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The Committee Report can be found [here](#), and the text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

Amendments with requested Votes:

1. **Gohmert (R-TX)**: Would increase the [National Guard Counter Drug Program](#) by \$35.956 million and cut Operation & Maintenance, Defense-wide by the same amount. According to the amendment sponsor, this amount would fund the operation of 8 UH-72 Lakota helicopters to assist with interdiction efforts on the Southern border. The National Guard Counter Drug Program is provided \$169 million in the underlying legislation.
2. **Blumenauer (D-OR)**: Increases funding for the Environmental Restoration, Formerly Used Defense Sites account by \$3.4 million. Would cut \$3.4 million from the Air Force Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation (RDTE) account that is meant for the [Long Range Standoff](#) cruise missile. This cruise missile would be the replacement for the AGM-86 Air Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM) that began development in the 1970’s. The Formerly Used Defense Sites account is already funded at \$233 million, a level that is \$25 million above the president’s budget request.
3. **Nadler (D-NY)**: Strikes [Section 8132](#) of the bill. The section struck by the amendment prohibits any funds to be used to move to decommission (other than “warm status”) any Minuteman III ICBM missile silo that currently contains a deployed missile. A warm status silo is one that could be made fully operable if a missile is deployed to the silo. The amendment sponsor says that striking this section would give the President flexibility to close missile silos. Similar language to Section 8132 was included in the House-passed NDAA.

4. [Walorski \(R-IN\)](#): This amendment prohibits any funds being used to transfer or release detainees from Guantanamo Bay to Yemen. A [similar amendment](#) in the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014 was agreed to by recorded vote of [238 to 185](#). In 2012, the House Armed Services Committee released a [report](#) on Guantanamo Bay Detainee recidivism which indicated that 27% of former Guantanamo Bay detainees have returned to engaging in terrorist or insurgent activity. More information on the Guantanamo Bay detainee issues can be found [here](#) from the House Armed Services Committee.

5. [Miller \(R-MI\)](#): This amendment prohibits funds from being used to divest, retire, transfer, or place in storage any A-10 aircraft, or to disestablish any units of the active or reserve component associated with such aircraft. The House Appropriation Committee voted 23 to 13 against an [amendment](#) that would have restored the aircraft. However, the A-10 was also authorized in the [National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015](#). Arguments on keeping the A-10 can be found [here](#) and against keeping the A-10 can be found [here](#). For additional information, please see the [Dear Colleague](#) from the amendment cosponsor.

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