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The \$640 billion McCain topline, which does not include funding for overseas operations, would represent a huge increase over previous budgets. It's \$90 billion more than the fiscal 2017 budget, \$54 billion more than what President Obama requested for fiscal 2018 in last year's budget and \$7 billion more than the last pre-sequestration budget produced under Defense Secretary Robert Gates predicted for fiscal 2018, according to Katherine Blakeley, a research fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments.