

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN for the outstanding work and effort that he has put into this critically important piece of legislation, and I thank Chairwoman GRANGER for her strong support in advancing this much-needed legislation.

The people before me have talked so eloquently about our responsibility as Members of Congress to defend and protect our Nation. We have talked about national security. We have talked about troops. We have talked about battling terrorism. And that is what this bill does.

I want to take a slightly different approach and say something about what this bill does in all of our communities, not just distant lands around the world, but in our home communities. I want to highlight one area that will make a real difference in all of our communities, and that is the National Guard's Counterdrug Program.

This program is essential in detecting, disrupting, and curtailing drug trafficking. It provides resources to almost every State and territory to help train personnel and run counterdrug missions. The National Guard supports almost 60,000 requests a year for assistance from local law enforcement agencies.

In fiscal year 2014, National Guard counterdrug programs took almost \$12 billion in illegal drugs off the street. This minor investment is paying major dividends. During NDAA consideration, I helped secure an amendment to increase funding for this account by \$30 million because this program works.

This legislation under consideration today also increases funding for this vital program by \$135 million more than the amount requested by then-President Obama. This is a critical moment in combating the drug crisis, and we must fully fund every program that will help us solve it.

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. PALAZZO), a great member of the full committee.

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN for the time.

I rise today in strong support of the fiscal year 2017 Defense Appropriations bill. I have long said that the number one constitutional responsibility of this body is the common defense of this Nation, and today, the Appropriations Committee, under the leadership of Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN, has once again shown the importance that we place on this most sacred duty.

After years of weak budget requests from our prior administration, this bill contains over \$5.2 billion over the 2016 level and \$1.5 billion more than the Obama administration's request.

Included in this appropriations bill is the funding of 10 new ships for our Navy, including an LPD, essential to our Marine Corps mission, as well as 3 destroyers, 2 Virginia class submarines, 3 LCSs, and an LHA, all ships

desperately needed by our Navy and Marine Corps.

Funding these ships steadily is not only a key to keeping our military strong, but also keeps our industrial base healthy and keeps these ships affordable in the long run.

Finally, this appropriations bill takes the first steps toward rebuilding our military, showing our allies that they can trust us, and showing our enemies they should fear us.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his work and his staff's work on this fine bill, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no more speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. VISCOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

I will end where I began, and that is because I think this will be the last time that the chair and I manage a Defense Appropriations bill together on the floor. It has been a delightful relationship, and I look forward to it continuing as you are chairman of the full committee.

Again, I thank the staff and look forward to working with Chairwoman GRANGER, and I also ask my colleagues to support the bill.

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

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the FY2017 Defense Appropriations bill. I commend Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN, Ranking Member LOWEY, our new Chairwoman GRANGER and Ranking Member VISCOSKY for their leadership on this bill. I would also like to thank our dedicated professional staff who have tirelessly worked on this agreement.

I have served on the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee for many years and providing for our men and women in uniform is a privilege and an honor. This bill provides vital funding for our Armed Services, including a 2.1 percent pay raise and additional funding for increased end strength.

As many of us have noted, our military is in a precarious position, and this bill is an important first step to rebuild and restore our military strength. It provides funding for necessary shipbuilding; aircraft and vehicle procurement; and important research and development to maintain our technological superiority. The bill also provides vital Operations and Maintenance funding for facility sustainment, restoration, and modernization programs.

I look forward to working with the new Administration and providing the resources our military needs to maintain our position in the world as well as continue to invest in our most important asset—the men and women our United States Armed Forces.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 174, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

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.

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

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

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from California will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, can the Chair tell me when the Congressional Budget Office will score the Republican ACA replacement bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not stated a parliamentary inquiry.

Members are reminded to refrain from wearing communicative badges while under recognition.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I apologize for that.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO).

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 114, noes 290, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 135]		
	AYES—114	
Adams	Demings	Krishnamoorthi
Amodei	Dingell	Kuster (NH)
Barragán	Doggett	Langevin
Beatty	Doyle, Michael	Lawrence
Beyer	F.	Lee
Bishop (GA)	Ellison	Lewis (GA)
Blunt Rochester	Engel	Lofgren
Boyle, Brendan	Eshoo	Lewellen
F.	Espaillat	Lowey
Brady (PA)	Evans	Luján, Ben Ray
Brownley (CA)	Foster	McEachin
Bustos	Frankel (FL)	McGovern
Butterfield	Fudge	McNerney
Cárdenas	Gallego	Meeks
Carson (IN)	Garamendi	Meng
Castor (FL)	Gonzalez (TX)	Moore
Castro (TX)	Gutiérrez	Nadler
Chu, Judy	Hanabusa	Neal
Cicilline	Hastings	Norcross
Clark (MA)	Higgins (NY)	Pallone
Clarke (NY)	Himes	Payne
Clay	Hoyer	Pelosi
Clyburn	Jackson Lee	Perlmutter
Cohen	Jayapal	Pingree
Conyers	Jeffries	Raskin
Cooper	Johnson (GA)	Rush
Crowley	Johnson, E. B.	Sánchez
Cummings	Kaptur	Sarbanes
Davis, Danny	Kelly (IL)	Schakowsky
DeGette	Kennedy	Schiff
Delaney	Khanna	Scott, David
DeLauro	Kihuen	

