



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Resolution 149 Printer's No. 1049

Prime Sponsor: Wozniak
Committee: Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

SYNOPSIS:

Concurrent Resolution urging Congress to take all necessary action to prohibit any force structure changes, to prohibit any transfer of AH-64 Apache helicopters from the National Guard, and maintain the Army National Guard at 350,200 Soldiers until the National Commission on the Future of the Army has reported its findings and urging the United States Army to reverse its decision to deactivate the 55th Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT), and to reverse its decision to transfer any National Guard AH-64 Apache helicopters to active duty.

SUMMARY:

The United States Army plans to transfer all National Guard AH-64 Apache helicopters to active duty as part of the United States Army's Aviation Restructuring Initiative. As such, the U.S. Army has marked Pennsylvania's 55th ABCT for inactivation. The 55 Armored Brigade Combat Team is headquartered in Scranton, extends over the eastern portion of Pennsylvania and approximately 3,500 Pennsylvanians serve with the 55 ABCT.

Furthermore, the U.S. Army plans to transfer all National Guard AH-64 Apache helicopters to active duty as part of the United States Army's Aviation Restructuring Initiative. There are 24 AH-64 Apache helicopters authorized for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard (PAARNG) with a significant portion of the allotment stationed at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. Transferring the Apache helicopters would result in the loss of 350 part-time personnel from the 1-104th Attack Battalion and the stationing of PAARNG is an important economic driver in the Johnstown area with an estimated impact of nearly \$45 million

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Effective Date: Immediately

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