

and Maintenance, Army” only for a grant to the Silver Valley Unified School District for the purpose of school construction at Fort Irwin, California.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8126) which amends House language reducing certain accounts in Operation and Maintenance for efficiencies in management, outsourcing, and improved economic assumptions.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8127) which amends House language that reduces the amount available in “Operation and Maintenance, Air Force” for excess cash in the Transportation Working Capital Fund.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8128) which amends Senate language to rescind funds available in the “Iraq Freedom Fund” provided in Public Law 108-11.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8129) which amends House language to allow the Secretary of Defense to make additional payments to those local educational agencies who have children with severe disabilities.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8131) which amends Senate language concerning the Terrorism Information Awareness Program.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8132) which amends House Language that directs the Secretary of the Navy to close Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The closure and disposal of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads (NSRR) is a logical step in the process of relocating Naval training activities and training support from the NSRR area to other training facilities along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts. The conferees recognize the record of high quality service and support established by the military personnel, federal civilian employees and local contractors at NSRR. The conferees encourage the Navy to take great care in relocating military personnel and families, in assisting civilian employees with relocation and outplacement and in performing environmental cleanup. The conferees strongly encourage the Department of the Navy to work with the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) to ensure the operation of base schools through completion of the 2003 to 2004 academic year. The accompanying bill establishes a process for property closure and disposal in accordance with the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (title XXIX of Public Law 101-510; U.S.C. 2687 note).

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8138) which amends Senate language regarding a report from the Secretary of Defense on contractual offset agreements with foreign countries.

The conferees included a general provision (Section 8141) which amends Senate language to prohibit funds to be obligated or expended on the decommissioning of a Naval or Marine Corps Reserve aviation squadron until the Comptroller General of the United States submits a report on the requirements for Navy and Marine Corps tactical aviation and the role of Reserve assets in those mission requirements.

The conferees concur with the intent of Senate section 8169 and direct that not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and the Senate, a report on contracts for reconstruction and other services in Iraq that are funded in whole or in part with funds available to the Department of Defense. The report shall detail:

(1) The process and standards for designing and awarding such contracts, including assistance or consulting services provided by contractors in that process;

(2) The process and standards for awarding limited or sole-source contracts, including the criteria for justifying the awarding of such contracts;

(3) Any policies that the Secretary has implemented or plans to implement to provide for independent oversight of the performance by a contractor of services in designing and awarding such contracts;

(4) Any policies that the Secretary has implemented or plans to implement to identify, assess, and prevent any conflict of interest relating to such contracts for reconstruction;

(5) Any policies that the Secretary has implemented or plans to implement to ensure public accountability of contractors and to identify any fraud, waste, or abuse relating to such contracts for reconstruction;

(6) The process and criteria used to determine the percentage of profit allowed on cost-plus-a-fixed-fee contracts for reconstruction or other services in Iraq; and

(7) A good faith estimate of the expected costs and duration of all contracts for reconstruction or other services in Iraq.

The conferees included a new general provision (Section 8145) which provides for the transfer of the Sturgeon Class submarine NARWHAL (SSN-671) to the National Submarine Science Discovery Center, Newport, Kentucky.

The conferees included a new general provision (Section 8146) which allows the Department of Defense to waive subsistence costs for those military personnel who are hospitalized during fiscal year 2004 for combat injuries.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2004 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2003 amount, the 2004 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2004 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003	\$426,989,434
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	372,346,314
House bill, fiscal year 2004	369,190,239
Senate bill, fiscal year 2004	369,165,293
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2004	368,711,561
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2003	-58,277,873
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	-3,634,753
House bill, fiscal year 2004	-478,678
Senate bill, fiscal year 2004	-453,732

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MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2658, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of California (during consideration of H. Res. 374). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2658) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes; that all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration be waived; and that the conference report be considered as read.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2658, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2658, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I call up the conference report on the bill (H.R. 2658) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.