

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

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 McNerney  
 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 Herrera Beutler  
 DeFazio Jones  
 Ellison Lummis

Rouzer  
 Roybal-Allard  
 Royce  
 Ruiz  
 Ruppersberger  
 Russell  
 Ryan (OH)  
 Ryan (WI)  
 Salmon  
 Sánchez, Linda T.  
 Sarbanes  
 Scalise  
 Schiff  
 Schrader  
 Schweikert  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, Austin  
 Scott, David  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Sewell (AL)  
 Sherman  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sinema  
 Sires  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (MO)  
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 Thompson (CA)  
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 Benishek  
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 Bishop (GA)  
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 Bishop (UT)  
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 Yoho  
 Young (AK)  
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 Young (IN)  
 Zeldin  
 Zinke

Massie  
 Sanford  
 Watson Coleman  
 Welch

Brown (FL)  
 Busch  
 Clarke (NY)  
 Culberson  
 Davis, Danny  
 Deutch  
 Gutiérrez

NOT VOTING—19

Higgins  
 Hinojosa  
 Lofgren  
 Maloney,  
 Carolyn  
 Miller (FL)  
 Peterson

Rooney (FL)  
 Rush  
 Sanchez, Loretta  
 Schakowsky  
 Waters, Maxine  
 Weber (TX)

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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

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 Bishop (GA)  
 Bishop (MI)  
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 Blumenauer  
 Coffman  
 Cohen  
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 Collins (GA)  
 Collins (NY)  
 Comstock  
 Conaway  
 Connolly  
 Brooks (AL)  
 Brooks (IN)  
 Brownley (CA)  
 Buchanan  
 Buck  
 Burgess

Eshoo  
 Esty  
 Farenthold  
 Farr  
 Fattah  
 Fincher  
 Fitzpatrick  
 Fleischmann  
 Fleming  
 Flores  
 Forbes  
 Fortenberry  
 Foster  
 Foy  
 Frankel (FL)  
 Franks (AZ)  
 Frelinghuysen  
 Fudge  
 Gabbard  
 Gallego  
 Garamendi  
 Garrett  
 Gibbs  
 Gibson  
 Gohmert  
 Goodlatte  
 Gosar  
 Gowdy  
 Graham  
 Granger  
 Graves (GA)  
 Graves (LA)  
 Graves (MO)  
 Grayson  
 Green, Al  
 Green, Gene  
 Griffith  
 Grijalva  
 Grothman  
 Guinta  
 Guthrie  
 Hahn  
 Hanna  
 Harper  
 Harris  
 Hartzler  
 Hastings  
 Heck (NV)  
 Heck (WA)  
 Hensarling  
 Herrera Beutler  
 Hice, Jody B.  
 Hill  
 Himes  
 Holding  
 Honda  
 Hoyer  
 Hudson  
 Huelskamp  
 Huffman  
 Huizenga (MI)  
 Hultgren  
 Hunter  
 Hurd (TX)  
 Hurt (VA)  
 Israel  
 Issa  
 Jackson Lee  
 Jeffries  
 Jenkins (KS)  
 Jenkins (WV)  
 Johnson (GA)  
 Johnson (OH)  
 Johnson, E. B.  
 Johnson, Sam  
 Jolly  
 Jordan  
 Joyce  
 Kaptur  
 Katko  
 Keating  
 Kelly (IL)  
 Kelly (MS)  
 Kelly (PA)  
 Kennedy  
 Kildee  
 Kilmer  
 Kind  
 King (IA)  
 King (NY)  
 Kinzinger (IL)  
 Kirkpatrick  
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Courtney  
 Cramer  
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 Crenshaw  
 Crowley  
 Cuellar  
 Cummings  
 Curbelo (FL)  
 Davis (CA)  
 Davis, Rodney  
 DeFazio  
 DeGette  
 Delaney  
 DeLauro  
 DelBene  
 Denham  
 Dent  
 DeSantis  
 DeSaulnier  
 DesJarlais  
 Diaz-Balart  
 Dingell  
 Doggett  
 Dold  
 Donovan  
 Doyle, Michael F.  
 Duckworth  
 Duffy  
 Duncan (SC)  
 Duncan (TN)  
 Edwards  
 Ellison  
 Ellmers (NC)  
 Emmer (MN)  
 Engel

Lamborn  
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 Larsen (WA)  
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 Love  
 Lowenthal  
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 Luetkemeyer  
 Lujan Grisham (NM)  
 Lujan, Ben Ray (NM)  
 Lummis  
 Lynch  
 MacArthur  
 Maloney, Sean  
 Marchant  
 Marino  
 Massie  
 Matsui  
 McCarthy  
 McCaul  
 McClintock  
 McCollum  
 McDermott  
 McGovern  
 McHenry  
 McKinley  
 McMorris  
 Rodgers  
 McNerney  
 McSally  
 Meadows  
 Meehan  
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 Messer  
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 Miller (MI)  
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 Mooney (WV)  
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 Mulvaney  
 Murphy (FL)  
 Murphy (PA)  
 Nadler  
 Napolitano  
 Neal  
 Neugebauer  
 Newhouse  
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 Norcross  
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 Perry  
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 Pingree  
 Pittenger  
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 Pocan  
 Poe (TX)  
 Poliquin  
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 Pompeo  
 Posey  
 Price (NC)  
 Price, Tom  
 Quigley  
 Rangel  
 Ratcliffe  
 Reed  
 Reichert  
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 Rice (NY)  
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 Roby  
 Roe (TN)  
 Rogers (AL)  
 Rogers (KY)  
 Rohrabacher  
 Rokita  
 Ros-Lehtinen  
 Roskam  
 Ross  
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Renacci  
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 Ross  
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 Sanford  
 Sarbanes  
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 Schiff  
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 Schweikert  
 Scott (VA)  
 Scott, Austin  
 Scott, David  
 Sensenbrenner  
 Serrano  
 Sessions  
 Sewell (AL)  
 Sherman  
 Shimkus  
 Shuster  
 Simpson  
 Sinema  
 Sires  
 Slaughter  
 Smith (MO)  
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 Smith (NJ)  
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 Swalwell (CA)  
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 Takano  
 Thompson (CA)  
 Thompson (MS)  
 Thompson (PA)  
 Thornberry  
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 Tipton  
 Titus  
 Tonko  
 Torres  
 Trott  
 Tsongas  
 Turner  
 Upton  
 Valadao  
 Van Hollen  
 Vargas  
 Veasey  
 Vela  
 Velázquez  
 Visclosky  
 Wagner  
 Walberg  
 Walden  
 Walker  
 Walorski  
 Walters, Mimi  
 Walz  
 Wasserman  
 Schultz  
 Waters, Maxine  
 Watson Coleman  
 Weber (TX)  
 Webster (FL)  
 Welch  
 Westrup  
 Westmoreland  
 Whitfield  
 Williams  
 Wilson (FL)