

unless funds therefor have been specifically authorized by law.

(b)(1) Congress shall authorize the average personnel strength of the Selected Reserve of each reserve component of the armed forces. No funds may be appropriated for any fiscal year for the pay and allowances of members of any reserve component of the armed forces unless the personnel strength of the Selected Reserve of that reserve component for that fiscal year has been authorized by law.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Congress each year, not later than February 15, a written report concerning the equipment of the National Guard and the reserve components of the armed forces for each of the three succeeding fiscal years. Each such report shall include—

(A) recommendations as to the type and quantity of each major item of equipment which should be in the inventory of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of each reserve component of the armed forces;

(B) the quantity and average age of each type of major item of equipment which is expected to be physically available in the inventory of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of each reserve component as of the beginning of each fiscal year covered by the report;

(C) the quantity and cost of each type of major item of equipment which is expected to be procured for the Selective Reserve of the Ready Reserve of each reserve component from commercial sources or to be transferred to each such Selected Reserve from the active-duty components of the armed forces; and

(D) the quantity of each type of major item of equipment which is expected to be retired, decommissioned, transferred, or otherwise removed from the physical inventory of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of each reserve component and the plans for replacement of that equipment.

The report required by this paragraph shall be prepared and expressed in the same format and with the same level of detail as the information presented in the annual Five Year Defense Program Procurement Annex prepared by the Department of Defense.

(c)(1)(A) Congress shall authorize the end strength as of the end of each fiscal year for active-duty personnel for each component of the armed forces. The end strength authorized for a component of the armed forces for a fiscal year may be increased by a number equal to not more than 0.5 percent of the total end strength authorized for such component for that fiscal year if the Secretary of Defense determines that such increase is in the national interest. No funds may be appropriated for any fiscal year to or for the use of the active-duty personnel of any component of the armed forces unless the end strength for active-duty personnel of that component for that fiscal year has been authorized by law.

(B) In counting active-duty personnel for the purpose of the end-strengths authorized pursuant to subparagraph (A), persons in the following categories shall be excluded:

(i) Members of the Ready Reserve ordered to active duty under section 673 of this title.