



CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL DEFENSE PROGRAM CONGRESS THIS WEEK

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House Passes Final Funding Package

- **The House approved** the remaining six FY24 appropriations bills on 286-134 vote.
 - **Speaker Mike Johnson sent** the “minibus” to the floor via suspension of the rules – an expedited process which requires 2/3 majority threshold to pass. Speaker Johnson has repeatedly used suspension to pass key legislation and kept bill negotiations within a tight circle – both of which contributed to Speaker Kevin McCarthy’s demise. Speaker Johnson also waived the 72-hour rule for the bill (1,012 pages), which was voted on 36 hours after its release.
 - **Republicans were roughly split down** the middle on the vote ([H.Res. 1102](#)) while only 22 Democrats voted no.
 - **The Senate began** debate on the bill but do not have the unanimous consent to move rapidly. Senate Majority Chuck Schumer filed a procedural motion to break the filibuster. The vote to end debate would take place Sunday, setting up final passage on Monday or Tuesday. However, this is a worst-case scenario and Senate leaders are working to reach a time agreement (under unanimous consent) to pass the bill ahead of tonight’s midnight expiration or early tomorrow.
 - **Funding details** of interest to the CBDP Enterprise:
 - CBDP FY24 RDT&E funding increased by **9.23%** from FY23 (when removing Dugway Proving Ground line that was transferred to Army for FY24). DoD RDT&E funding grew by **6.15%**.
 - CBDP FY24 PROC funding increased by 22.97% from FY23. DoD PROC funding grew by 6.04%.

RDT&E	FY23 Enacted	FY24 Enacted	FY23-24 Change
BA1 - Basic Research	*\$39.734	\$33.486	(\$6.250)
BA2 - Applied Research	\$244.364	\$240.610	(\$3.754)
BA3 - Advanced Tech & Development.....	\$226.225	\$255.073	\$28.848
BA4 - Advanced Component Dev & Prototypes.....	\$252.010	\$292.006	\$39.996
BA5 - System Dev & Demonstration	\$301.611	\$342.114	\$40.503
BA6 - RDT&E Management Support	**\$126.432	\$74.382	(\$52.050)
BA7 - Operational Systems Development.....	\$65.588	\$67.162	\$1.574
TOTAL	\$1,257.964.....	\$1,304.833	***\$46.869

PROCUREMENT	FY23 Enacted	FY24 Enacted	FY23-24 Change
Situational Awareness.....	\$145.187	\$149.631	\$4.444
Protection & Hazard Mitigation.....	\$173.354	\$239.255	\$65.901
TOTAL	\$318.541.....	\$391.710	\$73.169

* Includes \$5M Congressional add. Without the Congressional add, funding was reduced by \$1.25M.

** Includes Congressional add for SBIR, DW6 funding (\$65.390M). FY24 BA6 funding increased \$13.14M compared to FY23.

*** \$110.259 when removing Dugway Proving Ground line.



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○ **Other Defense items of interest:**

- Provides \$824.298 billion in DoD funding – an increase of 3%, or \$27 billion over FY23.
- Increases military pay by 5.2% – the largest bump in over 20 years.
- \$351 million for the Cooperative Threat Reduction.
- \$1.1 billion for the destruction of chemical agents and munitions.
- Prohibits funding for the Wuhan Institute of Virology and EcoHealth Alliance in China

Nominations

- **Mr. Michael Sulmeyer** was nominated on Thursday to the new position of ASD for Cyber Policy.
- **Ms. Melissa Dalton's** nomination to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, was referred to the Senate floor on Thursday.

Congressional Schedule

- **Both chambers are scheduled to be on recess** Mar 23 – Apr 7, subject to Senate action on the final FY24 funding bill.