

My objection, respectfully, to this amendment is it supplants the decision of the commander in the field with the judgment of the Congress. I frankly agree that there are very, very few circumstances I could imagine where we would not want our troops in the field to be fully armed to their complete comfort and satisfaction level. And so it's hard for me to imagine a circumstance where that's not the case.

But it's easy for me to understand a circumstance where the person in the field who is charged with the responsibility of achieving the mission and achieving maximum protection of his or her troops should have the authority to make that decision.

So my objection to this is not the intent. I think we share it. My objection is the fact that the amendment supplants the judgment of that commander in the field and replaces it with the judgment we are making here thousands of miles away based on facts that we could not possibly foresee.

So although I share the gentleman's intent, for that reason I would respectfully encourage the Members to vote "no" on the amendment.

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The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from Florida has 2½ minutes remaining.

Mr. MICA. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of Washington. I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition for a very simple reason.

As the gentleman said in his opening remarks in favor of the amendment, he does not wish to micromanage what goes on in the field. I think there can be no more blatant micromanaging than this. Having Congress insert itself into the debate about what the rules of engagement should be in the field of operations for the military is micromanaging in the absolute worst way. We should trust our commanders in the field to make those decisions, and those decisions are and always will be controversial, both ways, in terms of what the rules of engagement should be.

I will simply make the very clear statement that I want our trained commanders in the field to make the decision on what the rules of engagement should be in any given environment, not the United States Congress. This is not a debate that we should insert ourselves into, and I believe that we should defeat this amendment and leave the authority with the commanders, where it belongs.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. MICA. Let me say that the United States Congress does set the policy for engaging in war and hostile actions. The Secretary of Defense has clearly given the authority here to provide, again, applicable provisions for how this would apply.

In closing, our troops, our servicemen and -women, should not be used at

target practice in any hostile theater. They should be given the basic right to bear arms and defend themselves.

I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MICA).

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

Mr. MICA. 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 gentleman from Florida will be postponed.

The Acting CHAIR. The Committee will rise informally.

The Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah) assumed the chair.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1893. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Committee will resume its sitting.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

The Committee resumed its sitting.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 112-88 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 2 by Ms. WOOLSEY of California.

Amendment No. 12 by Mr. HUNTER of California.

Amendment No. 24 by Mr. SARBANES of Maryland.

Amendment No. 25 by Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut.

Amendment No. 27 by Mr. COLE of Oklahoma.

Amendment No. 28 by Mr. GARAMENDI of California.

Amendment No. 26 by Mrs. MALONEY of New York.

Amendment No. 30 by Mr. HIMES of Connecticut.

Amendment No. 31 by Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas.

Amendment No. 32 by Mr. ANDREWS of New Jersey.

Amendment No. 37 by Mr. RICHMOND of Louisiana.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MS. WOOLSEY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded

vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 83, noes 334, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 343]

AYES—83

Amash	Keating	Roybal-Allard
Baldwin	Kind	Royce
Bass (CA)	Kucinich	Sánchez, Linda
Becerra	Larson (CT)	T.
Berman	Lee (CA)	Sanchez, Loretta
Blumenauer	Lewis (GA)	Sarbanes
Campbell	Lofgren, Zoe	Schakowsky
Capuano	Lynch	Schradler
Clarke (MI)	Maloney	Serrano
Clarke (NY)	Markey	Slaughter
Cohen	Matsui	Speier
Conyers	McCollum	Stark
Cooper	McGovern	Thompson (CA)
DeGette	Michaud	Tierney
Deutch	Miller, George	Tonko
Dingell	Moore	Towns
Duncan (TN)	Nadler	Upton
Edwards	Neal	Velázquez
Ellison	Olver	Walden
Eshoo	Pallone	Walz (MN)
Farr	Paul	Watt
Frank (MA)	Payne	Waxman
Garamendi	Pingree (ME)	Weiner
Gutierrez	Polis	Welch
Hastings (FL)	Quigley	Wilson (FL)
Hirono	Rangel	Woolsey
Holt	Ribble	Wu
Honda	Richmond	Yarmuth

NOES—334

Ackerman	Cantor	Donnelly (IN)
Adams	Capito	Doyle
Aderholt	Capps	Dreier
Akin	Cardoza	Duffy
Alexander	Carnahan	Duncan (SC)
Altmire	Carney	Ellmers
Andrews	Carson (IN)	Emerson
Austria	Carter	Engel
Baca	Cassidy	Farenthold
Bachmann	Castor (FL)	Fattah
Bachus	Chabot	Fincher
Barletta	Chaffetz	Fitzpatrick
Barrow	Chandler	Flake
Bartlett	Chu	Fleischmann
Barton (TX)	Ciциlline	Fleming
Bass (NH)	Clay	Flores
Benishek	Cleaver	Forbes
Berg	Clyburn	Fortenberry
Biggert	Coble	Fox
Bilbray	Coffman (CO)	Franks (AZ)
Bilirakis	Cole	Fudge
Bishop (GA)	Conaway	Gallegly
Bishop (NY)	Connolly (VA)	Gardner
Bishop (UT)	Costello	Garrett
Black	Courtney	Gerlach
Blackburn	Cravaack	Gibbs
Bonner	Crawford	Gibson
Bono Mack	Crenshaw	Gingrey (GA)
Boren	Critz	Gohmert
Boswell	Crowley	Gonzalez
Boustany	Cuellar	Goodlatte
Brady (PA)	Culberson	Gosar
Brady (TX)	Cummings	Gowdy
Brooks	Davis (CA)	Granger
Brown (GA)	Davis (IL)	Graves (GA)
Brown (FL)	Davis (KY)	Graves (MO)
Buchanan	DeFazio	Green, Al
Buchon	DeLauro	Green, Gene
Buerkle	Denham	Griffin (AR)
Burgess	Dent	Griffith (VA)
Burton (IN)	DesJarlais	Grimm
Butterfield	Diaz-Balart	Guinta
Calvert	Dicks	Guthrie
Camp	Doggett	Hall
Canseco	Dold	Hanabusa