

Whether Republican or Democrat, we all have the great privilege of serving in the United States House of Representatives. And with that privilege comes great responsibility to abide by the rules of this institution, which are in place so that we may best serve our constituents and our country.

While there is no joy in bringing this action to the floor today, as my colleague and friend, Dean, stated, I appreciate the bipartisan work done by the members who served on this subcommittee. Moreover, I applaud the diligence of the nonpartisan staff members who Dean named, and who worked tirelessly throughout this process to ensure fairness and to uphold the standards imposed upon every Member of Congress.

The investigation was conducted thoroughly and without one hint of bias. Importantly, I believe the bipartisan manner in which it was conducted demonstrates that the processes in place to hold Members of Congress accountable do indeed work and are taken very seriously by both parties.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I commend everybody who was involved in this investigation, and I commend the House for having these rules.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, the ranking member urges the House to vote “aye” on this matter, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

In closing, I again thank each of the members who served on the investigative subcommittees that were impaneled in this matter during the 115th and 116th Congresses.

The Committee on Ethics continually strives to enhance the reputation of this body and ensure that Members, as required by House rules and the Code of Official Conduct, always act in a manner that reflects creditably on the House.

Representatives PHILLIPS, FLORES, RASKIN, and KATKO, your work on this case has been instrumental to that broader effort, and we are most grateful for your service.

Madam Speaker, I am also appreciative and grateful for the ranking member, Mr. MARCHANT, and his dedication to upholding the integrity of this House and the principles that he brings to bear as he serves in a leadership position on the House Committee on Ethics. I am grateful to all of the other Ethics Committee members, my colleagues, for their work on this matter, and all of the others that we have handled in this Congress.

I thank my personal staff, Josh Rogin and David Arrojo; and Mr. MARCHANT’s staff, Scott Cunningham and Chris Donesa, for their commitment to ensuring that this work be done fairly. I also recognize the board and staff of the Office of Congressional

Ethics for their contributions to this investigation.

Lastly, as Mr. PHILLIPS referenced, enormous thanks are due to our nonpartisan professional committee staff for their tireless work on this investigation and their dedicated service every day to this House.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I note that while the committee’s investigative work may garner more public attention, the committee’s nonpartisan, advisory staff is always available to answer any ethics-related questions, to hold special training sessions for Members and employees, in addition to the mandated annual ethics trainings, and to issue advisory opinions upon request.

I encourage all Members of this House, all candidates and Congressional staff, to avail themselves of our committee’s resources to help them satisfy their ethical obligations and to avoid the mistakes like those by Representative SCHWEIKERT that bring us to the floor of the House today.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “aye” as well, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered.

There was no objection.
The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous materials as well on the matter just under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2021

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 7617) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 219 OFFERED BY MR. ALLEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on amendment No. 219, printed in House Report No. 116–461, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 123, nays 292, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 176]

YEAS—123

Abraham	Garcia (CA)	Olson
Allen	Gooden	Palazzo
Amash	Gosar	Palmer
Amodei	Graves (LA)	Perry
Arrington	Graves (MO)	Posey
Babin	Green (TN)	Rice (SC)
Baird	Griffith	Riggleman
Banks	Grothman	Rodgers (WA)
Barr	Guest	Roe, David P.
Bergman	Guthrie	Rogers (AL)
Biggs	Hagedorn	Rose, John W.
Bishop (NC)	Harris	Rouzer
Bishop (UT)	Hartzler	Roy
Brady	Hern, Kevin	Scalise
Brooks (AL)	Hill (AR)	Shillert
Buck	Holding	Scott, Austin
Bucshon	Hudson	Sensenbrenner
Budd	Jordan	Shimkus
Burgess	Keller	Smith (MO)
Byrne	Kelly (MS)	Smith (NE)
Carter (GA)	Kelly (PA)	Snucker
Chabot	King (IA)	Spano
Cheney	Kustoff (TN)	Steube
Cline	LaHood	Stewart
Cloud	Lamborn	Taylor
Collins (GA)	Latta	Thornberry
Comer	Lesko	Tiffany
Conaway	Long	Tipton
Crawford	Loudermilk	Wagner
Curtis	Marchant	Walberg
Davidson (OH)	Marshall	Walker
DesJarlais	Massie	Watkins
Duncan	Mast	Weber (TX)
Dunn	McCarthy	Wenstrup
Emmer	McClintock	Westerman
Estes	Meuser	Williams
Ferguson	Miller	Wilson (SC)
Flores	Mooney (WV)	Wittman
Foxx (NC)	Murphy (NC)	Woodall
Fulcher	Norman	Wright
Gaetz	Nunes	Yoho

NAYS—292

Adams	Cook	Gianforte
Aderholt	Cooper	Gibbs
Aguilar	Correa	Golden
Allred	Costa	Gomez
Axne	Courtney	Gonzalez (OH)
Bacon	Cox (CA)	Gonzalez (TX)
Balderson	Craig	Gottheimer
Barragan	Crenshaw	Graves (GA)
Bass	Crist	Green, Al (TX)
Beatty	Crow	Grijalva
Bera	Cuellar	Haaland
Beyer	Cunningham	Harder (CA)
Bilirakis	Davids (KS)	Hastings
Bishop (GA)	Davis (CA)	Hayes
Blumenauer	Davis, Danny K.	Heck
Blunt Rochester	Davis, Rodney	Herrera Beutler
Bonamici	Dean	Higgins (LA)
Bost	DeFazio	Higgins (NY)
Boyle, Brendan	DeGette	Himes
F.	DeLauro	Hollingsworth
Brindisi	DelBene	Horn, Kendra S.
Brooks (IN)	Delgado	Horsford
Brown (MD)	Demings	Houlihan
Brownley (CA)	DeSaulnier	Hoyer
Buchanan	Deuch	Huffman
Burchett	Diaz-Balart	Huizenga
Bustos	Dingell	Hurd (TX)
Butterfield	Doggett	Jackson Lee
Calvert	Doyle, Michael	Jacobs
Carbajal	F.	Jayapal
Cárdenas	Engel	Jeffries
Carson (IN)	Escobar	Johnson (GA)
Carter (TX)	Eshoo	Johnson (OH)
Cartwright	Españillat	Johnson (SD)
Case	Evans	Johnson (TX)
Casten (IL)	Finkenauer	Joyce (OH)
Castor (FL)	Fitzpatrick	Joyce (PA)
Castro (TX)	Fleischmann	Kaptur
Chu, Judy	Fletcher	Katko
Ciçilline	Fortenberry	Keating
Cisneros	Foster	Kelly (IL)
Clark (MA)	Frankel	Kennedy
Clarke (NY)	Fudge	Khanna
Clay	Gabbard	Kildee
Cleaver	Gallagher	Kilmer
Clyburn	Gallego	Kim
Cohen	Garamendi	Kind
Cole	Garcia (IL)	King (NY)
Connolly	Garcia (TX)	Kirkpatrick

Krishnamoorthi	O'Halleran	Slotkin
Kuster (NH)	Ocasio-Cortez	Smith (NJ)
LaMalfa	Omar	Smith (WA)
Lamb	Pallone	Soto
Langevin	Panetta	Spanberger
Larsen (WA)	Pappas	Speier
Lawrence	Pascrell	Stanton
Lawson (FL)	Payne	Stauber
Lee (CA)	Pence	Stefanik
Lee (NV)	Perlmutter	Steil
Levin (CA)	Peters	Stevens
Levin (MI)	Peterson	Stivers
Lieu, Ted	Phillips	Suozi
Lipinski	Pingree	Swalwell (CA)
Loebback	Pocan	Takano
Lofgren	Porter	Thompson (CA)
Lowenthal	Pressley	Thompson (MS)
Lowey	Price (NC)	Thompson (PA)
Lucas	Quigley	Titus
Luetkemeyer	Raskin	Tlaib
Lujan	Reed	Tonko
Luria	Rice (NY)	Torres (CA)
Lynch	Richmond	Torres Small
Malinowski	Roby	(NM)
Maloney,	Rogers (KY)	Trahan
Carolyn B.	Rose (NY)	Turner
Maloney, Sean	Rouda	Underwood
Matsui	Roybal-Allard	Upton
McAdams	Ruiz	Van Drew
McBath	Ruppersberger	Vargas
McCaul	Rush	Veasey
McCollum	Rutherford	Vela
McEachin	Ryan	Velázquez
McGovern	Sánchez	Viscosky
McKinley	Sarbanes	Walden
McNerney	Scanlon	Walorski
Meng	Schakowsky	Waltz
Mfume	Schiff	Wasserman
Moolenaar	Schneider	Schultz
Moore	Schrader	Waters
Morelle	Schrier	Watson Coleman
Moulton	Scott (VA)	Webster (FL)
Mucarsel-Powell	Scott, David	Welch
Murphy (FL)	Serrano	Wexton
Nadler	Sewell (AL)	Wild
Napolitano	Shalala	Wilson (FL)
Neal	Sherman	Womack
Neguse	Sherrill	Yarmuth
Newhouse	Simpson	Young
Norcross	Sires	Zeldin

NOT VOTING—15

Armstrong	Kinzinger	Mullin
Gohmert	Larson (CT)	Reschenthaler
Granger	McHenry	Rooney (FL)
Hice (GA)	Meeks	Timmons
Johnson (LA)	Mitchell	Trone

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Mr. TAKANO, Ms. SHALALA, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. RIGGLEMAN, GROTHMAN, OLSON, WEBER of Texas, HAGEDORN, MEUSER, GRAVES of Missouri, MAST, and BERGMAN changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 965, 116TH CONGRESS

Clay (Davids (KS))	Khanna (Sherman)	McEachin (Wexton)
Cleaver (Davids (KS))	Kirkpatrick (Gallego)	Moore (Beyer)
DeSaulnier (Matsui)	Kuster (NH) (Brownley (CA))	Mucarsel-Powell (Wasserman Schultz)
Frankel (Clark (MA))	Langevin (Lynch)	Nadler (Jeffries)
Garamendi (Sherman)	Lawrence (Beatty)	Napolitano (Correa)
Grijalva (Garcia (IL))	Lawson (FL)	Pascarell (Sires)
Hastings (Wasserman Schultz)	(Evans)	Payne (Wasserman Schultz)
Horsford (Kildee)	Lieu, Ted (Beyer)	Peters (Rice (NY))
Johnson (TX) (Jeffries)	Lipinski (Cooper)	Pingree (Clark (MA))
	Lofgren (Jeffries)	Pocan (Raskin)
	Lowenthal (Beyer)	Porter (Wexton)

Rush (Underwood)	Speier (Scanlon)	Welch (McGovern)
Serrano (Jeffries)	Watson Coleman (Pallone)	Wilson (FL) (Hayes)

(By unanimous consent, Mr. HOYER was allowed to speak out of order.)

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, as the Members know and as the country knows, we have failed to reach an agreement on moving ahead on COVID-19 legislation. Therefore, Members are advised that no additional votes are expected in the House this week after we complete the next two votes.

Members are further advised, Madam Speaker, that as conversations surrounding additional coronavirus relief legislation continues, it is expected that the House will meet during the month of August.

I have told my Members, and I have told the minority leader and whip, that no one should schedule themselves for next week or until such time as we adopt COVID-19 legislation.

Members will be given at least 24 hours' notice before the House will be called back into session.

We will not start the August district work period until we pass appropriate COVID-19 relief to meet the current health and economic crisis confronting our people and our country.

Further information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

And, Madam Speaker, at the end of the day, I will make further observations with reference to where we stand, but Members are advised that this is the schedule. It obviously is designed to ensure that we act as quickly as humanly and legislatively possible to give the relief the country needs.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KELLY of Illinois). The previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on engrossment and third reading of the bill, as amended.

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

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman opposed to the bill?

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I am in its current form.

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

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Aderholt moves to recommit the bill H.R. 7617 to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with the following amendment:

Page 223, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$15,000,000)".

Page 235, line 8, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$15,000,000)".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Alabama is recognized for 5 minutes in support of his motion.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, my motion this morning moves \$15 million from an unauthorized program that provides free legal assistance to illegal immigrants at the southern border to the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program.

The Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program—or Byrne JAG, as it is commonly known—is a leading source of law enforcement assistance funding to State, local, and Tribal jurisdictions across the United States.

Its namesake was Edward Byrne. He was a New York City police officer. He was known by Eddie to his family and his friends. He was outgoing. He was a friendly individual who wanted to make his city a safer place.

In 1987, Officer Byrne joined the New York City Police Department. He was well liked by his fellow officers, and he was passionate about his work.

However, in the early morning hours of February 26, 1988, Officer Byrne was on detail protecting a witness who had testified against local drug dealers. Officer Byrne was in his patrol car outside the witness' home when armed gunmen crept up to his car and shot him five times in the head. He died of his injuries.

The NYPD lost one of its finest that day, and Eddie's family lost a cherished son and a brother. He was only age 22.

In honor of Officer Byrne, Congress subsequently created the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program. In 2019 alone, Byrne JAG assisted nearly 1,000 State, local, and Tribal jurisdictions.

Many Members of this body know that Byrne JAG provides critical funding, but Byrne JAG does a lot more. The program that memorializes Eddie Byrne also supports indigent defense programs, drug treatment programs, and mental health programs.

In our Nation, the fair administration of justice demands that competent and effective public defenders are a part of our system. Our annual Byrne JAG appropriations help to uphold just that.

As I noted, the Byrne JAG grants also support drug treatment programs. Research shows that drug treatment is more effective than imprisonment at reducing drug use and related crime.

In addition, Byrne JAG supports crisis intervention initiatives.

Sadly, the lack of mental health services across the United States often results in police officers serving as the first responders in the case of a mental health crisis.

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However, crisis intervention teams that are supported by Byrne JAG reduce arrests of people with mental illness while improving the likelihood that individuals will receive that mental health treatment they need.

I think Officer Byrne would be pleased with this. These are just a few of the reasons to support this motion.