

making the Army and the other services absorb these enormous expenses until next spring. It is imperative that we include an authorization of additional funding in this bill.

But in the long term, we cannot continue to rely on supplemental funding. The President should start submitting budgets that recognize these enormous costs. The continued use of emergency authorizations to fund the global war on terrorism, and the administration's continued failure to include the true cost of the war in the annual authorization request are bad for our military and are bad fiscal policy. For this reason, in the fiscal year 2005 emergency supplemental, we requested that the Secretary of Defense provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, and the congressional Defense Committees that identifies such things as security, economic, and Iraqi security force training performance standards and goals. The report must also include an assessment of US. military requirements, including planned force rotations, through the end of calendar year 2006. Once the process needed to identify these requirements has been established, it should be possible for the Department of Defense to be able to identify funds needed for the global war on terrorism, and these costs should be able to be included in the fiscal year 2007 President's budget in February.

On the positive side, I am extremely pleased with the provisions supporting the compensation and quality of life for the men and women in uniform. The budget includes funding for child care of military families and for increased death gratuity to service members' survivors as well as increased service members' group life insurance.

But these increases do not go far enough to improve the quality of life for our members of the military. The budget request did not include funding for the Citizen-Soldier Support Program, which improves and augments family readiness programs for families of the Reserve and Guard. The committee recommends an increase in operations and maintenance, O&M, funds to expand the services of this program. The budget did not include funding for the Parents as Teachers Program. The committee believes this program can provide a valuable service to military families by providing instructional assistance to parents of preschool children.

In the O&M accounts, the Readiness Subcommittee did our best to support the readiness of our forces. Part of ensuring readiness is funding it. As then-Secretary of the Navy Gordon England wrote to our committee earlier this year:

Readiness is a direct function of Operation and Maintenance dollars available. Underfunding O&M adversely affects readiness.

I am encouraged by the support for O&M funding in this bill, because that translates directly into support for our men and women in uniform. The subcommittee also took actions designed to improve the Army's training and get them to produce a strategy for both training and for the basing of their forces as they convert to a modular brigade format.

I am pleased about our continued support for military construction and family housing needs that are so critical to quality of life for our service men and women. I also support many of the provisions we have included that will further improve the management of the Department. I particularly appreciate the bipartisan effort that the committee made to address a wide range of procurement issues, environmental issues, and some longstanding DOD financial management problems.

I share with the committee a great concern over the impact of the global war on terrorism on recruitment and retention. In order to address this impact, the committee has recommended the payment of an incentive bonus not to exceed \$2,500 to military members of the Active and Reserve components who transfer from the Regular or Reserve component of one service to the Regular or Reserve component of another service. The committee also recommends increasing the amount of selective reenlistment bonus for certain enlisted personnel and a retention incentive bonus for members of the selected Reserve qualified in a critical military skill or specialty.

With regard to the end strength of the services, the committee recommends increases for the Army and the Marine Corps. As the conflict continues in Iraq, the Army and the Marine Corps are suffering the greatest impact of prolonged tours of duty as well as multiple tours of duty. By increasing the end strength, the committee believes that the use of the stop-loss practice will be significantly reduced. While we are already seeing a reduction in recruitment numbers, these increases are meant to alleviate some of the strain currently placed on the service members deployed in the global war on terrorism.

Mr. President, this bill will provide needed funding for our service men and women and the future of our national defense.

Thank you, Mr. President. I yield back my time.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:15 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 21, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate July 20, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM ROBERT TIMKEN, JR., OF OHIO, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. FRANK G. KLOTZ, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. DAVID A. DEPTULA, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601, AND TO BE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 711:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. VICTOR E. RENUART, JR., 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. JOHN L. HUDSON, 0000

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be general

LT. GEN. WILLIAM E. WARD, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. DAVID H. PETRAEUS, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MARTIN E. DEMPSEY, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM E. MORTENSEN, 0000

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

LT. GEN. CLAUDE V. CHRISTIANSON, 0000