SEC. 1210. NATO SPECIAL OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS.

Section 1244(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (Public Law 111-84; 123 Stat. 2541), as most recently amended by section 1272 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239; 126 Stat. 2023), is further amended by striking "for each of fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015 pursuant to section 301" and inserting "for any fiscal year".

[Please note: The "Changes to Existing Law" section below sets out in red-line format how the legislative text would amend existing law.]

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would permanently extend current funding authorization and authorities for support to the NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ) to enable it to continue to carry out its mission.

The proposal would ensure that the NSHQ will continue to execute its mission as "the primary point of development, coordination, and direction for all NATO Special Operations-related activities, in order to optimize employment of Special Operations Forces and provide an operational command capability when directed by SACEUR."

Budgetary Implications: This proposal would not increase the overall budget requirements of DoD. This proposal seeks to extend current authorization for the NSHQ for fiscal year 2016 and subsequent fiscal years. The extension of this authorization is to ensure that the Department of the Army has the appropriate funding authorization for current and future U.S. support of NSHQ initiatives.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2016	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash 1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
Army	$30.5	$31.0	$33.4	$35.0	$35.7	Operation and Maintenance, Army	01	441	1001490A
Total	$30.5	$31.0	$33.4	$35.0	$35.7	Operation and Maintenance, Army	01	441	1001490A

PERSONNEL AFFECTED									
	FY 2016	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash 1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
Army	27	27	27	27	27	Operation and Maintenance, Army	01	441	1001491A
Total	27	27	27	27	27	Operation and Maintenance, Army	01	441	1001491A

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 1244 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010:

SEC. 1244. NATO SPECIAL OPERATIONS COORDINATION CENTER.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated ~~for each of fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015~~ for any fiscal year [~~pursuant to section 301~~] for operation and maintenance for the Army, to be derived from amounts made available for support of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (hereinafter in this section referred to as ‘‘NATO’’) operations, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to use up to $50,000,000 for such fiscal year for the purposes set forth in subsection (b).

(b) PURPOSES.—The Secretary shall provide funds for the NATO Special Operations Headquarters (hereinafter in this section referred to as the ‘‘NSHQ’’) to—

(1) improve coordination and cooperation between the special operations forces of NATO nations;

(2) facilitate joint operations by the special operations forces of NATO nations;

(3) support special operations forces peculiar command, control, and communications capabilities;

(4) promote special operations forces intelligence and informational requirements within the NATO structure; and

(5) promote interoperability through the development of common equipment standards, tactics, techniques, and procedures, and through execution of a multinational education and training program.

(c) CERTIFICATION.—Not less than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall certify to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives that the Secretary of Defense has assigned executive agent responsibility for the NSHQ to an appropriate organization within the Department of Defense, and detail the steps being undertaken by the Department of Defense to strengthen the role of the NSHQ in fostering special operations capabilities within NATO.

(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than March 1 of each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report regarding support for the NSHQ. Each report shall include the following:

(1) The total amount of funding provided by the United States and other NATO nations to the NSHQ for operating costs of the NSHQ.

(2) A description of the activities carried out with such funding, including—

(A) the amount of funding allocated for each such activity;

(B) the extent to which other NATO nations participate in each such activity;

(C) the extent to which each such activity is designed to meet the purposes set forth in paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (b); and

(D) an assessment of the extent to which each such activity will promote the mission of the NSHQ.

(3) Other contributions, financial or in kind, provided by the United States and other NATO nations in support of the NSHQ.

(4) Any other matters that the Secretary of Defense considers appropriate.