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Fiscal Year 2024 National Defense Authorization Act

Talking Points

December 13, 2023

Topline Message for FY24 NDAA

- Democrats fought for and secured investments in the core strength of our national defense: service members, civilian workers, and their families: allies and partners; innovation and technology; our domestic industrial base; and military readiness.
- Democrats came to the table ready to work in a bipartisan, bicameral way to better support for service members and their families while addressing the pressing national security issues of the day. Republicans spent months arguing about issues pushed by a small group of extreme members of their party fixated on attempts to restrict access to health care for women and transgender service members and their dependents and limit the Department of Defense's ability to recruit and retain a diverse workforce.
- Once again, Democrats have proved we are the party committed to ensuring the strength of our national defense and working for the people who serve our country.

What's In

- Invests in service members, the civilian workforce, and military families by:
 - Supporting the 5.2% pay raise proposed in the President's budget request;
 - Expanding eligibility for the Basic Needs Allowance (program that provides funds for food, housing, etc. for lowest paid);
 - Making significant investments in military family housing, child development centers, and replacing failing unaccompanied housing (barracks);
 - Improving FMLA eligibility for federal employees.
- Reaffirms our commitment to partners and allies by:
 - Enabling key pillars of AUKUS
 - Reauthorizing the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative (USAI)
 - Fully resourcing the European Deterrence Initiative and Pacific Deterrence Initiative
- Authorizes a record high investment of \$150 million for HBCUs.
- \$650 million worth of investments in energy resilience and energy conservation projects.
- Increases oversight of equipment provided to foreign countries by requiring GAO to provide reports on how equipment use is monitored.



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- Increases oversight of ex-gratia payments, the authority that requires the U.S. to make payments for damage, personal injury, or death to a civilian that is inadvertently caused by the U.S. or a coalition or military org supporting the U.S.

What's Out

- Numerous controversial provisions were not included and which would have:
 - Repealed the DOD travel policy related to reproductive healthcare and other non-covered care;
 - Prohibited gender affirming healthcare for transgender servicemembers and their dependents;
 - Eliminated the Chief Diversity Officer and DEI Advisory Committees;
 - Blocked Biden Executive Orders related to climate change;
 - Forced the Air Force to seek a national defense exemption to the marine mammal protection act for the Rice's whale in the Eglin Test and Training Range;
 - Lifted all restrictions on the 1033 program, expanding the list of military equipment that could be transferred to law enforcement agencies;
 - Required universities to disclose sensitive personal information about researchers or would have inflamed bias against certain American researchers conducting national security research.

FY24 NDAA text can be found [here](#).

A House Armed Services Democrats FY24 NDAA summary can be found [here](#).

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