

We must de-escalate violence. This recent violence serves as a stark reminder that relations between law enforcement and the communities they serve remains extremely tense, and we must do everything we can not to inflame this tension even further. We need to recognize the root cause of this tension and work to end the divisiveness between law enforcement and citizens.

I do also want to commend the Dallas Police Department, Dallas Police Chief David Brown—a constituent and someone I work with very closely—and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit for their brave and swift response to the shooting. These officers are among some of the most capable and professional law enforcement officers in the country, and I commend them for their bravery during this incident.

Mr. Speaker, I ask not just for a moment of silence but also for firm action. We need to bring meaningful legislation to the floor that will help bridge the divide between law enforcement and our communities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members will rise for a moment of silence.

MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON S. 2943, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

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

There was no objection.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and Senate on S. 2943 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 is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 397, nays 14, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—397

Abraham	Black	Byrne
Adams	Blackburn	Calvert
Aderholt	Blum	Capps
Aguilar	Bonamici	Capuano
Allen	Boustany	Cárdenas
Amodel	Boyle, Brendan	Carney
Ashford	F.	Carson (IN)
Babin	Brady (PA)	Carter (GA)
Barletta	Brady (TX)	Carter (TX)
Barr	Brat	Castor (FL)
Bass	Bridenstine	Castro (TX)
Beatty	Brooks (AL)	Chabot
Becerra	Brooks (IN)	Chaffetz
Benishek	Brownley (CA)	Chu, Judy
Bera	Buchanan	Cicilline
Beyer	Buck	Clark (MA)
Bilirakis	Bucshon	Clarke (NY)
Bishop (GA)	Burgess	Clawson (FL)
Bishop (MI)	Bustos	Clay
Bishop (UT)	Butterfield	Cleaver

Clyburn	Hice, Jody B.	Mullin
Coffman	Higgins	Mulvaney
Cohen	Hill	Murphy (FL)
Cole	Himes	Murphy (PA)
Collins (GA)	Hinojosa	Napolitano
Collins (NY)	Holding	Neal
Comstock	Hoyer	Neugebauer
Conaway	Hudson	Newhouse
Connolly	Huffman	Noem
Conyers	Huizenga (MI)	Nolan
Cook	Hultgren	Norcross
Cooper	Hunter	Nunes
Costa	Hurd (TX)	O'Rourke
Costello (PA)	Hurt (VA)	Olson
Courtney	Israel	Palazzo
Cramer	Issa	Pallone
Crawford	Jackson Lee	Palmer
Crenshaw	Jeffries	Pascarella
Crowley	Jenkins (KS)	Paulsen
Cuellar	Jenkins (WV)	Payne
Culberson	Johnson (OH)	Pearce
Curbelo (FL)	Johnson, E. B.	Pelosi
Davidson	Johnson, Sam	Perlmutter
Davis (CA)	Jolly	Perry
Davis, Danny	Jordan	Peters
Davis, Rodney	Joyce	Peterson
DeGette	Kaptur	Pingree
DeLauro	Katko	Pittenger
DelBene	Keating	Pitts
Denham	Kelly (IL)	Pocan
Dent	Kelly (MS)	Poliquin
DeSantis	Kelly (PA)	Pompeo
DeSaulnier	Kennedy	Posey
DesJarlais	Kildee	Price (NC)
Deutch	Kilmer	Price, Tom
Diaz-Balart	Kind	Quigley
Dingell	King (IA)	Rangel
Doggett	King (NY)	Ratcliffe
Dold	Kinzinger (IL)	Reed
Donovan	Kline	Reichert
Doyle, Michael	Knight	Renacci
F.	Kuster	Ribble
Duckworth	Labrador	Rice (NY)
Duffy	LaHood	Rice (SC)
Duncan (SC)	LaMalfa	Richmond
Edwards	Lamborn	Rigell
Ellison	Lance	Roby
Ellmers (NC)	Langevin	Roe (TN)
Emmer (MN)	Larsen (WA)	Rogers (KY)
Engel	Larson (CT)	Rohrabacher
Eshoo	Latta	Rokita
Esty	Lawrence	Rooney (FL)
Farenthold	Levin	Ros-Lehtinen
Farr	Lewis	Roskam
Fitzpatrick	Lipinski	Ross
Fleischmann	LoBiondo	Rothfus
Fleming	Loeb sack	Rouzer
Flores	Lofgren	Roybal-Allard
Forbes	Long	Royce
Fortenberry	Loudermillk	Ruiz
Foster	Love	Ruppersberger
Fox	Lowenthal	Rush
Frankel (FL)	Lowe	Russell
Franks (AZ)	Lucas	Ryan (OH)
Frelinghuysen	Luetkemeyer	Salmon
Fudge	Lujan Grisham	Sánchez, Linda
Gallego	(NM)	T.
Garamendi	Luján, Ben Ray	Sanchez, Loretta
Garrett	(NM)	Sanford
Gibbs	Lummis	Sarbanes
Gibson	Lynch	Scalise
Gohmert	MacArthur	Schakowsky
Goodlatte	Maloney,	Schiff
Gosar	Carolyn	Schrader
Gowdy	Maloney, Sean	Schweikert
Graham	Marino	Scott (VA)
Granger	Matsui	Scott, Austin
Graves (GA)	McCarthy	Scott, David
Graves (LA)	McCaul	Sensenbrenner
Graves (MO)	McClintock	Serrano
Grayson	McCollum	Sessions
Green, Al	McHenry	Sewell (AL)
Green, Gene	McKinley	Sherman
Griffith	McMorris	Shimkus
Grijalva	Rodgers	Shuster
Grothman	McNerney	Simpson
Guinta	McSally	Sinema
Guthrie	Meadows	Sires
Gutiérrez	Meehan	Slaughter
Hahn	Meeks	Smith (MO)
Hanna	Meng	Smith (NE)
Hardy	Messer	Smith (NJ)
Harper	Mica	Smith (TX)
Harris	Miller (FL)	Smith (WA)
Hartzel	Miller (MI)	Speier
Heck (NV)	Moolenaar	Stefanik
Heck (WA)	Mooney (WV)	Stewart
Hensarling	Moore	Stivers
Herrera Beutler	Moulton	Stutzman

Swalwell (CA)	Veasey	Westmoreland
Takano	Velázquez	Whitfield
Thompson (CA)	Visclosky	Williams
Thompson (PA)	Wagner	Wilson (FL)
Thornberry	Walberg	Wilson (SC)
Tiberi	Walden	Wittman
Tipton	Walker	Womack
Titus	Walorski	Woodall
Tonko	Walters, Mimi	Yarmuth
Torres	Walz	Yoder
Trott	Wasserman	Yoho
Tsongas	Schultz	Young (AK)
Upton	Watson Coleman	Young (IA)
Valadao	Weber (TX)	Young (IN)
Van Hollen	Wenstrup	Zeldin
Vargas	Westerman	Zinke

NAYS—14

Amash	Johnson (GA)	McDermott
Blumenauer	Jones	McGovern
DeFazio	Lee	Polis
Gabbard	Lieu, Ted	Welch
Honda	Massie	

NOT VOTING—22

Barton	Hastings	Takai
Bost	Huelskamp	Thompson (MS)
Brown (FL)	Kirkpatrick	Turner
Cartwright	Marchant	Vela
Cummings	Nadler	Waters, Maxine
Delaney	Nugent	Webster (FL)
Duncan (TN)	Poe (TX)	
Fincher	Rogers (AL)	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAULSEN) (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the motion to close portions of the conference was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PRESIDENTIAL ALLOWANCE MODERNIZATION ACT

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1777) to amend the Act of August 25, 1958, commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958", with respect to the monetary allowance payable to a former President, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2016".

SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.

(a) *FORMER PRESIDENTS.*—The first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide retirement, clerical assistants, and free mailing privileges to former Presidents of the United States, and for other purposes", approved August 25, 1958 (commonly known as the "Former Presidents Act of 1958") (3 U.S.C. 102 note), is amended by striking the matter preceding subsection (e) and inserting the following:

"(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Each former President shall be entitled for the remainder of his or her life to receive from the United States—

"(1) an annuity at the rate of \$200,000 per year, subject to subsection (c); and

“(2) a monetary allowance at the rate of \$200,000 per year, subject to subsections (c) and (d).

“(b) DURATION; FREQUENCY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The annuity and allowance under subsection (a) shall each—

“(A) commence on the day after the date on which an individual becomes a former President; “(B) terminate on the date on which the former President dies; and

“(C) be payable by the Secretary of the Treasury on a monthly basis.

“(2) APPOINTIVE OR ELECTIVE POSITIONS.—The annuity and allowance under subsection (a) shall not be payable for any period during which a former President holds an appointive or elective position in or under the Federal Government to which is attached a rate of pay other than a nominal rate.

“(c) COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES.—Effective December 1 of each year, each annuity and allowance under subsection (a) that commenced before that date shall be increased by the same percentage by which benefit amounts under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased, effective as of that date, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of that Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

“(d) LIMITATION ON MONETARY ALLOWANCE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the monetary allowance payable under subsection (a)(2) to a former President for any 12-month period—

“(A) except as provided in subparagraph (B), may not exceed the amount by which—

“(i) the monetary allowance that (but for this subsection) would otherwise be so payable for such 12-month period, exceeds (if at all)

“(ii) the applicable reduction amount for such 12-month period; and

“(B) shall not be less than the amount determined under paragraph (4).

“(2) DEFINITION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘applicable reduction amount’ means, with respect to any former President and in connection with any 12-month period, the amount by which—

“(i) the sum of—

“(I) the adjusted gross income (as defined in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) of the former President for the most recent taxable year for which a tax return is available; and

“(II) any interest excluded from the gross income of the former President under section 103 of such Code for such taxable year, exceeds (if at all)

“(ii) \$400,000, subject to subparagraph (C).

“(B) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint return, subclauses (I) and (II) of subparagraph (A)(i) shall be applied by taking into account both the amounts properly allocable to the former President and the amounts properly allocable to the spouse of the former President.

“(C) COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES.—The dollar amount specified in subparagraph (A)(ii) shall be adjusted at the same time that, and by the same percentage by which, the monetary allowance of the former President is increased under subsection (c) (disregarding this subsection).

“(3) DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph—

“(i) the terms ‘return’ and ‘return information’ have the meanings given those terms in section 6103(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

“(ii) the term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of the Treasury’s delegate.

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—A former President may not receive a monetary allowance under subsection (a)(2) unless the former President discloses to the Secretary, upon the request of the Secretary, any return or return information of the former President or spouse of the former President that the Secretary determines is necessary for purposes of calculating the applicable

reduction amount under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

“(C) CONFIDENTIALITY.—Except as provided in section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may not, with respect to a return or return information disclosed to the Secretary under subparagraph (B)—

“(i) disclose the return or return information to any entity or person; or

“(ii) use the return or return information for any purpose other than to calculate the applicable reduction amount under paragraph (2).

“(4) INCREASED COSTS DUE TO SECURITY NEEDS.—With respect to the monetary allowance that would be payable to a former President under subsection (a)(2) for any 12-month period but for the limitation under paragraph (1), the Administrator of General Services, in coordination with the Director of the United States Secret Service, shall determine the amount of the allowance that is needed to pay the increased cost of doing business that is attributable to the security needs of the former President.”

(b) SURVIVING SPOUSES OF FORMER PRESIDENTS.—

(1) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF MONETARY ALLOWANCE.—Subsection (e) of the first section of the Former Presidents Act of 1958 is amended—

(A) in the first sentence, by striking “\$20,000 per annum,” and inserting “\$100,000 per year (subject to paragraph (4))”; and

(B) in the second sentence—

(i) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in paragraph (3)—

(I) by striking “or the government of the District of Columbia”; and

(II) by striking the period and inserting “; and”; and

(iii) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

“(4) shall, after its commencement date, be increased at the same time that, and by the same percentage by which, annuities of former Presidents are increased under subsection (c).”

(2) COVERAGE OF WIDOWER OF A FORMER PRESIDENT.—Subsection (e) of the first section of the Former Presidents Act of 1958, as amended by paragraph (1), is amended—

(A) by striking “widow” each place it appears and inserting “widow or widower”; and

(B) by striking “she” and inserting “she or he”.

(c) SUBSECTION HEADINGS.—The first section of the Former Presidents Act of 1958 is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by inserting after the subsection enumerator the following: “WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS.—”; and

(2) in subsection (f), by inserting after the subsection enumerator the following: “DEFINITION.—”; and

(3) in subsection (g), by inserting after the subsection enumerator the following: “AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—”.

SEC. 3. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this Act shall be construed to affect—

(1) any provision of law relating to the security or protection of a former President or a member of the family of a former President; or

(2) funding, under the Former Presidents Act of 1958 or any other law, to carry out any provision of law described in paragraph (1).

SEC. 4. TRANSITION RULES.

(a) FORMER PRESIDENTS.—In the case of any individual who is a former President on the date of enactment of this Act, the amendment made by section 2(a) shall be applied as if the commencement date referred in subsection (b)(1)(A) of the first section of the Former Presidents Act of 1958, as amended by section 2(a), coincided with such date of enactment.

(b) WIDOWS.—In the case of any individual who is the widow of a former President on the date of enactment of this Act, the amendments

made by section 2(b)(1) shall be applied as if the commencement date referred to in subsection (e)(1) of the first section of the Former Presidents Act of 1958, as amended by section 2(b)(1), coincided with such date of enactment.

SEC. 5. APPLICABILITY.

For a former President receiving a monetary allowance under the Former Presidents Act of 1958 on the day before the date of enactment of this Act, the limitation under subsection (d)(1) of the first section of that Act, as amended by section 2(a), shall apply to the monetary allowance of the former President, except to the extent that the application of the limitation would prevent the former President from being able to pay the cost of a lease or other contract that is in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act and under which the former President makes payments using the monetary allowance, as determined by the Administrator of General Services.

Mr. CHAFFETZ (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

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

There was no objection.

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

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4372. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 Rochester Street, Bergen, New York, as the Barry G. Miller Post Office.

H.R. 4960. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 525 N Broadway in Aurora, Illinois, as the “Kenneth M. Christy Post Office Building”.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2340. An act to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue a directive on the management of software licenses, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate concurs in the House amendment to the bill (S. 764) “An Act to reauthorize and amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act, and for other purposes.”, with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 114-187, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, and in consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources and with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, appoints the following individuals as members of the Congressional Task Force on Economic Growth in Puerto Rico:

The Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) (Energy and Natural Resources).