

COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

**E-6 SERIES
ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
96,344	96,344	96,344	96,344	96,344	96,344	96,344

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Airborne strategic command and control

Given the downsizing of the U.S. strategic command and control system, the Navy's E-6 aircraft are an increasingly vital asset. E-6A/B will become even more critical as these aircraft take on additional missions. The committee believes that it is essential that attention to the E-6 system, operations, and infrastructure be assiduous to ensure this critical asset does not become less ready or capable. The committee expects that the Secretary of Defense will ensure continued well-coordinated programmatic and high-priority operations and infrastructure support to the Navy's E-6 force to ensure the survivability and robustness of the U.S. nuclear command and control system.