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Congressional Overview

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Legislative Responsibilities

- T&E needs a 50 year of requirements to match the acquisition strategies
- Setting PRIORITIES between National Security and Economic Goals is Congress's Job.
- But, the Executive Knows the Most about the Details.
- The most important T&E Assets are People.
(p.s. the same applies to Acquisition)

Congress Numero Uno Responsibility

FY15 Budget or Year Long CR

- November Election Results makes a Difference (e.g. if Rs take the Senate, many Rs will want mark-up in 2016 but that will detract from their 2016 Election Effort *)
- Best case – pass DOD FY15 before Christmas
- Worst case – CR for a year
(there is no threat of a Government Shutdown)

*Wild Card – Most Members want to start the Cycle (2015-16) with no distractions to the Party's Presidential message. FY15 budget will not be an issue in November, 2016, but the FY16-17 will be.

Next - Sequestration (S) in FY-16

- Requirement = Debt Reduction Law
- Either reduce the Debt or get Sequestration
- Debt Reduction =
- Revenue Increase (taxes)

Plus

- Spending decreases (entitlements)
- Why is it so difficult? – Entitlement reform (ER) is easy (CBO credit years in the future) – tax reform (TR) is hard (IRS starts next year)

$$\therefore P(S) = P(TR)$$

Wild Card – By June, 2015 all the R Presidential Candidates will be Begging to get Sequestration Fix!

Is 50 Years the Analysis Period?



New NASA HQ at KSC
A \$400 Million Saving over 40 years



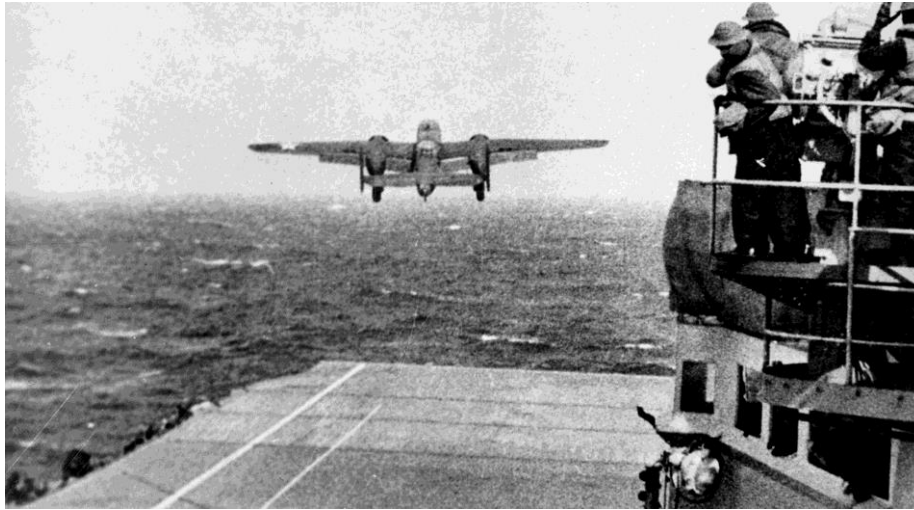
F-35 = \$1 Trillion over 50 years

“According to DOD, any analysis of platform effectiveness should include mission, threat, and capabilities desired over the life”

GAO report on Nuclear Aircraft Carriers

Joint Testing - Cost Effective?

Redundant



Unique



No All Scenarios Need Testing

No Gold Plate for the Program or the Test Range
Explain to Congress, In Advance, Patently, Your Requirements



Capt. Bill Overstreet, 1944

The Story of LightSquard

- FCC
- DOD
- Congress
- NTIC
- Judiciary
- The White House
- Private Industry
- Farmers

Sometimes everybody gets involved in a DOD T&E issue, which guarantees Congress will too

Save the Whales

- “Likely” verses “Possible”
- Supreme Court Ruled 5-4

Who Manages the Air Space?

- DOD?
- DOI?
- DOT?
- DOE?

Who Manages the Spectrum?

- As the world has gone wireless, the electromagnetic spectrum has become a vast, invisible battleground — and we don't even have a general in command.
- STRATCOM's own chief of operations said bluntly today that it lacks the authorities and funding it needs to make things actually happen. So who's in charge?

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<http://breakingdefense.com/2014/10/stratcom-lacks-authority-on-electronic-warfare/>

What about Foreign Requirements

- Don't forget to ask the State Department
- And not just about ITAR
- The story of the Active Denial System
- Did Anyone Mention the Heat on Tinian?