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## House Armed Services Committee Bob Stump, Chairman

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### HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE PROVIDES \$10 BILLION TO FUND THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM

Today, the House Armed Services Committee completed consideration of H.R. 4547, the Cost of War Against Terrorism Authorization Act (COWATAA) of 2002, and ordered the bill reported on a bipartisan vote of 50 to 1.

Committee chairman Bob Stump (R-AZ) said, "I am pleased that the committee was able to move so quickly on the 'cost of war' portion of the defense budget. Our actions today move us one step closer to fully funding the President's defense budget request for the coming fiscal year."

On May 1, 2002, the committee reported the majority of the fiscal year 2003 defense budget in H.R. 4546, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003. That bill contained all but approximately \$10 billion of the President's defense budget request. The committee also began consideration of H.R. 4547, which contained the remaining \$10 billion requested by the President.

After adopting a manager's amendment to H.R. 4547 that specified how approximately \$3.7 billion of the \$10 billion would be used, the committee suspended consideration of the bill until the President submitted specific information about the programs to be funded by the \$10 billion request. On July 3, 2002, the committee received the President's budget amendment, allowing the committee to complete its consideration of H.R. 4547.

Stump said, "The Administration's July 3 request would have given the Department of Defense a \$10 billion contingency fund containing only broad designations for how the funds could be spent. Though some flexibility is a good idea, too much flexibility would undermine the Congress' constitutional responsibility to oversee how a significant amount of money is spent."

"Therefore," continued Stump, "the committee amended the Administration's proposal to support three goals: first, H.R. 4547 specifically authorizes programs where the Administration identified specific programs in its requests to Congress; second, H.R. 4547 gives the Department of Defense significant flexibility in how it spends the remaining funds in the bill; and third, H.R. 4547 fulfills the committee's commitment to authorize the \$3.5 billion of war-related programs that we addressed earlier this May."

Stump concluded, "H.R. 4547 is a reasonable compromise: Congress retains its ability to conduct oversight; the Administration retains flexibility in how it spends the funds; and, most importantly, the U.S. military gets the resources it needs to prosecute the war against terrorism."

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*H.R. 4547, which may be considered by the House of Representatives as soon as next week, contains \$10 billion as follows:*

<b>COST OF WAR ITEMS IN FY 03 BUDGET REQUEST</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Operation Noble Eagle	Combat air patrols (CAPS) over U.S. cities	\$517.3 million
Chemical/Biological Anti-terrorism Program	Initiative to boost homeland defense and protection of forces against increased post-Sept. 11 threat of terrorist chemical and biological attack	\$480.1 million
Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I)	Support Operation Enduring Freedom C4I requirements	\$599.5 million
KC-135E tanker aircraft	Upgrade tanker engines to support Operation Enduring Freedom air refueling requirements	\$89.0 million
Linguists	Hire linguists to support Operation Enduring Freedom translation requirements	\$14.3 million
Tomahawk Land Attack Missiles	Convert remaining Tomahawk missiles to conventional version for use in war on terrorism	\$598.0 million
Military Construction	Construct facilities to meet force protection and prisoner detainee requirements	\$35.1 million
Munitions and Aircraft	Laser Guided Bombs, JDAMs, Global Hawk UAV, Predator UAVs, KC-130 used or lost in Operation Enduring Freedom	\$422.6 million
War Pay	Personnel costs triggered by Operation Enduring Freedom related to hazardous duty incentive, imminent danger, family separation pays, and death gratuity	\$320.8 million
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3.1 billion</b>

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<b>NEW CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAMS</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>COST</b>
War Pay Enhancements	Included in manager's amendment to H.R. 4547 adopted on May 1, 2002	\$182 million
Joint Task Force Support to Law Enforcement Agencies	Authorizes joint task forces to provide support to law enforcement agencies conducting counter-terrorism activities	\$5 million
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$187 million</b>

<b>GENERAL CATEGORIES</b>		
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>	<b>COST</b>
Classified/Intelligence	In Administration's July 3 Budget Amendment	\$2 billion
Ammunition	In Administration's July 3 Budget Amendment	\$200 million
War on Terrorism Equipment Replacement & Enhancement Fund	Available only for costs directly related to Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom for the emergency replacement of equipment lost or expended in operations, or for the enhancement of critical military capabilities necessary to carry out operations	\$1 billion
War on Terrorism Operations Fund	Available only for costs directly related to Operation Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom	\$3.5 billion
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6.7 billion</b>

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<b>H.R. 4547 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10 Billion</b>
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