

COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

AV-8B (V/STOL) HARRIER ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
(12)300,192	(12)296,992	(12)300,192	(12)296,992	(12)296,992	(12)300,192	(12)296,992

AV-8B (V/STOL) HARRIER (AP-CY) ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
55,686	55,686	55,686	55,686	55,686	55,686	55,686

AV-8 SERIES ACCOUNT: APN

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
99,109	99,109	99,109	99,109	112,409	99,109	86,509

AV-8B AIRCRAFT ENG-DEV ACCOUNT: RDT&E, Navy

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
13,787	13,787	13,787	13,787	50,387	13,787	40,587

HNSC LANGUAGE Rpt. 105-532

(Page 58 - Aircraft Procurement, Navy)
AV 8B

The budget request contained \$282.7 million to procure 12 remanufactured AV 8B aircraft and \$55.7 million for advance procurement of 12 remanufactured aircraft in fiscal year 2000. Consistent with its recommendations in fiscal years 1997 and 1998, the committee continues to support accelerated mission capability and safety-related improvements to the AV 8B. The committee notes that the Department's legislative proposal requests authorization for multiyear procurement of these aircraft and recommends a provision (sec. 121) that would support this request. However, the committee also notes unexplained growth in integrated logistics support and government furnished avionics compared to fiscal year 1998, and concludes such increase is unwarranted. Accordingly, the committee recommends \$279.5 million, a decrease of \$3.2 million, and believes that this decrease will not affect the ability of the Department to proceed with a multiyear contract.

The committee understands that an unfunded option exists in the proposed 72-aircraft multiyear contract that would remanufacture the remaining 24 aircraft in the fleet and encourages the Department to negotiate such an option.

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SECTION 121--MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

This section would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a multiyear procurement contract for the Navy AV 8B, T 45TS, and E 2C aircraft programs and for the Marine Corps Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement.

SASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-189)

Contains no language.

CASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-736)

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TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

SEC. 123. MULTIYEAR PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

(a) AUTHORITY FOR SPECIFIED NAVY AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS.—Beginning with the fiscal year 1999 program year, the Secretary of the Navy may, in accordance with section 2306b of title 10, United States Code, enter into a multiyear procurement contract for procurement for the following programs:

- (1) The AV–8B aircraft program.*
- (2) The T–45TS aircraft program*
- (3) The E–2C aircraft program.*

(b) AUTHORITY FOR MARINE CORPS MEDIUM TACTICAL VEHICLE

REPLACEMENT.—Beginning with the fiscal year 1999 program year, the Secretary of the Navy may, in accordance with section 2306b of title 10, United States Code, enter into a multiyear procurement contract to procure the Marine Corps Medium Tactical Vehicle Re-placement.

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Title I – Procurement

AV–8B

The budget request included \$300.2 million for the AV–8B re-manufacturing program.

The House bill would authorize a decrease of \$3.2 million.

The Senate amendment would authorize the budget request.

The conferees agree to authorize a decrease of \$3.2 million.

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LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS ADOPTED

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

Multiyear procurement authority for the Department of the Navy (sec. 123)

The House bill contained a provision (sec. 121) that would authorize the Secretary of the Navy to enter into multiyear contracts for the AV-8B, E-2C, and T-45 aircraft, and to enter into a multiyear procurement contract to procure the Marine Corps Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement.

The Senate amendment contained separate provisions (secs. 124–123) that would authorize the same multiyear procurements.

The Senate recesses.

HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-591)

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Major weapons programs: The Committee recommends fully funding the budget request for: the Army's Crusader next-generation artillery system, the Navy's E-2C aircraft program, one New Attack Submarine, initial funding for the CVN-77 aircraft carrier, and procurement of one LMSR sealift ship. The Committee has also funded the requested number of Army M1A2 tank upgrades, Navy T-45 aircraft, Marine Corps AV-8B Harrier fighters, and Air Force F-22 fighter and C-17 transport aircraft; provided an additional seven C-130J variants over the budget request for the Marine Corps, Air Force, and Air National Guard pursuant to House authorization action; and has fully funded the budget request for the Joint Strike Fighter.

PROCUREMENT

The Committee recommends \$48,471,235,000 in obligational authority for programs funded in Title III of the bill, Procurement, a net increase of \$621,689,000 over the fiscal year 1999 budget request. Major programs funded in the bill include the following:

- \$297,320,000 for 30 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters
- \$570,096,000 for Apache Longbow modifications
- \$313,325,000 for 2,000 Hellfire missiles
- \$319,988,000 for 3,316 Javelin missiles
- \$110,387,000 for 24 MLRS launchers
- \$371,844,000 for Bradley fighting vehicle upgrades
- \$666,603,000 for M1A2 tank upgrades
- \$58,476,000 for 1,000 HMMWV vehicles
- \$51,212,000 for SINCGARS tactical radios
- \$279,513,000 for 12 AV-8B strike aircraft
- \$2,568,083,000 for 27 F-18E/F fighters
- \$144,027,000 for 6 CH-60 helicopters
- \$267,167,000 for 15 T-45 trainers
- \$341,033,000 for P-3 modifications
- \$260,652,000 for 5 Trident II strategic missiles
- \$39,506,000 for 54 SLAM-ER missiles
- \$205,702,000 for 120 Standard missiles
- \$1,498,165,000 for 1 New Attack Submarine
- \$2,662,078,000 for 3 DDG-51 class destroyers
- \$812,618,000 for Marine Corps equipment
- \$525,094,000 for 2 F-22 fighters
- \$2,596,992,000 for 13 C-17 airlift aircraft
- \$463,051,000 for 2 JSTARS aircraft
- \$114,492,000 for 15 Predator UAVs
- \$60,000,000 for 2 F-16 aircraft
- \$341,070,000 for C-135 Modifications
- \$275,869,000 for B-2 modifications
- \$461,382,000 for 8 C-130J airlift aircraft
- \$93,727,000 for 180 AMRAAM missiles
- \$1,961,883,000 for ammunition
- \$303,235,000 for 40 PAC-3 missiles

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

AUTHORIZATION CHANGES

The Committee recommends the following changes in accordance with the House authorization action:

[In thousands of dollars]

	Budget request	Committee recommendation	Change from request
AV-8B (V/STOL) Harrier	282,713	279,513	- 3,200
T-45 (Trainer) Goshawk	282,667	267,167	- 15,500
KC-130J	0	112,400	+112,400
EA-6 Modifications	75,735	114,735	+39,000
ES-3 Modifications	5,172	0	- 5,172
E-6 Modifications	64,660	60,060	- 4,600
Spares and Repair Parts	727,838	719,438	- 8,400
Common Ground Equipment	330,952	315,552	- 15,400
Aircraft Industrial Facilities	13,753	11,953	- 1,800

MODIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT

DEPOT MAINTENANCE

The Navy requested \$70,000,000 in Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy in a new line item entitled Depot Maintenance for projects which historically have been spent in the modification programs in Aircraft Procurement, Navy. The Committee denies this request, and has instead provided the following increases in this account:

[In thousands of dollars]

AV-8B series	+11,000
S-3 series	+23,800
P-3 series	+28,700
Common avionics changes	+6,500

AV-8 SERIES

The Navy requested \$99,109,000 for AV-8 aircraft modifications. The Committee recommends \$112,409,000, an increase of \$13,300,000 of which \$11,000,000 is a transfer from Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Navy as described above and \$2,300,000 is for AV-8B antennas. The Commandant of the Marine Corps identified the lack of current-generation AV-8B antennas as a serious deficiency. AV-8B aircraft currently use Vietnam-era antennas on radar warning receiver equipment. The additional \$2,300,000 will procure 145 ALR-67 antenna sets, which increase accuracy of threat detection by a factor of two and are five times more reliable than current equipment.

The Navy requested \$13,787,000 for AV-8B aircraft engineering development. The Committee recommends \$50,387,000, an increase of \$36,600,000. Within that amount, an additional \$31,500,000 is for the open systems core avionics requirement and \$5,100,000 is for the landing signal officer automated shipboard operating bulletin. The Commandant of the Marine Corps identified both these items as serious deficiencies. The open systems core avionics requirement provides AV-8B mission computer enhancement using commercial off-the-shelf processors and rewrites legacy assembly language software into a higher order language. This will significantly enhance the capability of AV-8B software, significantly lower the cost of future software upgrades, and facilitate integration of future weapons on the aircraft. The landing signal officer automated shipboard operating bulletin software upgrades will make the system easier to operate by providing more accurate weight, balance, and center-of-gravity calculations; ordnance configurations; and take-off parameters.

SAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-200)

Contains no language.

CAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-746)

EXPLANATION OF PROJECT LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS

[In thousands of dollars]

	Budget	House	Senate	Conference
F/A-18E/F (FIGHTER) HORNET	2,787,783	2,568,083	2,787,783	2,772,783
Reduction of aircraft	0	- 204,700	0	0
Program reduction	0	- 15,000	0	- 15,000
T-45TS (TRAINER) GOSHAWK	282,667	267,167	282,667	293,567
Authorization reduction, GSE/training equip	0	- 15,500	0	0
Aircraft pricing	0	0	0	10,900
AV-8 SERIES	99,109	112,409	99,109	86,509
Transfer from RDT&E	0	11,000	0	0
ALR-67 antennas	0	2,300	0	2,300
OSCAR	0	0	0	- 14,900

AV-8B AIRCRAFT—ENG DEV	13,787	50,387	13,787	40,587
Open systems core avionics	0	31,500	0	26,800
Landing signal officer automated shipboard operating bulletin	0	5,100	0	0