

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD
FROM SENATE FLOOR DEBATE ON HR 3326, 2010 DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL
Oct. 6, 2009**

Vote on Amendment No. 2605

The Senator from Hawaii [Mr. *Inouye*], for Mr. *Bingaman*, for himself and Mr. *Udall* of New Mexico, proposes an amendment numbered 2605.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

(Purpose: To make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Air Force, \$5,000,000 to carry out evaluations and analyses of certain laser systems)

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

Sec. __. (a) Amount for Evaluations of Certain Laser Systems.--Of the amount appropriated or otherwise made available by title IV under the heading "Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force" and available for Advanced Weapons Technology (PE# 0603605F), up to \$5,000,000 may be available to carry out the evaluations and analyses required by subsection (b).

(b) Evaluations and Analyses of Certain Laser Systems.--The Secretary of Defense shall, in a manner consistent with the October 8, 2008, report of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board entitled "Airborne Tactical Laser (ATL) Feasibility for Gunship Operations"--

(1) carry out additional enhanced user evaluations of the Advanced Tactical Laser system on a variety of instrumented targets; and

(2) enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center under which the center shall--

(A) conduct an analysis of the feasibility of integrating solid state laser systems onto C-130, B-1, and F-35 aircraft platforms to provide close air support; and

(B) estimate the cost per unit of such laser systems and the cost of operating and maintaining each such platform with such laser systems.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, this amendment has been cleared by both sides. I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the amendment is agreed to.

The amendment (No. 2605) was agreed to.