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H.R. 3222 – PART II – Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008

H.R. 3222, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008 (sponsored by Rep. Murtha, D-PA), is scheduled to be considered on the House floor this evening, Saturday, August 4, 2007. The amendment summaries below reflect the amendments made in order by the unanimous consent agreement. No other amendments are in order.

All amendments are debatable for 10 minutes. For a summary of the underlying bill, see separate RSC documents released yesterday.

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Amendments Made in Order by the UC Agreement

1. Rogers (R-MI). Increases funds for the “Former Soviet Union Threat Reduction Account” by \$45 million (from \$398 million to \$443 million) and decreases funds for in the Army’s budget for chemical agents and munitions destruction (from \$1.455 billion to \$1.41 billion). According to the sponsor’s office, “because of the Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) program’s success in destroying nuclear and chemical weapons in Russia and former states of the Soviet Union, the program is poised to expand to other parts of the world.” The bill currently directs \$7 million to new CTR program expansion.

2. Franks (R-AZ). An amendment was made in order by the UC “regarding missile defense,” but is likely to not be offered.

3. Sessions (R-TX). Strikes the language in the underlying bill (Section 8020) that would impose limitations on the Administration’s public-private competition initiative for certain government services (otherwise known as “competitive sourcing” or “OMB Circular A-76”).

4. Issa (R-CA). Prohibits funds from being used to disclose the aggregate amount of appropriated funds for the National Intelligence Program. According to the sponsor’s office, “the budget total for the National Intelligence Program is now authorized to be made public in a provision that was included in the conference report to HR 1.” The amendment would prevent the Intelligence portion of the DoD Appropriations bill to be made public.

- 5. Walberg (R-MI).** Prohibits funds from being used to award a grant or contract based on the race, ethnicity, or sex of the grant applicant or prospective contractor.
- 6. Castle (R-DE).** Inserts language that requires funds made available under title II (regarding Army operation and maintenance) be used to credit members of the Armed Forces one additional day of leave for every month of their most recent deployment. According to the sponsor's office, "under the current Pentagon policies, all members of the Armed Forces, including those serving in the Guard and Reserve, receive 2.5 days of leave time per month - regardless of whether they are deployed in a combat zone or back in the U.S. at their home base." This amendment would extend that leave by one day per month deployed.
- 7. Campbell (R-CA).** Prohibits funds under the "Research, Development, Test and Evaluation" heading from being used for the Swimmer Detection Sonar Network.
- 8. Campbell (R-CA).** Prohibits funds under the "Research, Development, Test and Evaluation" heading from being used for the Paint Shield for Protecting from Microbial Threats.
- 9. Inslee (D-WA).** According to the sponsor, this amendment "prohibits spending money on those parts of the National Security Personnel System (NSPS) that violate workers' protections." Text of the amendment is not available at this time.
- 10. Upton (R-MI)/ Harman (D-CA).** Prohibits funds from being used to purchase light bulbs, unless the light bulbs have the "ENERGY STAR" or "Federal Energy Management Program" designation.
- 11. Conaway (R-TX).** Expresses the sense of the House that any savings in H.R. 3222, achieved as a result of amendments, should be dedicated to deficit reduction.
- 12. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds for being used for the National Drug Intelligence Center in Johnstown, PA. This earmark was requested by Representative Murtha.
- 13. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds for being used for the Concurrent Technologies Corporation. This earmark was requested by Representative Dicks.
- 14. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds for being used for the Lewis Center for Education Research for development of online educational curriculum. This earmark was requested by Ranking Member Jerry Lewis.
- 15. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds for being used for the Presidio Trust to restore the historic parade ground in the center of the Presidio's Main Post, including seismic retrofitting and rehabilitating of brick barracks built after the Spanish American War. This earmark was requested by Speaker Pelosi.
- 16. Flake (R-AZ).** Prohibits funds for being used for the Marine Desalination Systems, Inc. for Atmospheric Water Harvesting. This earmark was requested by Ranking Member C.W. Young.

17. Flake (R-AZ). Prohibits funds for being used for the Doyle Center for Manufacturing Technology for the TIDE Program. This earmark was requested by Representative Doyle.

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