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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE
DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE MARK UP
JULY 16, 2002**

TODAY I AM PLEASED TO REPORT TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SENATOR STEVEN'S AND MY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

THE RECOMMENDATION BEFORE YOU TOTALS \$355.4 BILLION IN NEW APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS THE LARGEST SPENDING BILL THIS COMMITTEE HAS EVER RECOMMENDED.

IT IS \$35 BILLION MORE THAN WAS APPROVED FOR FY 2002 AND NEARLY \$700 MILLION MORE THAN RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE LAST MONTH. IN LIGHT OF THE THREAT TO THIS NATION, I BELIEVE THE INCREASE IS WELL WARRANTED.

I WANT TO POINT OUT TO MY COLLEAGUES THAT WHILE THE BILL IS THE HIGHEST IN HISTORY, THE TOTAL RECOMMENDED IS STILL \$11.4 BILLION BELOW THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST.

\$10 BILLION IS BEING WITHHELD BY THE FULL COMMITTEE TO PAY FOR FUTURE DEFENSE COSTS OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.

ON JULY 3, THE PRESIDENT SUBMITTED A SKETCH OF HOW HE WOULD LIKE THESE FUNDS APPROPRIATED. UNFORTUNATELY, NO DETAILS ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS WERE PROVIDED. THEREFORE, THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT ALLOCATED THE FUNDING TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE YET.

I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THE MEASURE THAT PASSED THE HOUSE ALSO DID NOT ADDRESS THE \$10 BILLION CONTINGENCY AMOUNT.

OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WE WILL WORK WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR THIS

FUNDING AND WE EXPECT THAT A SUPPLEMENTAL BILL WILL BE FORTHCOMING TO ALLOCATE THE FULL \$10 BILLION TO DoD.

THE REMAINING \$1.4 BILLION DECREASE REFLECTS TRANSFERS MADE TO OTHER DEFENSE RELATED ACTIVITIES TO COVER PRESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS RELATED PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. THESE ARE NOT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE.

SENATOR STEVENS AND I AGREE THAT THE PRIORITIES FOR THIS BILL REMAIN THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE MUST ENSURE THAT WE PROVIDE WHAT THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM NEED. TO THAT END WE HAVE:

- FULLY FUNDED THE REQUEST FOR A 4.1% ACROSS THE BOARD PAY RAISE.**
- FUNDED THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED BENEFITS FOR OUR MILITARY.**
- PROVIDED FUNDING TO COVER THE AUTHORIZED END STRENGTH FOR ALL OUR ACTIVE, GUARD, AND RESERVES.**
- FUNDED THE TRICARE FOR LIFE PROGRAM FOR OUR MILITARY RETIREES, AND**
- FULLY FUNDED THE DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM.**

SECOND, WE HAVE INCLUDED FUNDING FOR ALL THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMS.

- WE RECOMMEND FULL FUNDING FOR THE ARMY'S INTERIM ARMORED VEHICLE.**
- WE HAVE INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE GLOBAL HAWK AND PREDATOR UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES.**
- WE RECOMMEND AN INCREASE OF \$278 MILLION IN THE ARMY'S FUTURE COMBAT SYSTEM PROGRAM.**
- WE PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL \$70 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE PLANNING AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE NEW INTERIM ARMY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAMS AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT TO DEPLOY ALL SIX BRIGADES.**

THIRD, WE RECOMMEND FUNDING ALL THE INVESTMENT PRIORITIES OF THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. THIS INCLUDES:

- FULL FUNDING FOR THE F-22**

- **FULL FUNDING FOR THE NAVY'S DDX**
- **INCREASED FUNDING FOR FOUR MORE F/A-18 AIRCRAFT**
- **FULL FUNDING FOR 15 C-17 AIRCRAFT**
- **FULL FUNDING FOR V-22 AIRCRAFT PURCHASES, AND**
- **INCREASING FUNDING FOR NAVY SHIPBUILDING.**

FOURTH, A MAJOR INITIATIVE IN FUNDING FOR THE BILL IS TO IMPROVE FISCAL DISCIPLINE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. THIS COMMITTEE AND OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE HOUSE HAVE BEEN CONCERNED FOR SEVERAL YEARS WITH THE INCREASED COST GROWTH IN NAVY SHIPS. THIS YEAR ALONE THE TOTAL UNFUNDED LIABILITY FOR THE NAVY IN THIS AREA HAS INCREASED BY \$1 BILLION TO \$4 BILLION.

THE COMMITTEE HAS CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE REQUEST AND REALLOCATED RESOURCES THAT ARE NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME, IN ORDER TO INCREASE FUNDING TO PAY OFF THESE EXISTING BILLS. IN TOTAL, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$1.4 BILLION TO COVER THESE MUST PAY BILLS. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH NAVY OFFICIALS AND THEY CONCUR THAT THIS IS THE BEST APPROACH TO GET THEIR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER.

FIFTH, THE BILL RECOMMENDS ADDING \$580 MILLION TO PURCHASE 15 C-17 AIRCRAFT. THE AIR FORCE RECOMMENDED A RISKY SCHEME, ALREADY REJECTED BY THE HOUSE, TO INCREMENTALLY FINANCE THE C-17 PROGRAM. THIS PROPOSAL COULD HAVE REQUIRED US TO CUT C-17 PRODUCTION TO 12.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WILL ENSURE THAT WE CONTINUE TO PRODUCE 15 C-17'S UNDER THE APPROVED MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT.

SIXTH, THE COMMITTEE HAS MIRRORED THE RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED BY THE SENATE REGARDING BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE. THE BILL PROVIDES \$6.9 BILLION FOR BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, AS AUTHORIZED, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS \$814 MILLION TO BE ALLOCATED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT FOR EITHER COUNTER TERRORISM OR MISSILE DEFENSE. IN TOTAL,

**THE \$7.7 BILLION RECOMMENDATION IS THE SAME AS
REQUESTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

**FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY CO-CHARIMAN, SENATOR
STEVENS AND ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS BILL.
TOGETHER WE HELD 12 HEARINGS TO REVIEW THE DEFENSE
DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE
HAVE PUT FORWARD HERE REFLECT WHAT WE LEARNED
COLLECTIVELY IN THOSE HEARINGS.**

**I BELIEVE THIS IS A VERY GOOD BILL AND URGE YOUR
SUPPORT.**