SEC. __. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TASK FORCE FOR BUSINESS AND STABILITY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN.

(a) EXTENSION.—Subsection (a) of section 1535 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111-383; 124 Stat. 4426), as most recently amended by section 1533 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239; 126 Stat. 2058), is further amended—

(1) in paragraph (6), by striking "October 31, 2011, October 31, 2012, and October 31, 2013" and inserting "October 31, 2014,"; and

(2) in paragraph (8), by striking "September 30, 2013" and inserting "September 30, 2014".

(b) FUNDING.—Paragraph (4)(B) of such subsection is amended—

(1) by striking "and" at the end of clause (i);

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

"(iii) may not exceed "$63,800,000 for fiscal year 2014.".

(c) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT OF QUARTERLY UPDATES TO REPORT.—Paragraph (7) of such subsection is amended by striking subparagraph (B).

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would authorize up to an additional $63.8 million for the use of Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), Operation and Maintenance (O&M) for the Army in fiscal year (FY) 2014 for the Department of Defense to fund projects of the Department of Defense's Task Force for Business and Stability Operations (TFBSO) in Afghanistan that support the counterinsurgency strategy through economic development and job creation.

Section 1535 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 provided authority ("Section 1535 authority") for the TFBSO to carry out projects to assist the Commander of the United States Forces-Afghanistan and the Ambassador

of the U.S. Mission in Afghanistan to reduce violence and enhance stability in Afghanistan. The NDAA for FY 2011 provided authority for projects not to exceed $150 million and ranged in scope from facilitating private investment, to facilitating industrial development, banking and financial system development, agricultural diversification and revitalization, and energy development. Section 1534 of the NDAA for FY 2012 provided a one-year extension of its authority through September 30, 2012 and amended the scope of projects to include those that facilitated private investment, mining sector development, and industrial development. Section 1533 of the NDAA for FY 2013 provided $93 million in authority for projects through September 30, 2013.

Section 1535 authority is critical to the TFBSO and has led to the development and continuance of key projects in Afghanistan that have created jobs and economic sovereignty for the people of Afghanistan. Under current legislation, the authority terminates at the end of FY 2013. The authority is necessary to finish or transition the projects created and maintained by TFBSO to the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Agency for International Development, the Afghan Government, or other identified sources.

Budget Implications: This proposal would be funded from within OCO appropriations requested in the Administration's FY 2014 request. The cost is reflected in the following table:

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($MILLIONS)									
	FY 2014	**FY 2015**	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
TFBSO	$63.8	-	-	-	-	OCO O&M, Army	01	135	

The table above does not include funding for TFBSO operations, since these funds do not require separate authorization.

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would make the following changes to section 1535 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, as amended by section 1533 of the FY 2013 NDAA:

SEC. 1535. TASK FORCE FOR BUSINESS AND STABILITY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN AND ECONOMIC TRANSITION PLAN AND ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR AFGHANISTAN.

(a) PROJECTS OF TASK FORCE FOR BUSINESS AND STABILITY OPERATIONS IN AFGHANISTAN.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Task Force for Business and Stability Operations in Afghanistan may carry out projects to assist the commander of United States Forces-Afghanistan and the Ambassador of the United States Mission in Afghanistan to reduce violence, enhance stability, and support economic normalcy in Afghanistan through strategic business and economic activities.

(2) DIRECTION, CONTROL, AND CONCURRENCE.—A project carried out under paragraph (1) shall be subject to—

(A) the direction and control of the Secretary of Defense; and

(B) the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

(3) SCOPE OF PROJECTS.—The projects carried out under paragraph (1) may include projects that facilitate private investment, mining sector development, industrial development, and other projects determined by the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, as strengthening stability or providing strategic support to the counterinsurgency campaign in Afghanistan. To the maximum extent possible, the activities of the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations in Afghanistan should complement other reconstruction or development activities in Afghanistan conducted by the United States.

(4) FUNDING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may use funds available for overseas contingency operations for operation and maintenance for the Army for additional activities to carry out projects under paragraph (1).

(B) LIMITATION.—The amount of funds obligated under the authority of subparagraph (A)—

(i) may not exceed $150,000,000 for fiscal year 2012, except that not more than 50 percent of such amount of funds may be obligated until the Secretary of Defense submits to the appropriate congressional committees the plan required by subsection (b); ~~and~~

(ii) may not exceed $93,000,000 for fiscal year 2013, except that not more than $50,000,000 of such amount of funds may be obligated until the Secretary of Defense submits to the appropriate congressional committees the report required by paragraph (7) of this subsection~~.~~ ; and

(iii) may not exceed $63,800,000 for fiscal year 2014.

(C) AVAILABILITY.—The funds shall be available for projects under paragraph (1) that begin in one fiscal year and end in the following fiscal year.

(5) PROHIBITION ON USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—Funds provided for the Commanders' Emergency Response Program may not be utilized to support or carry out projects of the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations.

(6) REPORT.—Not later than ~~October 31, 2011, October 31, 2012, and October 31, 2013~~ October 31, 2014, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report describing—

(A) the activities of the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom during the preceding fiscal year, including the projects carried out under paragraph (1) during that fiscal year; and

(B) how the activities of the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations in Afghanistan support the long-term stabilization of Afghanistan.

(7) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSITION ACTION PLAN.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the progress in implementing the Transition Action Plan of the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations in Afghanistan.

~~(B) UPDATES.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an~~

~~update of the report required by subparagraph (A) every 90 days after the submission of such report~~.

(8) EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority to obligate funds for projects under paragraph (1) shall expire on September 30, ~~2013~~ 2014.

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