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Appropriations Policy Brief

H.R. 3222 — Department of Defense Appropriations Act for FY 2008

BY THE NUMBERS:

In Millions of Dollars

	FY07	FY08 Bush Request	FY08 Committee	Cmte v. Request	Cmte v. FY07
Appropriations	419,609	462,833	459,332	3,501	39,723
<i>Emergency Approps</i>	<i>169,105</i>	<i>147,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-147,000</i>	<i>-169,105</i>
TOTAL	588,714	609,833	459,332	-143,499	-129,382

Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:

- **\$3.5 billion or 0.8% less than the request**
- **\$39.7 billion or 9.5% more than last year**

Budget Compliance: According to CBO, the bill is within the 302(b) allocation of the Defense Subcommittee and thus complies with the Budget Act.

It should be noted that H.R. 3222 provides \$3.5 billion less than the Administration requested, in order to free-up additional resources for domestic programs. Such a maneuver has been used in the past to evade budget caps as spending choices are avoided with the silent recognition that the defense spending will later be restored in an emergency supplemental bill (that is not subject to budget restraints).

Earmarks:

A list of earmarks are included as part of the [Committee Report](#).

Items of Note:

Operations and Maintenance: Provides \$137.1 billion for Operations and Maintenance—an increase of \$9.8 billion or 7.7 percent compared to FY 2007. While this is an increase over last year, it is actually \$5.7 billion or 4.0 percent less than the President’s request.

The Budget Committee Republicans note that: “By failing to meet this request, the bill underfunds the O&M accounts with the expectation that these funds will be restored in a supplemental. This gimmick is disruptive to the Defense Department’s planning and its execution of operations.”

Overall, H.R. 3222 is under the President’s request by \$3.5 billion. This lower spending total allowed the Appropriations Committee to provide \$3.5 billion in more spending for the other eleven appropriations bills than the Committee would have had if the bill matched the President’s request. Consequently, to the extent items are under-funded in this bill that will be funded by more spending through a later supplemental, the spending below the President’s request in this bill serves to make room for *more spending* in the other eleven bills.

F/A-22 Sales: Prohibits funds from being used to approve or license the sale of the F/A-22 advanced tactical fighter to any foreign government.

Permanent Bases/ Control of Oil in Iraq: Prohibits funds from being used to establish any military installation or base for the purpose of providing for the permanent stationing of U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq. Also, the bill prohibits funds from being used to “exercise United States control over any oil resource in Iraq.” This language is substantively the same as H.R. 2929, which passed the House on July 25. For more analysis on this issue, see the RSC Legislative Bulletin for [H.R. 2929](#).

Funding for Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan: The President’s budget requested \$147 billion in emergency spending for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq in FY 2008. H.R. 3222 does not include money for this request, leaving it to a future supplemental.

The 2007 DOD bill included \$70 billion for a Contingency Operations Defense Fund as a down payment on future war supplemental spending.

Missile Defense: Provides \$9.4 billion for missile defense programs, a decrease of \$883 million or 9.4 percent from last year.

Funding Summaries:

Dollars in Thousands

	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 Request	FY 2008 Cmte	Cmte Vs. FY 2007	Cmte Vs. Request	Cmte Vs. FY 2007	Cmte Vs. Request
Military Personnel, Total.....	99,862,877	105,403,698	105,017,776	5,154,899	-385,922	5.2%	-0.4%
Operations and Maintenance, Total.....	127,288,807	142,854,017	137,135,127	9,846,320	-5,718,890	7.7%	-4.0%
Procurement, Total.....	80,910,756	99,623,010	99,608,169	18,697,413	-14,841	23.1%	0.0%
Research, Develop., Test & Evaluation, Total	75,721,604	75,117,194	76,231,440	509,836	1,114,246	0.7%	1.5%
Revolving and Management Funds.....	2,436,430	2,453,840	3,841,840	1,405,410	1,388,000	57.7%	54.5%
Chemical Agents.....	1,277,304	1,455,724	1,455,724	178,420	0	14.0%	0.0%
Drug Interdiction.....	23,688,233	25,749,665	26,098,675	2,410,442	349,010	10.2%	1.4%
Related Agencies (intelligence, etc.).....	878,011	967,876	945,776	67,765	-22,100	7.7%	-2.3%