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threshold would therefore not be in effect without specific authority in the CR, which would increase the administrative burden on theater personnel and reduce the commanders' flexibility to respond quickly to requirements in theater.

DOD, Lift and Sustain Authority

Sec. ____ . The authority provided in section 9006 of Public Law 111-118 shall continue in effect through the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution.

Language is needed to provide Lift and Sustain authority, which was most recently authorized by section 9006 of the FY 2010 Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-118) and expires on October 1, 2010. This authority allows DOD to provide transportation and sustainment support to more than 10,000 coalition forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. An interruption in DOD's ability to provide such support could undermine U.S. military operational effectiveness in Afghanistan at a time when U.S. and coalition forces are striving to implement the President's strategy in that country.

Energy and Water Subcommittee

DOE, NNSA, Weapons Activities Supporting the Nuclear Posture Review

Sec. ____ . Notwithstanding section 101, amounts are provided for "Department of Energy—Weapons Activities" at a rate for operations of \$7,008,835,000.

Language is needed to provide a rate for operations of \$7,009 million to support the recommendations of the Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) and support full funding for the weapons complex modernization. The President's FY 2011 Budget request of \$7,009 million for Weapons Activities reflected an increase of \$624 million (9.8 percent) over the FY 2010 enacted level to support the recommendations of the NPR.

Constraining the Weapons Activities account to the FY 2010 level during the CR will delay implementation of the programs supporting the NPR, including their connection with the New START treaty. An increase above the FY 2010 level in a CR is required to meet the time-sensitive NPR requirements, and without this anomaly the tightly knit set of schedules planned to support the Administration's and Congress' goals would be imperiled.

DOE, National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling

Sec. ____ . For necessary expenses of the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling established by, and in order to carry out activities under, Executive Order 13543, \$15,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2011: Provided, That funds appropriated in this paragraph may be used to reimburse obligations incurred for the purposes provided herein prior to enactment of this Act: Provided further, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for these specific purposes.