

House Armed Services Committee Approves FY 2004 Defense Authorization Bill (06/03/03)

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PHILADELPHIA--- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., Pa.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, today announced that H.R. 1588, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 04, was reported out of committee. The committee authorized \$400.5 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense (DOD) and the national security programs of the Department of energy (DOE).

Congressman Brady said the authorization represents \$4 billion in contracts for area defense manufacturers and approximately 15,000 jobs.

Congressman Brady said, "H.R 1588 balances the need to deal with today's threats but helps us to prepare for future challenges to America's security."

This bill supports national security by finding the balance between modernizing today's armed forces and developing the transformational capacity we need for the future.