

**COMMITTEE LANGUAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999**

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ACCOUNT: APN**

PRESBUD	HNSC	SASC	CASC	HAC	SAC	CAC
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**HNSC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-200)**

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*Common support aircraft*

The budget request contained \$27.1 million in PE 64217N for the Common Support Aircraft (CSA), a fiscal year 1999 major new start program to develop the replacement for the Navy's S-3B, ES-3A, E-2C, and C-2 aircraft. The common support airframe would also be a primary candidate for the Navy's organic tanker aircraft mission. The CSA program plan calls for a Milestone 0 decision in fiscal year 1999 to initiate the concept formulation phase and achievement of CSA initial operating capability in 2013.

The committee supports the need for a replacement for the Navy's E-2/C-2 and S-3/ES-3 aircraft which represent 1960s and 1970s aviation technology, respectively, and will begin reaching the end of their service lives in the 2010 time-frame. However, based on the projected in-service date for the CSA, the committee believes that the start of the CSA program should be delayed until fiscal year 2000. Accordingly, the committee recommends no funding for the CSA program for fiscal year 1999. The committee expects that the program will be included in the fiscal year 2000 defense budget request, and directs the establishment of a separate concept exploration/product definition and risk reduction program element for the program.

**SASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-189)**

Contains no language.

**CASC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-736)**

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**HAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-591)**

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**SAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-200)**

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**CAC LANGUAGE (Rpt. 105-746\_**

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