SEC. 1215. AFGHANISTAN SECURITY FORCES FUND.

Funds available to the Department of Defense for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund for fiscal year 2015 shall be subject to the conditions contained in subsections (b) through (g) of section 1513 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181; 122 Stat. 428), as amended by section 1531(b) of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011 (Public Law 111–383; 124 Stat. 4424).

Section-by-Section Analysis

This proposal would continue certain established provisions applicable to the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund (ASFF), including use of the funds, transfer authority, and acceptance of contributions.

This provision would authorize assistance to the security forces of Afghanistan, including the provision of equipment, supplies, services, training, funds, and developing the capacity of Afghanistan's security ministries during a critical time of transition. Such assistance is essential to support the ongoing change of mission in Afghanistan, most significantly the transition of the lead responsibility for security to the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), as well as the shift in 2015 to a specific and narrow mission for U.S. forces in Afghanistan. The Afghan government does not have adequate resources to sustain the ANSF without substantial international assistance. Continued ASFF authority is necessary to enable further capacity development of the ANSF so it can, on a sustained basis, provide for the security of Afghanistan. In the absence of coalition enabler support, ASFF will remain important to help build appropriate capabilities, strengthen the capacity of security institutions, and begin the transition to a self-sustaining ANSF. Continuation of the ASFF authority will also enable the United States to meet its objectives in Afghanistan, as outlined in the U.S.-Afghanistan "Enduring Strategic Partnership Agreement" and the "Security and Defense Cooperation Agreement": to help strengthen security and stability in Afghanistan, contribute to regional and international peace and stability, combat al-Qaeda and its affiliates, and enhance the ability of Afghanistan to deter threats against its sovereignty, security, and territorial integrity. We will continue to execute ASFF using the multi-step process through Financial and Activity Plans and the Afghanistan Resources Oversight Council to ensure the Department of Defense and Congress maintain control and oversight over these funds.

Budget Implications: The ASFF would be funded from within the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) appropriations requested in the Administration's fiscal year (FY) 2015 OCO request.

RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS ($THOUSANDS)									
	FY 2015	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018**	**FY 2019**	**Appropriation From**	**Budget Activity**	**Dash-1 Line Item**	**Program Element**
ASFF	$4,109,333	-	-	-	-	ASFF		ASFF	
Total	$4,109,333	-	-	-	-	-			

Changes to Existing Law: This proposal would not change the text of existing law.