



Amendments to H.R. 3354: Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018 (Rep. Calvert, R-CA) – Part I

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

H.R. 3354 is expected to be considered beginning on September 6, 2017, under a [structured rule](#).

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The Rule makes [Rules Committee Print 115-31](#) the base bill for purposes of amendment. The [Rules Committee Print](#) includes the text of Agriculture; Commerce Justice, Science; Financial Services and General Governmental; Homeland Security (with modifications reflection prior House action on border security funding); Interior; Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education; State and Foreign Operations; and Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development bills that have [passed out of the Appropriations Committee](#).

The Rule self-executes an [amendment](#) to combine the eight-bill Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act with the previously passed four-bill [H.R. 3219, the Make America Secure Appropriations Act](#), to send the Senate a consolidated 12-bill FY 2018 appropriations package.

The Rule also self-executes an [amendment](#) that eliminates a \$875.575 million rescission of unobligated balances in the Homeland Security bill for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund and to increase a rescission to the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program Account by the same amount.

The Rule provides for two hours of general debate.

The Rule generally waives all points of order against the bill with three exceptions that would be exposed to a point of order on the House floor. These exposures were requested by the Chairman of the relevant authorizing Committee under the [Arney Protocol](#). The three provisions are:

1. A [provision](#) in the Commerce, Justice, and Science bill that would have changed the statutory formula to set aside five percent of the Crime Victims Fund for grants to Indian Tribal governments.
2. A [provision](#) in the Financial Services and General Government bill relating to Federal Reserve bank holding company stress tests.
3. A [Dent Amendment](#) that would eliminate the quorum requirement for the Board of Directors for the Export-Import Bank.

The Rule makes in order 118 amendments to four divisions of the bill: Division B – Agriculture; Division E - Homeland Security; Division G – State and Foreign operations; and Division H – Transportation, Housing,

and Urban Development. Amendments to the four remaining divisions are expected to be made in order pursuant to a future rule. The Rule provides for no further consideration of the bill except subsequent to a future order of the House.

The Rule provides authority for the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee to offer amendments not earlier disposed of en bloc. The Rule provides for up to 20 pro forma amendments (strike the last word) for the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Appropriations Committee.

The Rule provides the ability for expedited consideration of legislation through the legislative day of Saturday, September 9, 2017. The Rule waives clause 6(a) of Rule XIII which otherwise requires a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Rules Committee on the same day in which it is reported (sometimes referred to as a “martial law” waiver). The Rule also provides the authority to consider motions to suspend the rules.

Further amendments made in order will be summarized in additional Legislative Bulletins as they become available.

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Amendments to Division B: Agriculture

1. [Curbelo \(R-FL\)](#): Would increase Agricultural Research Service Salaries and Expenses by \$1.5 million and would decrease USDA Departmental Administration by \$1.5 million.
2. [Graves \(R-LA\)](#): Would increase Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service contingency fund by \$400,000 and would decrease USDA Departmental Administration by \$400,000. The APHIS funding would be available until expended.
3. [Soto \(D-FL\)](#): Would increase Animal and Plant Health and Inspection Service by \$1 million for specialty crop pests and would decrease the USDA Office of the Chief Economist by \$1 million. The APHIS funding would be available until expended.
4. [Bera \(D-CA\)](#): Would increase Watershed And Flood Prevention Operations by \$1 million and would decrease the USDA General Counsel by \$2 million. The watershed funding would be available until expended.
5. [Mast \(R-FL\)](#): Would increase Natural Resource Conservation Service by \$5.563 million and would decrease National Agricultural Statistics Service by \$5.563 million.
6. [Mast \(R-FL\)](#): Would increase National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Research and Education Activities by \$2 million and would decrease Agricultural Marketing Services by \$2 million.
7. [Nolan \(D-MN\)](#): Would increase funding for the subsidy costs of broadband loans under the Rural Electrification Act by \$479,000 and would decrease Rural Development Salaries and Expenses by \$479,000.

8. [Mast \(R-FL\)](#): Would increase FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition by \$1.5 million and would decrease National Center for Toxicological Research by \$1.5 million.
9. [Young \(R-IA\)](#): Would strike the provision in the underlying bill that would prohibit the use of funds to purchase, produce, or defray the costs of purchase or production of, or develop, facilitate, expedite, or expand production of, an alternative fuel for the Department of Defense.

Many conservatives may be concerned that this amendment would allow wasteful spending not only by the Department of Agriculture but also by the Department of Defense. The Navy had entered into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture pursuant to a [directive](#) issued by President Obama in 2011. According to the [GAO](#), the DOD has spent \$150 per gallon on certain biofuels. The [Heritage Foundation](#) has recently written that the Trump “Administration should ensure that the military’s resources advance American military capability instead of a political agenda.”

10. [Cicilline \(D-CT\)](#): Would strike the provision in the underlying bill that would prohibit funds for the [National Ocean Policy](#) under President Obama’s Executive Order 13547.

The National Ocean Policy was established by an Executive Order that mandates new priorities for all federal agencies to follow when issuing permits or authorizing activities that might affect ocean quality – including inland activities. In addition to creating a further level of bureaucracy without statutory authorization, these policies would create more uncertainty for inland businesses, mandating where activities can and cannot occur in the ocean and coastal zones, could over-ride local and state zoning authorities, and will lead to litigation attempting to stop or needlessly delay Federally-permitted activities.

11. [Francis Rooney \(R-FL\)](#): Would prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce [President Obama’s Executive Order](#) which encourages the use of project labor agreements in federal contracts.

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12. [Gaetz \(R-FL\)](#): Would prohibit the use of funds to implement, enforce, or administer any project labor agreement.

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13. [Jackson-Lee \(D-TX\)](#): Would increase National Institute of Food and Agriculture Research and Education Activities by \$500,000 and would decrease the USDA Chief Information officer by \$500,000.

14. [Davis \(R-IL\)](#): Would the use of to revoke exceptions made pursuant to the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration’s (GIPSA) rule entitled "Exceptions to Geographic Areas for Official Agencies Under the USGSA" on a date before April 14, 2017.

15. [King \(R-IA\)](#): Would prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires union wages to be paid for government contracting jobs, which

drives up costs for taxpayers and kills jobs. As stated in the [RSC Budget](#), “Removing this job-killing requirement would increase job creation and allow taxpayer dollars to go further for infrastructure projects. This commonsense policy would save taxpayers billions of dollars, according to CBO.”

16. [Hartzler \(R-MO\)](#): Would prohibit the USDA from using funds to implement the Paid Lunch Equity provision in the National School Lunch Act.

According to the amendment sponsor, the “2010 Healthy & Hunger Free Kids Act required local schools to raise prices of school lunches to a certain threshold (\$2.70) following a complicated PLE formula... Past approps bills have included language providing a waiver of the PLE provision to schools operating in the black... [the] Hartzler Amendment repeals this complicated formula and returns control of school lunch pricing to local schools.”

17. [Carter \(R-GA\)](#): Would prohibit funds to implement the “Draft Memorandum of Understanding Addressing Certain Distributions of Compounded Human Drug Products Between the State of [Insert State] and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.”
18. [King \(R-IA\)](#): Would require all new hires funded by the bill to be verified by the E-Verify system.
19. [Moore \(D-WI\)](#): Would prohibit funds to be used in contravention of a [provision of law](#) that prohibits “physical segregation of or other discrimination against any child eligible for a free lunch or a reduced price lunch under this subsection shall be made by the school nor shall there be 2 any overt identification of any child by special tokens or tickets, announced or published lists of names, or by other means” and [regulations](#) prohibiting discrimination for beneficiaries of the free and reduced price meals programs.
20. [Soto \(D-FL\)](#): Would increase the Grassroots Source Water Protection Program by \$500,000 and would decrease the USDA Office of Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations by \$600,000.

Amendments to Division H: Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development

21. [Lipinski \(D-IL\)](#): Would increase National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Operations And Research by \$9 million and would decrease DOT Office of the Secretary by \$9 million.
22. [Mitchell \(R-MI\)](#): Would reduce the administrative accounts for the DOT and HUD by ten percent, saving a total of \$157 million.
23. [DeSaulnier \(D-CA\)](#): Would increase DOT Research and Technology by \$15 million and would decrease DOT Office of the Secretary by \$15 million.
24. [Hanabusa \(D-HI\)](#): Would increase grants to small shipyards by \$7 million and would decrease DOT Office of the Secretary by \$7 million. The assistance to small shipyards account is provided \$3 million in the underlying bill, meaning the amendment would more than double the amount appropriated. The funds would remain available until expended.
25. [McClintock \(R-CA\)](#): Would eliminate the \$150 million in discretionary appropriations for the Essential Air Service.

The [RSC Budget](#) would eliminate the EAS, noting “This program heavily subsidizes flights to and from rural areas—often at a cost of several hundred dollars per passenger. Congress has debated eliminating this program for years. The federal government should not be borrowing money to provide air service to areas of the country where the market will not support it.”

Key Vote Yes: [Heritage Action](#)

26. [Kildee \(D-MI\)](#): Would increase the HOME Investment Partnerships Program by \$100 million and would decrease the amount appropriated for air traffic control by \$100 million.

The [RSC Budget](#) and President Trump's budget would both eliminate the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The program provides federal funding to state and local governments to engage in a wide variety of housing development activities.

27. [Torres \(D-CA\)](#): Is meant to express Congressional intent that \$12 million of the Federal Aid Highway Program should be used for "the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) Demonstration program".
28. [Woodall \(R-GA\)](#): Would strike provisos related to a rescission of apportioned but unobligated balances in the Highway Trust Fund with the intention of providing additional flexibility to states.
29. [Napolitano \(D-CA\)](#): Would strike a provision in the underlying bill that retroactively preempts states from prohibiting employees of motor carriers (truck drivers) from "working to the full extent permitted or at such times as permitted" under federal law.
30. [Lowey \(D-NY\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of Railroad Research And Development should be used for "medical fitness standards for critical safety personnel on interstate railways."
31. [Nolan \(D-MN\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$500 million of the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair grants should be used for some purpose to be announced by the member offering the amendment. The underlying bill provides \$500 million for this program.
32. [Budd \(R-NC\)](#): Would eliminates a \$900 million [earmark](#) for the Gateway Project upgrade of an Amtrak rail line between Newark and New York City by increasing funding for national New Starts Projects by \$400 million and applying savings from the elimination of the TIGER Grant program to deficit reduction.

The Gateway project is a \$29.5 billion tunnel, bridge and infrastructure upgrade led by Amtrak to improve passenger rail service between Newark and New York City. The bill includes at least a \$900 million allocation for this project. About half of the \$900 million can be linked with the elimination of the TIGER grant program, the funds for which are moved to the State of Good Repair Account by the bill. The other half of the allocation comes from allocating 100 percent of the New Start dollars for new projects in the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) account to the Gateway Project.

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33. [Brooks \(R-AL\)](#): Would eliminate Amtrak's National Network Grants, saving \$1.1 billion.

The [RSC Budget](#) would defund Amtrak, stating "The federal government has subsidized the National Railroad Passenger Corporation - better known as Amtrak - since it was created by Congress in 1970. The railroad service is a notoriously poor fiscal manager, losing \$72 million on food and beverage service alone in 2012. But Amtrak has no incentive to improve its performance if it is able to count on the taxpayers for a bailout each year. The federal government should not force taxpayers to subsidize Amtrak, which should be privatized."

34. [Torres \(D-CA\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$10 million of Transit Formula Grants should be used for “the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning.”
35. [Nolan \(D-MN\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$659,641,149 of the Capital Investment Grants should be used for some purpose to be announced by the member offering the amendment.
36. [Soto \(D-FL\)](#): Would increase Small Starts Capital Investment Grants by \$48 million and would decrease Joint Public Transportation and Intercity Passenger Rail Projects by \$48 million.
37. [Carbajal \(D-CA\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of Pipeline Safety funding should be used for “PHMSA for the finalization of an automatic valve shut-off safety rule.”
38. [Rosen \(D-NV\)](#): Would increase the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation by \$35 million and would decrease HUD Administrative Support Offices by \$47 million.
39. [Grothman \(R-WI\)](#): Would cut renewals of Section 8 tenant based housing by \$177.363 million.
40. [Velazquez \(D-NY\)](#): Would increase the Public Housing Capital Fund by \$2 million and would decrease the Information Technology Fund by \$2 million.

The [RSC Budget](#) would decrease funding for the Public Housing Capital Fund.

41. [Tenney \(R-NY\)](#): Would increase the Community Development Block Grant by \$10 million and would decrease the Public Housing Operating Fund by \$10 million.

The [RSC Budget](#) would eliminate both programs.

42. [Nadler \(D-NY\)](#): Would increase the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program by \$19 million and would decrease the Information Technology Fund by \$19 million.
43. [Knight \(R-CA\)](#): Would increase the Community Development Block Grant by \$100 million and would decrease the Information Technology Fund by \$100 million. The underlying bill provides \$150 million for the Information Technology Fund.

The [RSC Budget](#), the House Republican Budget, and the President’s budget would all eliminate the CDBG.

44. [Courtney \(D-CT\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of Community Development Block Grant should be used “to examine the application of grant funds to mitigating and remediating the effects of pyrrhotite-related residential damage.”
45. [DeSaulnier \(D-CA\)](#): Would increase Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing program by \$5 million and would decrease FHA administrative expenses by \$5 million.
46. [Grothman \(R-WI\)](#): Would reduce project based rental assistance by \$266 million.

Key Vote Yes: [Heritage Action](#)

47. [Soto \(D-FL\)](#): Would increase Housing for the Elderly by \$2.5 million and would decrease HUD Research and Technology by \$2.5 million.

48. [Stivers \(R-OH\)](#): Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$28.375 million of Fair Housing Activities should be used for “for Administrative Enforcement Initiative by reducing funding from Private Enforcement Initiative.”
49. [Thompson \(R-PA\)](#): Would prohibit funds to collect tolls on Interstate 80 in Pennsylvania.
50. [Francis Rooney \(R-FL\)](#): Would prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce [President Obama’s Executive Order](#) which encourages the use of project labor agreements in federal contracts.

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51. [King \(R-IA\)](#): Would prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires union wages to be paid for government contracting jobs, which drives up costs for taxpayers and kills jobs. As stated in the [RSC Budget](#), “Removing this job-killing requirement would increase job creation and allow taxpayer dollars to go further for infrastructure projects. This commonsense policy would save taxpayers billions of dollars, according to CBO.”

52. [Jackson-Lee \(D-TX\)](#): Would prohibit funds in contravention of the [authorizing law](#) governing fixed guideway capital investment grants (New Starts).
53. [Herrera-Buetler \(R-WA\)](#): Would prohibit funds to collect tolls on Interstate 5 or Interstate 205 in Oregon or Washington.
54. [Grothman \(R-WI\)](#): Would reduce funding provided by the bill for HUD by 2 percent across the board.
55. [Barr \(R-KY\)](#): Would prohibit funding for HUD rules related to manufactured housing: 1) “On-Site Completion of Construction of Manufactured Homes”; 2) “Interpretative Bulletin for Model Manufactured Home Installation Standards Foundation requirements in Freezing Temperature Areas Under CFR 3285.312(b)”; and 3) any implementation of the June 2014 memorandum titled “Construction of On-Site Installation of Add-Ons, such as an Attached Garage.”

According to the amendment sponsor, “HUD has expanded regulatory programs to interfere with traditionally state functions, reinterpret regulations to the detriment of long standing and accepted building practices, and implement regulations and guidelines that unnecessarily limit consumer choice and increase costs.”

56. [Smith \(R-MO\)](#): Would prohibit funds to be used in contravention of a [provision](#) of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 that prohibits government officials from sending or receiving information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual.
57. [Perry \(R-PA\)](#): Would prohibit funds for the proposed “Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; Speed Limiting Devices”.
58. [Babin \(R-TX\)](#): Would prohibit funds to implement or enforce DOT [Electronic Logging Device](#) mandates.

A Dear Colleague from the amendment sponsor can be found [here](#). The amendment is supported by Agricultural Retailers Association, American Farm Bureau Federation, American Pyrotechnics Association, Associated Equipment Distributors, Lucas Oil, Mid-West Truckers Association, National Aquaculture Association, National Association of Small Trucking Companies, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, National Cotton Council, National Grain and Feed Association, National Ground Water Association, National Hay Association, National Motorists Association, National Pork Producers Council, National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, New England Fuel Institute, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association, Petroleum Marketers Association of America, Precast/PreStressed Concrete Institute, SikhsPAC,, Towing and Recovery Association of America, and Southern Pressure Treaters' Association. The American Trucking Association opposes the amendment.

59. [King \(R-IA\)](#): This amendment would prevent funds from being used for new employees who have not been verified by [E-Verify](#).

60. [Nolan \(D-MN\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$10 million from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to the [Small Community Air Service Development](#) program under the Federal Aviation Administration. The program provides airports in rural communities with grant subsidies.

Amendments to Division E: Homeland Security

61. [Keating \(D-MA\)](#): This amendment would increase funding for FEMA's National Predisaster Mitigation Fund by \$7 million and would decrease DHS Operations and Support by \$7 million.

62. [Swalwell \(D-CA\)](#), [Fitzpatrick \(R-PA\)](#): This amendment would increase the Transportation Security Administration's Research and Development account by \$10 million. The funds would be used to conduct testing of technology to detect intrusions on airport perimeters. The funds would be offset by a reduction in the Secretary and Executive Management account of DHS.

63. [Grisham \(D-NM\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million is to fund a DHS Office of the Secretary study on the conditions of private detention centers and their treatment of detainees.

64. [Grisham \(D-NM\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$5 million to the [Urban Areas Security Initiative](#) under DHS, which provides grants to prevent and respond to terrorism in urban areas. The funds would be offset by a reduction in the Secretary and Executive Management Operations and Support account of DHS.

65. [Higgins \(D-NM\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$1 million to the [Domestic Nuclear Detection Office](#) to address training and equipment for radiological and nuclear detection by state and local law enforcement and would reduce DHS Operations and Support by \$1 million.

66. [Jayapal \(D-WA\)](#): This amendment would cut \$535 million from ICE. It would also add \$30 million to the Office of the Inspector General within ICE and \$10 million to the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties within ICE.

67. [Delaney \(D-MD\)](#), [Donovan \(R-NY\)](#): This amendment would provide \$76.4 million to fund the [National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center](#), [Chemical Security Analysis Center](#), and the [National Urban Security Technology Laboratory](#). The funds are offset by a reduction in the Management Directorate, Operations, and Support account.

68. [Bilirakis \(R-FL\)](#): This amendment would provide \$5 million for the [Visa Security Program](#) to build 2 Visa Security Posts in high risk areas and would reduce DHS Operations and Support by \$5 million.
69. [Pascrell \(D-NJ\)](#): This amendment would provide \$1 million for the [State Fire Training Assistance Grant Program](#). The funds are offset by a reduction in the DHS Management Directorate, Operations and Support account.
70. [Fitzpatrick \(R-PA\)](#): This amendment would provide an additional \$25.6 million to the Office of the Inspector General to rectify fraud, waste and abuse. The amendment would also reduce financial systems modernization by \$33 million.
71. [Castro \(D-TX\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional support for an increase funding for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's [Camera Technology Initiative](#).
72. [Kildee \(D-MI\)](#): This amendment would provide \$20 million for the [Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response](#) (SAFER) grant program and would reduce Customs and Border Protection by \$20 million.
73. [Correa \(D-CA\)](#): This amendment would provide \$10 million for the U.S. Customs and Border Protections for [canine teams](#) to prevent drug interdiction. The funds are offset by a reduction in the ICE Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) account.
74. [Roybal-Allard \(D-CA\)](#): This amendment would reduce funds by \$849.5 million for the ICE Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) account. The funds would be used to fund a new polar icebreaker for the U.S. Coast Guard.
75. [Castro \(D-TX\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional support for \$10 million for ICE to implement body cameras.
76. [Correa \(D-CA\)](#): This amendment would reduce funds by \$100 million for the ICE Operations and Support (Enforcement and Removal Operations) account. The funds would be used to increase funding for the cutters for drug interdiction under the U.S. Coast Guard.
77. [Hunter \(R-CA\)](#): This amendment would transfer \$5 million to fund the Coast Guard's Icebreaker sea trials from the Coast Guard's Operations Expenses.
78. [Torres D-CA](#) This amendment would remove the authority of the secretary of DHS to reprogram or transfer funds to detain aliens who have been prioritized for deportation.
79. [Latta \(R-OH\)](#) – Is intended to express Congressional intent to allow the Department of Homeland Security's National Programs and Protection Directorate to use funds allocated through the legislation to partner with rental car agencies in order to improve background checks and assist in preventing terrorist threats.
80. [King \(R-IA\)](#) – Would prohibit funds from being used to administer, implement or enforce the [Davis-Bacon Act](#) pertaining to local prevailing wages.

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81. [Castro \(D-TX\)](#) – Would prohibit funds for contracts with privatized immigration detention facilities.

82. [Torres](#) (D-CA) – Would prohibit funds from being used to violate [section 235\(B\) of the Immigration and Nationality Act](#), regarding procedures for asylum application.

83. [Gaetz](#) (R-FL) – Would prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce project labor agreements under [subsection \(e\) or \(f\) of section 8 of the National Labor Relations Act](#).

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84. [Jayapal](#) (D-WA) – Would prohibit funds from being used to construct or expand detention facilities.

85. [Zeldin](#) (R-NY) – Would lift the ban on striped bass fishing within the Block Island Transit Zone.

86. [Maloney](#) (D-NY) – Would prevent funds from being used to create anchorages on the Hudson River between Yonkers, NY and Kingston, NY.

87. [Rooney](#) (R-FL) – Would prohibit funds from being used to implement the Obama-era [Executive Order 13502](#) which [encourages](#) the government to use government-mandated project labor agreements for projects that are in excess of \$25 million.

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88. [King](#) (R-IA) – Would prohibit funds from being used for new hires that have not first been checked through the E-Verify program.

89. [Jackson Lee](#) (D-TX) – Would prevent funds from being used to limit the discretion of the Homeland Security Secretary in [choosing to increase the use of Federal air marshals](#) on DHS designated high-risk inbound international flights.

Amendments to Division G: State and Foreign Operations

90. [Lowey](#) (D-NY) – Is intended to express Congressional intent that \$10 million for funding for Diplomatic Policy and Support within the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account be focused on the [deportation status of Jakiw Palij](#), a suspected Nazi guard.

91. [Rothfus](#) (R-PA) – Would transfer \$30 million from the Fulbright Program to the International Narcotics Control and Law Enforcement Account.

92. [Scott](#) (R-GA) – Would reduce the appropriation for contributions to International Organizations by \$10 million and increase the appropriation for Western Hemisphere Regional Cooperation by the same amount.

93. [Mitchell](#) (R-MI) – Would prohibit funds from being used to attend the Canadian Water Resources Association’s National 2018 Conference, “Our Common Water Future: Building Resilience through Innovation”.

94. [Buck](#) (R-CO) – Would defund the U.S. Institute of Peace and would transfer the funds (\$35,300,000) to the spending reduction account.

The [RSC Budget](#) and the President's budget would eliminate this program.

95. [Engel \(D-NY\)](#) – Would increase funds to USAID's global health programs by \$209 million, which would increase funding for bilateral TB assistance to \$450 million.

96. [Frankel \(D-FL\)](#) – Would increase funding for the Economic Support Fund by \$8.5 million and would reduce funding for International Narcotics Control And Law Enforcement by \$8.5 million.

97. [Hastings \(D-FL\)](#) – Would provide \$12 million in funding for programs benefitting the Ethiopian-Israeli community, and decreases funds for the President to carry out provisions of section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act by \$81,600,000.

98. [Hastings \(D-FL\)](#) – Would provide \$20 million for psychosocial support programs for ISIS persecuted religious and ethnic minorities and decreases funds for the President to carry out provisions of section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act by \$72,600,000.

[99. Rep. Grothman \(R-WI\)](#) -- This amendment would reduce the amount appropriated for the Economic Support Fund by \$12 million. The ESF provides economic assistance to advance U.S. political and strategic goals in certain countries, like Iraq and Israel.

[100. Rep. Valadao \(D-CA\)](#) -- This amendment is intended to express Congressional support for continued funding for [de-mining projects in Nagorno-Karabakh, Azerbaijan](#).

[101. Rep. Donovan \(D-NY\)](#) -- This amendment would increase funding for the [US African Development Foundation](#) by \$15 million and would reduce funding for the African Development Bank by \$15 million.

[102. Rep. Lynch \(D-MA\)](#) -- This amendment would increase funding for the [Department of the Treasury International Affairs Technical Assistance](#), which helps finance ministries and central banks in developing countries, by \$4,545,000 and decreases funds for the President to carry out provisions of section 23 of the Arms Export Control Act by \$4.454 million.

[103. Rep. Foster \(D-IL\)](#) -- This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$10 million of the Nonproliferation, Anti-terrorism, Demining, and Related Programs (NADR) account is to be used for the [Synchrotron-Light for Experimental Science and Applications](#) project in order to promote scientific diplomacy and peace in the Middle East.

[104. Rep. Budd \(R-NC\)](#) – This amendment would prevent funds from being used to honor the families of individuals engaged or connected to terrorist activity.

[105. Rep. Torres \(D-CA\)](#) – This amendment would exempt certain assistance for Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador from the withholding requirements outlined in the bill that would require the Secretary of State to certify that the governments are combating human trafficking, informing citizens of the dangers of attempting to cross into the United States illegally, cooperating with the U.S. for the return of illegal immigrants, and combating corruption before all funds can be provided.

[106. Rep. Trott \(R-MI\)](#) – This amendment would prohibit the use of State Department funds to close or merge the [Office of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom](#).

[107. Rep. Trott \(R-MI\)](#) – This amendment would prohibit the use of State Department Funds to close or merge the Office of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom in the Near East and South Central Asia.

[108. Rep. Trott \(R-MI\)](#) -- This amendment would prohibit the use of State Department Funds to close or merge the [Office of International Religious Freedom](#).

109. Rep. Schneider (D-IL) – This amendment would prohibit the use of State Department funds from being used to close or merge the [Office of the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism](#). The State Department [recently closed](#) this office and it is [unclear whether the Trump administration will name a special envoy](#).

[110. Rep. Ros-Lehtinen \(R-FL\)](#) – This amendment would prohibit funds from being used to make any U.S. contributions to the [UN Human Rights Council](#), the [UN Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights](#), and the [UN Relief and Works Agency](#).

[111. Rep. Lieu \(D-CA\)](#) – This amendment would prohibit State Department funds from being used to close or merge the [Office of Global Criminal Justice](#). [Press reports](#) indicate that Secretary Tillerson plans to close the office.

[112. Rep. King \(R-IA\)](#) – This amendment would ensure that no funds are used to implement, administer, or enforce the Davis-Bacon Act.

The Davis-Bacon Act requires union wages to be paid for government contracting jobs, which drives up costs for taxpayers and kills jobs. As stated in the [RSC Budget](#), “Removing this job-killing requirement would increase job creation and allow taxpayer dollars to go further for infrastructure projects. This commonsense policy would save taxpayers billions of dollars, according to CBO.”

[113. Rep. Gaetz \(R-FL\)](#) – This amendment would ensure that no funds are given to schools in Palestine that are named after terrorists.

[114. Rep. Gaetz \(R-FL\)](#) – This amendment would prevent funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce [project labor agreements](#).

Many conservatives have pointed out the problems with PLAs. As stated in the [RSC Budget](#), “When projects cost more than necessary as a result of union-friendly regulatory requirements, taxpayers and commuters are harmed.”

[115. Rep. DeSantis \(R-FL\)](#) -- This amendment would prevent funds from being awarded to [Islamic Relief Worldwide](#).

[116. Rep. Brat \(R-VA\)](#) – This amendment would eliminate the Office of the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

[117. Rep. Meeks \(D-NY\)](#) – This amendment would ensure that no funds could be used to reduce the number of fellows in the [Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program](#), the [Thomas Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program](#), or the [Donald M. Payne International Development Fellowship Program](#).

[118. Rep. King \(R-IA\)](#) – This amendment would ensure that funds may not be used on new hires that have not been verified through e-verify, except for employees compensated under a local compensation plan established under the Foreign Service Act. E-verify is a free, Internet-based system that compares information from an employee’s Form I-9 Employment Eligibility and Verification to data from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Social Security Administration records to confirm employment eligibility.

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