

COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998

T-45TS (TRAINER) GOSHAWK ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
243,960	343,960	345,960	289,383	243,960	291,899	289,383

T-45TS (TRAINER) GOSHAWK (ADV PROC(CY)) ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
6,235	6,235	6,235	6,235	6,235	6,235	6,235

T-45 SERIES ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442	5,442

HASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-132)

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T-45 training system

The budget request contained \$244.0 million to procure 12 T-45C aircraft and associated ground-based training equipment, and \$6.2 million for advance procurement of 12 T-45C aircraft in fiscal year 1999.

The committee is aware that the T-45A Goshawks delivered thus far are performing extremely well and have exceeded expectations in almost every performance measure. The last T-45A is planned for delivery in February 1998 and a significantly upgraded T-45C, with a digital cockpit, will begin deliveries in October 1997. Student training in the digitally instrumented T-45C will begin in mid-summer 1998.

The committee is concerned that the aging TA-4J and T-2C aircraft, now scheduled for retirement in fiscal years 1998 and 2003 respectively, are increasingly expensive to operate due to an increased instructor requirement, more frequent parts replacement cycle, and more aircraft flight time required to train students to the desired standard. Lead time for spares is excessive and results in an increased period of time that the aircraft are unavailable for training. Moreover, the T-2 fleet has been grounded on numerous occasions due to flight control problems and other maintenance issues related to an aging aircraft. Taken together, these factors could cause the fiscal year 1998 pilot training rate to fall short of the Navy's yearly quota by approximately 100 naval aviators.

Therefore, the committee recommends an increase of \$100.0 million to procure six additional T-45C aircraft. The committee understands that by continuing to procure the

T-45C at the rate of 18 aircraft per year, the Navy would complete its T-45 aircraft procurement program three years earlier and save \$210.0 million in aircraft procurement costs compared to the future years defense program, as well as \$262.2 million in T-2 flight hour cost avoidance.

SASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-29)

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T-45 trainers

The budget request included \$269.7 million for 12 T-45 trainer aircraft for the Navy. The committee notes with concern the recent grounding of the T-2 trainers because of flight control malfunctions. The T-2s are being replaced by the T-45. The committee has been informed that acceleration of fielding the T-45 will reap significant savings by avoiding up to \$93.3 million in shut down costs.

Accordingly, the committee recommends an increase of \$102.0 million to procure six additional T-45 trainer aircraft to achieve operational and support cost savings.

CASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-340)

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T-45TS Goshawk

The budget request included \$269.8 million for 12 T-45 trainer aircraft and \$6.2 million for advance procurement of 12 T-45C aircraft in fiscal year 1999.

The House bill would authorize an increase of \$100.0 million for the procurement of six additional aircraft.

The Senate amendment would authorize an increase of \$102.0 million for the same purpose.

The conferees note with concern the recent grounding of the T-2 trainers because of flight control malfunctions. The T-2s are being replaced by the T-45. Accordingly, the conferees agree to authorize \$315.2 million, an increase of \$45.4 million to accelerate fielding of the T-45 by increasing the fiscal year 1998 acquisition from 12 to 15 aircraft.

HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-206)

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PROCUREMENT

The Committee recommends \$45,515,962,000 in new obligational authority for Procurement, an increase of \$3,930,784,000 over the fiscal year 1998 budget request. Major programs funded in the bill include:

\$309,231,000 for 30 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters

\$474,832,000 for upgrades and modifications to Apache helicopters

\$228,287,000 for 1,056 Hellfire missiles \$143,112,000 for 1,080 Javelin missiles
\$240,591,000 for Bradley vehicle industrial base sustainment
\$594,856,000 for upgrades to Abrams tanks
\$209,446,000 for medium tactical vehicles
\$302,164,000 for SINCGARS radios
\$2,101,100,000 for 20 F/A-18 E/F fighter aircraft
\$661,307,000 for 7 V-22 (Osprey) aircraft
\$304,474,000 for 4 E-2C early warning aircraft
\$243,960,000 for 12 T-45 trainer aircraft
\$1,632,544,000 for the modification of naval aircraft
\$181,092,000 for 127 Standard missiles
\$2,314,903,000 for 1 new SSN attack submarine
\$1,628,403,000 for 1 carrier refueling overhaul
\$2,695,367,000 for 3 DDG-51 destroyers
\$505,286,000 for B-2 aircraft
\$159,000,000 for 3 F-15 fighter aircraft
\$1,914,211,000 for 9 C-17 airlift aircraft
\$1,464,861,000 for modification of Air Force aircraft
\$107,168,000 for 173 AMRAAM missiles
\$384,600,000 for Ballistic Missile Defense

SAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-45)

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T-45TS (trainer) Goshawk.—The Committee recommends a number of adjustments in the T-45 aircraft procurement budget request, as outlined in the preceding table. Specifically, the Committee has added funds to procure 18 aircraft, an increase of 6 trainers over the budget request. The Committee has also included statutory language providing multiyear procurement authority for the T-45 program. The Committee recommendation assumes cost savings based on the implementation of a multiyear procurement strategy.

Finally, the Committee provides an increase of \$10,000,000 for T-45 training equipment. The Committee directs that these additional funds shall be used only to accelerate the introduction of aircraft and training equipment to Naval Air Station Meridian.

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SEC. 8009. Multiyear procurement authority.—The Committee recommends providing multiyear authority for the following programs: Apache longbow radar, T-45 trainer aircraft, and AV-8B remanufactured aircraft.