

**COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001**

**F-14 SERIES  
ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HASC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
30,481	30,481	30,481	30,481	30,481	31,481	31,481

**F-14 UPGRADE  
ACCOUNT: RDT&E**

PRESBUD	HASC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
1,228	1,228	10,228	10,228	1,228	11,228	11,228

**HASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 106-616)**

*Page 68, Aircraft Procurement, Navy*

021	AV-8 SERIES	-	40,639	-	40,639
022	F-14 SERIES	-	30,481	-	30,481
023	ADVERSARY	-	-	-	-

*Page 191, RDT&E, Navy*

0205667N	173	C-2 Eight-Blade Composite Propeller System			[+6,000]
		F-14 UPGRADE	1,228		1,228
0205675N	174	OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	53,435		53,435

*Page 196, Items of Interest*

*Aviation modernization plan*

The committee notes recent reports that the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations is considering a major revision of naval aviation plans which would remove aircraft from inventory, cancel future aircraft systems concepts, and reconfigure the carrier air wing in order to develop an affordable modernization plan for naval aviation. The reports indicate that the recommendations contained in the ‘‘Common Vision for Naval Aviation’’ would be implemented beginning with the Navy’s budget request for fiscal year 2002. The committee understands that the following alternatives are being considered:

- (1) Replacement of the EA-6B Prowler electronic warfare aircraft by 2010 with an electronic warfare aircraft follow-on;
- (2) Retirement of the F-14 Tomcat strike-fighter aircraft by 2008;
- (3) Service life extension of the C-2 Grayhound Tracker carrier onboard delivery aircraft;
- (4) Retirement of the S-3B Viking antisubmarine warfare aircraft by 2008 and its mission replacement by a combination of P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft and SH-60R Seahawk multi-mission helicopter;
- (5) Replacement of the S-3B Viking in its tanker role by F/A-18E/F fighter aircraft with a aircraft refueling capability;
- (6) Service life extension of the P-3C Orion maritime patrol aircraft;
- (7) Service life extension of the EP-3E Aries electronic surveillance aircraft;
- (8) Cancellation of the concept of a common support aircraft that would combine the mission of the E-2C Hawkeye airborne early warning aircraft with the missions of the S-3 Viking and C-2 Greyhound aircraft;

(9) Delay introduction of a multi-mission maritime aircraft to replace the P-3C Orion and EP-3E Aries to no later than 2015; and

(10) Reduction of the number of strike aircraft in a carrier air wing from 56 to 50.

The committee commends the Navy for its initiative in developing a long-term plan for naval aviation that attempts to meet the challenges of affordability and effectiveness in a budget constrained environment. The committee recognizes the issues of current and future operational requirements, current force capabilities, personnel, training, research and development, procurement, logistics, and estimated funding available that must be considered in developing such a plan. The committee notes that the Navy's plan is not complete and was not available during the committee's review of the budget request.

The committee urges the Secretary of the Navy to provide information on the Navy's revised aviation modernization plan to the congressional defense committees at the earliest opportunity to ensure adequate opportunity for oversight review of this important initiative prior to receipt of the budget request for fiscal year 2002.

**SASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 106-292)**

*Page 60, Aircraft Procurement, Navy*

21 AV-8B SERIES	-	30,481	-	30,481
22 F-14 SERIES	-	30,481	-	30,481
23 F-14B SERIES	-	6,047	-	6,047

*Page 169, RDT&E, Navy*

0205667N 173 F-14 UPGRADE		1,228	-	10,228
SAR Reconnaissance System Demonstrator			9,000	

*Page 183 and 184, RDT&E, Navy*

**F-14 tactical reconnaissance**

The budget request included \$1.2 million for operational systems development of the F-14 aircraft. The F-14 remains the only near-term tactical reconnaissance aircraft organic to the carrier battle group. Weather and battlefield conditions with smoke and dust continue to hamper tactical reconnaissance platforms for both pre-strike reconnaissance and battle damage assessment. Synthetic aperture radar (SAR) systems offer a technical solution to all-weather, day and night reconnaissance that is missing on our tactical reconnaissance platforms. The committee understands that there are potentially two non-developmental SAR systems that could be demonstrated for suitability on strike fighter aircraft, neither of which is being procured for U.S. tactical aircraft at this time. Recent experience in Operation Allied Force in marginal weather again emphasized the need for all weather reconnaissance and battle age assessment capabilities to match the all weather weapons now available. Because of the high military utility provided to operational commanders, the committee recommends an increase of \$9.0 million in PE 25667N to demonstrate the military utility of non-developmental SAR reconnaissance systems, a total authorization of \$10.2 million.

**CASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 106-945)**

Page 671, RDT&E, Navy

0205667N	173 F-14 UPGRADE	1,228	1,228	10,228	-	10,228
	SAR Reconnaissance System Demonstrator			[+9,000]	9,000	

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**HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 106-644)**

Page 109, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

AV-8 SERIES	40,639	40,639	
F-14 SERIES	30,481	30,481	
ADVERSARY	6,947	6,947	
F-18 SERIES	212,614	200,214	+12,400

Page 171, RDT&E, Navy

AVIATION IMPROVEMENTS	51,018	51,018	
F-14 UPGRADE	1,228	1,228	
OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS	53,435	53,435	

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**SAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 106-298)**

Page 61, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

AV-8 SERIES	40,639	81,139	+ 40,500
F-14 SERIES	30,481	31,481	+ 1,000
ADVERSARY	6,947	6,947	

Page 62, Aircraft Procurement, Navy

Listening Targeting Pods		40,500	+ 40,500
F-14 SERIES	30,481	31,481	+ 1,000
RWR Antenna Replacement and System Enhancement		1,000	+ 1,000
F-18 SERIES	212,614	249,814	+ 37,200

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Range Airship		9,000	+ 9,000
F-14 UPGRADE	1,228	11,228	+ 10,000
Demonstrate SAR Pod		9,000	+ 9,000
RWR Antenna Replacement and System Enhancement		1,000	+ 1,000

0 NAVY SCIENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM .....			19,000	+ 19,000
173 F-14 UPGRADE .....		1,228	11,228	+ 10,000
174 OPERATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS		53,435	53,435	

F-14 Upgrade.—The recommendation includes an increase of \$1,000,000 only for the procurement of F-14 radar warning receiver (RWR) antennas and system upgrades. The Committee has also included an increase of \$1,000,000 only for development, integration and test costs associated with this project to replace the RWR antennas and to make other necessary modifications for improved F-14 RWR performance. The Committee has learned that simply replacing the current antennas with an existing antenna could improve the performance of the F-14 RWR and thus enhance the pilot's situation awareness in a threat environment. The Committee directs that the Navy proceed with this upgrade for all active duty F-14 aircraft.

**CAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 106-754)**

AV-14 SERIES.....				
F-14 SERIES.....	30,481	30,481	31,481	31,481

<del>Warning Targeting Pods</del>			40,500	80,000
F-14 SERIES	30,481	30,481	31,481	31,481
RWR Antenna Replacement and System Enhancement			1,000	1,000
F-14 SERIES	212,814	200,214	249,814	264,214

NAVY SCIENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.....			17,000	17,000
F-14 UPGRADE.....	1,228	1,228	11,228	11,228

Range Airship			9,000	9,000
F-14 UPGRADE	1,228	1,228	11,228	11,228
Demonstrate a SAR-podded reconnaissance system			9,000	9,000

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