

Today I enter this Chamber confident that we can tackle the challenges that are presented to us. We can and must find commonsense solutions to the problems facing each of our districts and our country. As we have learned, our constituents expect and deserve no less.

Thank you very much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. Hochul), the whole number of the House is 433.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2017, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the question on adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 287) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, which the Chair will put de novo.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 231, noes 187, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 382]

AYES—231

Adams	Burgess	Duncan (TN)
Aderholt	Burton (IN)	Ellmers
Akin	Calvert	Emerson
Alexander	Camp	Farenthold
Amash	Campbell	Fincher
Austria	Canseco	Fitzpatrick
Bachmann	Capito	Flake
Bachus	Carter	Fleischmann
Barletta	Cassidy	Fleming
Bartlett	Chabot	Flores
Barton (TX)	Chaffetz	Forbes
Bass (NH)	Coble	Fortenberry
Benishek	Coffman (CO)	Foxx
Berg	Cole	Franks (AZ)
Biggert	Conaway	Frelinghuysen
Bilbray	Cravaack	Galleghy
Billirakis	Crawford	Gardner
Black	Crenshaw	Garrett
Blackburn	Culberson	Gerlach
Bonner	Davis (KY)	Gibbs
Bono Mack	Denham	Gibson
Boustany	Dent	Gingrey (GA)
Brady (TX)	DesJarlais	Goodlatte
Brooks	Diaz-Balart	Gosar
Broun (GA)	Dold	Gowdy
Buchanan	Dreier	Granger
Bueshon	Duffy	Graves (GA)
Buerkle	Duncan (SC)	Graves (MO)

Griffin (AR)	Marino
Griffith (VA)	McCarthy (CA)
Grimm	McCaul
Guinta	McClintock
Guthrie	McCotter
Hall	McHenry
Hanna	McKeon
Harper	McKinley
Harris	McMorris
Hartzler	Rodgers
Hastings (WA)	Meehan
Hayworth	Mica
Heck	Miller (FL)
Hensarling	Miller (MI)
Herger	Miller, Gary
Herrera Beutler	Mulvaney
Huelskamp	Murphy (PA)
Huizenga (MI)	Neugebauer
Hultgren	Noem
Hunter	Nugent
Hurt	Nunes
Issa	Nunnelee
Jenkins	Olson
Johnson (IL)	Palazzo
Johnson (OH)	Paulsen
Johnson, Sam	Pearce
Jordan	Pence
Kelly	Petri
King (IA)	Pitts
King (NY)	Platts
Kingston	Poe (TX)
Kinzinger (IL)	Pompeo
Kline	Posey
Labrador	Price (GA)
Lamborn	Quayle
Lance	Reed
Landry	Rehberg
Lankford	Reichert
Latham	Renacci
LaTourette	Ribble
Latta	Rigell
Lewis (CA)	Rivera
LoBiondo	Roby
Long	Roe (TN)
Luetkemeyer	Rogers (AL)
Lummis	Rogers (KY)
Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (MI)
E.	Rohrabacher
Mack	Rokita
Marchant	Rooney

NOES—187

Ackerman	DeLauro
Altmire	Deutch
Andrews	Dicks
Baca	Dingell
Baldwin	Doggett
Barrow	Donnelly (IN)
Bass (CA)	Doyle
Becerra	Edwards
Berkley	Ellison
Berman	Engel
Bishop (GA)	Eshoo
Bishop (NY)	Farr
Blumenauer	Fattah
Boren	Filner
Boswell	Frank (MA)
Brady (PA)	Fudge
Bralely (IA)	Garamendi
Butterfield	Green, Al
Capps	Green, Gene
Capuano	Grijalva
Cardoza	Gutierrez
Carnahan	Hanabusa
Carney	Hastings (FL)
Carson (IN)	Heinrich
Castor (FL)	Higgins
Chandler	Himes
Chu	Hinchey
Cicilline	Hinojosa
Clarke (MI)	Hirono
Clarke (NY)	Hochul
Clay	Holden
Cleaver	Holt
Clyburn	Honda
Cohen	Hoyer
Connolly (VA)	Insee
Conyers	Israel
Cooper	Jackson (IL)
Costa	Jackson Lee
Costello	(TX)
Courtney	Johnson (GA)
Critz	Johnson, E. B.
Crowley	Jones
Cuellar	Kaptur
Cummings	Keating
Davis (CA)	Kildee
Davis (IL)	Kind
DeGette	Kissell

Ros-Lehtinen	Roskam
Rossam	Ross (FL)
Royce	Royce
Ryunan	Ryan (WI)
Scalise	Schilling
Schmidt	Schmitt
Schock	Schweikert
Scott (SC)	Scott (SC)
Scott, Austin	Scott, Austin
Sensenbrenner	Sessions
Shimkus	Shuster
Simpson	Simpson
Smith (NE)	Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)	Smith (TX)
Southerland	Stearns
Stivers	Stutzman
Sullivan	Sullivan
Terry	Terry
Thompson (PA)	Thornberry
Tipton	Tipton
Turner	Turner
Upton	Upton
Walberg	Walberg
Walden	Walsh (IL)
Webster	Webster
West	West
Westmoreland	Whitfield
Wilson (SC)	Wilson (SC)
Wittman	Wittman
Wolf	Wolf
Womack	Womack
Woodall	Woodall
Yoder	Yoder
Young (AK)	Young (AK)
Young (FL)	Young (FL)
Young (IN)	Young (IN)

Quigley	Schakowsky
Rahall	Schiff
Rangel	Schrader
Reyes	Scott (VA)
Richardson	Scott, David
Richmond	Serrano
Ross (AR)	Sewell
Rothman (NJ)	Sherman
Roybal-Allard	Shuler
Ruppersberger	Sires
Rush	Slaughter
Ryan (OH)	Smith (WA)
Sanchez, Linda	Speier
T.	Stark
Sanchez, Loretta	Sutton
Sarbanes	Thompson (CA)

Thompson (MS)	Tonko
Towns	Tsongas
Van Hollen	Velázquez
Waters	Wasserman
Watt	Waxman
Weiner	Weiner
Welch	Wilson (FL)
Woolsey	Wu
Yarmuth	Yarmuth

NOT VOTING—14

Bishop (UT)	Gohmert
Brown (FL)	Gonzalez
Cantor	Lucas
DeFazio	Manzullo
Giffords	Myrick

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WESTMORELAND) (during the vote). There is 1 minute left in the vote.

□ 1526

So the resolution was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against: Ms. BROWN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 382, had I been present, I would have voted "no."

ESTABLISHING VETSTAR AWARD PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 802) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program, as amended, 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 Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 408, nays 11, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 383]

YEAS—408

Ackerman	Bishop (GA)	Capps
Adams	Bishop (NY)	Capuano
Aderholt	Bishop (UT)	Cardoza
Akin	Black	Carnahan
Alexander	Blackburn	Carney
Altmire	Blumenauer	Carson (IN)
Andrews	Bonner	Carter
Austria	Bono Mack	Cassidy
Baca	Boren	Castor (FL)
Bachmann	Boswell	Chabot
Bachus	Boustany	Chaffetz
Baldwin	Brady (PA)	Chandler
Barletta	Brady (TX)	Chu
Barrow	Bralely (IA)	Cicilline
Bartlett	Brown (FL)	Clarke (MI)
Barton (TX)	Buchanan	Clarke (NY)
Bass (CA)	Bucshon	Clay
Bass (NH)	Buerkle	Cleaver
Becerra	Burgess	Clyburn
Benishek	Burton (IN)	Coble
Berg	Butterfield	Coffman (CO)
Berkley	Calvert	Cohen
Berman	Camp	Cole
Biggert	Canseco	Conaway
Bilbray	Cantor	Connolly (VA)
Billirakis	Capito	Conyers

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Courtney
Cravaack
Crawford
Crenshaw
Critz
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis (KY)
DeFazio
DeGette
DeLauro
Denham
Dent
DesJarlais
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Dold
Donnelly (IN)
Doyle
Dreier
Duffy
Duncan (SC)
Edwards
Ellison
Ellmers
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Farenthold
Farr
Filner
Fincher
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fleming
Flores
Forbes
Fortenberry
Fox
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
Gallegly
Garamendi
Gardner
Garrett
Gerlach
Gibbs
Gibson
Gingrey (GA)
Goodlatte
Gosar
Gowdy
Granger
Graves (MO)
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grijalva
Grimm
Guinta
Guthrie
Gutierrez
Hall
Hanabusa
Hanna
Harper
Harris
Hartzler
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Heck
Heinrich
Hensarling
Henger
Herrera Beutler
Higgins
Himes
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hochul
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hoyer

Huelskamp
Huizenga (MI)
Hultgren
Hunter
Hurt
Inslee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson Lee
(TX)
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (IL)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Jordan
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly
Kildee
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kinzinger (IL)
Kissell
Kline
Kucinich
Labrador
Lamborn
Lance
Landry
Langevin
Lankford
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee (CA)
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeback
Lofgren, Zoe
Long
Lowey
Luetkemeyer
Lujan
Lummis
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Maloney
Marchant
Marino
Markey
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McCotter
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinley
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Meehan
Meeks
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Moore
Moran
Murphy (CT)
Murphy (PA)
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Neugebauer
Noem
Nugent
Nunes

Nunnelee
Olson
Olver
Owens
Palazzo
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor (AZ)
Paulsen
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Pence
Perlmutter
Peters
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pitts
Platts
Poe (TX)
Polis
Pompeo
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Quayle
Quigley
Rahall
Rangel
Reed
Rehberg
Reichert
Renacci
Reyes
Ribble
Richardson
Richmond
Rigell
Rivera
Roby
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rohrabacher
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross (AR)
Ross (FL)
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Runyan
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Sanchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schilling
Schmidt
Schock
Schradler
Schweikert
Scott (SC)
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sewell
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Southernland
Speier
Stark
Stearns
Stivers
Stutzman
Sullivan
Sutton
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)

Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tiberi
Tipton
Tonko
Towns
Visclosky
Walberg
Walden
Walsh (IL)
Waters
Watt
Waxman
Webster
Weiner
Welch
West
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (FL)
Wilson (SC)

Wittman
Wolf
Womack
Woodall
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Yoder
Young (AK)
Young (FL)
Young (IN)

NAYS—11

Amash
Brooks
Broun (GA)
Campbell
Duncan (TN)
Flake
Graves (GA)
Kingston

Mulvaney
Paul
Rokita

NOT VOTING—13

Fattah
Giffords
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Lucas
Manzullo
Myrick
Rogers (MI)
Ryan (WI)
Schwartz

Tierney
Walz (MN)
Wasserman
Schultz

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

□ 1533

Ms. BASS of California changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title was amended so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a VetStar Award Program.”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2017, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 287 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2017.

□ 1535

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2017) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, with Mr. DREIER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama.

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

It is my honor to present the fiscal year 2012 appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security.

This bill before us today, perhaps more than any other bill, exemplifies the difficult choices that need to be made in order to address our Nation's fiscal crisis.

This bill demonstrates how we can fully fund vital security programs while also reducing spending overall. Furthermore, this bill does not represent a false choice between fiscal responsibility and security. Both are national security priorities, and both are vigorously addressed in this bill.

I am under no illusion that everyone here in this Chamber will agree with the spending reductions included in this legislation; but now, more than ever, our government needs fiscal discipline, and this bill takes the necessary steps toward that goal.

The bottom line: more money and more government do not equal more security. So in this time of skyrocketing debt and persistent threats, we must get our homeland security priorities right.

The bill before us today provides \$40.6 billion in discretionary funding, or almost \$3 billion, which is 7 percent below the request, and \$1.1 billion, or almost 3 percent below the fiscal year 2011 level. In addition, the bill also includes \$1 billion in offset, emergency supplemental funding for FEMA's disaster relief fund immediately upon enactment. There are no earmarks that are set out in this bill or the accompanying report.

The bill places priority on funding our Nation's greatest security needs—fully funding all frontline personnel such as Border Patrol, CBP officers, ICE officers, Coast Guard military personnel, and Secret Service agents, and fully funding all intelligence, watchlisting, and threat targeting functions.

In addition, the bill provides funding where the administration and the Department of Homeland Security have failed. This bill makes up for the nearly \$650 million shortfall handed to us by the Department through phony, unauthorized fee collections. It is irresponsible for the administration to submit a budget based on the illusion that Congress is going to raise taxes or fees in this current economy.

This bill also addresses the wholly inadequate request for disaster relief funding and provides the resources to help our communities recover from natural disasters, like the unprecedented flooding across the Mississippi