



FOR THE RECORD

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

RECENT ACTION

U.S. House of Representatives

On May 9, the House Armed Services Committee approved the *National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012*, H.R. 1540. The bill provides budget authority for DOD and the national security programs of the U.S. Department of Energy. On May 26, the full House passed the *NDAA* by a 322-96 vote.

According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the House version of the *NDAA* totals \$690 billion in spending for FY12. The bill also contains provisions altering obligations for discretionary defense programs in 2013 and future years. Those implicit authorizations would affect force structure, DOD compensation and benefits, DOD's use of multiyear procurement authority, and other programs and activities.

CBO's full summary of the bill can be found at <http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/122xx/doc12202/hr1540.pdf>.

The House passed the *Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2012*, H.R. 2219, on July 8. The bill can be viewed at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr2219eh/pdf/BILLS-112hr2219eh.pdf>.

U.S. Senate

The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) unanimously passed its version of the *NDAA* on June 17. Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI), Committee Chairman, released a statement highlighting provisions in the bill, including several related to acquisition, logistics, and technology, at



MAJOR ACTIONS

The House passed the FY12 *Defense Appropriations Act*. It also passed the FY12 *National Defense Authorization Act*. Both bills are now being considered in the Senate. (Photo courtesy of Architect of the Capitol.)

<http://armed-services.senate.gov/press/NDAA%20FY12%20Markup%20Press%20Release.pdf>.

FUTURE ACTION

The SASC version of the *NDAA* is expected to go to the full Senate for consideration as soon as July. Once the bill passes the Senate, a conference committee will reconcile the differences between the House and Senate versions of the *NDAA*.

HEARINGS

On April 5, the SASC received testimony from Frank Kendall, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, at a committee hearing on the health and status of the defense industrial base and its

science and technology-related elements. His prepared statement and a webcast of his testimony are at http://armed-services.senate.gov/e_witnesslist.cfm?id=5163.

Also on April 5, members of the SASC Subcommittee on Airland received testimony on Army modernization from GEN Peter W. Chiarelli, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; LTG Robert P. Lennox, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8; and LTG William N. Phillips, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, and Director, Acquisition Career Management. A webcast of their testimony is at http://armed-services.senate.gov/e_witnesslist.cfm?id=5077.

HEARING SCHEDULES

House Appropriations Committee:
<http://appropriations.house.gov>

House Armed Services Committee:
<http://armedservices.house.gov/index.cfm/hearings>

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee:
<http://oversight.house.gov>

Senate Appropriations Committee:
<http://appropriations.senate.gov>

Senate Armed Services Committee:
<http://armed-services.senate.gov/hearings.cfm>

Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee:
<http://hsgac.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Hearings.ListAll>