

had to say about this. I am concerned about the way it has been implemented.

The idea that we ought to work to make sure that every corner of our country is represented in our military, I support. And there has been bigotry, bias, racism, and sexism that has made that difficult.

We ought to try to undo that so that we can access all of the talent in this country. Saying that we are going to get rid of all of that in favor of merit that just happens to focus on people who are blindly loyal to Pete Hegseth and President Trump, that is not merit.

I should clarify, I am not opposed to DEI programs. I am opposed to bad DEI programs—we ought to excise those—but we don't do enough here, I think, to correct those problems as we move forward.

I am saving the worst for last: stumbling into wars. Why does all that stuff matter, accountability, oversight, the people's House having a say in all this? It is because that way we don't stumble into bad decisions. We are about to do that. We have already done that in Latin America right now. We have launched a war against narco-terrorists.

President Trump ran on wanting to stop endless wars. You talk about an endless war, treating every single person who is a drug trafficker as a legitimate target for killing is an endless war and a war without authorization or proper legal authority. That lack of accountability and that lawlessness has consequences.

Now, as someone mentioned, we are hearing that we have seized a Venezuelan oil tanker off the coast of Venezuela. The President has spoken frequently about his desire for regime change in Venezuela. That should not be happening. That is not the policy that we should be headed toward. We shouldn't be wanting to go back to the 19th century where powerful countries simply took what they could, and there was no international law.

I have a lot of things that I am concerned about. This bill, even if we did it perfectly, could not fix all of that. The reason I want people to vote for this bill is because we need to reassert the authority of Congress. That whole string side of things that I just listed that we are concerned about, one of the biggest things about that is that Congress needs to exist. We need to be a coequal branch. We need to do our job.

President Trump puts us in a fiendishly difficult position. He disregards us, abuses us, does all this other stuff. Then, if we pass a bill, eventually he has to sign it. It is like, well, should we do that? Yet, if we don't, then we are completely out of the picture.

I will give a sincere compliment and thank you to Chairman ROGERS. He worked with us in a legitimate bipartisan way on this bill. There are things that are not in this bill that Republicans wanted in the bill. We got those

out because we wanted a bipartisan product. This is a bipartisan product.

This starts moving us in the right direction. Does it stop all those bad things that President Trump and Pete Hegseth are doing right now? No. But it really couldn't. It is a step in the right direction toward reasserting the authority of Congress, which is but one step along a very long road, I will grant you, to try to get some restraint on the lack of transparency, the unaccountability, and the problems that are coming out of this White House and this Department of Defense that is creating all of these problems.

I hope we will vote for this bill, and I hope we will continue working to do more oversight of the Pentagon going forward.

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

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

First, I want to take a minute to thank the ranking member. As anybody who has listened to this debate can just tell, he is a very bright, very thoughtful, articulate fellow, and I am very fortunate that he is my partner in running the Armed Services Committee.

I also thank Chairman ROGER WICKER of the Senate Armed Services Committee, and Ranking Member JACK REED. They also are very passionate, thoughtful bipartisan Members of Congress. This product that we bring before the House today is a result of this bipartisan, bicameral effort.

For those of us who have been around here a long time, we used to see more of this. We don't now. It is refreshing to see this kind of effort, this kind of product come to the floor in these more recent years of toxicity in this town and in this Chamber. That toxicity is not reflected in this product.

I also thank our staff for their outstanding work. This is literally a cumulative product of 11 months of a lot of hard staff work. The House Legislative Counsel, the CBO, and the Parliamentarian staff here, leadership staff, as we saw just before this came to the floor, there have been a lot of people pulling hard to get this done, but it has resulted in this product.

A lot of folks don't think about this, but this authorization bill is a massive piece of legislation, not just including what is riding along with it today from other committees, but in and of itself it authorizes over half of all discretionary spending. This is a big deal.

It also has been done for 64 consecutive years. No matter which party has control of the White House, and no matter which party has control of this Chamber, we find a way to make sure our servicemembers have what they need to be successful and safe.

I am very proud of this committee. I am very proud of this product. I am proud of the partnership that we have had with the other party. It is an important bill. I urge our Members to be supportive of it and to vote "yes."

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ELLZEY). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 936, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO COMMIT

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to commit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to commit.

The Clerk read as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. NORCROSS

Mr. Norcross of New Jersey moves to commit the bill S. 1071 to the Committee on Armed Services.

The material previously referred to by Mr. NORCROSS is as follows:

Mr. NORCROSS moves to commit the bill S. 1071 to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

At the end of title XI, insert the following new section:

SEC. 11. LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS TO LIMIT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.

None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2026 may be used to implement Executive Order 14251, issued on March 27, 2025, relating to Exclusions from Federal labor management relations programs, or any following policy or guidance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to commit.

The question is on the motion to commit.

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

Mr. NORCROSS. 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 are 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 4 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. ELLZEY) at 4 o'clock and 49 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:

The motion to commit S. 1071; and Passage of S. 1071, if ordered.

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

DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS OF FERNANDO V. COTA FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, TEXAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the motion to commit on the bill (S. 1071) to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disinter the remains of Fernando V. Cota from Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Texas, and for other purposes, offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS), 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 commit.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 209, nays 216, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 319]

YEAS—209

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| Aguilar | Davis (NC) | Huffman |
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| Ansari | DeGette | Jackson (IL) |
| Auchincloss | DeLauro | Jacobs |
| Balint | DelBene | Jayapal |
| Barragán | Deluzio | Jeffries |
| Beatty | DeSaulnier | Johnson (GA) |
| Bell | Dexter | Johnson (TX) |
| Bera | Dingell | Kamllager-Dove |
| Beyer | Doggett | Kaptur |
| Bishop | Elfreth | Keating |
| Bonamici | Escobar | Kelly (IL) |
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| Brown | Evans (PA) | Khan |
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| Budzinski | Figures | Krisman |
| Bynum | Fletcher | Larsen (WA) |
| Carbajal | Foster | Larson (CT) |
| Carson | Foushee | Latimer |
| Carter (LA) | Frankel, Lois | Lee (NV) |
| Casar | Friedman | Lee (PA) |
| Case | Frost | Leger Fernandez |
| Casten | Garamendi | Levin |
| Castor (FL) | Garcia (CA) | Liccardo |
| Castro (TX) | Garcia (IL) | Lieu |
| Cherfilus-McCormick | Garcia (TX) | Lofgren |
| | Gillen | Lynch |
| Chu | Golden (ME) | Magaziner |
| Cisneros | Goldman (NY) | Mannion |
| Clark (MA) | Gomez | Matsui |
| Clarke (NY) | Gonzalez, V. | McBath |
| Cleaver | Goodlander | McBride |
| Clyburn | Gottheimer | McClain Delaney |
| Cohen | Gray | McClellan |
| Conaway | Green, Al (TX) | McCollum |
| Correa | Grijalva | McDonald Rivet |
| Courtney | Harder (CA) | McGarvey |
| Craig | Hayes | McGovern |
| Crockett | Himes | McIver |
| Crow | Horsford | Meeks |
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| Moskowitz | Ruiz | Tlaib |
| Moulton | Ryan | Tokuda |
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| Mullin | Scanlon | Torres (CA) |
| Neal | Schakowsky | Torres (NY) |
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| Norcross | Scholten | Tran |
| Ocasio-Cortez | Schrier | Underwood |
| Olszewski | Scott (VA) | Vargas |
| Omar | Scott, David | Vasquez |
| Pallone | Sewell | Veasey |
| Panetta | Sherman | Velázquez |
| Pappas | Simon | Vindman |
| Pelosi | Smith (WA) | Walkinshaw |
| Perez | Sorensen | Wasserman |
| Peters | Soto | Schultz |
| Pettersen | Stansbury | Waters |
| Pingree | Stanton | Watson Coleman |
| Pocan | Stevens | Whitesides |
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| Pressley | Subramanyam | Wilson (FL) |
| Quigley | Suozi | |
| Ramirez | Sykes | |

NAYS—216

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| Aderholt | Fry | McClintock |
| Alford | Fulcher | McCormick |
| Allen | Garbarino | McDowell |
| Amodei (NV) | Gill (TX) | McGuire |
| Arrington | Goldman (TX) | Messmer |
| Babin | Gonzales, Tony | Meuser |
| Bacon | Gooden | Miller (IL) |
| Baird | Gosar | Miller (WV) |
| Balderson | Graves | Miller-Meeks |
| Barr | Greene (GA) | Mills |
| Barrett | Griffith | Moolenaar |
| Baumgartner | Grothman | Moore (AL) |
| Bean (FL) | Guest | Moore (NC) |
| Begich | Guthrie | Moore (UT) |
| Bentz | Hageman | Moore (WV) |
| Bergman | Hamadeh (AZ) | Moran |
| Bice | Haridopolos | Murphy |
| Biggs (AZ) | Harrigan | Nehls |
| Biggs (SC) | Harris (MD) | Newhouse |
| Bilirakis | Harris (NC) | Norman |
| Boebert | Harshbarger | Nunn (IA) |
| Bost | Hern (OK) | Oberholte |
| Brecheen | Higgins (LA) | Ogles |
| Bresnahan | Hill (AR) | Onder |
| Buchanan | Hinson | Owens |
| Burchett | Houchin | Palmer |
| Burlison | Hudson | Patronis |
| Calvert | Huizenga | Perry |
| Cammack | Hunt | Pfuger |
| Carey | Hurd (CO) | Reschenthaler |
| Carter (GA) | Issa | Rogers (AL) |
| Carter (TX) | Jack | Rogers (KY) |
| Ciscomani | Jackson (TX) | Rose |
| Cline | James | Rouzer |
| Cloud | Johnson (LA) | Roy |
| Clyde | Johnson (SD) | Rulli |
| Cole | Jordan | Rutherford |
| Collins | Joyce (OH) | Scalise |
| Comer | Joyce (PA) | Schmidt |
| Crane | Kean | Schweikert |
| Crank | Kelly (MS) | Scott, Austin |
| Crawford | Kelly (PA) | Self |
| Crenshaw | Kennedy (UT) | Sessions |
| Davidson | Kiggrans (VA) | Shreve |
| De La Cruz | Kiley (CA) | Simpson |
| DesJarlais | Kim | Smith (MO) |
| Diaz-Balart | Knott | Smith (NE) |
| Donalds | Kustoff | Smith (NJ) |
| Donalds | LaHood | Spartz |
| Downing | LaLota | Staubert |
| Dunn (FL) | LaMalfa | Stefanik |
| Edwards | Langworthy | Stell |
| Elizze | Latta | Steube |
| Emmer | Lawler | Strong |
| Estes | Lee (FL) | Stutzman |
| Evans (CO) | Letlow | Taylor |
| Ezell | Loudermilk | Tenney |
| Fallon | Lucas | Thompson (PA) |
| Fedorchak | Luna | Tiffany |
| Feenstra | Luttrell | Timmons |
| Fine | Mace | Turner (OH) |
| Finstad | Mackenzie | Valadao |
| Fischbach | Malliotakis | Van Drew |
| Fitzgerald | Maloy | Van Duyn |
| Fitzpatrick | Mann | Van Epps |
| Fleischmann | Massie | Van Orden |
| Flood | Mast | Wagner |
| Fong | McCaul | Walberg |
| Fox | McClain | Weber (TX) |
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| Webster (FL) | Williams (TX) | Womack |
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NOT VOTING—8

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| Costa | Nadler | Smucker |
| Gimenez | Salazar | Swalwell |
| Miller (OH) | Sánchez | |

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Messrs. PATRONIS, MOORE of North Carolina, BURCHETT, WEBSTER of Florida, PFLUGER, BARRETT, MCDOWELL, FLOOD, HUDSON, Mrs. BICE, Ms. HAGEMAN, Messrs. ARRINGTON, and NORMAN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. LYNCH, SUBRAMANYAM, Ms. ADAMS, Messrs. POCAN, DAVIS of Illinois, KRISHNAMOORTHY, and VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to commit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

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

Mr. SMITH of Washington. 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 312, nays 112, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 320]

YEAS—312

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| Adams | Clark (MA) | Fletcher |
| Aderholt | Cleaver | Flood |
| Aguilar | Cline | Fong |
| Alford | Cloud | Foxx |
| Allen | Clyburn | Frankel, Lois |
| Amodei (NV) | Clyde | Franklin, Scott |
| Arrington | Cole | Fry |
| Babin | Collins | Fulcher |
| Bacon | Comer | Garbarino |
| Baird | Conaway | Gill (TX) |
| Balderson | Correa | Gillen |
| Barr | Courtney | Golden (ME) |
| Barrett | Crank | Goldman (TX) |
| Baumgartner | Crawford | Gomez |
| Bean (FL) | Crenshaw | Gonzales, Tony |
| Beatty | Crow | Gonzalez, V. |
| Begich | Cuellar | Gooden |
| Bell | Dauids (KS) | Goodlander |
| Bentz | Davis (NC) | Gottheimer |
| Bera | De La Cruz | Graves |
| Bergman | Dean (PA) | Gray |
| Beyer | DeLauro | Grothman |
| Bice | DelBene | Guest |
| Biggs (SC) | DesJarlais | Guthrie |
| Bilirakis | Diaz-Balart | Hageman |
| Bishop | Dingell | Hamadeh (AZ) |
| Bost | Downing | Harder (CA) |
| Bresnahan | Dunn (FL) | Haridopolos |
| Brown | Edwards | Harrigan |
| Brownley | Elfreth | Harris (NC) |
| Buchanan | Elizze | Harshbarger |
| Bynum | Emmer | Hern (OK) |
| Calvert | Estes | Higgins (LA) |
| Cammack | Evans (CO) | Hill (AR) |
| Carbajal | Ezell | Himes |
| Carey | Fallon | Hinson |
| Carter (GA) | Fedorchak | Horsford |
| Carter (LA) | Feenstra | Houchin |
| Carter (TX) | Fields | Houllahan |
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| Casten | Fine | Hudson |
| Castor (FL) | Finstad | Huizenga |
| Castro (TX) | Fischbach | Hunt |
| Cherfilus-McCormick | Fitzgerald | Hurd (CO) |
| Ciscomani | Fitzpatrick | Issa |
| Cisneros | Fleischmann | Ivey |