

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1973

To reduce the number of operational support aircraft of the Department
of Defense.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1995

Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Ms. FURSE, Mr. GUNDERSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mrs. SCHROEDER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security

A BILL

To reduce the number of operational support aircraft of
the Department of Defense.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REDUCTION IN OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AIR-**
4 **CRAFT FLEET.**

5 (a) REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT.—After
6 September 30, 1996, the number of aircraft of the Depart-
7 ment of Defense performing functions that as of June 1,
8 1995, were performed by aircraft designated as Oper-
9 ational Support Aircraft may not exceed two-thirds of the

1 number of such aircraft as of June 1, 1995. After Septem-
2 ber 30, 1997, the number of aircraft of the Department
3 of Defense performing functions that as of June 1, 1995,
4 were performed by aircraft designated as Operational Sup-
5 port Aircraft may not exceed one-half of the number of
6 such aircraft as of June 1, 1995, except that a higher
7 number, not in excess of the maximum number authorized
8 under the preceding sentence, may be authorized upon a
9 certification by the Secretary of Defense to Congress that
10 the additional Operational Support aircraft are required
11 for wartime use under Department of Defense require-
12 ments as of June 1, 1995, or are required to maintain
13 aircrew readiness.

14 (b) EXECUTIVE AGENT.—(1) The Secretary of De-
15 fense shall designate the Secretary of one of the military
16 departments to be the executive agent of the Department
17 of Defense for maintenance and operation of all fixed-wing
18 aircraft performing the functions that were performed as
19 of June 1, 1995, by aircraft designated as Operational
20 Support Aircraft.

21 (2) The Secretary of Defense shall designate the com-
22 mander of the United States Transportation Command as
23 the single operational manager of all fixed-wing Oper-
24 ational Support Aircraft, effective October 1, 1996.

1 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall
2 prescribe regulations for the operation, maintenance, and
3 use of fixed-wing aircraft to perform the functions per-
4 formed as of June 1, 1995, by aircraft designated as Oper-
5 ational Support Aircraft. Those regulations shall apply
6 uniformly throughout the Department of Defense.

7 (d) NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA HELICOPTER
8 USAGE.—After September 30, 1996, the number of heli-
9 copters of the Department of Defense used for administra-
10 tive purposes in the National Capital area may not exceed
11 one-half of the number of such helicopters used of such
12 purposes as of June 1, 1995. Helicopters assigned for the
13 support of the President shall not be counted for purposes
14 of this subsection.

15 (e) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
17 of Defense shall submit to Congress a report on the imple-
18 mentation of this section. The report shall set forth in de-
19 tail the manner in which the Secretary has implemented,
20 or will implement, each of the provisions of this section.
21 In addition, the report shall include a listing of all fixed-
22 wing aircraft (other than F- designated and B- des-
23 igned aircraft) in the inventory of the Department of
24 Defense that were in operation as of June 1, 1995, shown

4

- 1 by identification number, unit of assignment, location, and
- 2 assigned mission.

○