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H. R. 413

To reduce the budget of the Department of Defense to the level provided for fiscal year 2008 and to freeze the budget at such level through fiscal year 2016.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 25, 2011

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defense and Deficit
5 Reduction Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Under H. Res. 38, the Chair of the Com-
9 mittee on the Budget shall include in the Congres-

1 sional Record an allocation for the remainder of fis-
2 cal year 2011 that assumes nonsecurity spending at
3 fiscal year 2008 levels.

4 (2) Reductions in defense spending should be
5 included in any effort to reduce Federal outlays and
6 reduce the national deficit.

7 (3) In fiscal year 2010, defense spending com-
8 prised 58 percent of discretionary spending.

9 (4) If defense spending continued at fiscal year
10 2010 levels for the next 5 years, it would total
11 \$3,600,000,000,000.

12 (5) Reducing defense spending to fiscal year
13 2008 levels would save approximately
14 \$182,000,000,000 over 5 years compared to current
15 levels.

16 (6) In January 2011 Secretary of Defense
17 Gates stated that the Administration is seeking
18 \$78,000,000,000 in cuts to the defense budget over
19 the next five years on top of \$100,000,000,000 in
20 efficiencies. This savings should be used to decrease
21 the deficit.

22 (7) President Obama has pledged to begin
23 drawing down forces in Afghanistan in July 2011
24 with a goal of full withdrawal in 2014. With a de-

1 crease in troops abroad, our defense spending should
2 decrease.

3 (8) In a CBS News Poll from January 2011,
4 over 50 percent of Americans questioned would re-
5 duce defense spending to decrease the Federal def-
6 icit.

7 (9) The United States currently spends more
8 on its military and defense than the next 19 biggest
9 spending nations combined.

10 (10) Making reasonable reductions to the de-
11 fense budget can help to solve the Nation's long-
12 term fiscal problems.

13 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION AND FREEZE IN BUDGET OF DEPART-**
14 **MENT OF DEFENSE.**

15 (a) REDUCTION AND FREEZE.—The aggregate
16 amount of funds appropriated or otherwise made available
17 for military functions administered by the Department of
18 Defense (other than the functions excluded by subsection
19 (b)) for a fiscal year may not exceed—

20 (1) in the case of fiscal year 2011, the aggre-
21 gate amount of funds appropriated or otherwise
22 made available for military functions administered
23 by the Department of Defense (other than the func-
24 tions excluded by subsection (b)) for fiscal year
25 2008; and

1 (2) in the case of fiscal years 2012 through
2 2016, the aggregate amount of funds appropriated
3 or otherwise made available for such functions for
4 the previous fiscal year.

5 (b) EXCLUSION OF MILITARY PERSONNEL PAY AND
6 BENEFITS.—In determining the aggregate amount of
7 funds appropriated or otherwise made available for mili-
8 tary functions administered by the Department of Defense
9 for fiscal year 2008 or any subsequent fiscal year for pur-
10 poses of subsection (a), there shall be excluded all amounts
11 appropriated or otherwise made available in general and
12 supplemental appropriations Acts for—

13 (1) military personnel, reserve personnel, and
14 National Guard personnel accounts of the Depart-
15 ment of Defense, generally title I of the annual De-
16 partment of Defense appropriations Act;

17 (2) the Defense Health Program; and

18 (3) drug interdiction and counter-drug activities
19 of the Department of Defense, but only to the extent
20 the amounts were transferred to personnel accounts
21 referred to in paragraph (1).

22 (c) USE OF SAVINGS.—All funds saved by the imple-
23 mentation of this section shall be used for deficit reduc-
24 tion.

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