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The Honorable Richard B. Cheney  
President of the Senate  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. President:

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The purpose of this proposal is stated in the accompanying section-by-section analysis.

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
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Dear Madam Speaker:

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**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . INCREASE AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FOR ARMY GENERAL  
OFFICERS.**

1           Section 526(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking “302” and  
2 inserting “307”.

**Section-by-Section Analysis**

This legislative proposal advances the recommendations, dated October 31, 2007, of the *Commission on Army Acquisition and Program Management in Expeditionary Operations* (also known as the “Gansler Commission”) by increasing the number of authorized Army general officers (GO) from 302 to 307. Currently, for strength reporting purposes, the Army has 16 Acquisition Corps GOs counted among our 302 GO authorizations. With this increase in GO strength, the Army will have greater flexibility to solve the problems with contracting during contingency operations identified in the Gansler Commission Report without creating new challenges by offsetting existing GO positions for contingency contracting. The proposal does not mandate permanent placement of these additional General Officer positions in any particular specialty so that the Army maintains flexibility to meet future requirements without seeking legislative relief.

A major conclusion of the commission is that the Army is facing systemic institutional challenges in conducting contracting support during contingency operations and that reform is urgently needed. In order to implement these reforms, the commission recommended the Army reorganize its procurement leadership structure by increasing the contracting workforce by 1,400 military and civilian personnel -- to include establishing five new GO positions. These increases in acquisition personnel would fill the ranks of new contracting organizations designed to support contingency operations.

**Budgetary Implications:** The proposal’s affiliated monetary expenses are based on the maximum base pay for O-7s (\$10,493.70/month) and O-8s (\$12,185.70/month). In order to estimate entitlements, \$3,000/month was added to the base pay amounts above. The projected total base pay for the three proposed O-7s (3 x \$13,493.70 = \$40,481.10) and two proposed O-8s (2 x \$15,185.70 = \$30,371.40) is \$70,852.50/month.