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Policy Brief.....Conference Report on H.R. 2559—Military Construction Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Knollenberg)

BY THE NUMBERS:

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars

	FY '03 Enacted	FY '04 Request¹	FY '04 House Bill	FY '04 Senate Bill	FY '04 Conf Report
Regular Appropriations	10,595.9	9,190.2	9,536.5	9,536.5	9,812.2
Rescissions	-101.9	-153.4	-340.5	-340.5	-496.2
Grand Total	10,494.0	9,036.8	9,196.0	9,196.0	9,316.0

All Numbers Exclude Iraq Supplementals

¹The Appropriations Committee scores the President's request at \$9,237.1 million (including rescissions), \$200.3 million higher than the original net budget submission. This is the result of the Appropriations Committee's moving some of the DOD request to Military Construction and of CBO's estimate of the Administration's request for a general provision related to foreign currency fluctuations, which results in an appropriation of \$55.0 million.

Excluding rescissions, the Conference Report is:

- \$783.7 million or 7.4% below last year;
- \$622 million or 6.8% above the original request (*see footnote above*);
- \$575.1 million or 6.2% above the adjusted request (*see footnote above*);
- \$275.7 million or 2.9% above the House and Senate-passed bills.

Including rescissions, the Conference Report is:

- \$1,178 million or 11.2% below last year;
- \$279 million or 3.1% above the original request (*see footnote above*);
- \$78.9 million or 0.9% above the adjusted request (*see footnote above*);
- \$200 million or 2.2% above the House and Senate-passed bills.

The Conference Report is \$200 million above the 302(b) allocation currently on file pursuant to the Budget Act. Leadership staff indicates that the bill is consistent with the "Conference Allocations" which the Appropriations Committee has not filed. It is unclear what other bill the Committee proposes to reduce to offset this increase.

Major Funding Areas

In Thousands of Dollars

	FY 2003 Enacted*	FY 2004 Request**	FY 2004 House**	FY 2004 Conference**	Conf Vs. FY 2003	Conf Vs. Request	Conf Vs. House
Military Construction, Army	1,634,334	1,536,010	1,350,045	1,264,624	-22.62%	-17.67%	-6.33%
Military Construction, Navy	1,303,788	1,132,858	1,171,755	1,192,836	-8.51%	5.29%	1.80%
Military Construction, Air Force	1,048,366	830,671	896,136	1,044,751	-0.34%	25.77%	16.58%
Military Construction, Defense-Wide	866,669	814,116	780,933	701,162	-19.10%	-13.87%	-10.21%
Military Construction, Reserve Components	706,491	369,550	464,911	730,481	3.40%	97.67%	57.12%
NATO Security Investment	167,200	169,300	169,300	161,300	-3.53%	-4.73%	-4.73%
Family Housing, Total	4,206,014	3,959,164	3,937,493	3,795,419	-9.76%	-4.14%	-3.61%
Base Realignment & Closure	561,138	370,427	370,427	370,427	-33.99%	0.00%	0.00%

*Including rescissions but *excluding* supplemental appropriations

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Language of Note:

The Conference Report includes a provision not included in the House bill, but included in the Senate bill to create an 8-member Commission to review and assess the U.S.'s overseas military facility structure. The Commission must file a report by December 31, 2004, may meet anywhere, and may hire a staff of up to 12 without regard to civil service laws. The bill sets aside \$3 million within the bill to fund the new Commission.

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