

While difficult trade-offs had to be made, the bill in its current form balances our needs. These trade-offs were carefully weighed for their respective impacts and are responsible.

We prioritize funding for fire suppression, PILT, and meeting our moral obligations in Indian Country, yet the gentlewoman's amendment proposes an across-the-board cut on every one of those programs.

This amendment makes no distinction between where we need to be spending to invest in energy independence and where we need to limit spending to meet our deficit reduction goals.

And, I may point out, the spending problem is not within these discretionary appropriation bills, which we are debating at the present time. It exists primarily in entitlement spending.

So I hope we can spend as much energy on the entitlement side of the budget as we are on the discretionary side of the budget. If so, we would fix our budget problems.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this amendment.

I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM).

Ms. MCCOLLUM. I thank the chairman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chair, this amendment I strongly oppose. It institutes a 1 percent across-the-board cut.

A few interesting things about the Interior bill. This bill before us today is \$2 billion, \$2 billion below 2010-enacted levels. And when you adjust this bill for inflation, it is at 2005 levels.

This amendment indiscriminately cuts programs without any thought to the merit of the program that is contained in this bill.

For instance, this would result in fewer patients being able to be seen at the Indian Health Service; fewer safety inspectors ensuring accidents do not occur; deferred maintenance on our Nation's drinking water and sanitation infrastructure, which is already underfunded in this bill.

More generally, investments in our environmental infrastructure and public lands will just be halted, and associated jobs would be lost with it.

As I said earlier, this bill is already underfunded, underfunded. When adjusted for inflation, it is at 2005 levels. This amendment would not encourage agencies to do more with less. It would simply force agencies and our constituents to do less with less.

So I urge Members to oppose this amendment.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Chairman, just a couple of comments.

Underfunded? No. We are overspent in this town. We have \$18 trillion worth of debt, and it is time to get a handle on that.

Moral obligations? How about the moral obligation to our children and grandchildren?

Admiral Mullen has said the greatest threat to our Nation's security is our Nation's debt.

Let's put the focus on our priorities: keeping our sovereignty and keeping our Nation safe and secure.

This is something we do for our children. It is something we can do for our national security. A penny on a dollar to get this spending under control.

Our approach? Guess what. State and local government use this all the time. They can't go print money and run up debt.

When I was in the State Senate in Tennessee, what did we do? We didn't go home until we balanced the budget because we had an obligation to get it done right the first time, before we walked out the door.

And I do hope that we will put attention on our entitlements. But that is no excuse for not addressing what is in front of us today. To not address what is in front of us today is to kick the can down the road.

I have a lot of constituents who aren't making and taking home as much as they were in 2005. They think we should reduce Federal spending even more, reduce the Federal workforce even more, because government is getting too expensive to afford.

Let's engage Federal employees in this process. It has worked for the States. It will work for the Federal Government. Let's get our fiscal house in order. A good place to start is right here with this amendment that would save another \$193 million in outlays and \$292 million in discretionary budget authority.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chairman, the last point. I appreciate the gentlewoman's concern about the deficit that we have.

When I came here 24 years ago, 40 percent of our expenditures were on the entitlement side of the budget. Today it is over 60 percent, over 60 percent. So we need to attack that side of the budget line.

If we placed as much energy on entitlement spending as we have on discretionary, not only would the budget be balanced, but we would be moving toward paying off our national debt.

With that, I reluctantly oppose the gentlewoman's amendment.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN).

The question was taken; and the Acting Chair announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from Tennessee will be postponed.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to. Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HECK of Nevada) having assumed the chair,

Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2822) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### MOTION TO PERMIT CLOSED CONFERENCE MEETINGS ON H.R. 1735, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 12 of rule XXII, I move that meetings of the conference between the House and Senate on H.R. 1735 may be closed to the public at such times as classified national security information may be broached, 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.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to authorize closure of conference meetings will be followed by a 5-minute vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 91.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 402, nays 12, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 390]

YEAS—402

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| Abraham        | Capuano       | DeBene         |
| Adams          | Cárdenas      | Denham         |
| Aderholt       | Carney        | Dent           |
| Aguilar        | Carson (IN)   | DeSantis       |
| Allen          | Carter (GA)   | DeSaulnier     |
| Amodei         | Carter (TX)   | DesJarlais     |
| Ashford        | Cartwright    | Diaz-Balart    |
| Babin          | Castor (FL)   | Dingell        |
| Barletta       | Castro (TX)   | Doggett        |
| Barr           | Chabot        | Dold           |
| Barton         | Chaffetz      | Donovan        |
| Bass           | Chu, Judy     | Doyle, Michael |
| Beatty         | Cicilline     | F.             |
| Becerra        | Clark (MA)    | Duckworth      |
| Benishhek      | Clawson (FL)  | Duffy          |
| Bera           | Clay          | Duncan (SC)    |
| Beyer          | Cleaver       | Duncan (TN)    |
| Bilirakis      | Clyburn       | Edwards        |
| Bishop (GA)    | Coffman       | Elmser (NC)    |
| Bishop (MI)    | Cohen         | Emmer (MN)     |
| Bishop (UT)    | Cole          | Engel          |
| Black          | Collins (GA)  | Eshoo          |
| Blackburn      | Collins (NY)  | Esty           |
| Blum           | Comstock      | Farenthold     |
| Bonamici       | Conaway       | Farr           |
| Bost           | Connolly      | Fattah         |
| Boustany       | Conyers       | Fincher        |
| Boyle, Brendan | Cook          | Fitzpatrick    |
| F.             | Cooper        | Fleischmann    |
| Brady (PA)     | Costa         | Fleming        |
| Brady (TX)     | Costello (PA) | Flores         |
| Brat           | Courtney      | Forbes         |
| Bridenstine    | Cramer        | Fortenberry    |
| Brooks (AL)    | Crawford      | Foster         |
| Brooks (IN)    | Crenshaw      | Fox            |
| Brownley (CA)  | Crowley       | Frankel (FL)   |
| Buchanan       | Cuellar       | Franks (AZ)    |
| Buck           | Cummings      | Frelinghuysen  |
| Burgess        | Curbelo (FL)  | Fudge          |
| Bustos         | Davis (CA)    | Gabbard        |
| Butterfield    | Davis, Rodney | Gallego        |
| Byrne          | DeGette       | Garamendi      |
| Calvert        | Delaney       | Garrett        |
| Capps          | DeLauro       | Gibbs          |

Gibson Luetkemeyer  
 Gohmert Lujan Grisham (NM)  
 Goodlatte Lujan, Ben Ray (NM)  
 Gosar Lynch  
 Gowdy MacArthur  
 Graham Maloney, Sean  
 Granger Marchant  
 Graves (GA) Marino  
 Graves (LA) Matsui  
 Graves (MO) McCarthy  
 Grayson McCaul  
 Green, Al McCollum  
 Green, Gene McDermott  
 Griffith Grijalva  
 Grijalva Grothman  
 Grothman Guinta  
 Guthrie McHenry  
 Hahn McKinley  
 Hanna McMorris  
 Hardy Rodgers  
 Harper McNeerney  
 Hartzler McSally  
 Hastings Meadows  
 Heck (NV) Meehan  
 Heck (WA) Meeks  
 Hensarling Meng  
 Hice, Jody B. Messer  
 Hill Mica  
 Himes Miller (MI)  
 Holding Moolenaar  
 Honda Mooney (WV)  
 Hoyer Moore  
 Hudson Moulton  
 Huelskamp Mullin  
 Huffman Mulvaney  
 Huizenga (MI) Murphy (FL)  
 Hultgren Murphy (PA)  
 Hunter Nadler  
 Hurd (TX) Napolitano  
 Hurt (VA) Neal  
 Israel Neugebauer  
 Issa Newhouse  
 Jackson Lee Noem  
 Jeffries Nolan  
 Jenkins (KS) Norcross  
 Jenkins (WV) Nugent  
 Johnson (GA) Nunes  
 Johnson (OH) O'Rourke  
 Johnson, E. B. Olson  
 Johnson, Sam Palazzo  
 Jolly Pallone  
 Jordan Palmer  
 Joyce Pascrell  
 Kaptur Paulsen  
 Katko Payne  
 Keating Pearce  
 Kelly (IL) Pelosi  
 Kelly (MS) Perlmutter  
 Kelly (PA) Perry  
 Kennedy Peters  
 Kildee Pingree  
 Kilmer Pittenger  
 Kind Pitts  
 King (IA) Pocan  
 King (NY) Poe (TX)  
 Kinzinger (IL) Poliquin  
 Kirkpatrick Polis  
 Kline Pompeo  
 Knight Posey  
 Kuster Price (NC)  
 Labrador Price, Tom  
 LaMalfa Quigley  
 Lamborn Rangel  
 Lance Ratcliffe  
 Langevin Reed  
 Larsen (WA) Reichert  
 Larson (CT) Renacci  
 Latta Ribble  
 Lawrence Rice (NY)  
 Lee Rice (SC)  
 Levin Richmond  
 Lewis Rigell  
 Lieu, Ted Roby  
 Lipinski Roe (TN)  
 LoBiondo Rogers (AL)  
 Loeb sack Rogers (KY)  
 Long Rohrabacher  
 Loudermilk Rokita  
 Love Ros-Lehtinen  
 Lowenthal Roskam  
 Lowey Ross  
 Lucas Rothfus

NAYS—12

Amash Harris  
 Blumenauer Sanford  
 DeFazio Jones  
 Ellison Lummis

Brown (FL) Higgins  
 Buschon Hinojosa  
 Clarke (NY) Lofgren  
 Culberson Maloney,  
 Davis, Danny Carolyn  
 Deutch Miller (FL)  
 Gutiérrez Peterson

NOT VOTING—19

Mr. ELLISON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Messrs. BLUMENAUER and SANFORD, and Mrs. LUMMIS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. REED and COLE, Ms. BASS, and Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VETERAN'S I.D. CARD ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARTER of Georgia). The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 91) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 0, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 391]

YEAS—411

Abraham Bustos Courtney  
 Adams Butterfield Cramer  
 Aderholt Byrne Crawford  
 Aguilar Calvert Crenshaw  
 Allen Capps Crowley  
 Amash Capuano Cuellar  
 Babin Cardenas Cummings  
 Barletta Carney Curbelo (FL)  
 Barr Carson (IN) Davis (CA)  
 Barton Carter (GA) Davis, Rodney  
 Bass Carter (TX) DeFazio  
 Beatty Cartwright DeGette  
 Becerra Castor (FL) Delaney  
 Benishek Castro (TX) DeLauro  
 Bera Chabot DelBene  
 Beyer Chaffetz Denham  
 Bilirakis Chu, Judy Dent  
 Bishop (GA) Cicilline DeSantis  
 Bishop (MI) Clark (MA) DeSaulnier  
 Bishop (UT) Clawson (FL) DesJarlais  
 Black Clay Diaz-Balart  
 Blackburn Cleaver Dingell  
 Blum Clyburn Doggett  
 Blumenauer Coffman Dold  
 Bonamici Cohen Donovan  
 Bost Cole Doyle, Michael  
 Boustany Collins (GA) F.  
 Brady (PA) Collins (NY) Duckworth  
 Brady (TX) Comstock Duffy  
 Bridenstine Conaway Duncan (SC)  
 Brooks (AL) Connolly Duncan (TN)  
 Brooks (IN) Conyers Edwards  
 Brownley (CA) Cook Ellison  
 Buchanan Cooper Ellmers (NC)  
 Buck Costa Emmer (MN)  
 Burgess Costello (PA) Engel

Eshoo Lamborn Renacci  
 Esty Lance Ribble  
 Farenthold Langevin Rice (NY)  
 Farr Larsen (WA) Rice (SC)  
 Fattah Larson (CT) Richmond  
 Fincher Latta Rigell  
 Fitzpatrick Lawrence Roby  
 Fleischmann Lee Roe (TN)  
 Fleming Levin Rogers (AL)  
 Flores Lewis Rogers (KY)  
 Forbes Lieu, Ted Rohrabacher  
 Fortenberry Lipinski Rokita  
 Foster LoBiondo Ros-Lehtinen  
 Foyx Loeb sack Roskam  
 Frankel (FL) Long Ross  
 Franks (AZ) Loudermilk Rothfus  
 Frelinghuysen Love Rouzer  
 Fudge Lowenthal Roybal-Allard  
 Gabbard Lowey Royce  
 Gallego Lucas Ruiz  
 Garamendi Luetkemeyer Ruppertsberger  
 Garrett Lujan Grisham Russell  
 Gibbs Lujan, Ben Ray Ryan (OH)  
 Gibson Lujan, Ben Ray Ryan (WI)  
 Gohmert Lynch Salmon  
 Goodlatte Lummis Sanchez, Linda  
 Gosar Lynch T.  
 Gowdy MacArthur Sanford  
 Graham Maloney, Sean Sarbanes  
 Granger Marchant Scalise  
 Graves (GA) Marino Schiff  
 Graves (LA) Massie Schrader  
 Graves (MO) Matsui Schweikert  
 Grayson McCarthy Scott (VA)  
 Green, Al McCaul Scott, Austin  
 Green, Gene McClintock Scott, David  
 Griffith McCollum Sensenbrenner  
 Grijalva McDermott Serrano  
 Grothman McGovern Sessions  
 Guinta McHenry Sewell (AL)  
 Guthrie McKinley Sherman  
 Hahn McMorris Shimkus  
 Hanna Rodgers Shuster  
 Harper McNeerney Simpson  
 Harris McSally Sinema  
 Hartzler Meadows Sires  
 Hastings Meehan Slaughter  
 Heck (NV) Meeks Smith (MO)  
 Heck (WA) Meng Smith (NE)  
 Hensarling Messer Smith (NJ)  
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 Hill Miller (MI) Smith (WA)  
 Himes Moolenaar Speier  
 Holding Mooney (WV) Stéfani k  
 Honda Moore Stewart  
 Hoyer Moulton Stivers  
 Hudson Mulvaney Stutzman  
 Huelskamp Murphy (FL) Swalwell (CA)  
 Huffman Murphy (PA) Takai  
 Huizenga (MI) Nadler Takano  
 Hultgren Napolitano Thompson (CA)  
 Hunter Neal Thompson (MS)  
 Hurd (TX) Neugebauer Thompson (PA)  
 Hurt (VA) Newhouse Thornberry  
 Israel Nunes Tiberi  
 Issa O'Rourke Tipton  
 Jackson Lee Olson Titus  
 Jeffries Palazzo Tonko  
 Jenkins (KS) Pallone Torres  
 Jenkins (WV) Palmer Trot t  
 Johnson (GA) Pascrell Tsongas  
 Johnson (OH) Paulsen Turner  
 Johnson, E. B. Pearce Upton  
 Johnson, Sam Pelosi Valadao  
 Jolly Perlmutter Van Hollen  
 Jordan Perry Vargas  
 Joyce Pascrell Veasey  
 Kaptur Paulsen Vela  
 Katko Payne Velázquez  
 Keating Pearce Visclosky  
 Kelly (IL) Pelosi Wagner  
 Kelly (MS) Perlmutter Walberg  
 Kelly (PA) Perry Walden  
 Kennedy Peters Walker  
 Kildee Pingree Walorski  
 Kilmer Pittenger Walters, Mimi  
 Kind Pitts Walz  
 King (IA) Pocan Wasserman  
 King (NY) Poe (TX) Schultz  
 Kinzinger (IL) Poliquin Waters, Maxine  
 Kirkpatrick Polis Watson Coleman  
 Kline Pompeo Posey  
 Knight Price (NC) Weber (TX)  
 Kuster Price, Tom Webster (FL)  
 Labrador Quigley Welch  
 LaMalfa Rangel Wenstrup  
 Lamborn Ratcliffe Whitfield  
 Lance Reed Williams  
 Langevin Reichert Whitfield  
 Larsen (WA) Renacci Williams  
 Larson (CT) Ribble Wilson (FL)  
 Latta Rice (NY)  
 Lawrence Rice (SC)  
 Lee Richmond  
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 Lewis Roby  
 Lieu, Ted Roe (TN)  
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 Loeb sack Rohrabacher  
 Long Rokita  
 Loudermilk Ros-Lehtinen  
 Love Roskam  
 Lowenthal Ross  
 Lowey Zeldin  
 Lucas Rothfus Zinke