

Mr. McKEON. I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I have no more speakers, so I reserve the balance of my time to close.

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume to close.

I want to thank the gentlelady for bringing this issue. I think it is something that we can totally support on our side, and I would encourage all Members of this body to support this issue. I thank all of the women who have made the trips over there to Afghanistan because they have really added to the cause.

Our men and women in the military that have fought for all these many years—one of the major benefits from this war is the freedoms that these women and girls are able to enjoy right now, and it's my hope that we can leave sufficient force there to complete the mission, to guarantee the safety of these women and children, young girls, going forward. To leave precipitously without having completed that mission and put these women and girls in jeopardy, after they've seen a whole new life emerge, a whole new opportunity presented to them that they never conceived of before, would be a disaster.

So I thank again the gentlelady from California (Mrs. DAVIS) for her efforts here, and all the women who have spoken on this issue and traveled to Afghanistan, and urge that we all support this issue.

I yield back the balance of my time.
Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, as I said, I'm certainly prepared to close, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I want to again thank my colleague for his kind words. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of this and to have worked with our female troops, all of our troops, of course, in Afghanistan, but to see the difference that they're making. There is an approach that they have, and it seems to work. They are able to bring people along and actually make the situation safer for the families and the community in which they are serving.

I want to thank everyone who spoke today, and I also certainly want to thank everyone who has traveled on this particular trip. This is an important motion to instruct. It defines something just as basic as ensuring the mobility of women within their own country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the Motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 4310, the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA. Today, this House will send the National Defense Authorization Act, NDAA, to conference. Contrary to its title, the bill does not provide for the protection of the American people. It expands war. It further indebts our nation. It encroaches on basic rights with regards to indefinite detention. It eliminates the basic tenet that due process rights applies to everyone in this country—not just American citizens.

The legislation also includes additional sanctions against Iran despite numerous reports that our sanctions are affecting the ability of ordinary Iranians to obtain medicine and offer basic goods. Sanctions have thus far not served to solve the impasse or bring Iran to the negotiating table. More sanctions are not the answer and do not bring us closer to a diplomatic solution.

This legislation also perpetuates the myth that we are ending the war in Afghanistan. We are not leaving Afghanistan. We are deepening our commitment. This bill provides for another staggering \$88 billion for the war. The Strategic Partnership Agreement between the U.S. and Afghanistan commits us to the country for at least another decade with a \$20 billion price tag.

Finally, this legislation continues financing our bloated Pentagon. The United States maintains 1,000 bases worldwide. Some of these bases are infamous, like Guantanamo Bay. There are small bases to support our drones program. There are fortresses to support our wars.

The cost to maintain these bases is billions of dollars. Included in these costs are the costs to maintain and run 234 golf courses around the world.

The Pentagon is expanding their spy agency. The CIA has become a paramilitary organization. We are preparing to support intervention in Mali. Our government's policy in Syria is incoherent. We are expanding our military presence in Asia and in Africa.

And for what? For millions of Americans to be unemployed? For millions of Americans to go hungry? For millions of Americans not to have adequate access to education or even healthcare? For millions to lose their homes? For millions to lose their retirement security? For roads and bridges to collapse because we have no money for infrastructure?

I say it's time we pay attention to the defense of the American people's pocketbooks—The defense of the dignity of the American people—The defense of the moral authority of the United States. It's time to end this state of permanent war. We should throw out the NDAA, put an end to interventionism and begin to take care of things back home.

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Davis Motion to Instruct Conferees that would include the Casey/Hutchinson amendment in the final conference report on the NDAA bill.

I want to thank the gentlelady from California, Mrs. DAVIS, for her strong leadership in engaging the women of Afghanistan in their reconstruction. I first traveled to Afghanistan with Mrs. DAVIS for Mother's Day in 2009 and have returned each of the past three years.

As co-chair of the Afghan Women's Task Force, I have met with women parliamentarians and civil society members eager to achieve the common goal of a secure and stable Afghanistan.

These women and their advocates always raise security as the number one challenge to progress. The failure to ensure consideration of women in the security framework is an ongoing challenge to taking advantage of the opportunities in education, politics, and overall public life necessary for the long-term stability and prosperity of Afghanistan.

Yesterday's assassination of the acting head of women's affairs in Laghman Province less than six months after the previous head

was killed exposes not only the threats to the security of women in the country, but the deep concern about the impact the transfer of responsibilities from coalition forces to the Afghan government will have on the gains made by women over the last ten years.

The Casey/Hutchinson amendment promotes the security of Afghan women and underlines the need for the United States to strengthen its commitment to ensuring that plans to improve, monitor, and respond to women's security are imbedded in the Department of Defense's strategies. In addition, the amendment aims to establish achievable goals for the recruitment and retention of women to the Afghan National Army and Afghanistan National Police which have fallen far below expected targets.

The United States has worked hard to dramatically improve the lives of Afghan women. The greatest indicator of this progress is the 2.7 million girls who are now being educated after years of restriction by the Taliban. Afghan women and girls have stated their goals and desires for progress.

The transition process gives the United States and our international partners an opportunity to strengthen women's rights and lay the foundation for women's full participation in all aspects of Afghan society in the future. Losing those gains will have a major negative impact on all Afghans and jeopardize the future security and stability of the country.

I urge inclusion of the Casey/Hutchinson amendment to send a supportive message to the women of Afghanistan and to enhance U.S. and international efforts to create a safer, more prosperous future for the country. Vote for the Davis Motion to Instruct Conferees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to instruct.

There was no objection.

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

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WOMACK) at 11 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings

will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

the motion to instruct on H.R. 4310;

the motion to permit closed conference meetings on H.R. 4310, if offered; and

the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4053.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on the bill (H.R. 4310) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 4, not voting 28, as follows:

[Roll No. 624]

YEAS—399

Adams	Butterfield	Denham
Aderholt	Calvert	Dent
Alexander	Camp	DesJarlais
Altmire	Campbell	Deutch
Amodei	Canseco	Diaz-Balart
Andrews	Capito	Dingell
Austria	Capps	Dold
Baca	Capuano	Donnelly (IN)
Bachmann	Carnahan	Doyle
Bachus	Carson (IN)	Dreier
Baldwin	Carter	Duffy
Barber	Cassidy	Duncan (SC)
Barletta	Castor (FL)	Duncan (TN)
Barrow	Chabot	Edwards
Barton (TX)	Chaffetz	Ellison
Bass (CA)	Chandler	Ellmers
Bass (NH)	Chu	Emerson
Becerra	Cicilline	Engel
Benishek	Clarke (MI)	Eshoo
Berg	Clarke (NY)	Farenthold
Berkley	Clay	Farr
Berman	Cleaver	Fattah
Biggert	Clyburn	Fincher
Bilbray	Coble	Fitzpatrick
Bilirakis	Coffman (CO)	Flake
Bishop (GA)	Cohen	Fleischmann
Bishop (NY)	Conaway	Fleming
Bishop (UT)	Connolly (VA)	Flores
Black	Conyers	Forbes
Blackburn	Cooper	Fortenberry
Blumenauer	Costa	Fox
Bonamici	Courtney	Frank (MA)
Bonner	Cravaack	Franks (AZ)
Boren	Crawford	Frelinghuysen
Boswell	Crenshaw	Fudge
Boustany	Critz	Garamendi
Brady (PA)	Crowley	Gardner
Brady (TX)	Cuellar	Garrett
Braley (IA)	Culberson	Gerlach
Brooks	Cummings	Gibbs
Broun (GA)	Curson (MI)	Gibson
Brown (FL)	Davis (CA)	Gingrey (GA)
Buchanan	Davis (IL)	Gismert
Bucshon	DeFazio	Gonzalez
Buerkle	DeGette	Goodlatte
Burgess	DeLauro	Gosar
Burton (IN)	DelBene	Gowdy

Granger	Manzullo	Royce
Graves (GA)	Marchant	Runyan
Graves (MO)	Marino	Ruppersberger
Green, Al	Markey	Rush
Green, Gene	Matheson	Ryan (OH)
Griffith (VA)	Matsui	Ryan (WI)
Grijalva	McCarthy (NY)	Sánchez, Linda
Grimm	McCaul	T.
Guinta	McClintock	Sarbanes
Guthrie	McCollum	Scalise
Gutierrez	McDermott	Schakowsky
Hahn	McGovern	Schiff
Hall	McHenry	Schilling
Hanabusa	McIntyre	Schmidt
Hanna	McKeon	Schock
Harper	McKinley	Schrader
Harris	McMorris	Schwartz
Hartzler	Rodgers	Schweikert
Hastings (FL)	McNerney	Scott (SC)
Hastings (WA)	Meehan	Scott (VA)
Heck	Meeks	Scott, Austin
Heinrich	Mica	Scott, David
Hensarling	Michaud	Sensenbrenner
Herger	Miller (FL)	Serrano
Herrera Beutler	Miller (MI)	Sessions
Higgins	Miller (NC)	Sewell
Himes	Miller, Gary	Sherman
Hinchee	Miller, George	Shimkus
Hinojosa	Moore	Shuler
Hirono	Moran	Shuster
Hochul	Mulvaney	Simpson
Holt	Murphy (CT)	Sires
Honda	Murphy (PA)	Slaughter
Hoyer	Myrick	Smith (NE)
Huelskamp	Nadler	Smith (NJ)
Huizenga (MI)	Napolitano	Smith (TX)
Hultgren	Neal	Smith (WA)
Hunter	Neugebauer	Southerland
Hurt	Nugent	Speier
Israel	Nunes	Stearns
Issa	Olson	Stivers
Jackson Lee	Olver	Stutzman
(TX)	Owens	Sullivan
Jenkins	Palazzo	Sutton
Johnson (GA)	Pallone	Terry
Johnson (OH)	Pascarella	Thompson (CA)
Johnson, E. B.	Pastor (AZ)	Thompson (MS)
Johnson, Sam	Paulsen	Thompson (PA)
Jordan	Payne	Thornberry
Kaptur	Pearce	Tiberi
Keating	Pelosi	Tierney
Kelly	Perlmutter	Tipton
Kildee	Peters	Tonko
Kind	Peterson	Towns
King (IA)	Petri	Tsongas
King (NY)	Pingree (ME)	Turner (NY)
Kingston	Platts	Turner (OH)
Kinzinger (IL)	Poe (TX)	Upton
Kissell	Polis	Van Hollen
Kline	Pompeo	Velázquez
Kucinich	Posey	Visclosky
Labrador	Price (GA)	Walberg
Lamborn	Price (NC)	Walsh
Lance	Quayle	Walsh (IL)
Landry	Quigley	Walz (MN)
Langevin	Rahall	Wasserman
Lankford	Rangel	Schultz
Larsen (WA)	Reed	Waters
Larson (CT)	Rehberg	Watt
Latham	Reichert	Waxman
Latta	Renacci	Webster
Lee (CA)	Ribble	Welch
Levin	Richardson	West
Lewis (CA)	Richmond	Westmoreland
Lipinski	Rigell	Whitfield
LoBiondo	Rivera	Wilson (FL)
Loeb sack	Roby	Wilson (SC)
Lofgren, Zoe	Roe (TN)	Wittman
Long	Rogers (AL)	Wolf
Lowe	Rogers (KY)	Womack
Lucas	Rogers (MI)	Woodall
Luetkemeyer	Rohrabacher	Woolsey
Lujan	Rokita	Yarmuth
Lummis	Rooney	Yoder
Lungren, Daniel	Roskam	Young (AK)
E.	Ross (AR)	Young (FL)
Lynch	Rothman (NJ)	Young (IN)
Maloney	Roybal-Allard	

NAYS—4

NOT VOTING—28

Amash	Massie	Gallegly
Jones	Paul	Griffin (AR)
Ackerman	Carney	Hayworth
Akin	Cole	Holden
Bartlett	Costello	Johnson (IL)
Bono Mack	Dicks	
Cantor	Doggett	

LaTourette	Nunnelee	Ross (FL)
Lewis (GA)	Pence	Sanchez, Loretta
Mack	Pitts	Stark
McCarthy (CA)	Reyes	
Noem	Ros-Lehtinen	

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Messrs. CARTER, SAM JOHNSON of Texas, SESSIONS, PEARCE, SMITH of Texas, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mrs. SCHMIDT changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO PERMIT CLOSED CONFERENCE MEETINGS ON H.R. 4310, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

Mr. MCKEON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and Senate on H.R. 4310 may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be broached, provided that any sitting Member of Congress shall be entitled to attend any meeting of the conference.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, the motion is not debatable, and the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 351, nays 53, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 625]

YEAS—351

Aderholt	Capps	Donnelly (IN)
Alexander	Capuano	Doyle
Altmire	Carnahan	Dreier
Andrews	Carney	Duffy
Austria	Carson (IN)	Duncan (SC)
Baca	Cassidy	Duncan (TN)
Bachmann	Castor (FL)	Edwards
Bachus	Chabot	Ellmers
Baldwin	Chaffetz	Emerson
Barber	Chandler	Engel
Barletta	Chu	Eshoo
Barrow	Cicilline	Fattah
Bass (CA)	Clarke (MI)	Fincher
Bass (NH)	Clay	Fitzpatrick
Becerra	Cleaver	Flake
Benishek	Clyburn	Fleischmann
Berg	Coble	Fleming
Berkley	Coffman (CO)	Forbes
Berman	Cohen	Fortenberry
Biggert	Connolly (VA)	Fox
Bilbray	Conyers	Frank (MA)
Bilirakis	Cooper	Franks (AZ)
Bishop (GA)	Costa	Frelinghuysen
Bishop (NY)	Courtney	Fudge
Bishop (UT)	Cravaack	Garamendi
Black	Crawford	Gardner
Blackburn	Crenshaw	Garrett
Bonamici	Critz	Gerlach
Bonner	Crowley	Gibbs
Boren	Cummings	Gibson
Boswell	Curson (MI)	Gingrey (GA)
Boustany	Davis (CA)	Gonzalez
Brady (PA)	Davis (IL)	Goodlatte
Brady (TX)	DeGette	Gosar
Braley (IA)	DeLauro	Gowdy
Brooks	DelBene	Graves (GA)
Brown (FL)	Denham	Graves (MO)
Buchanan	Dent	Green, Gene
Bucshon	DesJarlais	Griffith (VA)
Butterfield	Deutch	Grijalva
Calvert	Diaz-Balart	Grimm
Camp	Dingell	Guinta
Campbell	Dold	Guthrie
Capito		