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DATE: 8 December 2020
 SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) Conference Report Review

BLUF: The FY21 NDAA Conference Committee released its report on 3 December. The Full House of Representatives considered and passed the NDAA with a veto-proof majority on 8 December. Next step: Full Senate considers FY21 NDAA Conference Report.

Policies and funding levels cited below are authorizations approved by the FY21 NDAA Conference Committee only.

Defense Authorizations

| President's Budget Release | HASC NDAA | SASC NDAA | House-passed NDAA | Senate-passed NDAA | Conference Committee | Signed Into Law |
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Defense Appropriations

| President's Budget Release | HAC-D Approps. | SAC-D Approps. | House-passed Approps. | Senate-passed Approps. | Conference Committee | Signed Into Law |
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Summary funding: The Conference Committee agreed to authorizing \$731.6 billion (in line with FY21 budget request) in total national defense funding, includes:

- \$635.5 billion in Department of Defense (DoD) base and discretionary funding
- \$69.0 billion in Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding

1. Army National Guard.

- Authorizes ARNG end strength at 336,500 soldiers (500 more than FY20 levels)
- \$725.3 million for 36 UH-60 Black Hawk M model helicopters for the Army
 - Consistent with FY21 DoD request
- \$172.8 million for 24 UH-60 Black Hawk L and V model helicopters for the Army
- \$792.0 million for 50 AH-64 Apache Block IIIA helicopters for the Army
- \$894.4 million for Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs) for the Army
 - Consistent with FY21 DoD request
- \$110.5 million for modernization of AH-64 Apache Block IIIA helicopters for the Army

- \$296.75 million for 11 CH-47 helicopters for the Army
 - Authorizes an additional 5 helicopters and \$136.0 million above the DoD request for advanced procurement of CH-47F Block II
- \$5.9 million for the High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV) Recapitalization Program for the Army

2. Air National Guard.

- Authorizes ANG end strength at 108,100 airmen (400 more than FY20 levels)
- Requires Secretary of Defense to conduct a study determining whether Space National Guard is the organization best suited to discharge space missions before establishing a Space National Guard (SEC. 931)
 - Prohibits Secretary of the Air Force from transferring personnel to the Space Force until the study is conducted
 - Prohibits Secretary of the Air Force from relocating assets or dissolving any elements of the Air National Guard performing the space mission
- Authorizes required minimum inventory of tactical airlift aircraft of not less than 287 aircraft (SEC. 134)
 - Constrains Secretary of the Air Force from reducing tactical airlift aircraft solely from National Guard inventory
- \$140.0 million for C-130H modernization, includes:
 - \$79.0 million for engine upgrades
 - \$55.0 million for propeller replacements
- \$5.28 billion for 60 F-35A Lightning II aircraft for the Air Force
- \$1.24 billion for 12 F-15EX aircraft for the Air Force
- \$2.7 billion for 15 KC-46A Pegasus aircraft for the Air Force
- \$692.1 million for 7 C-130J Super Hercules aircraft for the Air Force

3. Joint-Personnel.

- Authorizes transitional health care benefits (section 1145 of title 10, USC) to members of the National Guard serving in full-time duty status in response to COVID-19 Pandemic (502(f) of title 32, USC) (SEC. 733)
- Amends authorities related to the National Guard Bureau
 - Authorizes the Chief of the National Guard Bureau to submit a list of unfunded priorities to Congress to support National Guard responsibilities for the homeland defense and civil support missions (SEC. 1006)
 - Requires the Joint Requirements Council to seek and strongly consider the views of the Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau regarding non-Federalized National Guard capabilities in support of homeland defense and civil support missions (SEC. 906)

- Authorizes Care and Readiness Enhancement (CARE) for Reservists Act of 2020
 - Expansion of eligibility for readjustment counseling and related outpatient services to members of the National Guard (SEC. 762)
 - Inclusion of members of the National Guard in mental health programs administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (SEC. 764)
- \$94.2 million for the National Guard Counter-drug Program
- \$5.5 million for National Guard Counter-drug schools
- Additional \$15.0 million for STARBASE