

travel expenses for those seeking abortions in another State. Taxpayer funds for the DOD are meant for national defense, not to further a pro-abortion agenda.

Let me be clear, Mr. Speaker. We believe in life-affirming care for the mother and the baby that God is growing inside of her, but we also believe that the government in no way, no shape, and no form should be paying to facilitate ending that life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to back this amendment and defeat the motion to obstruct. Let's save some lives.

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNÉ).

Ms. VAN DUYNÉ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this motion, although I will admit that it is very nice to hear my Democrat colleagues are finally concerned with military recruitment.

I wish they were worried about military recruitment when they were voting to kick out of the military members who didn't want to get the jab or when they were voting to support the botched Afghanistan withdrawal that led to so many unnecessary deaths.

They seem to have already changed the recruitment videos from "Be All You Can Be" to come and get an abortion. How proud they must be.

This is no more than a Federal power grab usurping State laws that were legally and constitutionally created by State legislators elected by a majority of voters from each State.

This is a Federal power grab by a party intent on forcing its radical political agenda down the throats of Americans, who overwhelmingly don't want it.

As President Biden and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle know, the Hyde amendment, which President Biden supported for decades, explicitly prohibits Federal dollars from being used for taxpayer-funded abortions. Nearly 60 percent of Americans agree that taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund abortions.

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Mrs. BOEBERT).

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to oppose the motion to instruct conferees to not include Representative RONNY JACKSON's amendment in the fiscal year 2024 NDAA.

This policy is a gross misuse of taxpayer dollars to circumvent State laws and violates the decades-old, bipartisan Hyde amendment.

It is clear that Joe Biden and Lloyd Austin's Department of Defense is more focused on appeasing the woke mob of pink-hat-wearing feminists than focusing on keeping our Nation safe.

This is the same DOD that surrendered to the Taliban, costing the lives

of 13 brave servicemembers. This is the same DOD treating our military like a woke social experiment. This is the same DOD the House will vote to fund later this week.

The Department of Defense should be focused on readiness and lethality, not spending taxpayer dollars to kill the lives of innocent, unborn babies.

We are not going to give up on this cause that is righteous, and we are not going to stop fighting to give voice to the voiceless.

Since Roe v. Wade in 1973, over 63 million lives have been lost to abortion. I personally have held a newborn baby born at 23 weeks old, 1 pound, 8 ounces. I know that her life has just the same worth and value as any one of us standing here today.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend and colleague, Congressman RONNY JACKSON, for his leadership in restoring our military focus and protecting these precious unborn lives.

I am proud to stand with my colleagues in defense of these children, as well as with millions of Americans across our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose this motion to instruct.

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I would like very much, Mr. Speaker, if I could ask you to ask my colleagues to not presume to judge who I am.

I stand here as a woman who has worn the uniform, who has given birth while wearing the uniform. To have assumptions about who I am or what I am and to judge me or any of my other colleagues who have worn the uniform is an offense to me, and I would ask that you advise them not to presume anything about me.

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

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, this provision protects life and restores sanity to the Department of Defense.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to oppose the motion, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, a far-right minority in Congress has spent the last 9 months holding this process, this NDAA, hostage—again, a reminder that this passed with overwhelming bipartisan support. They are currently struggling to even pass a rule for Defense appropriations, let alone to pass the budget itself.

They have gone through attacks on servicewomen, on LGBTQ servicemembers, on immigrant servicemembers, and so much more. Their allies in the Senate are risking our military readiness with asinine confirmation holds and ignoring the repeated requests of our most senior military members to stop.

Time and time again, they have used must-pass, historically bipartisan legislation such as the NDAA to force an extreme agenda on our servicemembers and many others in our country.

As an Air Force veteran and as a proud military child who lived and served across this great country and in many other places outside of this country, I did so with the full protections of Roe v. Wade.

It not only saddens me but also pains me to think that we would give servicewomen orders without the full reproductive freedoms and protections that I had when I was able to serve.

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Today, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to choose to be on the side of our servicemembers, military families, and all Americans who love and support them by supporting this motion to instruct.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WEBER of Texas). 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 noes appeared to have it.

Ms. HOULAHAN. 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 1 o'clock and 15 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. BABIN) at 1 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2670; and

Motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1530, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2670, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct conferees on the bill (H.R. 2670) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and 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 Pennsylvania (Ms. HOULAHAN), 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 205, nays 214, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 400]

YEAS—205

Aguilar	Foster	Meng
Allred	Foushee	Mfume
Auchincloss	Frankel, Lois	Moore (WI)
Balint	Frost	Morelle
Barragan	Gallego	Moulton
Beatty	Garamendi	Mrvan
Bera	Garcia (IL)	Mullin
Beyer	Garcia (TX)	Nadler
Bishop (GA)	Garcia, Robert	Napolitano
Blumenauer	Golden (ME)	Neal
Blunt Rochester	Goldman (NY)	Neguse
Bonamici	Gonzalez,	Nickel
Bowman	Vicente	Norcross
Boyle (PA)	Gottheimer	Ocasio-Cortez
Brown	Green, Al (TX)	Omar
Brownley	Grijalva	Pallone
Budzinski	Harder (CA)	Panetta
Bush	Hayes	Pappas
Caraveo	Higgins (NY)	Pascrell
Carbajal	Himes	Payne
Cardenas	Houlahan	Pelosi
Carson	Hoyer	Perez
Carter (LA)	Hoyle (OR)	Peters
Cartwright	Huffman	Pettersen
Casar	Ivey	Phillips
Case	Jackson (IL)	Pingree
Casten	Jackson (NC)	Pocan
Castor (FL)	Jackson Lee	Porter
Castro (TX)	Jacobs	Pressley
Cherfilus-McCormick	Jayapal	Quigley
	Jeffries	Ramirez
Chu	Johnson (GA)	Raskin
Clark (MA)	Kamlager-Dove	Ross
Clarke (NY)	Keating	Ruiz
Cleaver	Khanna	Ruppersberger
Clyburn	Kildee	Ryan
Cohen	Kilmer	Salinas
Connolly	Kim (NJ)	Sanchez
Correa	Krishnamoorthi	Sarbanes
Costa	Kuster	Scanlon
Courtney	Landsman	Schakowsky
Craig	Larsen (WA)	Schiff
Crockett	Larson (CT)	Schneider
Crow	Lee (CA)	Scholten
Cuellar	Lee (NV)	Schrier
Davids (KS)	Lee (PA)	Scott (VA)
Davis (IL)	Leger Fernandez	Scott, David
Davis (NC)	Levin	Sewell
Dean (PA)	Lieu	Sherman
DeGette	Lofgren	Sherrill
DeLauro	Lynch	Slotkin
DelBene	Magaziner	Smith (WA)
Deluzio	Manning	Sorensen
DeSaulnier	Matsui	Soto
Dingell	McBath	Spanberger
Doggett	McClellan	Stansbury
Escobar	McCollum	Stanton
Eshoo	McGarvey	Stevens
Espallat	McGovern	Strickland
Evans	Meeks	Swalwell
Fletcher	Menendez	Sykes

Takano	Torres (NY)
Thanedar	Trahan
Thompson (CA)	Trone
Thompson (MS)	Underwood
Titus	Vargas
Tlaib	Vasquez
Tokuda	Veasey
Tonko	Velazquez
Torres (CA)	

Wasserman	Wasserman
Schultz	Waters
Walters	Watson Coleman
Wexton	Wexton
Wild	Wild
Williams (GA)	Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)	Wilson (FL)

Mr. AGUILAR changed his 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.

Stated for:

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, I was not recorded on rollcall vote No. 400. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 400.

VETERANS BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 1530) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the requirement to publish disability benefit questionnaire forms of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. BOST) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 423, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 401]

YEAS—423

NAYS—214

Aderholt	Fulcher
Alford	Gaetz
Allen	Gallagher
Amodei	Garbarino
Armstrong	Garcia, Mike
Arrington	Jimenez
Babin	Gonzales, Tony
Bacon	Good (VA)
Baird	Gooden (TX)
Balderson	Gosar
Banks	Granger
Barr	Graves (LA)
Bean (FL)	Graves (MO)
Bentz	Green (TN)
Bergman	Greene (GA)
Bice	Griffith
Biggs	Grothman
Bilirakis	Guest
Bishop (NC)	Guthrie
Boebert	Hageman
Bost	Harris
Brecheen	Harshbarger
Buchanan	Hern
Buck	Higgins (LA)
Bucshon	Hill
Burchett	Hinson
Burgess	Houchin
Burlison	Hudson
Calvert	Huizenga
Cammack	Issa
Carey	Jackson (TX)
Carl	James
Carter (GA)	Johnson (LA)
Carter (TX)	Johnson (OH)
Chavez-DeRemer	Johnson (SD)
Ciscomani	Jordan
Cline	Joyce (OH)
Cloud	Joyce (PA)
Clyde	Kean (NJ)
Cole	Kelly (MS)
Collins	Kelly (PA)
Comer	Kiggans (VA)
Crane	Kiley
Crawford	Kim (CA)
Crenshaw	Kustoff
Curtis	LaHood
D'Esposito	LaLota
Davidson	LaMalfa
De La Cruz	Lamborn
DesJarlais	Langworthy
Diaz-Balart	Latta
Duarte	LaTurner
Duncan	Lawler
Dunn (FL)	Lee (FL)
Edwards	Lesko
Ellzey	Letlow
Emmer	Loudermilk
Estes	Luetkemeyer
Ezell	Luttrell
Fallon	Mace
Feenstra	Malliotakis
Ferguson	Mann
Finstad	Massie
Fischbach	Mast
Fitzgerald	McCarthy
Fitzpatrick	McCaul
Fleischmann	McClain
Flood	McClintock
Foxx	McCormick
Franklin, C.	McHenry
Scott	Meuser
Fry	Miller (IL)

NOT VOTING—14

Adams	Kaptur
Donalds	Kelly (IL)
Gomez	Lucas
Horsford	Luna
Hunt	Moskowitz

Miller (OH)	Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks	Mills
Moolenaar	Moolenaar
Mooney	Mooney
Moore (AL)	Moore (UT)
Moran	Moran
Murphy	Murphy
Newhouse	Nunn (IA)
Oberholte	Oberholte
Ogles	Ogles
OWens	Owens
Palmer	Palmer
Pence	Pence
Perry	Perry
Pfleger	Pfleger
Posey	Posey
Reschenthaler	Reschenthaler
Rodgers (WA)	Rodgers (WA)
Rogers (AL)	Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)	Rogers (KY)
Rose	Rose
Rosendale	Rosendale
Rouzer	Rouzer
Roy	Roy
Rutherford	Rutherford
Salazar	Salazar
Santos	Santos
Schweikert	Schweikert
Scott, Austin	Scott, Austin
Self	Self
Sessions	Sessions
Simpson	Simpson
Smith (MO)	Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)	Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)	Smith (NJ)
Smucker	Smucker
Spartz	Spartz
Staubert	Staubert
Steel	Steel
Stefanik	Stefanik
Steil	Steil
Steube	Steube
Strong	Strong
Tenney	Tenney
Thompson (PA)	Thompson (PA)
Tiffany	Tiffany
Timmons	Timmons
Turner	Turner
Valadao	Valadao
Van Drew	Van Drew
Van Dwyne	Van Dwyne
Van Orden	Van Orden
Wagner	Wagner
Walberg	Walberg
Waltz	Waltz
Weber (TX)	Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)	Webster (FL)
Westerman	Westerman
Williams (NY)	Williams (NY)
Williams (TX)	Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)	Wilson (SC)
Wittman	Wittman
Womack	Womack
Yakym	Yakym
Zinke	Zinke

Aderholt	Buchanan	Collins
Aguilar	Buck	Comer
Alford	Bucshon	Connolly
Allen	Budzinski	Correa
Allred	Burchett	Costa
Amodei	Burgess	Courtney
Armstrong	Burlison	Craig
Arrington	Bush	Crane
Auchincloss	Calvert	Crawford
Babin	Cammack	Crenshaw
Bacon	Caraveo	Crockett
Baird	Carbajal	Crow
Balderson	Cardenas	Cuellar
Balint	Carey	Curtis
Banks	Carl	D'Esposito
Barr	Carson	Davids (KS)
Barragan	Carter (GA)	Davidson
Bean (FL)	Carter (LA)	Davis (IL)
Beatty	Carter (TX)	Davis (NC)
Bentz	Cartwright	De La Cruz
Bera	Casar	Dean (PA)
Bergman	Case	DeGette
Beyer	Casten	DeLauro
Bice	Castor (FL)	DelBene
Biggs	Castro (TX)	Deluzio
Bilirakis	Chavez-DeRemer	DeSaulnier
Bishop (GA)	Cherfilus-	DesJarlais
Bishop (NC)	McCormick	Diaz-Balart
Blumenauer	Chu	Dingell
Blunt Rochester	Ciscomani	Doggett
Boebert	Clark (MA)	Donalds
Bonamici	Clarke (NY)	Duarte
Bost	Cleaver	Duncan
Bowman	Cline	Dunn (FL)
Boyle (PA)	Cloud	Edwards
Brecheen	Clyburn	Ellzey
Brown	Clyde	Emmer
Brownley	Cohen	Escobar

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Messrs. VAN ORDEN, WEBSTER of Florida, GOODEN of Texas, CLYDE, Ms. SPARTZ, and Mr. GROTHMAN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”