

**COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1997**

**CH-53 FLIGHT SIMULATOR  
ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
0	0	1,000	0	0	0	0

**CH/MH-53E (HELICOPTER) SUPER STALLION  
ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**H-53 SERIES  
ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
44,567	54,567	58,567	58,567	44,567	58,567	54,567

**CH-53 HELICOPTERS  
ACCOUNT: NGRE**

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
				64,000	0	64,000

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

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*Flight simulators*

The committee supports the maximum use of flight simulators that provide required training while eliminating costs associated with range and ammunition usage. The committee recommends an increase of \$60.0 million to procure or upgrade simulators for three systems, as well as to support relocation of fielded systems to collocate them with using units, as follows:

System	Millions
V-22	\$49.0
AV-8B	10.0
CH-53D	1.0

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

*Flight simulators*

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The budget request included no funding for flight simulators for various Marine Corps aircraft.

The Senate amendment would support the use of flight simulators for Marine Corps training by authorizing an increase of \$60.0 million to procure or upgrade simulators for the V-22, AV-8B, and CH-53D.

The House bill would authorize the requested amount.

The Senate recesses.

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*USMC Reserve:*

CH-53	50.0
Miscellaneous	17.0

**HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 104-617)**

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*V-22*

The Navy requested \$500,904,000 for procurement of 4 aircraft and \$57,753,000 for advance procurement of 5 aircraft in 1998. The Committee recommends \$732,904,000 for procurement of 6 aircraft, an increase of \$232,000,000; and \$127,753,000 for advance procurement of 12 aircraft in 1998, an increase of \$70,000,000. The Committee is concerned about the current 27-year production schedule of the V-22 aircraft. Given the recommendations of the Defense Science Board for more cost efficient V-22 production, the Committee understands that a minimum of \$8 billion can be saved by producing the V-22 at an efficient rate of 36 aircraft per year. Additionally, \$1.3 billion can be saved through earlier replacement of CH-46s and CH-53Ds currently in the fleet. The Committee directs that the fiscal year 1998 and subsequent budgets to the Congress continue the ramp-up this program to reach an economic rate of 36 aircraft per year not later than fiscal year 2000. The Committee expects DoD to replace all CH-46s and all CH-53Ds currently in the fleet with the MV-22 aircraft by no later than fiscal year 2012.

<b>CAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 104-863)</b>
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*NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE AIRCRAFT*

The conferees agree to provide \$465,000,000 for the acquisition and modernization of aircraft to support Reserve and National Guard missions and agree that the following aircraft shall be purchased and modified:

C-130J for the Air National Guard (4)	\$209,000,000
CH-53E for the Marine Corps Reserve (2)	64,000,000
C-9B replacement for the Navy Reserve (3)	120,000,000
P-3 modernization for the Navy Reserve	72,000,000