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DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1977

The President today signed the Department of Defense Appropriation Act of 1977. This bill provides \$104.3 billion for military functions of the Department of Defense, compared to an amended Administration request of \$108 billion.

The following table shows the President's amended budget request and the amounts appropriated by Congress:

	<u>Budget Authority (\$ In Billions)</u>		
	<u>Amended Request</u>	<u>Congressional Change</u>	<u>Approved Level</u>
Military personnel	25.5	-.1	25.4
Military retired pay	8.5	-.1	8.4
Operations and maintenance	32.3	-.7	31.6
Procurement	30.6	-2.2	28.4
RDT&E	<u>11.1</u>	<u>-.6</u>	<u>10.5</u>
Total	108.0	-3.7	104.3

The net Congressional reduction of \$3.7 billion from the President's budget consists of cuts totalling \$4.7 billion, partially offset by Congressional additions of \$1 billion.

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