

Today, the people of the United States sent about \$1 billion overseas to countries from whom we bought imported oil. This is \$1 billion that could have been spent to employ American construction workers, to give more activities to American research scientists, to reward the investment of American entrepreneurs, and to create domestic energy and American jobs here in the United States.

One of the most effective ways to create a nearly \$200 billion annual stimulus program paid for entirely by private sector dollars and not by government would be to dramatically reduce the amount of oil we import into our country. This is an issue on which I think there is strong agreement. We obviously part company on exactly how to do that, and I think this bill illustrates three of the ways in which there is some disagreement.

Let me begin by thanking the chairman and the ranking member for what I view as a very wise decision to make a funding investment in nuclear waste disposal at the Yucca Mountain facility. This is a very controversial issue, particularly in the other body, but I think that clean and well-managed nuclear energy is a key part of this country's economic future. Sadly, there has been a backpedaling from years of research and investment in the Yucca Mountain facility.

I think that the geological evidence is compelling, and I think that the national security arguments are compelling. I think that the best way for us to dispose of nuclear waste at one site is as isolated from any population center and geologically insulated from any water table that would be nearby. I think that the Yucca Mountain site has been proven to be the right move. I think for unfortunate political situations we've not invested in that.

I commend the chairman and the ranking member for reversing that decision to the extent possible in this bill and for moving forward with the further exploration of that option.

One of the areas of the bill in which I would agree with Mr. VISCLOSKY is somewhat disappointing is its relatively meager investment in alternative renewable energy. Now, I do think, as the President has said and as our Speaker has said, that an all-of-the-above energy independence policy is the right choice for our country. So we must understand that investing in wind or solar or geothermal or hydrogen is not meant to be completely in lieu of more traditional fuels. It's meant to be a supplement and a transition.

I think that the transition here is insufficient for the possibility of powering our country through wind and the growing solar industry. Our State of New Jersey is actually number two in solar energy in the country, which is, I think, a tribute to our innovation given our relative climatological disadvantage relative to other States. There is promising research in

hydrogen and other areas. I think that we are being, frankly, somewhat shortsighted and penny-wise and pound-foolish by not making a more robust investment in these areas of alternative energy in this bill, which leads me to my third point.

I understand the justification, not by the subcommittee chairman or the ranking member, but by the budget resolution that was passed. The justification for what I view as an unduly meager investment in alternative energy is because of the budget allocations adopted by the House several weeks ago.

The CHAIR. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. VISCLOSKY. I yield the gentleman an additional minute.

Mr. ANDREWS. I thank the gentleman.

That budget allocation was short of the agreement that the majority and minority in the House and Senate struck last year on August 1. We've adhered to that agreement in so many other ways. I think the right thing to do is what the other body is likely to do, which is to fund these appropriations bills at levels consistent with that August 1 agreement.

I believe, Mr. Chairman, that we will and should be back in this Chamber at some point this year enacting final legislation that is consistent with that August 1 agreement. That meager increase, that small increase in allocations, would, in my view, go a long way toward funding the wind and solar and hydrogen and other alternative energies that we should be seeking.

Let's continue to try to work together as the authors of this bill have. Let's try to truly have an energy independence policy where, instead of sending \$1 billion a day to the Middle East, we are investing \$1 billion a day of private sector money in manufacturing, innovation, and economic growth here in the United States. This bill, I think, makes an important step in that direction.

I commend the authors, but look forward to even a better result later in the year when the bill comes back from the other body.

Mr. VISCLOSKY. I appreciate the gentleman's remarks. I would note that we have no further requests for time and would conclude by simply, again, thanking the chair, all of the subcommittee members and staff for their very good work that has brought us to this point.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Let me associate my remarks with the ranking member's. We thank all of those who have come forward. We look forward to a vigorous couple of days ahead as we consider the rest of the energy and water bill. I thank the gentleman and all those who have participated.

I yield back the balance of my time. The CHAIR. All time for general debate has expired.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WEST) having assumed the chair, Mr. WOODALL, Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 667 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5854.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL) kindly resume the chair.

□ 2102

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5854) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, with Mr. WOODALL (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, an amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STERNS) had been disposed of and the bill had been read through page 66, line 10.

Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

An amendment by Mr. GRIMM of New York.

Amendment No. 8 by Mr. FRANKS of Arizona.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for the second electronic vote in this series.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. GRIMM

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GRIMM) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 218, noes 198, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 302]

AYES—218

Ackerman	Grijalva	Pallone
Altmire	Grimm	Pascarell
Andrews	Gutierrez	Pastor (AZ)
Baca	Hahn	Pelosi
Baldwin	Hanabusa	Perlmutter
Barrow	Hastings (FL)	Peters
Bass (CA)	Heinrich	Peterson
Becerra	Higgins	Petri
Berkley	Himes	Pingree (ME)
Berman	Hinchey	Polis
Biggert	Hinojosa	Price (NC)
Bishop (GA)	Hirono	Quigley
Bishop (NY)	Hochul	Rahall
Blumenauer	Holden	Rangel
Bonamici	Holt	Reichert
Boswell	Honda	Renacci
Brady (PA)	Hoyer	Reyes
Braley (IA)	Huelskamp	Richardson
Brown (FL)	Israel	Richmond
Buchanan	Jackson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Butterfield	Jackson Lee	Roskam
Capito	(TX)	Ross (AR)
Capps	Johnson (GA)	Rothman (NJ)
Capuano	Johnson (IL)	Roybal-Allard
Cardoza	Johnson, E. B.	Ryunyan
Carnahan	Kaptur	Ruppersberger
Carney	Keating	Rush
Carson (IN)	Kildee	Ryan (OH)
Castor (FL)	Kind	Sánchez, Linda
Chandler	King (NY)	T.
Chu	Kinzinger (IL)	Sanchez, Loretta
Ciциlline	Kissell	Sarbanes
Clarke (MI)	Kucinich	Schakowsky
Clarke (NY)	Lance	Schiff
Cleaver	Langevin	Schmidt
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Schock
Cohen	Larson (CT)	Schrader
Connolly (VA)	LaTourette	Schwartz
Conyers	Lee (CA)	Scott (VA)
Cooper	Levin	Scott, David
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Serrano
Costello	Lipinski	Sewell
Courtney	LoBiondo	Sherman
Cravaack	Loeb sack	Shimkus
Critz	Lofgren, Zoe	Shuler
Crowley	Lowey	Sires
Cuellar	Lujan	Smith (NJ)
Cummings	Lynch	Smith (WA)
Davis (CA)	Maloney	Speier
Davis (IL)	Markey	Stark
DeFazio	Matheson	Sutton
DeGette	Matsui	Terry
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Thompson (CA)
Deutch	McCollum	Thompson (MS)
Diaz-Balart	McCotter	Tierney
Dicks	McDermott	Tonko
Dingell	McGovern	Towns
Doggett	McIntyre	Tsongas
Dold	McKinley	Turner (OH)
Donnelly (IN)	McNerney	Van Hollen
Edwards	Meehan	Visclosky
Emerson	Meeks	Walsh (IL)
Engel	Michaud	Walz (MN)
Eshoo	Miller (NC)	Wasserman
Farr	Miller, George	Schultz
Fattah	Moore	Waters
Filner	Moran	Watt
Frank (MA)	Murphy (CT)	Waxman
Fudge	Murphy (PA)	Welch
Garamendi	Nadler	Wilson (FL)
Gibson	Napolitano	Woolsey
Gonzalez	Neal	Yarmuth
Green, Al	Olver	Young (AK)
Green, Gene	Owens	

NOES—198

Adams	Bilirakis	Campbell
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Canseco
Akin	Black	Cantor
Alexander	Blackburn	Carter
Amash	Bonner	Cassidy
Amodei	Bono Mack	Chabot
Austria	Boren	Chaffetz
Bachmann	Boustany	Coble
Bachus	Brady (TX)	Coffman (CO)
Barletta	Brooks	Cole
Bartlett	Broun (GA)	Conaway
Barton (TX)	Bucshon	Crawford
Bass (NH)	Buerkle	Crenshaw
Benishkek	Burgess	Culberson
Berg	Calvert	Davis (KY)
Bilbray	Camp	Denham

Dent	Johnson, Sam	Reed
DesJarlais	Jones	Rehberg
Dreier	Jordan	Ribbie
Duffy	Kelly	Rigell
Duncan (SC)	King (IA)	Rivera
Duncan (TN)	Kingston	Roby
Ellmers	Kline	Roe (TN)
Farenthold	Labrador	Rogers (AL)
Fincher	Lamborn	Rogers (KY)
Fitzpatrick	Landry	Rogers (MI)
Flake	Lankford	Rohrabacher
Fleischmann	Latham	Rokita
Fleming	Latta	Rooney
Flores	Long	Ross (FL)
Forbes	Lucas	Royce
Fox	Luetkemeyer	Ryan (WI)
Franks (AZ)	Lummis	Scalise
Frelinghuysen	Lungren, Daniel	Schilling
Gallegly	E.	Schweikert
Gardner	Manzullo	Scott (SC)
Garrett	Marchant	Scott, Austin
Gerlach	Marino	Sensenbrenner
Gibbs	McCaul	Sessions
Gingrey (GA)	McClintock	Shuster
Gohmert	McHenry	Simpson
Goodlatte	McKeon	Smith (NE)
Gosar	McMorris	Smith (TX)
Gowdy	Rodgers	Southerland
Granger	Mica	Stearns
Graves (GA)	Miller (FL)	Stivers
Graves (MO)	Miller (MI)	Sullivan
Griffin (AR)	Miller, Gary	Thompson (PA)
Griffith (VA)	Mulvaney	Thornberry
Guthrie	Myrick	Tiberi
Hall	Neugebauer	Tipton
Hanna	Noem	Turner (NY)
Harper	Nugent	Upton
Harris	Nunes	Walberg
Hartzer	Nunnelee	Walden
Hastings (WA)	Palazzo	Webster
Hayworth	Paul	West
Heck	Paulsen	Westmoreland
Hensarling	Pearce	Whitfield
Herger	Pence	Wilson (SC)
Herrera Beutler	Pitts	Wittman
Huizenga (MI)	Platts	Wolf
Hultgren	Poe (TX)	Womack
Hunter	Pompeo	Woodall
Issa	Posey	Yoder
Jenkins	Price (GA)	Young (IN)
Johnson (OH)	Quayle	

NOT VOTING—15

Burton (IN)	Guinta	Olson
Clay	Hurt	Slaughter
Doyle	Lewis (CA)	Stutzman
Ellison	Mack	Velázquez
Fortenberry	McCarthy (CA)	Young (FL)

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Messrs. KINGSTON, MILLER of Florida, and RIVERA changed their vote from “aye” to “no.”

Messrs. GEORGE MILLER of California, CARDOZA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Messrs. PRICE of North Carolina, MCINTYRE, and RENACCI changed their vote from “no” to “aye.”

So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. FRANKS OF ARIZONA

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. BASS of New Hampshire). The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 180, noes 237, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 303]

AYES—180

Adams	Gallegly	Myrick
Aderholt	Gardner	Neugebauer
Akin	Garrett	Noem
Amash	Gibbs	Nugent
Amodei	Gingrey (GA)	Nunes
Austria	Gohmert	Nunnelee
Bachmann	Goodlatte	Olson
Bachus	Gosar	Palazzo
Bartlett	Gowdy	Paul
Barton (TX)	Granger	Paulsen
Bass (NH)	Graves (GA)	Pearce
Benishkek	Graves (MO)	Pence
Berg	Griffin (AR)	Pitts
Bilbray	Griffith (VA)	Platts
Bilirakis	Guthrie	Poe (TX)
Bishop (UT)	Hall	Pompeo
Black	Harper	Posey
Blackburn	Harris	Price (GA)
Bonner	Hartzler	Quayle
Boustany	Hastings (WA)	Reed
Brady (TX)	Hayworth	Renacci
Brooks	Hensarling	Ribbie
Broun (GA)	Herger	Rigell
Buchanan	Herrera Beutler	Roby
Bucshon	Huelskamp	Rogers (AL)
Buerkle	Huizenga (MI)	Rogers (KY)
Hunter	Issa	Rogers (MI)
Calvert	Jenkins	Rohrabacher
Camp	Johnson (OH)	Rokita
Campbell	Johnson, Sam	Rooney
Canseco	Cantor	Ross (FL)
Cantor	Jones	Royce
Carter	Jordan	Scalise
Cassidy	King (IA)	Schweikert
Chabot	Kingston	Scott (SC)
Chaffetz	Kline	Scott, Austin
Coble	Labrador	Sensenbrenner
Coffman (CO)	Lamborn	Sessions
Cole	Landry	Simpson
Conaway	Lankford	Smith (NE)
Crawford	Latham	Smith (TX)
Crenshaw	Latta	Southerland
Culberson	Long	Stearns
Davis (KY)	Lucas	Sullivan
Denham	Luetkemeyer	Terry
Dent	Lummis	Thompson (PA)
DesJarlais	Lungren, Daniel	Thornberry
Dreier	E.	Tipton
Duncan (SC)	Manzullo	Turner (NY)
Duncan (TN)	Marchant	Walberg
Ellmers	Marino	Webster
Farenthold	McCaul	West
Fincher	McClintock	Westmoreland
Flake	McHenry	Wilson (SC)
Fleischmann	McKeon	Wittman
Fleming	McMorris	Wolf
Flores	Rodgers	Womack
Forbes	Mica	Woodall
Fox	Miller (FL)	Yoder
Franks (AZ)	Miller, Gary	Young (IN)
Frelinghuysen	Mulvaney	

NOES—237

Ackerman	Carney	Dicks
Alexander	Carson (IN)	Dingell
Altmire	Castor (FL)	Doggett
Andrews	Chandler	Dold
Baca	Chu	Donnelly (IN)
Baldwin	Ciциlline	Duffy
Barletta	Clarke (MI)	Edwards
Barrow	Clarke (NY)	Emerson
Bass (CA)	Cleaver	Engel
Becerra	Clyburn	Eshoo
Berkley	Cohen	Farr
Berman	Connolly (VA)	Fattah
Biggert	Conyers	Filner
Bishop (GA)	Cooper	Fitzpatrick
Bishop (NY)	Costa	Frank (MA)
Blumenauer	Costello	Fudge
Bonamici	Courtney	Garamendi
Bono Mack	Cravaack	Gerlach
Boren	Critz	Gibson
Boswell	Crowley	Gonzalez
Brady (PA)	Cuellar	Green, Al
Braley (IA)	Cummings	Green, Gene
Brown (FL)	Davis (CA)	Grijalva
Butterfield	Davis (IL)	Grimm
Capito	DeFazio	Gutierrez
Capps	DeGette	Hahn
Capuano	DeLauro	Hanabusa
Cardoza	Deutch	Hanna
Carnahan	Diaz-Balart	Hastings (FL)

Heck	McDermott	Sánchez, Linda
Heinrich	McGovern	T.
Higgins	McIntyre	Sanchez, Loretta
Himes	McKinley	Sarbanes
Hinchey	McNerney	Schakowsky
Hinojosa	Meehan	Schiff
Hirono	Meeks	Schilling
Hochul	Michaud	Schmidt
Holden	Miller (MI)	Schock
Holt	Miller (NC)	Schrader
Honda	Miller, George	Schwartz
Hoyer	Moore	Scott (VA)
Hultgren	Moran	Scott, David
Israel	Murphy (CT)	Serrano
Jackson (IL)	Murphy (PA)	Sewell
Jackson Lee	Nadler	Sherman
(TX)	Napolitano	Shimkus
Johnson (GA)	Neal	Shuler
Johnson (IL)	Oliver	Shuster
Johnson, E. B.	Owens	Sires
Kaptur	Pallone	Smith (NJ)
Keating	Pascarell	Smith (WA)
Kelly	Pastor (AZ)	Speier
Kildee	Pelosi	Stark
Kind	Perlmutter	Stivers
King (NY)	Peters	Sutton
Kinzinger (IL)	Peterson	Thompson (CA)
Kissell	Petri	Thompson (MS)
Kucinich	Pingree (ME)	Tiberi
Lance	Polis	Tierney
Langevin	Price (NC)	Tonko
Larsen (WA)	Quigley	Towns
Larson (CT)	Rahall	Tsongas
LaTourette	Rangel	Turner (OH)
Lee (CA)	Rehberg	Upton
Levin	Reichert	Van Hollen
Lewis (GA)	Reyes	Visclosky
Lipinski	Richardson	Walden
LoBiondo	Richmond	Walsh (IL)
Loeback	Rivera	Walz (MN)
Lofgren, Zoe	Roe (TN)	Wasserman
Lowey	Ros-Lehtinen	Schultz
Luján	Roskam	Waters
Lynch	Ross (AR)	Watt
Maloney	Rothman (NJ)	Waxman
Markey	Roybal-Allard	Welch
Matheson	Runyan	Whitfield
Matsui	Ruppersberger	Wilson (FL)
McCarthy (NY)	Rush	Woolsey
McCollum	Ryan (OH)	Yarmuth
McCotter	Ryan (WI)	Young (AK)

NOT VOTING—14

Burton (IN)	Guinta	Slaughter
Clay	Hurt	Stutzman
Doyle	Lewis (CA)	Velázquez
Ellison	Mack	Young (FL)
Fortenberry	McCarthy (CA)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote).
There is 1 minute remaining.

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So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. WEBSTER).
The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the "Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2013".

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise and report the bill back to the House with sundry amendments, with the recommendation that the amendments be agreed to and that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BASS of New Hampshire) having assumed the chair, Mr. WEBSTER, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5854) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Af-

fairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes, directed him to report the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole, with the recommendation that the amendments be agreed to and that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. BARROW. I am opposed to the bill in its current form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Barrow moves to recommit the bill H.R. 5854 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendments:

Page 11, line 17, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(reduced by \$56,652,000)".

Page 31, line 5, insert after the dollar amount the following: "(increased by \$28,326,000)".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise to offer one final amendment to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Three days ago on Memorial Day, I held town hall meetings at the American Legion posts in Augusta and Statesboro, Georgia. During these town hall meetings, veterans repeatedly expressed two of their most pressing concerns for our country.

First, they're concerned that our increasing debt puts America on a path toward a fiscal crisis that threatens our national defense and the promises we've made to veterans and seniors.

Second, they're concerned that the men and women returning home today, after fighting for our freedoms, are not receiving the proper medical care for the injuries they face, like traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, and loss of limb.

After my town hall meeting in Augusta, a Vietnam veteran came up to me and described how he had suffered from an undiagnosed case of PTSD until just a few years ago, and that his life had been a struggle for a long time as a result.

This gentleman's candor reminds us of what we already know. In too many

cases, we fell short in providing Vietnam veterans the care and dignity they deserved after giving the best years of their lives to our service. We cannot make the same mistakes today we made then.

My amendment will do two things to try to be responsive to the veterans I represent. It takes \$56 million of pre-existing surplus money from the BRAC closure account and applies half, just \$28 million, to veterans' medical and prosthetic research, and the other half to deficit reduction.

This figure doesn't come out of thin air. That's the unanimous recommendation of the VFW, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Disabled Veterans of America, and AMVETS—in their annual independent budget recommendations—as the additional amount necessary to provide for appropriate program growth and to cover anticipated inflation. This money will go directly to research and treatments unique to the 21st century combat our soldiers face overseas today.

Again, this is the final amendment to the bill. It will not kill the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage as amended. For all these reasons, I encourage my colleagues to support this motion, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, this is not an amendment to the bill. This is a procedural stunt, a motion to recommit that the public and the Members should not be confused about. This is a last-minute, a very sad, I think, and shallow and disappointing political stunt that the Members of the minority—this bill, more than any other—Mr. Speaker, the House is not in order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is correct. The House will be in order.

Mr. CULBERSON. Mr. Speaker, our subcommittee, SANFORD BISHOP, your colleague from Georgia, our entire subcommittee has worked arm in arm since early this year, held numerous hearings, sought testimony from every organization, from the Veterans Administration—from any veterans organization. We have all worked arm in arm in producing a piece of legislation tonight that fully funds every need of every veteran and every active-duty military member of the United States anywhere in the world. We've funded every request. We've met every need. We've left no gap unfilled. In fact, not only during the committee process, but also tonight. We've been on the floor from 4:30 until 8 o'clock. Anyone could have come to the floor and offered an amendment. Frankly, you could have

walked down and drafted it right here on a yellow notepad and given it to the Clerk and offered an amendment at any time.

So this is not an amendment. This is a procedural stunt. It's disappointing and disheartening to see it offered at the last minute when we, on this subcommittee, more than any other subcommittee, have worked arm in arm in an absolutely bipartisan way in support of our troops.

It is important for the Members to know that our committee has fully funded the request of the Veterans Administration. We've given them everything that they needed, that they asked for—\$583 million for medical and prosthetic research. We've increased funding for the VA by \$2.3 billion to make sure that the needs of our veterans are met. We have increased Veterans Administration research by almost \$1.9 billion. And we have, throughout this entire appropriations season, been open to any Member at any time to bring us any good idea on any subject that would help our veterans.

So this is not an amendment. This is a procedural motion that has nothing to do with the merits of the bill. In fact, I want to stress to my colleagues that during conference, if the Veterans Administration, if anyone can demonstrate to Mr. BISHOP and me and to the subcommittee that there is a valid need, a demonstrable need that the VA comes to us and says, Yes, we need additional money for more research, of course we'll find room for it.

There is no gap between any of us on this House floor when it comes to supporting the needs of our men and women in uniform. We on this committee, more than any other, have worked together in a bipartisan fashion.

I urge the Members to reject this last-minute procedural motion to recommit. We will work together in conference if there is truly any additional need for funding, but Members, we have left no gap unfilled when it comes to our men and women in uniform, and I urge the Members to vote "no."

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. ACKERMAN. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. ACKERMAN. My inquiry is: Is there a motion before the House or is there a stunt before the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. ACKERMAN. Is there a motion before the House, Mr. Speaker? And could you state it if there is.

Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry. What is before the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentleman from New York have a parliamentary inquiry?

Mr. ACKERMAN. Yes, Mr. Speaker. What is before the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The House is considering a motion to recommit.

Mr. ACKERMAN. A motion to recommit. Did the Speaker say a motion? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, the Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote on the question of passage.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 188, noes 230, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 304]

AYES—188

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Neal
Altmire	Green, Al	Olver
Andrews	Green, Gene	Owens
Baca	Grijalva	Pallone
Baldwin	Gutierrez	Pascarell
Barrow	Hahn	Pastor (AZ)
Bass (CA)	Hanabusa	Paul
Becerra	Hastings (FL)	Pelosi
Berkley	Heinrich	Perlmutter
Berman	Higgins	Peters
Bishop (GA)	Himes	Peterson
Bishop (NY)	Hinchey	Pingree (ME)
Blumenauer	Hinojosa	Polis
Bonamici	Hirono	Price (NC)
Boren	Hochul	Quigley
Boswell	Holden	Rahall
Brady (PA)	Holt	Rangel
Brown (IA)	Honda	Reyes
Brown (FL)	Hoyer	Richardson
Butterfield	Israel	Richmond
Capps	Jackson (IL)	Ross (AR)
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Rothman (NJ)
Cardoza	(TX)	Roybal-Allard
Carnahan	Johnson (GA)	Ruppersberger
Carney	Johnson, E. B.	Rush
Carson (IN)	Jones	Ryan (OH)
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Sanchez, Linda
Chandler	Keating	T.
Chu	Kildee	Sanchez, Loretta
Cicilline	Kind	Sarbanes
Clarke (MI)	Kissell	Schakowsky
Clarke (NY)	Kucinich	Schiff
Cleaver	Langevin	Schrader
Clyburn	Larsen (WA)	Schwartz
Cohen	Larson (CT)	Scott (VA)
Connolly (VA)	Latham	Scott, David
Conyers	Lee (CA)	Serrano
Cooper	Levin	Sewell
Costa	Lewis (GA)	Sherman
Costello	Lipinski	Shuler
Courtney	Loebsack	Sires
Critz	Lofgren, Zoe	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Lowe	Speier
Cuellar	Lujan	Stark
Cummings	Lynch	Sutton
Davis (CA)	Maloney	Thompson (CA)
Davis (IL)	Markey	Thompson (MS)
DeFazio	Matheson	Tierney
DeGette	Matsui	Tonko
DeLauro	McCarthy (NY)	Towns
Deutch	McCollum	Tsongas
Dicks	McDermott	Van Hollen
Dingell	McGovern	Visclosky
Doggett	McIntyre	Walz (MN)
Donnelly (IN)	McNerney	Wasserman
Edwards	Meeks	Schultz
Engel	Michaud	Waters
Eshoo	Miller (NC)	Watt
Farr	Miller, George	Waxman
Fattah	Moore	Welch
Filner	Moran	Wilson (FL)
Frank (MA)	Murphy (CT)	Woolsey
Fudge	Nadler	Yarmuth
Garamendi	Napolitano	

Adams	Gohmert	Palazzo
Akin	Goodlatte	Paulsen
Alexander	Gosar	Pearce
Amash	Gowdy	Pence
Amodei	Granger	Petri
Austria	Graves (GA)	Pitts
Bachmann	Graves (MO)	Platts
Bachus	Griffith (AR)	Poe (TX)
Barletta	Griffith (VA)	Pompeo
Bartlett	Grimm	Posey
Barton (TX)	Guthrie	Price (GA)
Bass (NH)	Hall	Quayle
Benishek	Hanna	Reed
Berg	Harper	Rehberg
Biggert	Harris	Reichert
Bilbray	Hartzler	Renacci
Bilirakis	Hastings (WA)	Ribble
Bishop (UT)	Hayworth	Rigell
Black	Heck	Rivera
Blackburn	Hensarling	Roby
Bonner	Herger	Roe (TN)
Bono Mack	Herrera Beutler	Rogers (AL)
Boustany	Huelskamp	Rogers (KY)
Brady (TX)	Huizenga (MI)	Rogers (MI)
Brooks	Hultgren	Rohrabacher
Broun (GA)	Hunter	Rokita
Buchanan	Hurt	Rooney
Bucshon	Issa	Ros-Lehtinen
Buerkle	Jenkins	Roskam
Burgess	Johnson (IL)	Ross (FL)
Calvert	Johnson (OH)	Royce
Camp	Johnson, Sam	Runyan
Campbell	Jordan	Ryan (WI)
Canseco	Kelly	Scalise
Cantor	King (IA)	Schilling
Capito	King (NY)	Schmidt
Carter	Kingston	Schock
Cassidy	Kinzinger (IL)	Schweikert
Chabot	Kline	Scott (SC)
Chaffetz	Labrador	Scott, Austin
Coble	Lamborn	Sensenbrenner
Coffman (CO)	Lance	Sessions
Cole	Landry	Shimkus
Conaway	Lankford	Shuster
Cravaack	LaTourette	Simpson
Crawford	Latta	Smith (NE)
Crenshaw	LoBiondo	Smith (NJ)
Culberson	Long	Smith (TX)
Davis (KY)	Lucas	Southerland
Denham	Luetkemeyer	Stearns
Dent	Lummis	Stivers
DesJarlais	Lungren, Daniel	Stutzman
Diaz-Balart	E.	Sullivan
Dold	Manzullo	Terry
Dreier	Marchant	Thompson (PA)
Duffy	Marino	Thornberry
Duncan (SC)	McCaul	Tiberi
Duncan (TN)	McClintock	Tipton
Ellmers	McCotter	Turner (NY)
Emerson	McHenry	Turner (OH)
Farenthold	McKeon	Upton
Fincher	McKinley	Walberg
Fitzpatrick	McMorris	Walden
Flake	Rodgers	Walsh (IL)
Fleischmann	Meehan	Webster
Fleming	Mica	West
Flores	Miller (FL)	Westmoreland
Forbes	Miller (MI)	Whitfield
Fox	Miller, Gary	Wilson (SC)
Franks (AZ)	Mulvaney	Wittman
Frelinghuysen	Murphy (PA)	Wolf
Gallely	Myrick	Womack
Gardner	Neugebauer	Woodall
Garrett	Noem	Yoder
Gerlach	Nugent	Young (AK)
Gibbs	Nunes	Young (IN)
Gibson	Nunnelee	
Gingrey (GA)	Olson	

NOT VOTING—13

Aderholt	Fortenberry	Slaughter
Burton (IN)	Guinta	Velázquez
Clay	Lewis (CA)	Young (FL)
Doyle	Mack	
Ellison	McCarthy (CA)	

□ 2159

Mr. DEFAZIO changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

Under clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 12, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 305]

YEAS—407

Ackerman	Cuellar	Honda
Adams	Culberson	Hoyer
Aderholt	Cummings	Huelskamp
Akin	Davis (CA)	Huizenga (MI)
Alexander	Davis (IL)	Hultgren
Altmire	Davis (KY)	Hunter
Amodei	DeFazio	Hurt
Andrews	DeGette	Israel
Austria	DeLauro	Issa
Baca	Denham	Jackson (IL)
Bachmann	Dent	Jackson Lee
Bachus	DesJarlais	(TX)
Baldwin	Deutch	Jenkins
Barletta	Diaz-Balart	Johnson (GA)
Barrow	Dicks	Johnson (IL)
Bartlett	Dingell	Johnson (OH)
Barton (TX)	Doggett	Johnson, E. B.
Bass (CA)	Dold	Johnson, Sam
Bass (NH)	Donnelly (IN)	Jones
Becerra	Dreier	Jordan
Benishek	Duffy	Kaptur
Berg	Duncan (SC)	Keating
Berkley	Edwards	Kelly
Berman	Ellmers	Kildee
Biggart	Emerson	Kind
Bilbray	Engel	King (IA)
Bilirakis	Eshoo	King (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Farenthold	Kingston
Bishop (NY)	Farr	Kinzinger (IL)
Bishop (UT)	Fattah	Kissell
Black	Fincher	Kline
Blackburn	Fitzpatrick	Labrador
Blumenauer	Fleischmann	Lamborn
Bonamici	Fleming	Lance
Bonner	Flores	Landry
Bono Mack	Forbes	Langevin
Boren	Foxx	Lankford
Boswell	Frank (MA)	Larsen (WA)
Boustany	Franks (AZ)	Larson (CT)
Brady (PA)	Frelinghuysen	Latham
Brady (TX)	Fudge	LaTourette
Braley (IA)	Galleghy	Latta
Brooks	Garamendi	Lee (CA)
Brown (GA)	Gardner	Levin
Brown (FL)	Garrett	Lewis (GA)
Buchanan	Gerlach	Lipinski
Bucshon	Gibbs	LoBiondo
Buerkle	Gibson	Loebsack
Burgess	Gingrey (GA)	Lofgren, Zoe
Butterfield	Gohmert	Long
Calvert	Gonzalez	Lowe
Camp	Goodlatte	Lucas
Canseco	Gosar	Luetkemeyer
Cantor	Gowdy	Luján
Capito	Granger	Lungren, Daniel
Capps	Graves (GA)	E.
Cardoza	Graves (MO)	Lynch
Carnahan	Green, Al	Maloney
Carney	Green, Gene	Manzullo
Carson (IN)	Griffin (AR)	Marchant
Carter	Griffith (VA)	Marino
Cassidy	Grijalva	Markey
Castor (FL)	Grimm	Matheson
Chabot	Guthrie	Matsui
Chaffetz	Gutierrez	McCarthy (NY)
Chandler	Hahn	McCaul
Chu	Hall	McClintock
Cicilline	Hanabusa	McCollum
Clarke (MI)	Hanna	McCotter
Clarke (NY)	Harper	McDermott
Cleaver	Harris	McGovern
Clyburn	Hartzler	McHenry
Coble	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre
Coffman (CO)	Hastings (WA)	McKeon
Cohen	Hayworth	McKinley
Cole	Heck	McMorris
Conaway	Heinrich	Rodgers
Connolly (VA)	Hensarling	McNerney
Conyers	Herger	Meehan
Cooper	Herrera Beutler	Meeks
Costa	Higgins	Mica
Costello	Himes	Michaud
Courtney	Hinche	Miller (FL)
Cravaack	Hinojosa	Miller (MI)
Crawford	Hirono	Miller (NC)
Crenshaw	Hochul	Miller, Gary
Critz	Holden	Miller, George
Crowley	Holt	Moore

Moran	Rivera	Smith (WA)
Mulvaney	Roby	Southerland
Murphy (CT)	Roe (TN)	Speier
Murphy (PA)	Rogers (AL)	Stearns
Myrick	Rogers (KY)	Stivers
Nadler	Rogers (MI)	Stutzman
Napolitano	Rohrabacher	Sullivan
Neal	Rokita	Sutton
Neugebauer	Rooney	Terry
Noem	Ros-Lehtinen	Thompson (CA)
Nugent	Roskam	Thompson (MS)
Nunes	Ross (AR)	Thompson (PA)
Nunnelee	Ross (FL)	Thornberry
Olson	Rothman (NJ)	Tiberi
Oliver	Roybal-Allard	Tierney
Owens	Royce	Tipton
Palazzo	Runyan	Tonko
Pallone	Ruppersberger	Towns
Pascrell	Rush	Tsongas
Pastor (AZ)	Ryan (OH)	Turner (NY)
Paulsen	Ryan (WI)	Turner (OH)
Pearce	Sánchez, Linda	Upton
Pelosi	T.	Van Hollen
Pence	Sánchez, Loretta	Visclosky
Perlmutter	Sarbanes	Walberg
Peters	Scalise	Walden
Peterson	Schakowsky	Walsh (IL)
Petri	Schiff	Walz (MN)
Pingree (ME)	Schilling	Wasserman
Pitts	Schmidt	Schultz
Platts	Schock	Waters
Poe (TX)	Schrader	Watt
Polis	Schwartz	Waxman
Pompeo	Schweikert	Webster
Posey	Scott (CA)	Welch
Price (GA)	Scott (VA)	West
Price (NC)	Scott, Austin	Westmoreland
Quayle	Scott, David	Whitfield
Quigley	Serrano	Wilson (FL)
Rahall	Sessions	Wilson (SC)
Rohrabacher	Sewell	Wittman
Reed	Sherman	Womack
Rehberg	Shimkus	Woodall
Reichert	Shuler	Woolsey
Renacci	Shuster	Yarmuth
Reyes	Simpson	Yoder
Ribble	Sires	Young (AK)
Richardson	Smith (NE)	Young (IN)
Richmond	Smith (NJ)	
Rigell	Smith (TX)	

NAYS—12

Amash	Filner	Paul
Campbell	Flake	Sensenbrenner
Capuano	Kucinich	Stark
Duncan (TN)	Lummis	Wolf

NOT VOTING—12

Burton (IN)	Fortenberry	McCarthy (CA)
Clay	Guinta	Slaughter
Doyle	Lewis (CA)	Velázquez
Ellison	Mack	Young (FL)

□ 2205

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GUINTA (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for May 30 and the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a death in the family.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and June 1 on account of family illness.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2947. An act to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota.

H.R. 3992. An act to allow otherwise eligible Israeli nationals to receive E-2 non-immigrant visas if similarly situated United States nationals are eligible for similar non-immigrant status in Israel.

H.R. 4097. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 21, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2072. To reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and for other purposes

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 29, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 4849. To direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, and for other purposes

H.R. 2415. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11 Dock Street in Pittston, Pennsylvania, as the "Trooper Joshua D. Miller Post Office Building".

H.R. 3220. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 170 Evergreen Square SW in Pine City, Minnesota, as the "Master Sergeant Daniel L. Fedder Post Office".

H.R. 3413. To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1449 West Avenue in Bronx, New York, as the "Private Isaac T. Cortes Post Office".

H.R. 4119. To reduce the trafficking of drugs and to prevent human smuggling across the Southwest Border by deterring the construction and use of border tunnels.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 1, 2012, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6216. A letter from the Secretary, Navy, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that increases in both the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) and the Procurement Unit Cost (PUC) for the AIM-9X program has exceeded the baseline estimate by at least 50 percent, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6217. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's report on the amount of purchases