

This section would authorize appropriations for procurement at the levels identified in section 4101 of division D of this Act.

#### **SUBTITLE D—AIR FORCE PROGRAMS**

##### **Section 133—Repeal of Requirement to Preserve Certain Retired F-117 Aircraft**

This section would amend section 136 of the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law 109-364) by striking subsection (b), which would remove the requirement that certain F-117 aircraft be maintained in a condition that would allow recall of those aircraft to future service.

##### **Section 134—Prohibition on Availability of Funds for Retirement of A-10 Aircraft**

This section would prohibit funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act, or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2017, for the Department of the Air Force to retire, prepare to retire, or place in storage any A-10 aircraft. This section would also maintain a minimum of 171 A-10 aircraft designated as primary mission aircraft inventory, and prohibit the Secretary of the Air Force from making any significant reductions to manning levels with respect to any A-10 aircraft squadron or division until the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and the Secretary of the Air Force, submit reports to the congressional defense committees on the results and findings of the initial operational test and evaluation of the F-35 aircraft program, as well as the comparison test and evaluation that examines the capabilities of the F-35A and A-10C.

### **TITLE II—RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST, AND EVALUATION**

#### **LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS**

##### **SUBTITLE A—AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

##### **Section 201—Authorization of Appropriations**

This section would authorize appropriations for Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation at the levels identified in section 4201 of division D of this Act.

##### **SUBTITLE B—PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS**

##### **Section 217—Limitation on Availability of Funds for Tactical Combat Training System Increment II**

This section would limit the obligation or expenditure of 20 percent of the funds for the Tactical Combat Training System (TCTS) Increment II program until

1 **SEC. 134 [Log 62777]. PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF**  
2 **FUNDS FOR RETIREMENT OF A-10 AIRCRAFT.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR  
4 RETIREMENT.—None of the funds authorized to be appro-  
5 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal  
6 year 2017 for the Air Force may be obligated or expended  
7 to retire, prepare to retire, or place in storage or on  
8 backup aircraft inventory status any A-10 aircraft.

9 (b) ADDITIONAL LIMITATION ON RETIREMENT.—In  
10 addition to the prohibition in subsection (a), the Secretary  
11 of the Air Force may not retire, prepare to retire, or place  
12 in storage or on backup aircraft inventory status any A-  
13 10 aircraft until a period of 90 days has elapsed following  
14 the date on which the Secretary submits to the congres-  
15 sional defense committees the report under subsection  
16 (c)(2).

17 (c) PROHIBITION ON SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN  
18 MANNING LEVELS.—None of the funds authorized to be  
19 appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for  
20 fiscal year 2017 for the Air Force may be obligated or  
21 expended to make significant reductions to manning levels  
22 with respect to any A-10 aircraft squadrons or divisions.

23 (d) MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-  
24 retary of the Air Force shall ensure the Air Force main-  
25 tains a minimum of 171 A-10 aircraft designated as pri-  
26 mary mission aircraft inventory until a period of 90 days

1 has elapsed following the date on which the Secretary sub-  
2 mits to the congressional defense committees the report  
3 under subsection (c)(2).

4 (c) REPORTS REQUIRED.—

5 (1) The Director of Operational Test and Eval-  
6 uation shall submit to the congressional defense  
7 committees a report that includes—

8 (A) the results and findings of the initial  
9 operational test and evaluation of the F-35 air-  
10 craft program; and

11 (B) a comparison test and evaluation that  
12 examines the capabilities of the F-35A and A-  
13 10C aircraft in conducting close air support,  
14 combat search and rescue, and forward air con-  
15 troller airborne missions.

16 (2) Not later than 180 days after the date of  
17 the submission of the report under paragraph (1),  
18 the Secretary of the Air Force shall submit to the  
19 congressional defense committees a report that in-  
20 cludes—

21 (A) the views of the Secretary with respect  
22 to the results of the initial operational test and  
23 evaluation of the F-35 aircraft program as  
24 summarized in the report under paragraph (1),

1 including any issues or concerns of the Sec-  
2 retary with respect to such results;

3 (B) a plan for addressing any deficiencies  
4 and carrying out any corrective actions identi-  
5 fied in such report; and

6 (C) short-term and long-term strategies for  
7 preserving the capability of the Air Force to  
8 conduct close air support, combat search and  
9 rescue, and forward air controller airborne mis-  
10 sions.

11 (f) SPECIAL RULE.—

12 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary of  
13 the Air Force may carry out the transition of the A-  
14 10 unit at Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base,  
15 Indiana, to an F-16 unit as described by the Sec-  
16 retary in the Force Structure Actions map sub-  
17 mitted in support of the budget of the President for  
18 fiscal year 2017 (as submitted to Congress under  
19 section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code).

20 (2) Subsections (a) through (e) shall apply with  
21 respect to any A-10 aircraft affected by the transi-  
22 tion described in paragraph (1).