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NEWS from Congressman CHARLES W. WHALEN, Jr.

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Congressman Charles W. Whalen, Jr. (R-Ohio) announced that the House Armed Services Committee today approved the fiscal 1969 Military Construction Authorization bill including \$2.677 million for Wright-Patterson Air Force base and \$134,000 for the Defense Electronics Supply Center (DESC).

Whalen, a member of the committee, said the funds apply to two projects at Wright-Patterson and one at DESC.

They are a \$2.454 million reconnaissance systems integration and evaluation facility and a \$223,000 addition to the hospital for a Cobalt 60 cancer therapy unit at the air base.

The DESC item is a warehouse mechanized conveyor system.

The authorization for the two installations was the full amount requested by the Defense Department.

The bill is expected to be approved by the House Rules Committee tomorrow (Wednesday) and reach the House floor on Thursday.

Wright-Patterson was one of only three Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) bases whose requests were not reduced by the committee.

The total initially asked for the 10 AFLC bases was \$12.619 million. The committee trimmed that amount by \$1.285 million.

Wright-Patterson's authorization was the second largest for the command, following Tinker Air Force base (Oklahoma), for which the committee authorized \$3.247 million versus \$3.445 million sought.