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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE AND SENATE FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY DISTRICT WORK PERIOD

Mr. GOSS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 105-603) on the resolution (H. Res. 491) providing for consideration of a concurrent resolution providing for adjournment of the House and Senate for the Independence Day district work period, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, and that I may be permitted to include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 484 and rule XXIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 4103.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 4103) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes, with Mr. CAMP in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, we are happy to present the defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 1999. I believe we can expedite the program this evening and be out of here before it gets too late. It is an important piece of legislation that I think most Members will want to sup-

port. There will be several amendments that we would anticipate, but I think we can move rather expeditiously.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Chairman, I made all my comments on the rule, and I am prepared to yield back at any time.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, I think we will be prepared to do that very shortly. I think it would be in order to advise the Members of some of the highlights of the bill.

Before I do that, I want to recognize two members of this subcommittee. This will be the last time that they will serve on this subcommittee and be part of this bill, and that is our colleagues the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCDADE) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER).

Mr. Chairman, these two gentlemen have served on this subcommittee for a long, long time, and many things have happened during their time here. The Berlin Wall came down during the time they were here, and we are going to give them credit for helping to make that happen.

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER) wanted to know if he was going to get anything special in this bill. I said no; we would get together and buy him a watch or something, but he was not going to get anything special in the bill just because he was leaving.

Mr. Chairman, both the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HEFNER) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MCDADE) have been true patriots, they have been very strong on national defense, they have not been bashful in presenting their views on matters that came before the committee, and I think the House and their country owe a lot to the contributions they have made to the national security as members of this important subcommittee.

All of the members on this subcommittee, Mr. Chairman, have been extremely diligent and have worked many, many long hours, days and weeks, to prepare this bill, to go over the issues that we have to go over, the thousands of items that we have responsibility for.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to compliment the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA), the ranking member, and I want to say that as we present this bill, this is a bipartisan bill. It has been for many, many years, and it is for fiscal year 1999.

I would say to the Members that the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MURTHA) deserves a lot of credit as the leader on the minority side and former chairman. We have worked together in a partnership to make sure that the decisions that were made were in the interests of the security of our Nation, that they had a direct defense application and that there was a requirement for them.

So we bring a bill today that is slightly under the President's budget, and when we adjust for inflation, we are \$2.5 billion under where we were for fiscal year 1998. But we have been able to go through the various accounts. I would encourage Members to take a look at this report.

Mr. Chairman, we have talked so many times about waste, fraud and abuse in Federal agencies. In this report you will find page after page, example after example, of where we have gone through every contract and every program and we have found places where there was waste that we eliminated; we have found places where we can save money because of contract slips, and we did that. Because we did that, we were able to provide most of the things that the President asked for in his budget, and, at the same time, we were able to make some additions.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to tell the House what those additions are. I would like to say that we did fund the pay raise for members of the military and the civilian workers in the Department of Defense. We have been able to increase substantially real property maintenance so that we could do something about the poor living conditions that some of our soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen have to live in. We have provided additional money for the spare parts and flying hours so that we do not go directly to a hollow force.

But one thing we did not do, Mr. Chairman, we did not provide enough money to adequately provide for the security of this Nation today and in the years to come. We are on a down slope. This will be the 14th year in a row that our investment in our own national security has been less than it was the year before, when inflation is considered.

We have ships at sea that are undermanned. We have men and women who are deployed more often than they should be. The deployments are excessive, the OPTEMPO is excessive, and you just cannot continue to do more with less.

The worst part about this bill is it does not meet the requirements of the services. The services themselves and the Reserve components have identified approximately \$12 billion in unbudgeted requirements for this year alone that they need to just maintain the infrastructure, not create some new weapons system, not to create something new and glamorous and dramatic, but just to do the day-to-day things that are required to keep the military functioning and to keep readiness up. So that is a major problem in this bill. It just does not have enough to take care of those problems.

Mr. Chairman, we will debate many of these issues as we go through some of the amendments. At this point, however, I would like to insert in the RECORD a table which summarizes the overall funding in this bill as it currently stands before the House.