

## COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997

### ASPJ ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
				+50,000	+50,000	+50,000

#### **SASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 104-267)**

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*Airborne self-protection jammer (ASPJ)*

The budget request did not include funding to modify F/A-18C/Ds with the AN/ALQ-165, or airborne self-protection jammer (ASPJ), although the ASPJ has performed capably in Bosnia operations. Realizing that the ASPJ system is available at reasonable costs and that the integrated defensive electronic countermeasures (IDECM) system has just begun development, the committee recommends an increase of \$50.0 million to buy 36 ASPJ systems, including aircraft interface units (racks), spares and additional integrated logistic support for three deployed F/A-18C/D squadrons.

#### **CASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 104-724)**

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*Airborne self protection jammer (ASPJ)*

The Budget request did not include funds for acquisition of the ASPJ. The House bill would add \$50.0 million to Aircraft Procurement Navy (APN) line 45, electronics counter-measures (ECM) equipment.

The Senate amendment would add \$50 million for 36 sets of ASPJ to APN 5 line 24, F-18 series modifications.

The conferees agree to provide an additional 36 sets of ASPJ as a one-time acquisition for contingency deployments, realizing that the ASPJ system is available now and that the integrated defensive electronic countermeasures (IDECM) system is under development and will not be available until fiscal year 2002. The conferees recommend an increase of \$47.9 million in line 45 to buy 36 ASPJ systems, including aircraft interface units (racks), spares and additional integrated logistic support for three deployed F/A-18C/D squadrons.

The conferees recognize that the Navy is developing IDECM to serve as the long-term ECM system for the F/A-18E/F, and expect the navy to upgrade the 36 sets into an IDECM configuration as soon as technically feasible. The conferees encourage the Navy to explore long-term solutions for the F/A-18C/D.

The conferees continue to support the IDECM program. The procurement of 36 ASPJ systems is intended to provide a contingency response capability, and does not

reflect the conferees commitment to additional procurement of ASPJ systems or to restarting series production for U.S. government customers at this time.

<b>HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 104-617)</b>
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*COMMON ECM EQUIPMENT*

The Navy requested \$20,069,000 for electronic warfare countermeasure equipment. The Committee recommends \$58,069,000, a net increase of \$38,000,000. Of the funds provided, \$50,000,000 is only for further procurement of the Airborne Self-Protection Jammer for the F/A-18C/D aircraft. The Committee recommendation also includes a reduction of \$12,000,000 based on a delay in the contract award of the ALR-67V3 radar warning receiver to fiscal year 1998.