

vinced that we have identified our most important defense priorities. They must be shown that we know how to satisfy those priorities efficiently. The administration can't ask them to spend 750 of their hard earned dollars on the defense budget this year until it can show it knows what absolutely must be bought, why each program is essential to our defense rebuilding program and how it will ensure that waste in defense programs is brought under tight control.

I welcome you here today Mr. Secretary and I look forward to hearing your testimony.

PROGRAM COST GROWTH—19 TOP WEAPONS SYSTEMS

[Status as of September 30, 1982]

Project name	Current estimated cost (In millions)	Unit cost (In dollars)	Percent change initially	Percent change 1 year	Percent change UCST
F-16 multimission fighter.....	\$41,981.1	\$21,022,083	593	106	128
F-15 advanced tactical fighter.....	40,553.9	28,660,000	572	164	255
F/A-18 Hornet.....	39,720.8	28,845,897	209	13	82
F-14A/B Tomcat.....	35,830.7	42,403,195	481	193	223
MX land-based missile.....	34,870.0	143,497,942	-38		-10
B-1B bomber.....	29,527.7	295,277,000			
Trident.....	28,424.3	86,924,465	152	-6	
CG-47 Aegis cruiser.....	27,583.4	1,149,308,333	141	25	60
JVX—Multimission aircraft.....	26,813.1	44,392,550			
Subacs sub advanced combat system.....	26,392.0	272,082,474		1	
SSN-688 submarine.....	24,277.5	433,526,786	1,364	67	161
M-1 main battle tank.....	19,517.1	2,760,161	549	4	205
FFG-7 Guided missile frigate.....	14,202.0	236,700,000	338	37	265
Fighting vehicle systems.....	13,387.4	1,939,360	1,502	14	195
BGM-109 Tomahawk.....	11,760.3	2,890,929	66	287	47
Patriot SAM-D.....	11,312.2	1,784,540	181	34	589
AV-8B Harrier.....	10,572.0	30,912,281	173	16	172
P-3C Orion.....	9,398.4	29,647,950	626	11	138
ALCM.....	8,497.9	1,943,710	1,923	41	1,504
Total current estimated cost.....	454,621.8				

Chairman ROTH. I am looking forward very much to hearing from you, Mr. Thayer, and prior to that, I would call upon my friend and colleague, Senator Cohen.

OPENING STATEMENT OF SENATOR COHEN

Senator COHEN. Thank you, very much, Mr. Chairman.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome Dr. DeLauer and Deputy Secretary Thayer to the hearings.

I would like to say, initially, that with these two witnesses, I think that you are going to find both of them to be candid.

Dr. DeLauer has been in the eye of the storm and has been controversial because I think he is so candid. When, in fact, I have requested information or an opinion from him, he has given it to me without hesitation.

I believe that Secretary Thayer brings the same reputation for candor, straightforwardness, and conviction to his job. I suspect that he, too, will find himself caught up in the eye of the storm controversy while being as candid and forthright.

Let me say, Mr. Chairman, that I think it is entirely appropriate that we hold these hearings on Defense Department management on a continuing basis because 80 percent of all Federal contracting is conducted through DOD.