

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

Mr. Speaker, first, I want to express my appreciation to the gentleman from Rhode Island. As he said, we make every effort to ensure that the support for the men and women who serve in the military is on a bipartisan basis. The gentleman from Rhode Island is a key leader on a number of those issues, whether it is cyber, directed energy, and a host of others.

I appreciate all of the Members on both sides of the aisle who have spoken. That bipartisan support is what helped lead us to pass the House version of this bill by the biggest majority in 8 years. That does not mean we agree on everything, obviously, but when it comes to supporting the military, their interests are first, and I think we need to keep it that way.

The subject of this motion to instruct is a long-running program designed to support safety programs. While we have had votes on this on the floor and in committee over the years, it has never been a particularly controversial program, even though the gentleman from Rhode Island has consistently been against it from the start. But the point is that in both the House and the Senate bills this year, there are provisions dealing with these programs. We come to some resolution every year, and for 55 straight years the conference report has gotten signed into law.

I would like to correct one point, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe that the Army is opposed to this program. As a matter of fact, both Mr. ROGERS and I have talked to the Army about this, and they have not expressed in any sense that they are opposed to it. They were waiting to see what direction they are given, and they are happy to go implement that.

Mr. Speaker, in recent weeks, our country has been buffeted by a number of tragedies: hurricanes; of course, wildfires going on now in the West. And the horrible, horrific murders in Las Vegas are much on our minds, as are the victims and the whole communities.

It is important to take time and to learn what that investigation yields so that we can, hopefully, prevent it from happening in the future.

I just want to point out that there is nothing, whether these provisions stay or go, that is going to have any effect on an event like we just saw in Las Vegas. As a matter of fact, in the history of this program, I know of no single instance where one of these weapons that has been disposed of for gun safety programs has been used improperly. As a matter of fact, most of these weapons go up on a mantle somewhere. They are collectors items. So it would be inappropriate, in my opinion, to try to tie that horrible tragedy in Las Vegas, or others, to these particular programs.

That leads me to the last point I would like to make, Mr. Speaker, and

it is similar to the first. On a bipartisan basis, this House and, indeed, this Congress, come together to support the men and women who risk their lives to defend us. The world is getting more dangerous, and, unfortunately—the fault of both parties in both the executive and legislative branches of government—we cut our military too much. We are seeing the effects of that through declining readiness, through increasing accidents, and a whole variety of things where the fruits of that neglect is becoming more apparent.

But I think it is crucial, as we begin to rebuild and repair our military, that we not let other agendas, other issues, impair our ability to do so. I am concerned, for example, that some Republicans say: Oh, yeah, I will increase funding for defense, as long as you can cut that money in other parts of the budget.

I am concerned when Democrats say: Oh, I am for increasing defense, as long as you increase other parts of the budget.

I am concerned when anybody brings any other agenda, any other issue, that impedes our ability to support the men and women who serve our Nation. We ought to do our best to support them on the basis of those issues alone and let other debates, whatever they may be, stand on their own as well.

As I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, motions to instruct are, of course, non-binding. I think, in this case, the better vote is to vote “no.” There are provisions dealing with this in both the House and the Senate bill. I hope that we can come to a reasonable conclusion on these provisions and the whole bill. But the goal is to defend the country and to support the men and women who serve. We can never be distracted from that goal.

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

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 yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. LANGEVIN. 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 for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 37 minutes p.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. WEBER of Texas) at 2 o'clock and 40 minutes p.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. 2810;

The motion to permit closed conference meetings on H.R. 2810, if offered;

The motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 569;

The motion to recommit on S. 585; and

Passage of S. 585, if ordered.

## MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2810, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on the bill (H.R. 2810) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 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 gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. LANGEVIN), 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 184, nays 237, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 564]

YEAS—184

Adams	Clark (MA)	Ellison
Aguilar	Clarke (NY)	Engel
Barragán	Clay	Españillat
Bass	Cleaver	Esty (CT)
Beatty	Cohen	Evans
Bera	Connolly	Foster
Beyer	Conyers	Frankel (FL)
Bishop (GA)	Correa	Fudge
Blumenauer	Costa	Gabbard
Blunt Rochester	Courtney	Gallo
Bonamici	Crist	Garamendi
Boyle, Brendan	Crowley	Gomez
F.	Cummings	Gonzalez (TX)
Brady (PA)	Davis (CA)	Gottheimer
Brown (MD)	Davis, Danny	Green, Al
Brownley (CA)	DeFazio	Green, Gene
Bustos	DeGette	Grijalva
Butterfield	Delaney	Gutiérrez
Capuano	DeLauro	Hanabusa
Carbajal	DelBene	Hastings
Cárdenas	Demings	Heck
Carson (IN)	DeSaulnier	Higgins (NY)
Cartwright	Deutch	Himes
Castor (FL)	Dingell	Hoyer
Castro (TX)	Doggett	Jackson Lee
Chu, Judy	Doyle, Michael	Jayapal
Cicilline	F.	Jeffries

Johnson (GA) McGovern  
 Johnson, E. B. McNerney  
 Jones Meeks  
 Kaptur Meng  
 Keating Moore  
 Kelly (IL) Moulton  
 Kennedy Murphy (FL)  
 Khanna Nadler  
 Kihuen Napolitano  
 Kildee Neal  
 Kilmer Nolan  
 Krishnamoorthi Norcross  
 Kuster (NH) O'Halleran  
 Langevin O'Rourke  
 Larsen (WA) Pallone  
 Larson (CT) Panetta  
 Lawson (FL) Pascarell  
 Lee Payne  
 Levin Pelosi  
 Lewis (GA) Perlmutter  
 Lieu, Ted Peters  
 Lipinski Pingree  
 Loeb sack Pocan  
 Lofgren Polis  
 Lowenthal Price (NC)  
 Lowey Quigley  
 Lujan Grisham, M. Raskin  
 Luján, Ben Ray Rice (NY)  
 Lynch Richmond  
 Maloney, Carolyn B. Rosen  
 Maloney, Sean Ruiz  
 Matsui Ruppertsberger  
 McCollum Rush  
 McEachin Ryan (OH)  
 Sánchez Sánchez

## NAYS—237

Abraham Dunn  
 Aderholt Emmer  
 Allen Estes (KS)  
 Amash Parenthold  
 Amodei Faso  
 Arrington Ferguson  
 Babin Fitzpatrick  
 Bacon Fleischmann  
 Banks (IN) Flores  
 Barletta Fortenberry  
 Barr Foss  
 Barton Franks (AZ)  
 Bergman Frelinghuysen  
 Biggs Gaetz  
 Bilirakis Gallagher  
 Bishop (MI) Garrett  
 Bishop (UT) Gianforte  
 Blackburn Gibbs  
 Blum Gohmert  
 Bost Goodlatte  
 Brady (TX) Gosar  
 Brat Gowdy  
 Brooks (AL) Granger  
 Brooks (IN) Graves (GA)  
 Buchanan Graves (LA)  
 Buck Graves (MO)  
 Bucshon Griffith  
 Budd Grothman  
 Burgess Guthrie  
 Byrne Handel  
 Calvert Harper  
 Carter (GA) Harris  
 Carter (TX) Hartzler  
 Chabot Hensarling  
 Cheney Herrera Beutler  
 Coffman Hice, Jody B.  
 Cole Higgins (LA)  
 Collins (GA) Hill  
 Collins (NY) Holding  
 Comer Hollingsworth  
 Comstock Hudson  
 Conaway Huizenga  
 Cook Hultgren  
 Cooper Hunter  
 Costello (PA) Hurd  
 Cramer Issa  
 Crawford Jenkins (KS)  
 Cuellar Jenkins (WV)  
 Culberson Johnson (LA)  
 Curbelo (FL) Johnson (OH)  
 Davidson Johnson, Sam  
 Davis, Rodney Joyce (OH)  
 Denham Katko  
 Dent Kelly (MS)  
 DeSantis Kelly (PA)  
 DesJarlais Kind  
 Diaz-Balart King (IA)  
 Donovan King (NY)  
 Duffy Kinzinger  
 Duncan (SC) Knight  
 Duncan (TN) Kustoff (TN)

Sarbanes  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schneider  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, David  
 Serrano  
 Sewell (AL)  
 Shea-Porter  
 Sherman  
 Sires  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (WA)  
 Soto  
 Speier  
 Suozzi  
 Swalwell (CA)  
 Takano  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Titus  
 Tonko  
 Torres  
 Tsongas  
 Vargas  
 Veasey  
 Vela  
 Velázquez  
 Visclosky  
 Walz  
 Wasserman  
 Schults  
 Waters, Maxine  
 Watson Coleman  
 Welch  
 Wilson (FL)  
 Yarmuth

Roskam  
 Ross  
 Rothfus  
 Rouzer  
 Royce (CA)  
 Russell  
 Rutherford  
 Sanford  
 Scalise  
 Schrader  
 Schweikert  
 Scott, Austin  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Sessions  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sinema  
 Smith (MO)

Black  
 Bridenstine  
 Clyburn  
 Eshoo

## NOT VOTING—12

Huffman  
 Jordan  
 Lawrence  
 Long

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Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KIND, Mrs. HARTZLER, Messrs. HOLLINGSWORTH, ROHRBACHER, DENHAM, DENT, and COSTELLO of Pennsylvania changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. GENE GREEN of Texas and LOEBSACK changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# MOTION TO CLOSE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS ON H.R. 2810, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and the Senate on H.R. 2810 may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be discussed, 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 414, nays 8, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 565]

## YEAS—414

Abraham  
 Adams  
 Aderholt  
 Aguilar  
 Allen  
 Amodei  
 Arrington  
 Babin  
 Bacon  
 Banks (IN)  
 Barletta  
 Barr  
 Barragán  
 Barton  
 Bass  
 Beatty  
 Bera

Bergman  
 Beyer  
 Biggs  
 Bilirakis  
 Bishop (GA)  
 Bishop (MI)  
 Bishop (UT)  
 Blackburn  
 Blum  
 Blunt Rochester  
 Bonamici  
 Bost  
 Boyle, Brendan  
 F.  
 Brady (PA)  
 Brady (TX)  
 Brat

Walden  
 Walker  
 Walorski  
 Walters, Mimi  
 Weber (TX)  
 Webster (FL)  
 Wenstrup  
 Westerman  
 Williams  
 Wilson (SC)  
 Wittman  
 Womack  
 Woodall  
 Yoder  
 Yoho  
 Young (AK)  
 Young (IA)  
 Zeldin

Carter (GA)  
 Carter (TX)  
 Cartwright  
 Castor (FL)  
 Castro (TX)  
 Chabot  
 Cheney  
 Chu, Judy  
 Cicilline  
 Clark (MA)  
 Clarke (NY)  
 Clay  
 Cleaver  
 Coffman  
 Cohen  
 Cole  
 Collins (GA)  
 Collins (NY)  
 Comer  
 Comstock  
 Conaway  
 Connolly  
 Conyers  
 Cook  
 Cooper  
 Correa  
 Costa  
 Costello (PA)  
 Courtney  
 Cramer  
 Crawford  
 Crist  
 Crowley  
 Cuellar  
 Culberson  
 Cummings  
 Curbelo (FL)  
 Davidson  
 Davis (CA)  
 Davis, Danny  
 Davis, Rodney  
 DeGette  
 Delaney  
 DeLauro  
 DelBene  
 Demings  
 Denham  
 Dent  
 DeSantis  
 DeSaulnier  
 DesJarlais  
 Deutch  
 Diaz-Balart  
 Dingell  
 Doggett  
 Donovan  
 Doyle, Michael  
 F.  
 Duffy  
 Duncan (SC)  
 Duncan (TN)  
 Dunn  
 Ellison  
 Emmer  
 Engel  
 Espallat  
 Estes (KS)  
 Esty (CT)  
 Evans  
 Farenthold  
 Faso  
 Ferguson  
 Fitzpatrick  
 Fleischmann  
 Flores  
 Fortenberry  
 Foster  
 Foss  
 Frankel (FL)  
 Franks (AZ)  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Fudge  
 Gabbard  
 Gaetz  
 Gallagher  
 Gallego  
 Garamendi  
 Garrett  
 Gianforte  
 Gibbs  
 Gohmert  
 Gomez  
 Gonzalez (TX)  
 Goodlatte  
 Gosar  
 Gottheimer  
 Gowdy  
 Granger  
 Graves (GA)

Graves (LA)  
 Graves (MO)  
 Green, Al  
 Green, Gene  
 Griffith  
 Grothman  
 Guthrie  
 Gutiérrez  
 Hanabusa  
 Handel  
 Harper  
 Harris  
 Hartzler  
 Hastings  
 Heck  
 Hensarling  
 Herrera Beutler  
 Hice, Jody B.  
 Higgins (LA)  
 Higgins (NY)  
 Hill  
 Himes  
 Holding  
 Hollingsworth  
 Hoyer  
 Hudson  
 Huizenga  
 Hultgren  
 Hunter  
 Hurd  
 Issa  
 Jackson Lee  
 Jayapal  
 Jeffries  
 Jenkins (KS)  
 Jenkins (WV)  
 Johnson (GA)  
 Johnson (LA)  
 Johnson (OH)  
 Johnson, E. B.  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jordan  
 Joyce (OH)  
 Kaptur  
 Katko  
 Keating  
 Kelly (IL)  
 Kelly (MS)  
 Kelly (PA)  
 Kennedy  
 Khanna  
 Kihuen  
 Kildee  
 Kilmer  
 Kind  
 King (IA)  
 King (NY)  
 Kinzinger  
 Knight  
 Krishnamoorthi  
 Kuster (NH)  
 Kustoff (TN)  
 LaHood  
 LaMalfa  
 Lamborn  
 Lance  
 Langevin  
 Larsen (WA)  
 Larson (CT)  
 Latta  
 Lawson (FL)  
 Lee  
 Levin  
 Lewis (GA)  
 Lewis (MN)  
 Lieu, Ted  
 Lipinski  
 LoBiondo  
 Loudermilk  
 Love  
 Lowenthal  
 Lowey  
 Lucas  
 Luetkemeyer  
 Lujan Grisham,  
 M.  
 Luján, Ben Ray  
 Lynch  
 MacArthur  
 Maloney,  
 Carolyn B.  
 Maloney, Sean  
 Marchant  
 Marshall  
 Matsui  
 McCarthy

McCaul  
 McClintock  
 McCollum  
 McEachin  
 McGovern  
 McHenry  
 McKinley  
 McMorris  
 Rodgers  
 McNeerney  
 McSally  
 Meadows  
 Meehan  
 Meeks  
 Meng  
 Messer  
 Mitchell  
 Moolenaar  
 Mooney (WV)  
 Moore  
 Moulton  
 Mullin  
 Murphy (FL)  
 Murphy (PA)  
 Nadler  
 Napolitano  
 Neal  
 Newhouse  
 Noem  
 Nolan  
 Norcross  
 Norman  
 Nunes  
 O'Halleran  
 O'Rourke  
 Olson  
 Pallone  
 Palmer  
 Panetta  
 Pascarell  
 Paulsen  
 Payne  
 Pearce  
 Pelosi  
 Perlmutter  
 Perry  
 Peters  
 Peterson  
 Pingree  
 Pittenger  
 Pocan  
 Poe (TX)  
 Poliquin  
 Polis  
 Posey  
 Price (NC)  
 Quigley  
 Raskin  
 Ratcliffe  
 Reed  
 Reichert  
 Rice (NY)  
 Rice (SC)  
 Richmond  
 Roby  
 Roe (TN)  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Rokita  
 Rooney, Francis  
 Rooney, Thomas  
 J.  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Rosen  
 Roskam  
 Ross  
 Rothfus  
 Rouzer  
 Roybal-Allard  
 Royce (CA)  
 Ruiz  
 Ruppertsberger  
 Rush  
 Russell  
 Rutherford  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Sánchez  
 Sarbanes  
 Scalise  
 Schakowsky  
 Schiff  
 Schneider  
 Schrader  
 Schweikert  
 Scott (VA)  
 Mast  
 Scott, Austin  
 Scott, David  
 Sensenbrenner