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Congress has 3 priorities this year

1. Pass the FY-17 budget
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If you want to talk about anything else – run for President

The Budget Process FY-17

Step 1. Pass a Budget Resolution that sets the top line amount.

Step 2. Get the White House to agree with the Budget Resolution.

Step 3. Write the appropriations bill that establishes the priorities

Step 4. Have the White House sign the appropriations bill.

Good News – Steps 1 and 2 are done

Question– What’s the most important action to fix the budget by 2020?
(a.k.a. satisfy the requirements of law in the Budget Control Act)

Question - how to predict the future of DEBT REDUCTION 😊

Answer – find the 50/50 combo of revenue increase and spending reduction!!

First:

Tax reform which is hard because it uses IRS enforcement

Then:

Entitlement reform which is easy - enforcement is after the next election (maybe)

Who has to produce the answer:

1. The House Ways and Means Committee
2. The Senate Finance Committee

Good news – there are at least 536 published tax reform plans in DC

Plan approved by 50% of the House; 60% of the Senate; President???

Congress often writes about T&E in the FY-16 bills

NDAA SEC. 123.

EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP.

(9) A current **Test and Evaluation Master Plan** for the Littoral Combat Ship Mission Modules, approved by the Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, which includes the performance levels expected to be demonstrated during developmental testing for each component and mission module prior to commencing the associated operational test phase.

NDAA SEC. 161. LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR JOINT BATTLE COMMAND–PLATFORM.

Not later than March 1, 2016, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report that provides a detailed **test and evaluation plan.**

Congress's T&E interests are international

NDAA SEC. 1279. UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ANTI-TUNNEL COOPERATION.

AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH ANTI-TUNNEL CAPABILITIES PROGRAM WITH ISRAEL.—

IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, upon request of the Ministry of Defense of Israel and in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence, is authorized to carry out research, development, test, and evaluation, on a joint basis with Israel, to establish anti-tunnel capabilities to detect, map, and neutralize underground tunnels that threaten the United States or Israel.

Such authority includes authority to **install equipment** necessary to carry out such research, development, **test, and evaluation.**

FY-16 Appropriations has some reductions to project T&E

The Secretary of Defense is further directed to ensure that the fiscal year 2017 budget exhibits for the F-35 program clearly delineate the **specific costs** of ALIS procurement and research, development, **test and evaluation** in all applicable accounts.

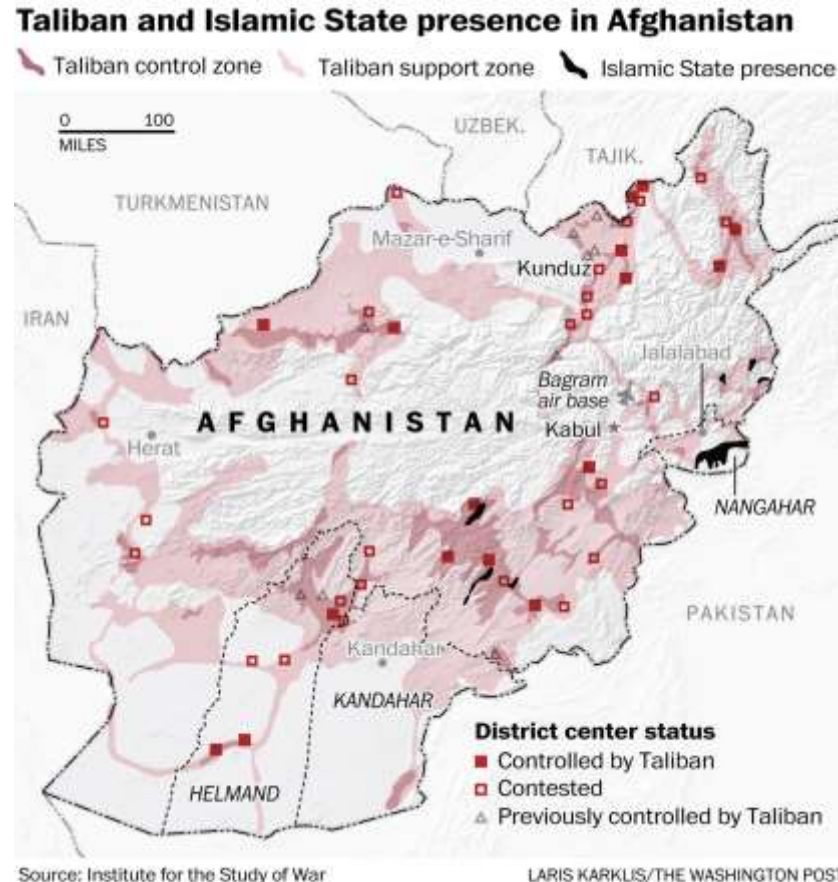
MQ-1 PAYLOAD- UAS Test and evaluation unjustified request
-5,890

ARMY MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION Prototype design
for field trials and OT&E +5,000

LANDMINE WARFARE AND BARRIER - ADV DEV
Test and evaluation funding ahead of need -3,879

JOINT TACTICAL RADIO Rifleman radio operational test delay
-5,315

The real world is messing up our priorities



The R&D priorities from the 2006 infantry requirements could be the priorities for 2016. Congress will ask if T&E investments are ready for IEDs, wall penetrating radar, cyber, etc.

Congress's concerns about T&E Issues in the FY-17 bills

FY-16 NDAA

TITLE XXVIII—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS
ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Major Range and Test Facility Base Military Construction Assessment
Therefore, the committee directs the Director of the Test Resource Management Center to submit a report to the congressional defense committees by March 1, 2016, on the results of the comprehensive assessment of MRTFB-only military construction needs and **investments called for by the March 2013 strategic plan.**

Land and Spectrum is a BIG issue today and for the BRAC in the future