

Today I enter this Chamber confident that we can tackle the challenges that are presented to us. We can and must find commonsense solutions to the problems facing each of our districts and our country. As we have learned, our constituents expect and deserve no less.

Thank you very much.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. Hochul), the whole number of the House is 433.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2017, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the question on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 287) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, which the Chair will put de novo.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

#### RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 231, noes 187, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 382]

AYES—231

Adams	Burgess	Duncan (TN)
Aderholt	Burton (IN)	Ellmers
Akin	Calvert	Emerson
Alexander	Camp	Farenthold
Amash	Campbell	Fincher
Austria	Canseco	Fitzpatrick
Bachmann	Capito	Flake
Bachus	Carter	Fleischmann
Barletta	Cassidy	Fleming
Bartlett	Chabot	Flores
Barton (TX)	Chaffetz	Forbes
Bass (NH)	Coble	Fortenberry
Benishkek	Coffman (CO)	Fox
Berg	Cole	Franks (AZ)
Biggert	Conaway	Frelinghuysen
Bilbray	Cravaack	Galleghy
Bilirakis	Crawford	Gardner
Black	Crenshaw	Garrett
Blackburn	Culberson	Gerlach
Bonner	Davis (KY)	Gibbs
Bono Mack	Denham	Gibson
Boustany	Dent	Gingrey (GA)
Brady (TX)	DesJarlais	Goodlatte
Brooks	Diaz-Balart	Gosar
Broun (GA)	Dold	Gowdy
Buchanan	Dreier	Granger
Bucshon	Duffy	Graves (GA)
Buerkle	Duncan (SC)	Graves (MO)

Griffin (AR)	Marino	Ros-Lehtinen
Griffith (VA)	McCarthy (CA)	Roskam
Grimm	McCauley	Ross (FL)
Guinta	McClintock	Royce
Guthrie	McCotter	Runyan
Hall	McHenry	Ryan (WI)
Hanna	McKeon	Scalise
Harper	McKinley	Schilling
Harris	McMorris	Schmidt
Hartzler	Rodgers	Schock
Hastings (WA)	Meehan	Schweikert
Hayworth	Mica	Scott (SC)
Heck	Miller (FL)	Scott, Austin
Hensarling	Miller (MI)	Sensenbrenner
Herger	Miller, Gary	Sessions
Herrera Beutler	Mulvaney	Shimkus
Huelskamp	Murphy (PA)	Shuster
Huizenga (MI)	Neugebauer	Simpson
Hultgren	Noem	Smith (NE)
Hunter	Nugent	Smith (NJ)
Hurt	Nunes	Smith (TX)
Issa	Nunnelee	Southerland
Jenkins	Olson	Stearns
Johnson (IL)	Palazzo	Stivers
Johnson (OH)	Paulsen	Stutzman
Johnson, Sam	Pearce	Sullivan
Jordan	Pence	Terry
Kelly	Petri	Thompson (PA)
King (IA)	Pitts	Thornberry
King (NY)	Platts	Tiberi
Kingston	Poe (TX)	Tipton
Kinzinger (IL)	Pompeo	Turner
Kline	Posey	Upton
Labrador	Price (GA)	Walberg
Lamborn	Quayle	Walden
Lance	Reed	Walsh (IL)
Landry	Rehberg	Webster
Lankford	Reichert	West
Latham	Renacci	Westmoreland
LaTourette	Ribble	Whitfield
Latta	Rigell	Wilson (SC)
Lewis (CA)	Rivera	Wittman
LoBiondo	Roby	Wolf
Long	Roe (TN)	Womack
Luetkemeyer	Rogers (AL)	Woodall
Lummis	Rogers (KY)	Yoder
Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (MI)	Young (AK)
E.	Rohrabacher	Young (FL)
Mack	Rokita	Young (IN)
Marchant	Rooney	

#### NOES—187

Ackerman	DeLauro	Kucinich
Altmire	Deutch	Langevin
Andrews	Dicks	Larsen (WA)
Baca	Dingell	Larson (CT)
Baldwin	Doggett	Lee (CA)
Barrow	Donnelly (IN)	Levin
Bass (CA)	Doyle	Lewis (GA)
Becerra	Edwards	Lipinski
Berkley	Ellison	Loeback
Berman	Engel	Lofgren, Zoe
Bishop (GA)	Eshoo	Lowey
Bishop (NY)	Farr	Lujan
Blumenauer	Fattah	Lynch
Boren	Filner	Maloney
Boswell	Frank (MA)	Markley
Brady (PA)	Fudge	Matheson
Braley (IA)	Garamendi	Matsui
Butterfield	Green, Al	McCarthy (NY)
Capps	Green, Gene	McCollum
Capuano	Grijalva	McDermott
Cardoza	Gutierrez	McGovern
Carnahan	Hanabusa	McIntyre
Carney	Hastings (FL)	McNerney
Carson (IN)	Heinrich	Meeks
Castor (FL)	Higgins	Michaud
Chandler	Himes	Miller (NC)
Chu	Hinchoy	Miller, George
Cicilline	Hinojosa	Moore
Clarke (MI)	Hirono	Moran
Clarke (NY)	Hochul	Murphy (CT)
Clay	Holden	Nadler
Cleaver	Holt	Napolitano
Clyburn	Honda	Neal
Cohen	Hoyer	Oliver
Connolly (VA)	Inslee	Owens
Conyers	Israel	Pallone
Cooper	Jackson (IL)	Pascarell
Costa	Jackson Lee	Pastor (AZ)
Costello	(TX)	Paul
Courtney	Johnson (GA)	Payne
Critz	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
Crowley	Jones	Perlmutter
Cuellar	Kaptur	Peters
Cummings	Keating	Peterson
Davis (CA)	Kildee	Pingree (ME)
Davis (IL)	Kind	Polis
DeGette	Kissell	Price (NC)

Quigley	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Rahall	Schiff	Tonko
Rangel	Schrader	Towns
Reyes	Scott (VA)	Tsongas
Richardson	Scott, David	Van Hollen
Richmond	Serrano	Velázquez
Ross (AR)	Sewell	Vislosky
Rothman (NJ)	Sherman	Waters
Roybal-Allard	Shuler	Watt
Ruppersberger	Sires	Waxman
Rush	Slaughter	Weiner
Ryan (OH)	Smith (WA)	Welch
Sánchez, Linda	Speier	Wilson (FL)
T.	Stark	Woolsey
Sanchez, Loretta	Sutton	Wu
Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)	Yarmuth

#### NOT VOTING—14

Bishop (UT)	Gohmert	Schwartz
Brown (FL)	Gonzalez	Tierney
Cantor	Lucas	Walz (MN)
DeFazio	Manzullo	Wasserman
Giffords	Myrick	Schultz

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND) (during the vote). There is 1 minute left in the vote.

□ 1526

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 382, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

#### ESTABLISHING VETSTAR AWARD PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 802) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 408, nays 11, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 383]

YEAS—408

Ackerman	Bishop (GA)	Capps
Adams	Bishop (NY)	Capuano
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Cardoza
Akin	Black	Carnahan
Alexander	Blackburn	Carney
Altmire	Blumenauer	Carson (IN)
Andrews	Bonner	Carter
Austria	Bono Mack	Cassidy
Baca	Boren	Castor (FL)
Bachmann	Boswell	Chabot
Bachus	Boustany	Chaffetz
Baldwin	Brady (PA)	Chandler
Barletta	Brady (TX)	Chu
Barrow	Braley (IA)	Cicilline
Bartlett	Brown (FL)	Clarke (MI)
Barton (TX)	Buchanan	Clarke (NY)
Bass (CA)	Bucshon	Clay
Bass (NH)	Buerkle	Cleaver
Becerra	Burgess	Clyburn
Benishkek	Burton (IN)	Coble
Berg	Butterfield	Coffman (CO)
Berkley	Calvert	Cohen
Berman	Camp	Cole
Biggert	Canseco	Conaway
Bilbray	Cantor	Connolly (VA)
Bilirakis	Capito	Conyers

Cooper  
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Costello  
Courtney  
Cravaack  
Crawford  
Crenshaw  
Critz  
Crowley  
Cuellar  
Culberson  
Cummings  
Davis (CA)  
Davis (IL)  
Davis (KY)  
DeFazio  
DeGette  
DeLauro  
Denham  
Dent  
DesJarlais  
Deutch  
Diaz-Balart  
Dicks  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Dold  
Donnelly (IN)  
Doyle  
Dreier  
Duffy  
Duncan (SC)  
Edwards  
Ellison  
Ellmers  
Emerson  
Engel  
Eshoo  
Farenthold  
Farr  
Filner  
Fincher  
Fitzpatrick  
Fleischmann  
Fleming  
Flores  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fox  
Frank (MA)  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Fudge  
Gallegly  
Garamendi  
Gardner  
Garrett  
Gerlach  
Gibbs  
Gibson  
Gingrey (GA)  
Goodlatte  
Gosar  
Gowdy  
Granger  
Graves (MO)  
Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
Griffin (AR)  
Griffith (VA)  
Grijalva  
Grimm  
Guinta  
Guthrie  
Gutierrez  
Hall  
Hanabusa  
Hanna  
Harper  
Harris  
Hartzer  
Hastings (FL)  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayworth  
Heck  
Heinrich  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Herrera Beutler  
Higgins  
Himes  
Hinchey  
Hinojosa  
Hirono  
Hochul  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
Hoyer

Huelskamp  
Huizenga (MI)  
Hultgren  
Hunter  
Hurt  
Inslee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson Lee  
(TX)  
Jenkins  
Johnson (GA)  
Johnson (IL)  
Johnson (OH)  
Johnson, E. B.  
Johnson, Sam  
Jones  
Jordan  
Kaptur  
Keating  
Kelly  
Kildee  
Kind  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kinzinger (IL)  
Kissell  
Kline  
Kucinich  
Labrador  
Lamborn  
Lance  
Landry  
Langevin  
Lankford  
Larsen (WA)  
Larson (CT)  
Latham  
LaTourette  
Latta  
Lee (CA)  
Levin  
Lewis (CA)  
Lewis (GA)  
Lipinski  
LoBiondo  
Loebach  
Lofgren, Zoe  
Long  
Lowey  
Luetkemeyer  
Lujan  
Lummis  
Lungren, Daniel  
E.  
Lynch  
Mack  
Maloney  
Marchant  
Marino  
Markey  
Matheson  
Matsui  
McCarthy (CA)  
McCarthy (NY)  
McCaul  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCotter  
McDermott  
McGovern  
McHenry  
McIntyre  
McKeon  
McKinley  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
McNerney  
Meehan  
Meeks  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Miller, George  
Moore  
Moran  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (PA)  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Neugebauer  
Noem  
Nugent  
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Nunnelee  
Olson  
Olver  
Owens  
Palazzo  
Pallone  
Pascarelli  
Pastor (AZ)  
Paulsen  
Payne  
Pearce  
Pelosi  
Pence  
Perlmutter  
Peters  
Peterson  
Petri  
Pingree (ME)  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Polis  
Pompeo  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Quayle  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Reed  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Renacci  
Reyes  
Ribble  
Richardson  
Richmond  
Rigell  
Rivera  
Roby  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rohrabacher  
Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross (AR)  
Ross (FL)  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
Royce  
Runyan  
Ruppersberger  
Rush  
Ryan (OH)  
Sanchez, Linda  
T.  
Sanchez, Loretta  
Sarbanes  
Scalise  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schilling  
Schmidt  
Schock  
Schroder  
Schweikert  
Scott (SC)  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
Sensenbrenner  
Serrano  
Sessions  
Sewell  
Sherman  
Shimkus  
Shuler  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Sires  
Slaughter  
Smith (NE)  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Southerland  
Speier  
Stark  
Stearns  
Stivers  
Stutzman  
Sullivan  
Sutton  
Terry  
Thompson (CA)  
Thompson (MS)

Thompson (PA)  
Thornberry  
Tiberi  
Tipton  
Tonko  
Towns  
Tsongas  
Turner  
Upton  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Walberg

Walden  
Walsh (IL)  
Waters  
Watt  
Waxman  
Webster  
Weiner  
Welch  
West  
Westmoreland  
Whitfield  
Wilson (FL)  
Wilson (SC)

Wittman  
Wolf  
Womack  
Woodall  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Yarmuth  
Yoder  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)  
Young (IN)

#### NAYS—11

Amash  
Brooks  
Broun (GA)  
Campbell

Duncan (TN)  
Flake  
Graves (GA)  
Kingston

Mulvaney  
Paul  
Rokita

#### NOT VOTING—13

Fattah  
Giffords  
Gohmert  
Gonzalez  
Lucas

Manzullo  
Myrick  
Rogers (MI)  
Ryan (WI)  
Schwartz

Tierney  
Walz (MN)  
Wasserman  
Schultz

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1533

Ms. BASS of California changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2017, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Alabama?

There was no objection.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 287 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2017.

□ 1535

#### 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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, with Mr. DREIER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

It is my honor to present the fiscal year 2012 appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security.

This bill before us today, perhaps more than any other bill, exemplifies the difficult choices that need to be made in order to address our Nation's fiscal crisis.

This bill demonstrates how we can fully fund vital security programs while also reducing spending overall. Furthermore, this bill does not represent a false choice between fiscal responsibility and security. Both are national security priorities, and both are vigorously addressed in this bill.

I am under no illusion that everyone here in this Chamber will agree with the spending reductions included in this legislation; but now, more than ever, our government needs fiscal discipline, and this bill takes the necessary steps toward that goal.

The bottom line: more money and more government do not equal more security. So in this time of skyrocketing debt and persistent threats, we must get our homeland security priorities right.

The bill before us today provides \$40.6 billion in discretionary funding, or almost \$3 billion, which is 7 percent below the request, and \$1.1 billion, or almost 3 percent below the fiscal year 2011 level. In addition, the bill also includes \$1 billion in offset, emergency supplemental funding for FEMA's disaster relief fund immediately upon enactment. There are no earmarks that are set out in this bill or the accompanying report.

The bill places priority on funding our Nation's greatest security needs—fully funding all frontline personnel such as Border Patrol, CBP officers, ICE officers, Coast Guard military personnel, and Secret Service agents, and fully funding all intelligence, watchlisting, and threat targeting functions.

In addition, the bill provides funding where the administration and the Department of Homeland Security have failed. This bill makes up for the nearly \$650 million shortfall handed to us by the Department through phony, unauthorized fee collections. It is irresponsible for the administration to submit a budget based on the illusion that Congress is going to raise taxes or fees in this current economy.

This bill also addresses the wholly inadequate request for disaster relief funding and provides the resources to help our communities recover from natural disasters, like the unprecedented flooding across the Mississippi