While difficult trade-offs had to be made, the bill in its current form balances our needs. These trade-offs were carefully weighed for their respective impacts and are responsible.

We prioritize funding for fire suppression, PILT, and meeting our moral obligations in Indian Country, yet the gentlewoman's amendment proposes an across-the-board cut on every one of those programs.

This amendment makes no distinction between where we need to be spending to invest in energy independence and where we need to limit spending to meet our deficit reduction goals.

And, I may point out, the spending problem is not within these discretionary appropriation bills, which we are debating at the present time. It exists primarily in entitlement spending.

So I hope we can spend as much energy on the entitlement side of the budget as we are on the discretionary side of the budget. If so, we would fix our budget problems.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this amendment.

I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. McCollum).

Ms. McCOLLUM. I thank the chairman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chair, this amendment I strongly oppose. It institutes a 1 percent across-the-board cut.

A few interesting things about the Interior bill. This bill before us today is \$2 billion, \$2 billion below 2010-enacted levels. And when you adjust this bill for inflation, it is at 2005 levels.

This amendment indiscriminately cuts programs without any thought to the merit of the program that is contained in this bill.

For instance, this would result in fewer patients being able to be seen at the Indian Health Service; fewer safety inspectors ensuring accidents do not occur; deferred maintenance on our Nation's drinking water and sanitation infrastructure, which is already underfunded in this bill.

More generally, investments in our environmental infrastructure and public lands will just be halted, and associated jobs would be lost with it.

As I said earlier, this bill is already underfunded, underfunded. When adjusted for inflation, it is at 2005 levels. This amendment would not encourage agencies to do more with less. It would simply force agencies and our constituents to do less with less.

So I urge Members to oppose this amendment.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Chairman, just a couple of comments.

Underfunded? No. We are overspent in this town. We have \$18 trillion worth of debt, and it is time to get a handle on that.

Moral obligations? How about the moral obligation to our children and grandchildren?

Admiral Mullen has said the greatest threat to our Nation's security is our Nation's debt.

Let's put the focus on our priorities: keeping our sovereignty and keeping our Nation safe and secure.

This is something we do for our children. It is something we can do for our national security. A penny on a dollar to get this spending under control.

Our approach? Guess what. State and local government use this all the time. They can't go print money and run up

When I was in the State Senate in Tennessee, what did we do? We didn't go home until we balanced the budget because we had an obligation to get it done right the first time, before we walked out the door.

And I do hope that we will put attention on our entitlements. But that is no excuse for not addressing what is in front of us today. To not address what is in front of us today is to kick the can down the road.

I have a lot of constituents who aren't making and taking home as much as they were in 2005. They think we should reduce Federal spending even more, reduce the Federal workforce even more, because government is getting too expensive to afford.

Let's engage Federal employees in this process. It has worked for the States. It will work for the Federal Government. Let's get our fiscal house in order. A good place to start is right here with this amendment that would save another \$193 million in outlays and \$292 million in discretionary budget authority.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chairman, the last point. I appreciate the gentlewoman's concern about the deficit that we have.

When I came here 24 years ago, 40 percent of our expenditures were on the entitlement side of the budget. Today it is over 60 percent, over 60 percent. So we need to attack that side of the budget line.

If we placed as much energy on entitlement spending as we have on discretionary, not only would the budget be balanced, but we would be moving toward paying off our national debt.

With that, I reluctantly oppose the gentlewoman's amendment.

I yield back the balance of my time. The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Tennessee will be postponed.

Mr. CALVERT. 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. Heck of Nevada) having assumed the chair,

Mr. Carter of Georgia, 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. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

MOTION TO PERMIT CLOSED CON-FERENCE MEETINGS ON H.R. 1735, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA-TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and Senate on H.R. 1735 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 navs are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to authorize closure of conference meetings will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 91.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 12, not voting 19, as follows:

### [Roll No. 390] YEAS-402

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Mr. ELLISON, Mrs. WATSON COLE-BLUMENAUER and Messrs. SANFORD, and Mrs. LUMMIS changed their vote from "yea" to "nay.

Messrs. REED and COLE, Ms. BASS, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas changed their vote from "nay" "yea."

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

### VETERAN'S I.D. CARD ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 91) to amend title 38. United States Code. to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, 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 Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amend-

This is a 5-minute vote.

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The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

## [Roll No. 391] YEAS-411

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