

TITLE IV—MILITARY PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATIONS

Subtitle A—Active Forces

End strengths for active forces (sec. 401)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2011, as shown below:

	Fiscal year		
	2010 authorization	2011 request	2011 recommendation
Army	562,400	569,400	569,400
Navy	328,800	328,700	328,700
Marine Corps	202,100	202,100	202,100
Air Force	331,700	332,200	332,200

The committee has supported the growth in the Army and the Marine Corps over the past 4 years, and in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111–84), Congress increased the authorized active-duty end strengths of all the services, authorizing over 55,000 more active-duty service members across all services. Section 403 of that Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to increase the Army’s active-duty end strength to 592,400 in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 if he determined it necessary to support operational requirements or organizational restructuring.

Last year, the Secretary of Defense announced that the Army would be increasing its active-duty end strength by 22,000 in order to ensure that deploying units would be properly manned. The Department submitted a budget amendment to achieve 15,000 of that growth during fiscal year 2010. The committee supported the Secretary and authorized active-duty Army end strength of 562,400 rather than the 547,400 originally proposed by the Department, with the understanding that the additional 7,000 would be requested in fiscal year 2011. The committee supports the 2011 request of 569,400, and expects the Army to use all available authorized end strength, for which it has budgeted in 2011, to increase dwell time for individual soldiers and units, improve readiness, and ensure that deploying units are sufficiently manned.

The committee supports the administration’s request and recommends active-duty end strengths for fiscal year 2011 for the Army of 569,400, the Marine Corps of 202,100, the Navy of 328,700, and the Air Force of 332,200.

Subtitle B—Reserve Forces

End strengths for Selected Reserve (sec. 411)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize Selected Reserve end strengths for fiscal year 2011, as shown below:

	Fiscal year		
	2010 authorization	2011 request	2011 recommendation
The Army National Guard of the United States	358,200	358,200	358,200
The Army Reserve	205,000	205,000	205,000
The Navy Reserve	65,500	65,500	65,500
The Marine Corps Reserve	39,600	39,600	39,600
The Air National Guard of the United States	106,700	106,700	106,700
The Air Force Reserve	69,500	71,200	71,200
The Coast Guard Reserve	10,000	10,000	10,000

End strengths for Reserves on active duty in support of the Reserves (sec. 412)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize full-time support end strengths for fiscal year 2011, as shown below:

	Fiscal year		
	2010 authorization	2011 request	2011 recommendation
The Army National Guard of the United States	32,060	32,060	32,060
The Army Reserve	16,261	16,261	16,261
The Navy Reserve	10,818	10,688	10,688
The Marine Corps Reserve	2,261	2,261	2,261
The Air National Guard of the United States	14,555	14,584	14,584
The Air Force Reserve	2,896	2,992	2,992

End strengths for military technicians (dual status) (sec. 413)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize end strengths for military technicians (dual status) for fiscal year 2011, as shown below:

	Fiscal year		
	2010 authorization	2011 request	2011 recommendation
The Army Reserve	8,395	8,395	8,395
The Army National Guard of the United States	27,210	27,210	27,210
The Air Force Reserve	10,417	10,720	10,720
The Air National Guard of the United States	22,313	22,394	22,394

Fiscal year 2011 limitation on number of non-dual status technicians (sec. 414)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of non-dual status technicians who may be employed in the Department of Defense as of September 30, 2011, as shown below:

	Fiscal year		
	2010 authorization	2011 request	2011 recommendation
The Army National Guard of the United States	1,600	2,520	1,600
The Air National Guard of the United States	350	350	350
The Army Reserve	595	595	595
The Air Force Reserve	90	90	90

The committee recommends maintaining Army National Guard non-dual status end strength at 1,600, consistent with prior years, 920 less than the administration’s request. The committee notes that under a Presidential waiver of end strength limitations, the Army National Guard currently employs over 3,000 non-dual status technicians, many of whom serve at State headquarters. The committee is concerned that the requested strength may be too high once the wars end, particularly considering that non-dual status technicians are federal employees and cannot be easily separated. The committee considers the end strength limitations of this section appropriate to meet permanent peacetime requirements. Additionally, the temporary hiring authority for non-dual status technicians found elsewhere in this Act should alleviate the pressures created by the operations tempo of the dual status technician population. Finally, the committee is still waiting for two reports from the Department of Defense on the full-time support requirements of the reserve components generally, and the specific requirements for non-dual status technicians.

Maximum number of Reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support (sec. 415)

The committee recommends a provision that would establish limits on the number of Reserve personnel authorized to be on active duty for operational support under section 115(b) of title 10, United States Code, as of September 30, 2011, as shown below:

	Fiscal year		
	2010 authorization	2011 request	2011 recommendation
The Army National Guard of the United States	17,000	17,000	17,000
The Army Reserve	13,000	13,000	13,000
The Navy Reserve	6,200	6,200	6,200
The Marine Corps Reserve	3,000	3,000	3,000
The Air National Guard of the United States	16,000	16,000	16,000
The Air Force Reserve	14,000	14,000	14,000

Subtitle C—Authorizations of Appropriations

Military personnel (sec. 421)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize funds to be appropriated for military personnel accounts of the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2011.

Subtitle D—Armed Forces Retirement Home

Authorization of appropriations for Armed Forces Retirement Home (sec. 431)

The committee recommends a provision that would authorize \$71.2 million to be appropriated for fiscal year 2011 from the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund for the operation of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.