

Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 6674 -- Department of Defense Appropriation Authorization Act, 1976 and Transition Quarter which will authorize appropriations of \$25,513,383,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$5,354,723,000 for the transition quarter to the new fiscal year (July 1 - September 30, 1976) for Defense activities relating to procurement of weapons systems and research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E); prescribes military reserve, active duty, student training and Defense civilian personnel strength levels for 1976 and the transition quarter; and contains a number of riders.

This bill will provide the annual authorization of appropriations required by existing law for procurement and certain other activities of the Department of Defense and also provides such authority for the transition quarter.

H.R. 6674 also permits women to be eligible for appointment and admission to the service academies for classes entering in calendar year 1976. Under the bill, women will be subject to the same academic and other relevant standards for appointment, admission, training, graduation, and commissioning (except for those minor adjustments required because of physiological differences) applicable to men.

Attached are the figures for Fiscal Year 1976 and the transition quarter.

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Department of Defense
 Fiscal Year 1976 and Transition Quarter Authorization Bill (P.L. 94-413, R. 6674)
 Net Changes from Budget Request
 (\$ in Millions)

1976

<u>Program</u>	<u>Budget Request</u>	<u>Authorization Bill</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
Procurement			
Aircraft	\$8,014.8	\$7,454.3	\$-560.5
Missiles	3,305.6	3,239.3	-66.3
Naval Vessels	5,446.0	3,899.4	-1,546.6
Tracked Combat Vehicles	1,016.5	965.5	-51.0
Torpedoes	197.4	189.5	-7.9
Other Weapons	100.7	92.1	-8.6
Inventory replenishment	<u>300.0</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>-300.0</u>
Total Procurement	18,381.0	15,840.1	-2,540.9
Research, development, test and evaluation	10,181.4	9,673.3	-508.1
Military assistance to South Vietnam	<u>1,293.0</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>-1,293.0</u>
Total	29,855.4	25,513.4	-4,342.0

Transition Quarter

Procurement			
Aircraft	\$1,746.6	\$1,502.9	\$-243.7
Missiles	653.7	628.0	-25.7
Naval Vessels	474.2	474.2	--
Tracked Combat Vehicles	273.0	245.7	-27.3
Torpedoes	19.2	19.2	--
Other Weapons	<u>14.1</u>	<u>11.1</u>	<u>-3.0</u>
Total Procurement	3,180.8	2,881.1	-299.7
Research, development, test and evaluation	<u>2,682.9</u>	<u>2,473.6</u>	<u>-209.3</u>
Total	5,863.7	5,354.7	-509.0

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