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# **Legislative Update**

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#### **International Pressures**

- IRAN
- ISIS/ISIL
- RUSSIA UKRAINE
- CHINA
- ETC





# **Issues Facing Congress**

- GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND THE BUDGET
- ACQUISITION REFORM
- DEBT CEILING
- HEALTH CARE
- HIGHWAY TRUST FUND
- TRANS PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP FAST-TRACK
- EX-IM BANK REAUTHORIZATION

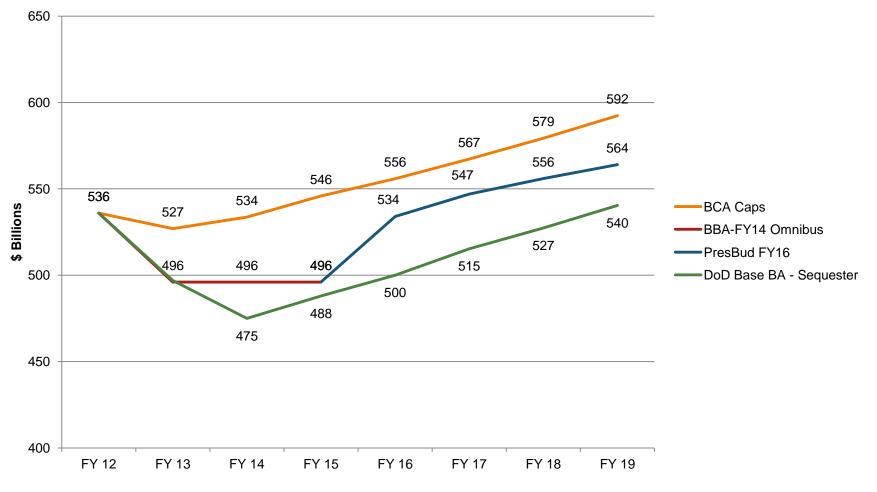




#### **DoD Base Discretionary Trends**

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**DoD Base Discretionary Budget Authority (Current \$)** 

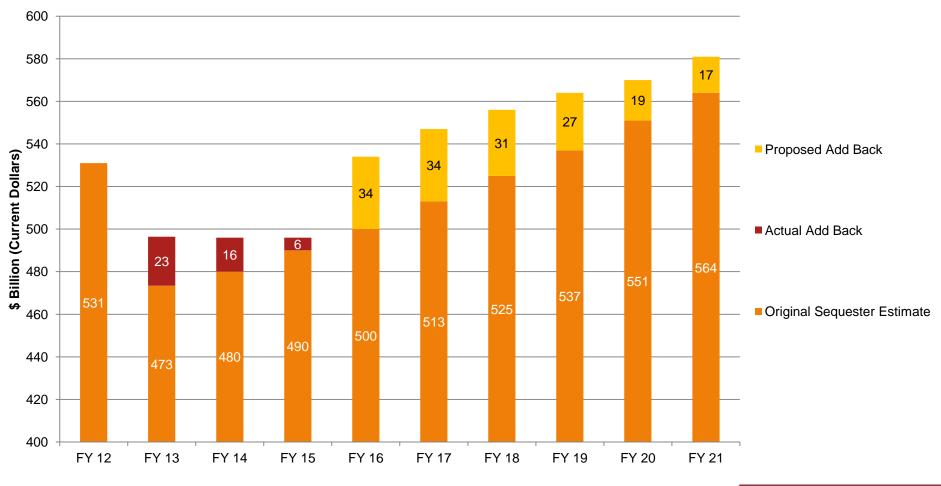




#### **DoD's Actuals & Projected vs. Sequester**

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#### **DoD Discretionary Base Budget Compared to Sequester**





## FY2016 Budget Debate

- Congressional budgets—capped at BCA levels for defense: \$499B
- Both chambers' OCO: ~\$89B
- Congressional total: ~\$588B
- President's base defense budget: \$534B (\$35B over BCA level)
- President's FY16 OCO request: \$51B
- Total: \$585B
- Disagreement over how the OCO versus base debate will resolve.
- Veto threat over NDAA as a result.
- Year-long CR? OCO increase? Or Ryan-Murray II?





#### **National Defense Authorization Act**

- The House passed its NDAA by a wide (but not as wide as usual) margin (80+ votes, including 40+ Democrats) in May.
- SASC marked up its NDAA on May 12-14.
- Floor time is scheduled for later this week, after the NSA bulk collection debate ends.
- Will the Senate have the votes to move to proceed to the NDAA? Enough votes to pass it?





## Small Arms in SASC NDAA

- Small arms strategy required by Senate defense bill (Sec. 151)
- Joint (Army & Marine Corps) report due a year after final passage
- 15 year strategy to modernize small arms, with a focus on competition for small arms and parts.

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- Plan should include:
  - Pistols
  - Carbines
  - Rifles and automatic rifles
  - Light machine guns
  - Non-standard small arms



#### **Other Items of Interest in the NDAAs**

- No BRAC, but BRAC studies
- Compensation reform
- Acquisition reform
- Headquarters/overhead reform



# **Appropriations**

House has passed Energy & Water, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and VA bills.

CJS & THUD on the House Floor possibly this week.

House defense appropriations bill mark-up today in Committee at 10:15 a.m.

Senate committee has reported only Energy & Water and MILCON-VA, and hasn't passed any bills yet.

NDAA debate will tell a lot about what will happen on appropriations.





# **QUESTIONS?**

