasis or quantities, and programs not funded in FY 2010 that are planned to resume in FY 2011. Funding realignment requires Congressional approval.

- Extends several authorities required for military pay and bonuses and compensation for civilian employees serving in theater, and authorities needed for overseas contingency operations in Afghanistan and elsewhere, including:

- Military Personnel Special Pay and Bonuses: Authority is extended for bonus and special pay authorities for Reserve forces; certain bonus and special pay authorities for health care professionals; special pay and bonus authorities for nuclear officers; and authorities relating to payment of referral bonuses.

- Commanders Emergency Response Program (CERP): Authority is extended for the Commanders Emergency Response Program and associated authority to help military commanders on the ground to build goodwill with the Afghan population.

- Counterdrug Authorities: Authority is extended for DoD task forces supporting law enforcement agencies conducting counter-drug and counter-terrorism activities. Authority is also extended for DoD to provide counter-narcotics equipment to several countries which are significant drug production and trafficking areas including Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

- Provides new contingency operations authorities for:

- The Afghanistan Infrastructure Fund – allowing DoD to use \$400 million in available funds for large-scale infrastructure projects that support the civil-military campaign in Afghanistan. This authority and funding was jointly requested by the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State.

- The Task Force for Business and Stability Operations - making up to \$150 million available for DoD's Task Force for Business and Stability Operations (TFBSO) to continue business development efforts in Afghanistan. TFBSO has operated successfully since 2006 in Iraq with documented successes in economic opportunities for the citizens of Iraq.

- Global Train and Equip Authority for Yemen – making up to \$75 million available for DoD to work with and help build the Yemeni Ministry of the Interior to conduct counterterrorism activities.
- Provides authority for the Navy to acquire 20 Littoral Combat Ships (LCS) to allow implementation of the Navy's preferred acquisition strategy for the class.