

severely restrict the Pentagon's ability to get energy that originates from our strongest ally and number one trading partner, Canada.

Programs like Section 526 mandate that the Armed Services spend entirely too much money on fuels. If we didn't spend so much money on these fuels, we would be able to reduce the effects of the politically motivated furloughs and give DOD the resources it needs to responsibly implement sequestration.

It is imperative to ensure that our nation, in particular the military, is not inhibited from using cheaper and more abundant fuels produced with oil from our friendly neighbor to the north, Canada, which will reduce our reliance on imports from hostile areas of the world.

True national security rests when we can make sure our DOD civilian employees are on the job by using a secure, diverse fuel supply for our armed forces.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 23, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2397) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Chair, it has been over 10 years since the start of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and it is extremely important that we continue to focus on addressing traumatic brain injury, TBI, and psychological health, PH, issues. Congress must properly allocate funds to care for wounded warriors and to improve research in these critical areas.

As you know, TBI continues to be the signature wound of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with some 100,000 troops diagnosed since 2003 with mild TBI. This number will only increase as detection becomes more accurate. The Department of Defense has made significant strides in improving assessment and diagnosis, but more needs to be done to evaluate troops' ability to return to duty and to follow them after exposure to blasts. Intensive and innovative rehabilitative care is also needed for those sustaining severe TBIs and left with varying levels of disorders of consciousness.

This year's Defense Health Program receives an increase above last year's level. Specifically, the bill contains \$33.6 billion—\$858 million above the fiscal year 2013 enacted level—for the Defense Health Program to provide for the health of our troops and retirees. Increases above the request importantly include \$125 million for traumatic brain injury and psychological health research, and \$20 million for suicide prevention outreach programs.

Our men and women serving in uniform must be given every possible opportunity for the best medical care, rehabilitation and community reentry assistance that we as a nation can provide. It is important these funds be used wisely to ensure that our men and women in uniform are getting timely and prop-

er care. Pre and post deployment testing, as well as long term care and family services are integral parts of preventing and treating TBI and PH. As a Congress, we must live up to our commitment to our troops when they leave the battlefield and in my capacity as co-Chair of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force, I look forward to working with the DoD to make sure these funds are used effectively to address these invisible wounds.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, on the rollcall vote, No. 386, for Rep. POE's amendment to H.R. 2397, I inadvertently voted "no," when I intended to vote "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 399 on the previous question, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 400 on agreeing to the resolution, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 401 on agreeing to the Jones amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 402 on agreeing to the LaMalfa amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 403 on agreeing to the Mulvaney amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 404 on agreeing to the Stockman amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 405 on agreeing to the Walorski amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 406 on agreeing to the Bonamici amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 407 on agreeing to the Kilmer amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 408 on agreeing to the Nadler amendment No. 69, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 409 on agreeing to the Nadler amendment No. 70, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 410 on agreeing to the Schiff amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 411 on agreeing to the Pompeo (for Nugent) amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 412 on agreeing to the Amash amendment, I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 413 on the Motion to Recommit with instructions I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 414 on the Final Passage of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (H.R. 2397) I am not recorded. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, on Monday July 22, 2013, I missed the following votes:

H.R. 1542—WMD Intelligence and Information Sharing Act of 2013.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall No. 375.

H. Con. Res. 44—Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Had I been present, I would have voted: "yes" on rollcall No. 376.

PROTECTING AMERICANS'
PRIVACY

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 2013

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I voted for the Amash/Conyers amendment to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act because it is the only means available to the House at this time to seek to prevent the Executive Branch from having sole custody of over a trillion records regarding the phone calls of ordinary Americans. I hope the Administration will soon put forward a proposal that would maintain our national security, while including greater privacy protections. We need more than a promise by the Executive Branch that it will hold records but not look at them except for "relevant" purposes. Possession is 9/10 of the law. Even a credible promise of the Administration may be less credible in future administrations. We cannot necessarily trust unknown future administrations to maintain the privacy commitments of this Administration.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and