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CONFERENCE REPORT AND EXPLANATORY MATERIAL STATEMENT ON H.R. 5515, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, SUBMITTED BY MR. THORNBERRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 115-863)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 5515), to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment, insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—This Act may be cited as the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”.

(b) *REFERENCES.*—Any reference in this or any other Act to the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019” shall be deemed to be a reference to the “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019”.

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) *DIVISIONS.*—This Act is organized into four divisions as follows:

(1) *Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.*

(2) *Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.*

(3) *Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.*

(4) *Division D—Funding Tables.*

(b) *TABLE OF CONTENTS.*—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.

Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.

Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

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Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

Sec. 111. National Guard and reserve component equipment report.

Sec. 112. Deployment by the Army of an interim cruise missile defense capability.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

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Sec. 122. Full ship shock trial for Ford class aircraft carrier.

Sec. 123. Sense of Congress on accelerated production of aircraft carriers.

Sec. 124. Multiyear procurement authority for standard missile-6.

Sec. 125. Multiyear procurement authority for E-2D aircraft.

Sec. 126. Multiyear procurement authority for F/A-18E/F aircraft and EA-18G aircraft.

Sec. 127. Modifications to F/A-18 aircraft to mitigate physiological episodes.

Sec. 128. Frigate class ship program.

Sec. 129. Contract requirement for Virginia class submarine program.

Sec. 130. Prohibition on availability of funds for Navy port waterborne security barriers.

Sec. 131. Extension of limitation on use of sole-source shipbuilding contracts for certain vessels.

Sec. 132. Limitation on availability of funds for M27 Infantry Automatic Rifle program.

Sec. 133. Report on degaussing standards for DDG-51 destroyers.

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Sec. 141. Inventory requirement for air refueling tanker aircraft; limitation on retirement of KC-10A aircraft.

Sec. 142. Multiyear procurement authority for C-130J aircraft program.

Sec. 143. Contract for logistics support for VC-25B aircraft.

Sec. 144. Retirement date for VC-25A aircraft.

Sec. 145. Repeal of funding restriction for EC-130H Compass Call Recapitalization Program.

Sec. 146. Limitation on use of funds for KC-46A aircraft pending submittal of certification.

Sec. 147. Limitation on availability of funds for retirement of E-8 JSTARS Aircraft.

Sec. 148. Report on modernization of B-52H aircraft systems.

Subtitle E—Defense-wide, Joint, and Multiservice Matters

Sec. 151. Procurement authority for additional icebreaker vessels.

Sec. 152. Buy-to-budget acquisition of F-35 aircraft.

Sec. 153. Certification on inclusion of technology to minimize physiological episodes in certain aircraft.

Sec. 154. Armored commercial passenger-carrying vehicles.

Sec. 155. Quarterly updates on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION

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Sec. 201. Authorization of appropriations.

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Sec. 211. Modification of authority to carry out certain prototype projects.

Sec. 212. Extension of directed energy prototype authority.

Sec. 213. Prohibition on availability of funds for the Weather Common Component program.

Sec. 214. Limitation on availability of funds for F-35 continuous capability development and delivery.

Sec. 215. Limitation on availability of funds pending report on agile software development and software operations.

Sec. 216. Limitation on availability of funds for certain high energy laser advanced technology.

Sec. 217. Plan for the Strategic Capabilities Office of the Department of Defense.

Sec. 218. National Defense Science and Technology Strategy.

Sec. 219. Modification of CVN-73 to support fielding of MQ-25 unmanned aerial vehicle.

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