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House Passes FY19 NDAA, \$377M in military spending for Guam

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CAPITOL: The U.S. Capitol dome in Washington, D.C., where a handful of provisions tucked into a pair of must-pass bills under consideration in Congress this month could reshape the financing of political campaigns and give further cover to donors who want to keep their contributions private. Reuters

The U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 5515, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 which approves \$377,211,000 in military construction spending on Guam.

Included in the NDAA is Guam Delegate Madeleine Bordallo's provision holding the Navy, and the Defense Department, accountable to its promise "to hold less land at the conclusion of the Marine realignment than it did when the program started."

This so-called "net-negative" commitment requires the Navy to make public the list of properties on Guam that it expects to return to GovGuam and provides the Governor of Guam with a formal mechanism to petition for additional lands to be added to the list.

Bordallo stated, "It's important for this process to be transparent." Her provision ensures that the list of lands the Navy expects to return to GovGuam is available to the public.

In addition, the 2019 NDAA extends Guam’s exemption from the national H2-B visa caps until 2020 and provides for flexibility for health care workers to be admitted under the H2-B visa program.

It also includes another provision sponsored by Bordallo that requires the Navy to continue to use the former Guam Ship Repair Facility (SRF) for “depot-level ship maintenance.”

The House version now moves onto to a conference committee with the Senate where the final version will be hashed out.

Bordallo said she looks “forward to working with the Senate, during conference to maintain the provisions important to our island and having them enacted to law this year.”

Fiscal Year 2019 Military Construction Authorization for Guam

Project	Cost
ACE Gym & Dining	27,910,000
Earth Covered Magazines	52,270,000
Machine Gun Range	70,000,000
Ordnance Ops	22,020,000
Unaccompanied Enlisted Housing	36,170,000
X-Ray Wharf Improvements (Berth 2)	75,600,000
Hayman Munitions Storage Igloos MSA 2	9,800,000
Replace Andersen Housing Phase III	83,441,000
Guam Total	\$ 377,211,000