

Space Titus
Speier Tonko
Spratt Towns
Stark Tsongas
Sutton Van Hollen
Tanner Velázquez
Tauscher Visclosky
Teague Walz
Thompson (CA) Wasserman
Thompson (MS) Schultz
Tierney Waters

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

Mr. DREIER. 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 222, nays 202, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 452]

YEAS—222

NAYS—181

Aderholt Garrett (NJ) Murphy, Tim
Akin Gerlach Myrick
Alexander Gingrey (GA) Neugebauer
Austria Gohmert Nunes
Bachmann Goodlatte Olson
Bachus Granger Paul
Barrett (SC) Graves Paulsen
Bartlett Guthrie Pence
Barton (TX) Hall (TX) Petri
Biggert Harper Pitts
Bilbray Hastings (WA) Platts
Billirakis Heller Poe (TX)
Bishop (NY) Hensarling Posey
Bishop (UT) Herger Price (GA)
Blackburn Hoekstra Putnam
Blunt Hunter Radanovich
Boehner Inglis Rehberg
Bonner Issa Reichert
Bono Mack Jenkins Roe (TN)
Boozman Johnson (IL) Rogers (AL)
Boustany Johnson, Sam Rogers (KY)
Brady (TX) Jones Rogers (MI)
Broun (GA) Jordan (OH) Rohrabacher
Brown (SC) King (IA) Rooney
Brown-Waite, King (NY) Ros-Lehtinen
Ginny Kingston Roskam
Buchanan Kirk Royce
Burgess Kline (MN) Ryan (WI)
Burton (IN) Lamborn Scalise
Calvert Lance Schmidt
Camp Latham Schock
Campbell LaTourette Sensenbrenner
Cantor Latta Sessions
Cao Lee (NY) Shadegg
Capito Lewis (CA) Shimkus
Carter Linder Shuler
Cassidy LoBiondo Shuster
Castle Lucas Stupak
Chaffetz Luetkemeyer Simpson
Coffman (CO) Lummis Smith (NE)
Cole Lungren, Daniel Smith (NJ)
Conaway E. Smith (TX)
Crenshaw Mack Souder
Culberson Manzullo Stearns
Davis (KY) Marchant Taylor
Deal (GA) Markey (MA) Terry
Dent McCarthy (CA) Thompson (PA)
Diaz-Balart, L. McCaul Thornberry
Diaz-Balart, M. McClintock Tiahrt
Dreier McCotter Davis (AL)
Duncan McHenry Davis (CA)
Ehlers McHugh Turner Davis (IL)
Emerson McKeon Upton Davis (TN)
Fallin McMorris DeFazio
Flake Rodgers Wamp
Fleming Mica Westmoreland
Forbes Miller (FL) Whitfield
Fortenberry Miller (MI) Wilson (SC)
Foxy Minnick Wittman
Franks (AZ) Mitchell Wolf
Frelinghuysen Mitchell Young (AK)
Gallegly Moran (KS) Young (FL)

Abercrombie Gutierrez Oberstar
Ackerman Hall (NY) Olver
Adler (NJ) Halvorson Ortiz
Altmire Hare Pallone
Andrews Harman Pascrell
Arcuri Hastings (FL) Pastor (AZ)
Baca Herseth Sandlin Payne
Baird Higgins Perlmutter
Barrow Himes Perriello
Becerra Hinchey Peters
Berkley Hirono Peterson
Berry Hodes Pingree (ME)
Bishop (GA) Holden Polis (CO)
Bishop (NY) Holt Pomeroy
Boccheri Honda Price (NC)
Boswell Hoyer Rahall
Boucher Inslee Rangel
Boyd Israel Reyes
Brady (PA) Jackson (IL) Richardson
Braley (IA) Jackson-Lee Rodriguez
Bright (TX) Ross
Brown, Corrine Johnson (GA) Rothman (NJ)
Butterfield Johnson (IL) Roybal-Allard
Capps Johnson, E. B. Ruppertsberger
Cardoza Kagen Rush
Carnahan Kanjorski Ryan (OH)
Carney Kaptur Salazar
Carson (IN) Kildee Sánchez, Linda
Castor (FL) Kilpatrick (MI) T.
Chandler Kilroy Sanchez, Loretta
Clarke Kirkpatrick (AZ) Sarbanes
Clay Kissell Schakowsky
Clever Klein (FL) Schauer
Clyburn Kosmas Schiff
Cohen Langevin Schrader
Connolly (VA) Larsen (WA) Schwartz
Conyers Larson (CT) Scott (GA)
Cooper Lee (CA) Scott (VA)
Costello Levin Serrano
Courtney Lipinski Sestak
Crowley Loeb sack Shea-Porter
Cuellar Lofgren, Zoe Sherman
Cummings Lowey Sires
Dahlkemper Lujan Skelton
Davis (AL) Lynch Smith (WA)
Davis (CA) Maffei Snyder
Davis (IL) Maloney Space
Davis (TN) Markey (CO) Speier
DeFazio Markey (MA) Spratt
DeGette Marshall Sutton
Delahunt Massa Tanner
DeLauro Matheson Tauscher
Dicks Matsui Teague
Dingell McCarthy (NY) Thompson (CA)
Doggett McCollum Thompson (MS)
Doyle McDermott Tierney
Driehaus McGovern Titus
Edwards (MD) McIntyre Tonko
Edwards (TX) McMahon Towns
Ellison McNerney Tsongas
Ellsworth Meek (FL) Van Hollen
Engel Meeke (NY) Velázquez
Eshoo Michaud Visclosky
Etheridge Miller (NC) Walz
Fattah Miller, George Wasserman
Finer Mollohan Schultz
Fudge Moore (KS) Waters
Giffords Moran (VA) Watson
Gonzalez Murphy (CT) Watt
Gordon (TN) Murphy, Patrick Weiner
Grayson Murtha Welch
Green, Al Nadler (NY) Wexler
Green, Gene Napolitano Wilson (OH)
Griffith Neal (MA) Wu
Grijalva Nye Yarmuth

Bishop (UT) Graves Neugebauer
Blackburn Guthrie Nunes
Blumenauer Hall (TX) Obey
Blunt Harper Olson
Boehner Hastings (WA) Paul
Bonner Heinrich Paulsen
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Brady (TX) Hoekstra Poe (TX)
Broun (GA) Hunter Posey
Brown (SC) Inglis Price (GA)
Brown-Waite, Issa Putnam
Ginny Jenkins Quigley
Buchanan Johnson, Sam Radanovich
Burgess Jones Rehberg
Burton (IN) Jordan (OH) Reichert
Buyer Kind Roe (TN)
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Farr Flake Thornberry
Flame Fleming McKeon Tiahrt
Forbes McMorris Tiberi
Fortenberry Rodgers Turner
Foster Melancon Melancon
Foxy Mica Upton
Frank (MA) Miller (FL) Walden
Franks (AZ) Miller (MI) Wamp
Frelinghuysen Miller, Gary Westmoreland
Gallegly Minnick Whitfield
Garrett (NJ) Mitchell Wilson (SC)
Gerlach Moore (WI) Wittman
Gingrey (GA) Moran (KS) Wolf
Gohmert Murphy (NY) Woolsey
Goodlatte Murphy, Tim Young (AK)
Granger Myrick Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Capuano Kennedy Stupak
Coble Lewis (GA) Sullivan
Hinojosa Slaughter Waxman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Two minutes are left on this vote.

□ 2238

Mr. KIND of Wisconsin changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker’s approval of the Journal.

NOT VOTING—7

Buyer Kennedy Sullivan
Capuano Lewis (GA)
Coble Stupak

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 2230

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

Edwards (TX) Ellison
Ellsworth Meek (FL)
Engel Meeke (NY)
Eshoo Michaud
Etheridge Miller (NC)
Fattah Miller, George
Finer Mollohan
Fudge Moore (KS)
Giffords Moran (VA)
Gonzalez Murphy (CT)
Gordon (TN) Murphy, Patrick
Grayson Murtha
Green, Al Nadler (NY)
Green, Gene Napolitano
Griffith Neal (MA)
Grijalva Nye

NAYS—202

Aderholt Bachus Bean
Akin Baldwin Berman
Alexander Barrett (SC) Biggert
Austria Bartlett Bilbray
Bachmann Barton (TX) Bilirakis

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2996, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. POLIS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-184) on the resolution (H. Res. 578) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2996) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 2647 and to insert extraneous material thereon.

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

There was no objection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 572 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2647.

□ 2241

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2010, and for other purposes, with Mr. ALTMIRE in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) and the gentleman from California (Mr. MCKEON) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of H.R. 2647, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. The House Armed Services Committee brings before the House a bill reported out of committee by a vote of 61-0. This consensus was achieved after a great deal of hard work. Our mark lasted almost 17 hours. We considered

129 amendments; we adopted 107 of them. We had an excellent debate on the issues in the best traditions of our committee. I am confident we will have a similar experience here in the full House.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to be joined in support of the bill by my friend and my partner, BUCK MCKEON. I am thrilled that he is our ranking member, and I commend him for jumping in head first on his first official day on the job, which of course was a full day for our markup. He has been a very able and constructive partner as well as, when required, a skilled opponent. I must, however, mention our esteemed colleague, JOHN MCHUGH, who has agreed to become the Secretary of the Army, but who leaves our committee having established a lasting legacy, especially on issues of personnel.

In this debate we will consider, and I am confident that we will adopt, an amendment that is sponsored by both Mr. MCKEON and me that is a tribute to the work of JOHN MCHUGH on our committee.

Likewise, I must thank the subcommittee chairmen and ranking members who contributed so much on this bill. They did their homework, and I am pleased with the outcome of our efforts. They solved almost every problem set out for them, and they accomplished a lot of good government at the same time.

□ 2245

They were ably assisted by our committee staff, the amazing professionals in the Office of the Legislative Counsel, and the Office of the Parliamentarian.

This bill authorizes \$550.5 billion in budget authority for the Department of Defense and the national security programs of the Department of Energy. The bill also authorizes \$130 billion to support ongoing military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan during fiscal year 2010. These amounts are essentially equal to the President's budget request for items in the jurisdiction of our committee.

H.R. 2647 reflects the Congress' deep commitment to supporting American servicemembers and providing the necessary resources to keep Americans safe. The bill provides our military personnel with a 3.4 percent pay raise, an increase of .5 percent above the President's request. The bill also includes a number of initiatives to support military families. In this, the Year of the Military Family, we provide funds to establish a Center for Care for military members and their families. We also increase the weight allowance for senior noncommissioned officers, and authorize the transportation of a second vehicle for members who are changing stations from or to a nonforeign area outside the United States. The bill also provides funding to enhance the Health Professions Scholarship program for mental health providers to support the troops and their families.

The mark fully funds the President's budget request for military training, equipment, maintenance, and facilities upkeep. By doing so, the committee continues its efforts to address readiness shortfalls that have developed over the past 8 years.

To address some of these concerns in this mark, we have added \$1.6 billion to operation and maintenance, including \$395 million for Navy aviation and ship depot maintenance, \$762 million to achieve 100 percent of the requirement for sustainment of facilities, including the Department of Defense schools, which, by the way, are excellent, and \$450 million to improve the quality of Army training barracks.

The war in Afghanistan is a critical mission that is finally getting the attention it demands, and I've been saying that for quite some time. To ensure our strategy in both countries is effective and achieves the intended goals within well-defined timelines, the bill requires the President to assess American efforts and regularly report on progress. It also authorizes the new Pakistan Counter-Insurgency Fund to allow our commanders to help Pakistan quickly and more effectively go after the terrorists in their safe havens.

On Iraq, the committee supports the President's policy while also upholding the Congress' responsibility to provide oversight to the process of drawing down the mountain of material purchased, transported and built up in Iraq at tremendous expense to the taxpayer.

In the area of nonproliferation, the bill increases funding and creates new authorities to strengthen the Department of Defense's Cooperative Threat Reduction program. The bill also fully supports the Department of Energy's nonproliferation programs, and adds substantial funding in support of the President's plan to secure and remove all known vulnerable nuclear materials that can be used for weapons.

The bill takes additional steps on acquisition reform beyond what we did in the bill on weapons acquisition which was enacted and signed into law by the President last month.

It also ensures that the Quadrennial Defense Review currently being undertaken by the Department of Defense both complies with the law and gives Congress the insight it needs to make judgments about force structure and programmatic changes.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, I believe this bill can be supported by every Member of this House. I recognize that some who have deep objections to current defense policy on various issues may feel compelled maybe to oppose the bill. That's their right, of course. But even in most of those cases, I believe that solid progress is made in this bill toward protecting our national security in the right way.

I ask Members to vote for H.R. 2647, for our troops and their families, and for a strong national defense for our Nation.