SEC. 1007. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JOINT URGENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS FUND TO RAPIDLY MEET URGENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND.—

(1) NEW TRANSFER ACCOUNT.—Chapter 131 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2216 the following new section:

"§ 2216a. Rapidly meeting urgent needs: Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury an account to be known as the 'Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund'.

"(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds in the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund shall be available to the Secretary of Defense for the purpose of providing equipment, supplies, services, training, and facilities to facilitate the resolution of urgent operational needs as determined by the Secretary.

"(c) TRANSFER AUTHORITY.—

"(1) TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED.—Amounts in the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund may be transferred by the Secretary of Defense from the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund to any of the following accounts and funds of the Department of Defense to accomplish the purpose stated in subsection (b):

"(A) Operation and maintenance accounts.

"(B) Procurement accounts.

"(C) Research, development, test, and evaluation accounts.

"(2) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY.—The transfer authority provided by paragraph (1) is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.

"(3) TRANSFERS BACK TO THE FUND.—Upon determination by the Secretary of Defense that all or part of the funds transferred from the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund under paragraph (1) are not necessary for the purpose for which transferred, such funds may be transferred back to the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund.

"(4) EFFECT ON AUTHORIZATION AMOUNTS.—A transfer of an amount to an account under the authority in paragraph (1) shall be deemed to increase the amount authorized for such account by an amount equal to the amount transferred.".

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2216 the following new item:

"2216a. Rapidly meeting urgent needs: Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund.".

(b) COMMENCEMENT OF FUND.—No funds may be appropriated for the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund established under section 2216a of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), for a fiscal year before fiscal year 2012.

(c) FISCAL YEAR 2012 AUTHORIZATION.—Funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2012 for the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund established under section 2216a of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), in the amount of $200,000,000.

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would add a new section to title 10, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund (JUONF) transfer account within the Defense-wide procurement account, to be used to resolve immediate warfighter needs of the combatant commanders within the year of execution. The JUONF would enable the Secretary of Defense to ensure that funding availability does not delay critical solutions to the dynamic global threats that confront the combatant commands.

The JUONF would provide resources for urgent and compelling requirements that will prevent mission failure and casualties for the combatant commanders.

This proposal would authorize the transfer of funds to a wide range of accounts to enable the most expeditious resourcing of the acquisition of capabilities in response to a validated urgent need.

The transfer authority provided through the JUONF is expected to be in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department.

Upon determination that all or parts of the funds transferred from the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund are not needed for the purpose provided, such funds would be transferred back to the Joint Urgent Operational Needs Fund.

The amount transferred is an increase in the amount authorized for such account by an amount equal to the amount transferred.

This acquisition authority is not for the purpose of providing any funding assistance to a foreign entity.

Budget Implications: Subject to appropriation, and depending on its usage in support of joint urgent operational needs of the combatant commanders, this proposal would cost $200 million in fiscal year (FY) 2012, and a total of an additional $400 million across the Base Budget for FY 2013-FY 2016.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)								
	FY 2012	**FY 2013**	**FY 2014**	**FY 2015**	**FY 2016**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**
JUONF Base Budget	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	Defense Wide Procurement	01	01
JUONF OCO	100.0					Defense Wide Procurement	01	01
Total	+200.0	+100.0	+100.0	+100.0	+100.0			

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would add a new section 2216a to title 10, United States Code. The text of the new section appears in the legislative proposal above.