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112 S 3315	Related bill	Dec 28, 2012: Became Public Law No: 112-234.
112 HR 3893	Related bill	Dec 27, 2012: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 534.
112 HRES 840	Procedurally related	Dec 20, 2012: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
112 HRES 829	Related bill	Dec 12, 2012: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
112 S 3254	Related document	Dec 12, 2012: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 829, papers are returned to the Senate.
112 S 3668	Related bill	Dec 10, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 HR 6622	Related bill	Dec 7, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Courts, Commercial and Administrative Law.
112 HR 6635	Related bill	Dec 5, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 3646	Related bill	Nov 28, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
112 HR 6381	Related bill	Oct 1, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.
112 S 3614	Related bill	Sep 21, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
112 HR 733	Related bill	Sep 20, 2012: Received in the Senate.
112 S 3554	Related bill	Sep 19, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 3560	Related bill	Sep 19, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
112 S 3526	Related bill	Sep 11, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 1409	Related bill	Aug 2, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
112 HR 6229	Related bill	Jul 30, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
112 S 3372	Related bill	Jul 11, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 4341	Related bill	Jul 10, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
112 HR 4401	Related bill	Jul 10, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.
112 HR 4018	Related bill	Jul 9, 2012: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 441.
112 S 3354	Related bill	Jun 28, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 3323	Related bill	Jun 20, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
112 S 2276	Related bill	May 23, 2012: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 413.
112 S 3207	Related bill	May 21, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 HRES 661	Procedurally related	May 17, 2012: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
112 HRES 656	Procedurally related	May 16, 2012: On agreeing to the resolution Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 235 - 186, 1 Present (Roll no. 255). (text: CR H2726)
112 S 3180	Related bill	May 15, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 3181	Related bill	May 15, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 2224	Related bill	May 10, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
112 HR 5321	Related bill	Apr 27, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
112 S 2470	Related bill	Apr 26, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
112 HR 4309	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
112 HR 4178	Related bill	Mar 23, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.

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112 HR 4117	Related bill	Mar 1, 2012: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
112 S 2003	Related bill	Feb 29, 2012: Committee on the Judiciary. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 112-383.
112 HR 3863	Related bill	Feb 23, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
112 S 2060	Related bill	Feb 1, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
112 HR 3702	Related bill	Jan 6, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
112 S 99	Related bill	Dec 2, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
112 HR 3088	Related bill	Oct 4, 2011: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
112 HR 396	Related bill	Feb 25, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

(This measure has not been amended since the Conference Report was filed in the House on December 18, 2012. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 - **Division A: Department of Defense Authorizations - Title I: Procurement - Subtitle A: Authorization of Appropriations** - (Sec. 101) Authorizes appropriations for FY2013 for the Department of Defense (DOD) for procurement for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, Air Force, and defense-wide activities, in amounts specified in the funding table in Division D of this Act.

Subtitle B: Army Programs - (Sec. 111) Authorizes the Secretary of the Army, beginning with the FY2013 program year, to enter into a multiyear contract for the procurement of airframes for CH-47F helicopters.

(Sec. 112) Directs the Secretary of the Army, for six years beginning in 2013, to report to the congressional defense and appropriations committees on Army time-sensitive or mission-critical airlift requirements.

Subtitle C: Navy Programs - (Sec. 121) Amends the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Warner Act) to extend for an additional year incremental funding for the construction of Ford-class aircraft carriers.

(Sec. 122) Authorizes the Secretary of the Navy, beginning with the FY2014 program year, to enter into a multiyear contract for the procurement of Virginia-class submarines and government-furnished associated equipment. Authorizes such Secretary to employ incremental funding for such procurement upon a determination that such approach will permit the Navy to procure an additional submarine in FY2014.

(Sec. 123) Authorizes the Secretary of the Navy, beginning with the FY2013 program year, to enter into a multiyear contract for the procurement of up to 10 Arleigh Burke class Flight IIA guided missile destroyers and specified systems associated with such vessels.

(Sec. 124) Prohibits the obligation or expenditure of more than 50% of the funds authorized for a second Ford-class aircraft carrier until the Secretary of the Navy submits to the defense and appropriations committees a description of the program management and cost control measures to be employed in constructing such carrier.

(Sec. 125) Earmarks specified funds for commencement of the nuclear refueling and complex overhaul of the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln during FY2013.

(Sec. 126) Directs the Secretary of Defense (Secretary) to: (1) designate the effort to develop and produce all variants of the mission modules in support of the littoral combat ship (LCS) program as a major defense acquisition program (MDAP), (2) report to the defense and appropriations committees with respect to the development and production of each variant, and (3) report quarterly to such committees on each variant in support of such ship.

(Sec. 127) Directs the Secretary of the Navy to report to the defense and appropriations committees on LCS designs.

(Sec. 128) Directs the Comptroller General (CG) to: (1) review Navy compliance with Code of Federal Regulations requirements in accepting the LCS, and (2) report to the defense and appropriations committees on the operational support and sustainment strategy for the LCS program.

(Sec. 129) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy should take appropriate steps to prioritize early engineering in large ship construction including amphibious class ships beginning with the LHA-8.

(Sec. 130) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) the deterrence provided by a modern fleet of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines is critical to U.S. national security, (2) the Navy should replace Ohio class submarines with newer submarines, and (3) a minimum of 12 ballistic missile submarines are necessary to provide continuous at-sea deterrence.

(Sec. 131) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) DOD should carefully evaluate the maritime force structure necessary to execute demand for forces by the commanders of the combatant commands; (2) the Navy should evaluate amphibious lift capabilities to meet current and projected requirements, and should consider prioritization of investment in and procurement of the next generation of amphibious assault ships; (3) such assault ships should maintain survivability protection; (4) operation and maintenance requirements analysis should be considered to reduce total ownership and acquisition cost; and (5) maintaining a robust amphibious shipbuilding industrial base is vital for the future of U.S. national security.

(Sec. 132) Expresses the sense of the Senate that, if the Navy budget for FY2014 includes a request for more than 13 new F-18 aircraft, the FY2014 budget request for F-35 aircraft should include a request for no fewer than six F-35B aircraft and four F-35C aircraft.

Subtitle D: Air Force Programs - (Sec. 141) Reduces from 301 to 275 the number of strategic airlift aircraft, effective as of 45 days after the DOD Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) conduct a study of, and report to the defense and appropriations committees on, mobility requirements for all aspects of the National Military Strategy. Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to preserve each C-5 aircraft retired after FY2012 so that such aircraft is stored in a flyable condition, can be returned to service, and is not used to supply parts to other aircraft unless specifically authorized by the Secretary of Defense.

(Sec. 142) Prohibits the Secretary of the Air Force, beginning October 1, 2011, from retiring more than six B-1 aircraft. Directs such Secretary to maintain in a common capability configuration at least 36 of such aircraft as combat-coded.

(Sec. 143) Prohibits the Secretary of the Air Force from cancelling or modifying the avionics modernization program for C-130 aircraft until 90 days after submitting to the defense and appropriations committees a cost-benefits analysis of such program.

(Sec. 144) Directs the Secretary to treat as MDAPs certain programs for the F-22A Raptor aircraft. Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to report annually to the defense and appropriations committees on the costs, schedules, and performance of the F-22A Raptor modernization program.

Subtitle E: Joint and Multiservice Matters - (Sec. 151) Authorizes the Secretary of the Navy, beginning with the FY2013 program year, to enter into a multiyear contract for the procurement of V-22 aircraft for the Navy, Air Force, and U.S. Special Operations Command.

(Sec. 152) Authorizes the Secretary of the Air Force to procure two space-based infrared systems through a fixed-price contract. Allows the Secretary, under such contract, to use incremental funding for up to six fiscal years. Prohibits the total procurement cost from exceeding \$3.9 billion. Allows such Secretary to waive the cost limitation upon notification of adjustment to the defense, appropriations, and intelligence committees. Provides adjustment limits. Requires such Secretary to report to such committees within 30 days after contract award. Authorizes such Secretary to use Air Force procurement funds for the advanced procurement of long-lead parts and the replacement of obsolete parts for space-based infrared system satellite space vehicles number 5 and 6. Expresses the sense of Congress that such Secretary should not enter into a fixed-price contract under this section unless it will secure substantial Air Force savings over the

cost of procuring two systems separately.

(Sec. 153) Prohibits the obligation of more than 10% of the funds available to the Air Force for FY2013 for the evolved expendable launch vehicle program until the Secretary of the Air Force submits to the defense, appropriations, and intelligence committees: (1) a report describing the program's acquisition strategy; and (2) a certification that such strategy maintains assured access to space, achieves substantial cost savings, and provides opportunities for competition. Requires the CG to review the report and submit results to such committees.

(Sec. 154) Prohibits FY2013 DOD funds from being obligated or expended to retire or place in storage an RQ-4 Block 30 Global Hawk unmanned aircraft system. Requires the Secretary of the Air Force, during the period preceding December 31, 2014, to maintain the operational capability of any such system belonging or delivered to the Air Force.

(Sec. 155) Directs the Secretary of the Air Force, by June 1, 2013, to: (1) establish the initial operational capability date for the F-35A aircraft, and (2) report capability details to the defense and appropriations committees. Directs the Secretary of the Navy, by the same date, to: (1) establish such capability dates for the F-35B and C aircraft, and (2) report capability details to such committees.

(Sec. 156) Requires the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict to report to the defense and appropriations committees on costs, schedule, and operational capabilities of the shallow water combat submersible program. Requires quarterly updates to such initial report.

(Sec. 157) Directs the Secretary to ensure that all DOD tactical manned intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles use specified data links and formats in order to ensure communications interoperability. Requires data links and formats chosen to conform to a DOD specification standard, and not include any proprietary or undocumented waveforms. Authorizes a waiver of such requirements if the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (Under Secretary) certifies to the defense and appropriations committees that: (1) it would be technologically infeasible or economically unacceptable to apply such standards to such aircraft, or (2) such an aircraft is under a special access program that is not considered a MDAP.

(Sec. 158) Directs the Secretary to: (1) contract with a federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) to conduct a study on the Army's small arms and ammunition capabilities, and (2) report study results to the defense and appropriations committees.

Title II: Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation - Subtitle A: Authorization of Appropriations - (Sec. 201)
Authorizes appropriations for FY2013 for DOD for research, development, test, and evaluation (RDT&E), in amounts specified in the funding table.

Subtitle B: Program Requirements, Restrictions, and Limitations - (Sec. 211) Directs the Secretary of the Air Force to ensure that the next-generation long-range strike bomber is: (1) capable of carrying strategic nuclear weapons upon achieving initial operating capability, and (2) certified to use such weapons within two years after achieving such capability.

(Sec. 212) Amends the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012 to extend through FY2013 a limitation on the availability of funds for the Unmanned Carrier-launched Surveillance and Strike system program. Prohibits the Secretary of the Navy from reducing to one the number of prime contractors for the technology development phase of such program prior to the program achieving the preliminary design review milestone. Prohibits such Secretary, after achieving such milestone, from reducing such contractors to one until preliminary design reviews are completed, the Under Secretary certifies the

completeness of the reviews, and 30 days have elapsed since such certification.

(Sec. 213) Prohibits any FY2013 Army RDT&E funds from being obligated or expended for Milestone A activities with respect to a medium-range multipurpose vertical takeoff and landing unmanned aerial aircraft system until: (1) the Chairman of the Joint Requirements Oversight Council certifies to the defense, appropriations, and intelligence committees as to the system's capabilities; and (2) at least 30 days have elapsed following such certification.

(Sec. 214) Requires the Secretary to ensure that any FY2013 funds for activities of the conventional prompt global strike program are obligated or expended using competitive solicitation procedures involving industry as well as government partners. Allows a waiver if the Secretary determines that using such procedures is not feasible, notifies the defense and appropriations committees, and five days have elapsed since the notification.

(Sec. 215) Prohibits the obligation or expenditure of amounts under the Next Generation Foundry for the Defense Microelectronics Activity until 60 days after the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering develops and submits to the defense and appropriations committees a microelectronics strategy and an estimate of the full life-cycle costs for the upgrade of such Foundry, as well as an assessment of U.S. manufacturing capability to produce three-dimensional integrated circuits.

(Sec. 216) Directs the Under Secretary to submit to the defense and appropriations committees a strategy for the use of integrated platform design teams and agile prototyping approaches for the development of advanced rotorcraft capabilities.

Subtitle C: Missile Defense Programs - (Sec. 221) Prohibits the obligation or expenditure of any FY2013 DOD funds for the medium extended air defense system.

(Sec. 222) Earmarks specified DOD RDT&E funds to Israel for the Iron Dome short-range rocket defense program.

(Sec. 223) Authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to transfer AEGIS weapon system equipment with Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) capability to the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) for installation in the country designated as Host Nation 1. Requires the MDA Director to make a transfer of related equipment to the Navy for the DDG-51 class destroyer program.

(Sec. 224) Prohibits the obligation or expenditure of more than 75% of the FY2013 funds for the precision tracking space system until the Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation completes and submits to the defense and appropriations committees an evaluation of alternatives to such system. Requires: (1) the MDA Director to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Commander of the Air Force Space Command with respect to the space situational awareness capabilities, requirements, design, and cost sharing of such system; and (2) the CG to provide to such committees a briefing on evaluation terms of reference and a final report assessing the evaluation.

(Sec. 225) Requires the MDA Director to: (1) develop a long-term plan for the Exo-atmospheric kill vehicle for the ground-based interceptor and any other interceptor that might be developed against long-range ballistic missiles, and (2) report to the defense and appropriations committees on such plan.

(Sec. 226) Directs the Secretary of the Army to submit to such committees a modernization plan of the Patriot air and missile defense system and related systems of the integrated air and missile defense architecture.

(Sec. 227) Directs the Secretary to conduct a study evaluating at least three possible additional U.S. locations for future deployment of an interceptor capable of protecting against threats from nations such as North Korea and Iran, requiring

accompanying environmental impacts. Requires the MDA Director to: (1) develop a contingency plan for an additional interceptor site in case the President decides to proceed with an additional deployment, and (2) notify the defense and appropriations committees when such plan has been developed.

(Sec. 228) Expresses the sense of Congress: (1) for a national priority of defending the United States against the potential future threat of limited ballistic missile attack; (2) in favor of the currently deployed ground-based midcourse defense (GBMD) system to provide such defense, assuming appropriate levels of sustainability and performance; (3) that the MDA should correct problems discovered in GBMD flight tests; and (4) that DOD should continue to evaluate the evolving threat of limited ballistic missile attack, particularly from countries such as North Korea and Iran, and consider other possibilities for affordable and effective steps to improve the posture of the United States to defend itself. Requires: (1) a report from the Secretary to the defense and appropriations committees on the status of efforts to improve U.S. homeland missile defense capability, and (2) a briefing of such committees by the CG with respect to such report.

(Sec. 229) Expresses the sense of Congress that : (1) the threat from regional ballistic missiles, particularly from Iran and North Korea, is serious and growing, and puts at risk forward-deployed U.S. forces and allies and partners in Europe, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region; (2) DOD has an obligation to protect all such forces; (3) the European Phased Adaptive Approach is an appropriate and necessary response to such threat; (4) DOD should continue to test and plan to deploy all four phases of such Approach, as well as other phased and adaptive regional missile defense efforts; and (5) European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) are making valuable contributions toward European missile defense. Requires: (1) a report from the Secretary to the defense and appropriations committees on the status and progress of regional missile defense programs and efforts, and (2) a briefing of such committees by the CG with respect to such report.

(Sec. 230) Directs the Secretary to report to such committees on: (1) contributions of NATO members to missile defense in Europe, and (2) the testing program for the GBMD element of the BMD system. Requires a CG briefing with respect to the latter report.

(Sec. 232) Expresses the sense of Congress that: (1) it is U.S. policy to deploy as soon as possible an effective national missile defense system capable of defending the United States against limited ballistic missile attack; (2) further limitations on missile defense capabilities are not in the U.S. national security interests; (3) the New Start Treaty and statements by the Russian Federation do not limit, and should not be interpreted as limiting, current plans to protect the United States or its Armed Forces and allies from such attack; (4) any additional defensive limitations may enter into force only with the advice and consent of the Senate; and (5) the Arms Control and Disarmament Act requires that no action shall be taken that would obligate the United States to reduce or limit its Armed Forces or armaments in a militarily significant manner, except pursuant to the treaty-making power of the President.

(Sec. 233) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should comply with requirements of the previous National Defense Authorization Act and submit to Congress a homeland defense hedging policy and strategy report.

Subtitle D: Reports - (Sec. 241) Directs the Secretary of the Navy to report to the defense and appropriations committees on the mine countermeasures, antisubmarine, and surface warfare mission packages for the littoral combat ship.

(Sec. 242) Directs the Commandant of the Marine Corps to: (1) study the future capabilities of the Marine Corps with respect to electronic warfare, and (2) report study results to the defense and appropriations committees.

(Sec. 243) Provides that if the ongoing Marine Corps ground combat vehicle fleet mix study recommends the acquisition

of a separate Marine personnel carrier, then the Secretary of the Navy and the Commandant of the Marine Corps shall jointly report to the defense and appropriations committees with respect to such carrier.

(Sec. 244) Requires the Secretary of the Air Force to submit to such committees a report on Air Force cyber and information technology research investments.

(Sec. 245) Directs the Secretary to: (1) enter into an agreement with the National Research Council to review the DOD specialized degree-granting graduate programs in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and management; and (2) report review results to the defense and appropriations committees.

Subtitle E: Other Matters - (Sec. 251) Includes educational institutions in Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and U.S. territories and possessions within authorized defense laboratories education partnerships.

(Sec. 252) Authorizes the Secretary to use the DOD research and engineering network to support regional advanced technology clusters established by the Secretary of Commerce to encourage the development of innovative advanced technologies to address national security and homeland defense challenges. Requires the Under Secretary to report to Congress on DOD participation in such activities.

(Sec. 253) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should develop a plan to increase the use of emerging technologies in autonomous systems, the commercial gaming sector, and artificial intelligence for training exercises for members of the Armed Forces (members).

Title III: Operation and Maintenance - Subtitle A: Authorization of Appropriations - (Sec. 301) Authorizes appropriations for FY2013 for operation and maintenance (O&M) for the Armed Forces and specified activities and agencies of DOD.

Subtitle B: Energy and Environment - (Sec. 311) Amends the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Stump Act) to extend through FY2018 the submission to Congress of progress reports on a training range sustainment plan and inventory.

(Sec. 312) Amends the Sikes Act (conservation management on government lands) to authorize the Secretary of the military department concerned (Secretary concerned) to enter into cooperative agreements with Indian tribes for land management in areas adjoining military installations and state-owned National Guard installations.

(Sec. 313) Directs the Secretary to: (1) issue to the military departments and appropriate defense agencies written guidance on environmental exposures at military installations, (2) submit such guidance to the defense and appropriations committees, and (3) brief such committees regarding materiel solutions that would measure environmental exposures to members while in contingency operations.

(Sec. 314) Directs the Secretary, if a required annual report for FY2011 concerning DOD operational energy is not submitted to the defense and appropriations committees by December 31, 2012, to report to such committees on the status of targets listed in the document entitled "Operational Energy Strategy: Implementation Plan, Department of Defense, March, 2012."

(Sec. 315) Prohibits the obligation or expenditure of FY2013 biofuels production funds for the construction of a biofuel refinery until DOD receives matching contributions from the Department of Energy (DOE) and equivalent contributions from the Department of Agriculture for the same purpose.

(Sec. 316) Expresses the sense of the Senate that: (1) DOD airfields, training airspace, and air training routes must be protected from encroachment; (2) placement of obstructions near such areas could potentially increase risk to military aircraft and personnel as well as impact training and readiness; and (3) DOD should develop and promulgate comprehensive guidance to assess the impact of such potential encroachments on DOD's ability to conduct missions or maintain readiness.

Subtitle C: Logistics and Sustainment - (Sec. 321) Amends the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2004 to authorize the Secretary concerned to carry out a demonstration project at specified facilities for the promotion by one grade level of workers who are certified at the journey level to perform multiple trades. Extends the project through FY2018.

(Sec. 322) Repeals certain amendments made under the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012 relating to DOD depot-level maintenance, and revives the former provisions. Directs the Secretary to report biennially to Congress identifying core depot-level maintenance and repair capability requirements and corresponding workloads for each of the military departments (other than the Coast Guard). Requires the CG to review each such report and submit review results to the defense and appropriations committees.

(Sec. 323) Requires the Secretary of the Air Force, in managing system program responsibilities for sustainment programs not assigned to a program executive officer or a direct reporting program manager, to comply with DOD instructions regarding the assignment of program responsibility.

Subtitle D: Readiness - (Sec. 331) Authorizes the Secretary concerned to enter into intergovernmental support agreements with state or local governments for the procurement or sharing of installation support services, as long as such Secretary determines that the agreement will serve the best interests of that department.

(Sec. 332) Amends the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2008 to extend to all military department Secretaries (under current law, only to the Secretary of the Army) the authority to use working-capital funds for expenses directly related to conducting a pilot program for a product or process improvement. Extends such authority through FY2018, and revises report requirement deadlines.

(Sec. 333) Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary should expedite completion of the study of U.S. strategic ports called for in the conference report accompanying the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012 so that it can be submitted to Congress before December 31, 2012. Requires such study results to be submitted to the CG, who shall assess such report and submit assessment results to the defense and appropriations committees. Directs the CG to subsequently: (1) conduct a study of DOD programs and efforts related to the state of strategic ports with respect to DOD's operational and readiness requirements, and (2) report study results to such committees.

Subtitle E: Reports - (Sec. 341) Requires as additional information in an annual DOD report on long-term corrosion strategy: (1) data on return of investment for completed corrosion projects and activities; and (2) how such funds are used for military corrosion projects, the technical corrosion collaboration pilot program, and other corrosion-related activities.

(Sec. 342) Directs the Secretary to report to Congress on the readiness of the joint force to conduct operations in environments lacking access to command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance systems, including the Global Positioning System (GPS). Requires the JCS Chairman, based on report results, to develop a roadmap and joint exercise plan for the joint force to operate in such an environment.

(Sec. 343) Revises the deadline for a CG review of an annual report on prepositioned materiel and equipment.

(Sec. 344) Includes within a required annual report on the maintenance and repair of naval vessels in foreign shipyards vessels operated pursuant to a contract entered into by the Secretary of the Navy and the Maritime Administration or the U.S. Transportation Command in support of DOD operations.

(Sec. 345) Amends the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2010 to extend the deadline for a CG report on the DOD service contract inventory.

Subtitle F: Limitations and Extension of Authority - (Sec. 351) Repeals the authority of the Secretary to provide certain military equipment and facilities to federal, state, or local law enforcement or emergency response agencies to prepare for or respond to emergencies involving chemical or biological agents.

(Sec. 352) Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish a budget justification display that fully identifies the baseline aerospace control alert budget for each of the military departments and encompasses all programs and activities of the aerospace control alert mission for procurement, O&M, RDT&E, and military construction; and (2) report to the defense and appropriations committees a cost-benefit analysis and risk-based assessment of such mission as it relates to expected future budget and force structure changes. Directs the CG to review such analysis and assessment and report review results to such committees. Expresses the sense of Congress that Air Force wings performing 24-hour aerospace control alert missions provide an essential service in defending U.S. airspace in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks upon the United States.

(Sec. 353) Prohibits more than \$5 million in FY2013 O&M funds from being made available for the National Museum of the United States Army until the Secretary of the Army certifies to the defense and appropriations committees that sufficient private funding has been raised to fund construction of the Museum portion known as the Baseline Museum, and that at least 50% of the latter Museum has been completed.

(Sec. 354) Prohibits any FY2013 DOD funds from being used to retire, inactivate, or place in storage a cruiser or dock landing ship.

(Sec. 355) Prohibits the President from transferring a veterans memorial object to a foreign country, person, or entity unless the transfer is specifically authorized by law, or is made after September 30, 2017.

Subtitle G: National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force - National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force Act of 2012 - (Sec. 362) Establishes the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force to study the current structure of the Air Force to determine whether and how it should be modified to best fulfill current and anticipated Air Force mission requirements consistent with available resources. Requires the Commission to report its findings and conclusions to the President and the defense and appropriations committees. Terminates the Commission 90 days after such report. Provides funding.

Subtitle H: Other Matters - (Sec. 371) Provides that if a military working dog (dog) should be retired, and no suitable adoption is available at the military facility where the dog is located, the Secretary concerned may transfer the dog to the 341st Training Squadron or to another location for adoption. Authorizes the Secretary to establish and maintain a system to provide for the veterinary care of retired dogs.

(Sec. 372) Directs the CG to: (1) review DOD policies and procedures for the handling, labeling, and packaging of hazardous material shipments, and (2) report review results to the defense, appropriations, and transportation

committees.

Title IV: Military Personnel Authorizations - Subtitle A: Active Forces - (Sec. 401) Sets forth authorized end strengths for active-duty forces as of the end of FY2013.

(Sec. 402) Revises permanent active-duty end strength minimum levels.

(Sec. 403) Provides an annual 15,000-member limit on reductions in end strengths of the regular Army or Marine Corps during each of FY2014-FY2017.

(Sec. 404) Directs the Secretary to develop and implement a plan to increase the number of Marine Corps personnel assigned to the Marine Corps Embassy Security Group at Quantico, Virginia, as well as Marine Security Group regional commands and detachments at U.S. embassies, consulates, and other diplomatic facilities by up to 1,000 Marines in light of threats to U.S. personnel and property. Requires a description of the expanded security support to be included in each annual budget submission after FY2013. Directs: (1) the Secretary to conduct an assessment of the Marine Corps Security Guard Program and report assessment results to Congress; and (2) the President to notify Congress of any required modification in the scope of such Program.

Subtitle B: Reserve Forces - (Sec. 411) Sets forth authorized end strengths as of the end of FY2013 for members of the Selected Reserve and reserve personnel on active duty in support of the reserves.

(Sec. 413) Sets forth minimum end strengths for FY2013 for Army and Air Force dual status military technicians.

(Sec. 414) Provides a FY2013 limitation on the number of non-dual status Army and Air Force military technicians.

(Sec. 415) Sets forth the maximum number of reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support during FY2013.

Subtitle C: Authorization of Appropriations - (Sec. 421) Authorizes appropriations for FY2013 for military personnel.

Title V: Military Personnel Policy - Subtitle A: Officer Personnel Policy Generally - (Sec. 501) Increases by two the authorized Navy active-duty flag officer end strength limitation.

(Sec. 502) Extends through 2018 DOD authority to convene selection boards to consider early discharges for regular officers below lieutenant colonel or commander who have served on active duty for at least one year in their current grade, are not on a promotion list, and are ineligible for retirement.

(Sec. 503) Revises the definition of joint duty assignment as it pertains to instructors to include all instructor assignments for joint training and education.

(Sec. 504) Increases from 30 to 33 years the maximum authorized length of service a chief Navy warrant officer, grade W-5, may serve prior to statutory retirement.

(Sec. 505) Extends through FY2018 the authority of the Secretary concerned to reduce from 10 to 8 years the minimum length of active-duty service as a commissioned officer prior to voluntary retirement.

(Sec. 506) Allows the Secretary or the Secretary concerned, during FY2013-FY2018, to retire up to 4% of the total number of officers in grades O-5 and O-6 within each military department, notwithstanding that such officers do not have the normally-required three years of service in such grade prior to retirement. (Under current law, such authority

terminated at the end of 2007.)

(Sec. 507) Authorizes the Secretary or the Secretary concerned, during FY2013-FY2017, to retire up to 10% of the total number of officers in grades O-7 and O-8, again notwithstanding the required prior three years of service in such grade.

(Sec. 508) Establishes the position of Chief of Chaplains in the Air Force, holding the grade of major general. Requires such appointee to have served as an active-duty chaplain for at least eight years.

Subtitle B: Reserve Component Management - (Sec. 511) Codifies under federal law the positions of Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for: (1) National Guard Matters, and (2) Reserve Matters. Outlines position qualifications and duties. Repeals a superseded provision of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 1998.

(Sec. 512) Confers federal recognition on members of the National Guard promoted from W-1 to chief warrant officer, W-2.

(Sec. 513) Authorizes the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to establish a program to provide professionals (to be known as transition assistance advisors) in each state to serve as points of contact to assist members of the reserves who serve on active duty for more than 180 consecutive days in accessing benefits and health care furnished under the DOD and the VA. Requires an individual transition plan for each member. Provides program funding.

Subtitle C: General Service Authorities - (Sec. 518) Authorizes licensed clinical social workers and psychiatric advanced practice registered nurses (under current law, only psychiatrists) to conduct pre-separation medical examinations to make post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) determinations.

(Sec. 519) Directs the Secretary (and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard) to develop and implement a plan to measure DOD and Coast Guard efforts to achieve a sustainable level of members of the Armed Forces that will reflect the diverse population of the United States eligible to serve, including gender-specific, racial, and ethnic populations. Requires progress made in implementing such plan to be included in currently-required annual manpower requirements reports. Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to annually prepare and submit to specified congressional committees a report addressing diversity among officers and enlisted personnel within the Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve.

(Sec. 520) Extends through 2016 the limitation on the reduction on manpower levels within the service review agencies of the military departments.

(Sec. 521) Extends through FY2015 the authority of members to accumulate and carry over up to 75 days of leave.

(Sec. 522) Amends the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Hunter Act) to include within its career intermission pilot program Guard and reserve members serving on active duty. Authorizes program participants to retain their earned leave balance (up to a 60-day limit) and to be processed for disability separation while so participating.

(Sec. 523) Prohibits providing a waiver for commissioning or enlistment in the Armed Forces for any individual convicted under federal or state law of the felony offense of rape, sexual abuse, sexual assault, incest, or any other sexual offense.

(Sec. 524) Directs the Secretary to standardize, assess, and monitor DOD medical evaluation boards, physical evaluation boards, and physical evaluation board liaison officers. Requires the Secretary to submit to the defense and veterans committees: (1) a one-time report setting forth a plan for the implementation of this section, and (2) subsequent annual

reports over four years assessing plan implementation.

(Sec. 525) Requires each department Secretary to report semiannually in 2013-2014 to the defense committees on the number of members of regular components of that armed force who were involuntarily separated from active duty in order to meet force reduction requirements.

(Sec. 526) Directs the Secretary to report to the defense and appropriations committees evaluating the feasibility of incorporating gender-neutral occupational standards for military occupational specialties currently closed to females.

(Sec. 527) Directs the Secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force Chief of Staff to jointly report to the defense and appropriations committees on education and training and promotion rates for Air Force pilots of remotely piloted aircraft.

(Sec. 528) Directs each military department Secretary, in materials in support of the budget for each of FY2014-FY2018, to include a statement of the degree to which their disability population impacts their readiness to meet ongoing mission requirements and dwell time. Requires the Secretary concerned, when necessary, to include a plan to mitigate any adverse impact.

Subtitle D: Military Justice and Legal Matters - (Sec. 531) Requires the Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. Authorizes such Advocate to supervise the administration of justice and delivery of legal assistance within the Marine Corps, and to provide professional supervision of legal services provided by Marine Corps judge advocates.

(Sec. 532) Requires, in annual reports of the Committee of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, legal information from the judge advocates general and the staff judge advocate of the Marine Corps, including appellate review results of general or special court martial determinations.

(Sec. 533) Requires the Armed Forces to accommodate the conscience, moral principles, or religious beliefs of its members and, so far as practicable, may not use such conscience, principles, or beliefs as the basis of any adverse personnel action, discrimination, or denial of promotion, schooling, training, or assignment. Prohibits any member from: (1) requiring a chaplain to perform any rite, ritual, or ceremony that is contrary to his or her beliefs; or (2) discriminate or take adverse personnel action against a chaplain for their refusal to comply with a directive that is against his or her beliefs.

(Sec. 534) Directs the military department Secretaries, and the Secretary of Homeland Security with respect to the Coast Guard, to report to the defense and transportation committees on hazing in each of their respective departments.

Subtitle E: Member Education and Training Opportunities and Administration - (Sec. 541) Transfers from the Secretary of Education to the Secretary responsibility and authority for operation of the Troops-to-Teachers Program of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Authorizes the Secretary to carry out a Troops-to-Teachers Program: (1) to assist retired or former members of the Armed Forces to obtain certification as elementary, secondary, or career or technical teachers; and (2) to facilitate the employment of such members by local educational agencies or charter schools identified by the Secretary of Education as receiving low-income families grant assistance or experiencing a shortage of teachers. Outlines member eligibility and application requirements and processes. Requires such Program participants to teach for at least three school years following appropriate certification or licensing. Authorizes the Secretary to pay: (1) a stipend to cover expenses incurred to obtain the required educational level, certification, or licensing, limiting such stipend to \$5,000; and (2) a bonus to participants who agree to teach for at least three years at an eligible school, limiting such bonus to \$10,000. Limits to 5,000 the total number of stipends to be paid in

a fiscal year, and to 3,000 the total number of bonuses to be paid in a fiscal year. Provides for stipend or bonus reimbursement in appropriate cases, with exceptions under certain circumstances. Limits to \$15 million the total amount to be obligated under the Program for any fiscal year. Terminates the Department of Education Troops-to-Teachers Program.

(Sec. 542) Authorizes the Secretary of the Navy to: (1) enter into agreements with the Naval Academy Association to support the Naval Academy athletic and physical fitness programs, (2) receive funds from the Association and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to further such support, and (3) enter into agreements for licensing and marketing relating to Naval Academy trademarks and service marks.

(Sec. 543) Amends the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012 to remove the limit of five on the number of military occupational specialties or duty specialty codes for coverage under a DOD pilot program on the receipt of civilian credentialing for skills required in military specialties.

(Sec. 544) Authorizes the VA Secretary, as a condition of a grant or contract to a state for certain veterans' employment and training programs, to require the state to demonstrate the consideration of any military training or experience received by a veteran when approving or denying a license or certification as a nonemergency or emergency medical professional or a commercial driver.

(Sec. 545) Directs the Secretary to: (1) assess the extent of access that representatives of institutions of higher education have to military installations, and (2) report assessment results to the defense committees.

(Sec. 546) Requires the Secretary to report to such committees on DOD efforts to standardize educational transcripts issued to members upon their separation.

(Sec. 547) Directs the CG to: (1) review the methodology used by the Military Education Coordination Council in compiling a required report concerning joint professional military education, (2) report review results to the defense committees, and (3) submit to such committees an assessment of the work performed by joint professional military education research institutions in support of professional military education and the broader mission of DOD and the military departments and defense agencies.

Subtitle F: Reserve Officers' Training Corps and Related Matters - (Sec. 551) Repeals the requirement that at least 50% of service academy midshipmen and cadets qualify for and receive in-state tuition rates.

(Sec. 552) Authorizes the Secretary concerned to issue arms, tentage, and equipment to an educational institution at which no JROTC unit is maintained if such institution offers a course in military instruction and has at least 50 students above the eighth grade.

(Sec. 553) Amends the Hunter Act to require the Secretary to develop a plan to establish and support at least 3,000 and no more than 3,700 (under current law, not less than 3,700) Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) units by September 20, 2020. Authorizes the Secretaries concerned to determine that support provided to youth development programs is consistent with JROTC funding limitations and program objectives. Requires additional periodic plan reports until 2020.

(Sec. 554) Directs the CG to report to the defense and appropriations committees on the effectiveness and oversight of the ROTC program.

Subtitle G: Defense Dependents' Education and Military Family Readiness - (Sec. 561) Earmarks specified DOD

O&M funds for assistance to local educational agencies: (1) that benefit dependents of members and civilian DOD employees; and (2) with enrollment changes due to base closures, force structure changes, or force relocations. Extends the latter assistance authority through FY2014.

(Sec. 562) Earmarks specified DOD O&M funds for impact aid for children with severe disabilities.

(Sec. 563) Impact Aid Improvement Act of 2012 - Amends title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to revise the calculation of: (1) impact aid payments owed to federal property districts, and (2) eligible children displaced from housing located on federal property. Revises the deadline for final payments to educational districts. Terminates such amendments two years after the enactment of this Act.

(Sec. 564) Revises a DOD program which provides transitional compensation and other benefits for the dependents of members who were separated from service due to dependent abuse to include under such coverage a child who was carried during pregnancy at the time of the abuse and born thereafter.

(Sec. 565) Permits the Secretary to authorize the enrollment in a DOD domestic education program of a dependent of a member or federal employee currently enrolled in the DOD overseas education program if: (1) the dependent departed the overseas location as a result of an evacuation order, (2) the designated safe haven of the dependent is located within reasonable commuting distance of a school operated by the DOD education program, and (3) the school has the necessary capacity and resources to allow such attendance. Limits such enrollment to the end of that school year. Authorizes the enrollment in the DOD virtual elementary and secondary education program, on a tuition basis, of a dependent of an active-duty member who, upon return to the United States, is enrolled in the elementary or secondary school of a local educational agency under the DOD domestic education program.

(Sec. 566) Authorizes the head of a federal agency to appoint, on a noncompetitive basis, a relocating spouse of a member ordered to active duty for more than 180 days, or a spouse of a fully disabled or deceased member.

(Sec. 567) Directs the Secretary to report to the defense and appropriations committees on the anticipated future of DOD family support programs during the five-year period after such report as military end strengths are reduced and forces are drawn down from combat operations in Afghanistan.

(Sec. 568) Expresses the sense of Congress in support of the goals and ideals of Yellow Ribbon Day in honor of members who are serving overseas apart from their families and loved ones.

Subtitle H: Improved Sexual Assault Prevention and Response in the Armed Forces - (Sec. 570) Includes sexual assault occurrence and response information to be included in DOD workplace and gender relations surveys. Revises survey dates.

(Sec. 571) Allows sexual assault victim-members of the reserves to remain on active duty, or to be recalled to active duty, to complete a line-of-duty determination with respect to the assault.

(Sec. 572) Directs each department Secretary to: (1) establish a record on the disposition of any unrestricted report of sexual assault involving a member, whether such disposition is court martial, nonjudicial punishment, or other administrative action; and (2) require the processing for administrative separation of any member convicted of a sexual offense who is not otherwise discharged in connection with such conviction. Requires the commander of every command and other specified units to conduct an organizational climate assessment within 120 days after the commander assumes command, and annually thereafter. Requires DOD to: (1) post and widely disseminate information about resources

available to report and respond to sexual assaults, including hotline phone numbers and available websites; and (2) conduct a general education campaign to notify members of authorities available for the correction of military records containing retaliatory personnel action after making a report of sexual assault or harassment. Provides additional requirements regarding the disposition of records of sexual assault reports, including that all such records be retained for at least 20 years.

(Sec. 573) Directs each military department Secretary to establish special victim capabilities for investigating and prosecuting allegations of child abuse, serious domestic violence, or sexual offenses, and providing support for the victims of such offenses. Directs the Secretary to: (1) prescribe standards for the training, selection, and certification of personnel who will provide such capabilities; and (2) submit to the defense committees the plans and timelines of the military departments for establishing such capabilities, as well as an assessment of such plans and timelines.

(Sec. 574) Amends the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012 to direct the Secretary to provide for the inclusion of a sexual assault prevention and response training module in the training for new or prospective commanders at all levels of command. Requires information on the DOD policy on sexual assault and its prevention and reporting procedures to be included in each member's initial entrance onto active duty or into duty status with a reserve component.

(Sec. 575) Amends the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Skelton Act) to require the Secretary concerned to include additional information in the case synopses portion of each required report regarding sexual assaults in their department in the prior year, including the reasons for any denials of victim requests for a permanent change of station or unit transfer after an assault.

(Sec. 576) Directs the Secretary to establish an independent panel to review and assess: (1) UCMJ judicial proceedings involving sexual assault and related offenses for purposes of developing potential improvements to such proceedings, and (2) such proceedings since the amendments made to the UCMJ by the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2012, for the same purposes. Outlines panel duties, and requires panel reports to the Secretary and the defense committees during FY2013-FY2017. Terminates the panel at the end of FY2017.

(Sec. 577) Requires, at the request of a member, certain DOD sexual assault forms and records to be retained for at least 50 years.

(Sec. 578) Directs the Secretary to develop a policy to require a general or flag officer to review the circumstances of, and grounds for the proposed involuntary separation of, any member who: (1) makes an unrestricted report of a sexual assault, (2) within one year thereafter, is recommended for involuntary separation, and (3) requests a review on the grounds that the proposed separation was initiated in retaliation for making such report. Requires the Secretary to submit such policy to the defense committees.

(Sec. 579) Directs the Secretary to develop and submit to the defense committees: (1) a policy to prevent and respond to sexual harassment in the Armed Forces, and (2) a plan to collect information and data regarding substantiated incidents of sexual harassment involving members.

Subtitle I: Suicide Prevention and Resilience - (Sec. 580) Directs the Secretary to establish a position for the oversight of all DOD suicide prevention and resilience programs.

(Sec. 581) Directs the Secretary to establish and carry out a program to provide members of the National Guard and reserves and their families with training in suicide prevention, resilience, and community healing and response to suicide, including provision of such training at Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events and activities authorized under the

NDAA for Fiscal Year 2008. Terminates such program on October 1, 2017. Repeals a superseded provision of the NDAA for Fiscal Year 2008.

(Sec. 582) Directs the Secretary to develop within DOD a comprehensive policy on the prevention of suicide among members.

(Sec. 583) Directs the Secretary of the Army to conduct a study through FY2014 of resilience programs within the Army in order to assess the effectiveness of the current Army comprehensive soldier and family fitness program while verifying current Army means of reducing trends in high-risk or self-destructive behavior and training members to manage stressful or traumatic situations through resilience strategies and techniques. Requires such Secretary to report to the defense committees on such study.

Subtitle J: Other Matters - (Sec. 584) Authorizes the Secretary concerned to issue a prisoner-of-war medal to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces, was held captive under circumstances which such Secretary finds were comparable to those under which persons have generally been held captive by enemy forces during periods of armed conflict.

(Sec. 585) Makes technical amendments relating to the termination of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

(Sec. 586) Removes the requirement that the Secretary publish semiannually in the Federal Register a list of institutions of higher education that are ineligible for DOD contracts and grants by reason of preventing ROTC access or military recruiting on its campus.

(Sec. 587) Authorizes the Secretary concerned to accept gifts and services that benefit the education of members and their families, as well as voluntary services to facilitate accounting for missing persons.

(Sec. 588) Directs the Secretary to ensure that whenever the official flags of all 50 states are displayed by the Armed Forces, such display shall include the flags of the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Sec. 589) Requires the Secretary, upon determining that it is in the best interests of DOD to increase the maximum number of defense industry employees enrolled in the Naval Defense Development Program or the Air Force Institute of Technology, to submit to the defense committees a request for such increase.

(Sec. 590) Extends through FY2013 VA authority for a program of referral and counseling services to veterans at risk of homelessness who are transitioning from certain institutional living.

(Sec. 591) Requires in 2013 the DOD Inspector General (under current law, the Secretary of the Army) to inspect and report on the Arlington National Cemetery and the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery. Extends related report requirements from the DOD Inspector General and the department Secretaries.

(Sec. 592) Directs the Secretary to report to the defense committees on certain investigations and reviews conducted with respect to the improper handling and preparation of the remains of deceased members and civilians at the Port Mortuary Division of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs Operations Center at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

(Sec. 593) Directs the Secretary, in order to preserve the editorial and management independence of the Stars and Stripes newspaper, to extend its lease in the District of Columbia until the Secretary provides space and other support for such operations in a government-owned facility in the National Capital Region remote from the Defense Media Activity at

Fort Meade, Maryland. Requires the Secretary to report to the defense committees on the implementation of such requirement.

(Sec. 594) Requires the Director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to carry out a national public awareness and participation campaign for such Center's Veterans' History Project.

(Sec. 595) Directs the Secretary to submit to the defense committees a plan to improve the completeness and accuracy of the data contained in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

(Sec. 596) Expresses the sense of Congress that the bugle call commonly known as "Taps" should be designated the National Song of Military Remembrance.

Title VI: Compensation and Other Personnel Benefits - Subtitle A: Pay and Allowances - (Sec. 601) Waives any FY2013 pay increases tied to increases in the General Schedule of Compensation for government employees. Increases by 1.7%, effective January 1, 2013, the rates of basic pay for military personnel.

(Sec. 602) Extends through 2013 DOD authority to provide a temporary increase in the rate of the basic allowance for housing (BAH) for housing located in a major disaster area or an area which contains one or more military installations experiencing a sudden increase in assigned personnel.

(Sec. 603) Entitles to a BAH a member without dependents in a pay grade below E-6 who is assigned to sea duty and is married to another member.

(Sec. 604) Requires the rate of BAH paid to a reserve member who performs active National Guard and reserve duty to be based on the member's permanent duty station, even when such member is mobilized for service on active duty other than active Guard and reserve duty. Requires such member to retain such permanent duty station-based BAH during transitions in service from active Guard and reserve duty to other active duty, so long as the member remains on active duty without a break in service. Allows members currently receiving a BAH rate higher than that provided in this section to continue to receive the higher rate until they are reassigned to another permanent duty station. Authorizes the Secretary concerned, in such latter cases, to continue to pay the higher rate at the new duty station to ensure fairness and equity or to serve the best interests of the United States.

(Sec. 605) Directs the Secretary concerned to make a payment to each member who was eligible to participate in the Post-Deployment/Mobilization Respite Absence program, but did not participate for one or more days due to government error. Makes such payment: (1) \$200 for each day of non-participation, and (2) in lieu of any authorized administrative absence for such day(s).

Subtitle B: Bonuses and Special and Incentive Pays - (Sec. 611) Extends through 2013 specified authorities currently scheduled to expire at the end of 2012 with respect to certain special pay and bonus programs within the regular and reserve Armed Forces.

(Sec. 616) Increases from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the maximum Selected Reserve officer affiliation bonus.

(Sec. 617) Increases from \$2,000 to \$4,000 the maximum incentive bonus for reserve personnel who convert their military occupational specialty to one in which there is a shortage of trained and qualified personnel.

Subtitle C: Travel and Transportation Allowances - (Sec. 621) Authorizes the payment of a travel and transportation allowance for a member of the Selected Reserve who is involuntarily separated due to force structure reductions between

October 1, 2012, and December 31, 2018, and subsequently fills a critical vacancy in another Selected Reserve unit located more than 150 miles from the member's residence. Allows such payment to include an allowance for dependents and household effects.

(Sec. 622) Authorizes the Secretary to establish a program to provide transportation on DOD aircraft on a space-available basis for: (1) active duty personnel; (2) reserve members holding a valid Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card; (3) retired members who, but for not attaining age 60, would be eligible for military retired pay; and (4) certain dependents of members described above. Allows the Secretary to establish an order of priority based on considerations of military needs and readiness. Provides a special priority for retired members (and one accompanying dependent) residing in a U.S. commonwealth or possession who need certain health care services not readily available in their location.

Subtitle D: Benefits and Services for Members Being Separated or Recently Separated - (Sec. 631) Extends through 2018 DOD authority to allow involuntarily separated members to continue to use military commissary and exchange stores for two years after such separation.

(Sec. 632) Allows involuntarily separated members, during the period beginning on October 1, 2012 and extending through December 31, 2018, to remain in government family housing for up to 180 days following their date of separation. Prohibits the payment of BAH during any period following the involuntary separation.

Subtitle E: Disability, Retired Pay, and Survivor Benefits - (Sec. 641) Waives payment of premiums under the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) for members retiring under the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) when such member waives military retired pay in order to elect civil service retirement and provide a survivor annuity.

(Sec. 642) Removes members from automatic enrollment as a dependent under the Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program when they are already insured under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program.

Subtitle F: Commissary and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality Benefits and Operations - (Sec. 651) Eliminate the requirement that the Secretary record and report to Congress on changes in restrictions on the sale of merchandise by overseas commissary and exchange stores.

(Sec. 652) Codifies the designation of the Fisher House for the Families of the Fallen and Meditation Pavilion at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, as a Fisher House for all purposes under laws relating to Fisher Houses and Fisher Suites. Authorizes as residents of such facility the primary next of kin and other family members of a member who dies while serving overseas, as well as escorts of such family members.

Subtitle G: Military Lending - (Sec. 661) Applies the prohibition against charging out-of-state members higher interest rates on loans than what is permitted for residents of such state to other forms of consumer credit regulated by the Secretary for the credit protection of members. Includes the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection among those federal financial regulators with whom the Secretary is required to consult with concerning member credit protection.

(Sec. 662) Provides civil relief for violations of the protections on consumer credit extended to members and their dependents, including actual and punitive damages as well as equitable and declaratory relief. Requires the enforcement of protections on consumer credit for members and their dependents through agencies specified under the Truth in Lending Act.

(Sec. 663) Conforms the definition of "dependent" for purposes of consumer credit extended to members and their

dependents with such definition as used to establish eligibility for military medical care.

Subtitle H: Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission - (Sec. 672) Establishes as an independent entity in the executive branch the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission to: review the military compensation and retirement systems in light of their current elements, force management objectives, and changes in life expectancy and the labor force; and (2) develop recommendations for modernizing such systems. Requires the Commission, prior to making such recommendations, to examine all federal laws and policies conce

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 2, 2013:** Signed by President.
- **Jan 2, 2013:** Became Public Law No: 112-239.
- **Dec 30, 2012:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Conference report considered in Senate. (consideration: CR S8325-8340)
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Conference report agreed to in Senate: Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 81 - 14. Record Vote Number: 229.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 81 - 14. Record Vote Number: 229.
- **Dec 21, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Rule H. Res. 840 passed House.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Mr. McKeon brought up conference report H. Rept. 112-705 for consideration under the provisions of H. Res. 840. (consideration: CR H7384-7394)
- **Dec 20, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on conference report to accompany H.R. 4310.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H7394)
- **Dec 20, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, the Chair put the question on adoption of the conference report and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded the yeas and nays, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on adoption of the conference report until later in the legislative day.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** The House proceeded to consider the conference report H.Rept. 112-705 as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H7412-7413)
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Conference report agreed to in House: On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 315 - 107 (Roll no. 645).
- **Dec 20, 2012:** On agreeing to the conference report Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 315 - 107 (Roll no. 645).
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Motions to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 20, 2012:** Conference papers: Senate report and manager's statement and official papers held at the desk in Senate.
- **Dec 19, 2012:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 840 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of the conference report to H.R. 4310. The resolution waives all points of order against the conference report and against its consideration. The resolution provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable.
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Conference committee actions: Conferees agreed to file conference report.
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Conferees agreed to file conference report.
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Mr. Rigell asked unanimous consent that managers on the part of the House have until midnight on Dec. 18 to file a conference report on H.R. 4310. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Conference report filed: Conference report H. Rept. 112-705 filed. Filed pursuant to previous special order.(text of conference report: CR H6869-7263)
- **Dec 18, 2012:** Conference report H. Rept. 112-705 filed. Filed pursuant to previous special order. (text of conference report: CR H6869-7263)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Mr. McKeon asked unanimous consent that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference. (consideration: CR H6775-6779, H6780-6781, H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H6775)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Mrs. Davis (CA) moved that the House instruct conferees. (consideration: CR H6779)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Davis(CA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4310. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4310 be instructed to agree to section 1249 of the Senate amendment (relating to a plan for promoting the security of Afghan women and girls during the security transition process).
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The previous question was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H6779)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Davis(CA) motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4310, the Chair put the question on adoption of the motion to instruct conferees and by voice vote,

announced the ayes prevailed. Mrs. Davis(CA) demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4310 until later in the legislative day.

- **Dec 13, 2012:** On motion that the House instruct conferees Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 399 - 4 (Roll no. 624). (consideration: CR H6780)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** Mr. McKeon moved to permit closed conference meetings. (consideration: CR H6780)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** On motion to permit closed conference meetings Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 351 - 53 (Roll no. 625). (consideration: CR H6780-6781)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Armed Services for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: McKeon, Bartlett, Thornberry, Forbes, Miller (FL), Wilson (SC), LoBiondo, Turner (OH), Kline, Rogers (AL), Shuster, Conaway, Wittman, Hunter, Rigell, Hartzler, West, Roby, Smith (WA), Reyes, Sanchez, Loretta, McIntyre, Andrews, Davis (CA), Langevin, Larsen (WA), Cooper, Bordallo, Courtney, Loebssack, Tsongas, and Pingree (ME). (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Rogers (MI), Nunes, and Ruppersberger. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of secs. 541 and 561 of the House bill and secs. 563 and 571-73 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Petri, Noem, and Scott (VA). (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Energy and Commerce for consideration of secs. 312, 601, 727, 3111, 3113, 3114, 3117, 3118, 3132, 3133, 3151, and 3202 of the House bill and secs 736, 758, 914, 3118, 3122, 3152-54, 3156, and 5022 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Walden, Whitfield, and Waxman. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Financial Services for consideration of sec. 661 of the House bill and secs. 651-55, subtitle E of title XII, and title L of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Capito, Huizenga (MI), and Perlmutter. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Foreign Affairs for consideration of secs. 227, 230, 335, 355, 952, 1013, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1041, 1043, 1097, 1111, 1202, 1203, 1212, 1213, 1217, 1219, 1234, 1237, 1238, 1240, 1240A, 1240B, 1240C, 1243, 1245-47, 1301, 1303, 1531-33, title XVII, secs. 3120, 3121, and 3123 of the House bill and secs. 237, 342, 873, subtitle F of title VIII, secs. 1013, 1031, 1033, 1042, 1045, 1050, 1093, 1201-04, 1212-15, 1217, 1218, 1223, 1224, 1241, 1242, 1247, 1248, subtitle E of title XII, secs. 1301, 1531, 1532, 1534, 3114 and 5023 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, and Berman. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Homeland Security for consideration of sec. 1111 of the House bill and sec. 1803 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: King (NY), Turner (NY), and Thompson (MS). (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of secs. 564, 593, 599, 1033, 1084, 1088, 1099C, 1707, and 1709 of the House bill and secs. 653, 736, 844, 844A, 897, 899, 1033, 1092, 1096, 1099C, 5021, 5024, subtitle E of title XII, and title LI of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Smith (TX), Lungren, Daniel E., and Conyers. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Natural Resources for consideration of secs. 316, 317, 601, 2841, 2846, and 2861 of the House bill and secs. 271, 312, 1091, 1433, title XIX, and sec. 2842 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Hastings (WA), Bishop (UT), and Markey. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform for consideration of secs. 313, 651, 663, 801, 812, 833, 952, 1101-04, 1111, 1616, 1683, 1702, 1704-06, and 2811 of the House bill and secs. 641, 822, 825, 844, 844A, 892, 894-96, 903, 1099A, 1101-04, and subtitle B of title LIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Issa, Walberg, and Cummings. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for consideration of secs. 916, 1074, 1603, 1617, 1661, and 3158 of the House bill and secs. 271, 912, 1046, title XVIII, secs. 3153, 3159 and 3504 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Hall, Biggert, and Johnson, E. B. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Small Business for consideration of secs. 1611, 1621-23, 1631, 1632, 1641, 1651-58, 1661, 1671-73, 1681-83, 1691, 1693a, 1695, and 1697 of the House bill and secs. 848, 888, 889E, 1090, and 1099E of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

Graves (MO), Herrera Beutler, and Velazquez. (consideration: CR H6782)

- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for consideration of secs. 334, 535, 601, 704, 1074, 1078, 2801, and 3509 of the House bill and secs. 521, 1803, 1804, 3503-05, 3508, and 3509 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mica, Coble, and Bishop (NY). (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 13, 2012:** The Speaker appointed conferees - from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of secs. 355, 564, 565, 664, and 728 of the House bill and secs. 642, 755, 756, 759-64, 1044, 1087, 1090, 1097, 1099B, and title L of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Bilirakis, Lamborn, and Michaud. (consideration: CR H6782)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 829, papers are returned to the Senate.
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7786, S7793-7972)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Senate vitiated insistence on its amendment, request for a conference, and the appointment of conferees by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7786, S7793)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Senate vitiated previous passage of the bill. (consideration: CR S7786, S7793)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Senate vitiated previous adoption of the Senate amendment to H.R. 4310. (consideration: CR S7786, S7793)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** The Senate amendment (the language of S. 3254, as amended) to the bill, H.R. 4310, was modified with the following amendments: SA 3332 and SA 3333 by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7786)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** The Senate amendment was agreed to as modified by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7786)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.(text: CR S7794-7972)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote. (text: CR S7794-7972)
- **Dec 12, 2012:** Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Levin; Lieberman; Reed; Akaka; Nelson NE; Webb; McCaskill; Udall CO; Hagan; Begich; Manchin; Shaheen; Gillibrand; Blumenthal; McCain; Inhofe; Sessions; Chambliss; Wicker; Brown MA; Portman; Ayotte; Collins; Graham; Cornyn; Vitter. (consideration: CR S7786, S7972)
- **Dec 6, 2012:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Senate Committee on Armed Services discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7392)
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Senate struck all after the Enacting Clause and substituted the language of S. 3254 amended.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Senate insists on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Levin; Lieberman; Reed; Akaka; Nelson NE; Webb; McCaskill; Udall CO; Hagan; Begich; Manchin; Shaheen; Gillibrand; Blumenthal; McCain; Inhofe; Sessions; Chambliss; Wicker; Brown MA; Portman; Ayotte; Collins; Graham; Cornyn; Vitter.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** See also S. 3254.
- **Dec 4, 2012:** Senate ordered measure printed as passed.
- **Jun 19, 2012:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.
- **May 18, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Gohmert amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Smith (WA) amendment No. 46.
- **May 18, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Smith (WA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Duncan (SC) amendment No. 47.
- **May 18, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Duncan (SC) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Duncan (SC) amendment No. 47.

minutes of debate on the Coffman (CO) amendment No. 48.

- **May 18, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Coffman (CO) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Coffman (CO) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lee (CA) amendment No. 49.
- **May 18, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Lee (CA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Lee (CA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lamborn amendment No. 50.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Carnahan amendment No. 51.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Petri amendment No. 52.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Bartlett amendment No. 53.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Franks (AZ) amendment No. 54.
- **May 18, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Franks (AZ) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Franks (AZ) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pearce amendment No. 55.
- **May 18, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Pearce amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Pearce demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012:** Mr. McKeon moved to rise.
- **May 18, 2012:** On motion to rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **May 18, 2012:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4310 as unfinished business.
- **May 18, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3109-3145)
- **May 18, 2012:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **May 18, 2012: UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the McKeon Amendments En Bloc #4.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the McKeon Amendments En Bloc #5.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the McKeon amendments en bloc #6.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rehberg amendment No. 59.
- **May 18, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Rehberg amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Rehberg demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hunter amendment No. 77.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10

minutes of debate on the Price (GA) amendment No. 111.

- **May 18, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Price (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Price (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Flake amendment N0. 119.
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Murphy (PA) amendment No. 133.
- **May 18, 2012: UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.
- **May 18, 2012:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4310.
- **May 18, 2012:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H3143)
- **May 18, 2012:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union. (consideration: CR H3143)
- **May 18, 2012:** Mr. Garamendi moved to recommit with instructions to Armed Services. (consideration: CR H3143; text: CR H3143)
- **May 18, 2012: DEBATE** - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Garamendi motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to protect American jobs by requiring that naval and U.S. flagged vessels providing service to the Federal Government may not be overhauled, repaired, or maintained in a shipyard outside the U.S. or Guam without a waiver from the Secretary of Defense.
- **May 18, 2012:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection. (consideration: CR H3144)
- **May 18, 2012:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 182 - 236 (Roll no. 290). (consideration: CR H3144)
- **May 18, 2012:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 299 - 120 (Roll no. 291).
- **May 18, 2012:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 299 - 120 (Roll no. 291).
- **May 18, 2012:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2012:** The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection.
- **May 18, 2012:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 4310.
- **May 17, 2012:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 661 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4310. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. Specified amendments are in order. The resolution provides that no further general debate shall be in order. The resolution makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of Rules Committee Print 112-22.
- **May 17, 2012:** Rule H. Res. 661 passed House.
- **May 17, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2847-3022; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR H2847-2996)
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H.Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the McKeon Manager's amendment No. 1.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H.Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the McKeon Amendments En Bloc No. 1.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H.Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Kucinich amendment No. 3.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H.Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rohrabacher amendment No. 4.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Rohrabacher amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Rohrabacher demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the Lee amendment No. 5.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Lee amendment, the Chair put the

question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Lee demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.

- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Connolly (VA) amendment No. 6.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Connolly (VA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Connolly (VA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rooney amendment No. 7.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Rooney amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Bartlett amendment No. 8.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Bartlett amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Conyers amendment No. 9.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Quigley amendment No. 10.
- **May 17, 2012:** The Committee resumed its sitting. (consideration: CR H3022-3038)
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Markey amendment No. 11.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Markey amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Markey demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Polis amendment No. 12.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Polis amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Polis demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the McKeon Amendments En Bloc No. 2.
- **May 17, 2012: UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was on adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings were postponed.
- **May 17, 2012:** Mr. McKeon moved to rise.
- **May 17, 2012:** On motion to rise Agreed to by voice vote.
- **May 17, 2012:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4310 as unfinished business.
- **May 17, 2012:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3049-3097)
- **May 17, 2012:** The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Coffman amendment No. 17.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Coffman amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Coffman demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.

May 17, 2012: DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Keating amendment No. 18.

- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Keating amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Keating demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Broun (GA) amendment No. 19.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Broun (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Broun (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Carson amendment No. 20.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Carson amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Carson demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Wittman amendment No. 24.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cummings amendment No. 26.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Cummings amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Cummings demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Sablan amendment No. 29.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Sablan amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Sablan demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 20 minutes of debate on the McKeon Amendments En Bloc #3.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Johnson (GA) amendment No. 30.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Johnson (GA) amendment No. 30, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Johnson (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Johnson (GA) amendment No. 31.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Johnson (GA) amendment No. 31, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Johnson (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Price (GA) amendment No. 32.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Price (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Price (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012: DEBATE** - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Rigell amendment No. 38.
- **May 17, 2012: POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS** - At the conclusion of debate on the Rigell amendment, the Chair put the

question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Smith (WA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.

- **May 17, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gingrey amendment No. 39.
- **May 17, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lee (CA) amendment No. 42.
- **May 17, 2012:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Lee (CA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Ms. Lee (CA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 17, 2012:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions H. Res. 661, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gohmert amendment No. 45.
- **May 16, 2012:** Rule H. Res. 656 passed House.
- **May 16, 2012:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 656. (consideration: CR H2787-2796)
- **May 16, 2012:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4970 and H.R. 4310. Resolution provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4970. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, shall be considered as adopted. Previous question shall be considered as ordered on H.R. 4970, as amended, without intervening motions except one motion to recommit. Resolution provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4310. No further consideration of H.R. 4310 shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.
- **May 16, 2012:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 656 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 16, 2012:** The Speaker designated the Honorable Dennis Ross to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **May 16, 2012:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with one hour of general debate on H.R. 4310.
- **May 16, 2012:** Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 4310 as unfinished business.
- **May 15, 2012:** UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Mr. Bartlett asked unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on H.R. 4310.
- **May 15, 2012:** Supplemental report filed by the Committee on Armed Services, H. Rept. 112-479, Part II.
- **May 15, 2012:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 656 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4970 and H.R. 4310. Resolution provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4970. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, shall be considered as adopted. Previous question shall be considered as ordered on H.R. 4970, as amended, without intervening motions except one motion to recommit. Resolution provides for 1 hour of general debate on H.R. 4310. No further consideration of H.R. 4310 shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.
- **May 11, 2012:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Armed Services. H. Rept. 112-479.
- **May 11, 2012:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 335.
- **May 9, 2012:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 9, 2012:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 56 - 5.
- **Apr 26, 2012:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 26, 2012:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 26, 2012:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 11, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Apr 11, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces.
- **Apr 11, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.
- **Apr 11, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities.
- **Apr 11, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces.
- **Apr 11, 2012:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2012:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.