

Gallely	Luján	Rodriguez	Pallone	Schakowsky	Van Hollen
Garamendi	Lummis	Roe (TN)	Payne	Serrano	Velázquez
Garrett (NJ)	Lungren, Daniel	Rogers (AL)	Price (NC)	Sherman	Visclosky
Gerlach	E.	Rogers (KY)	Quigley	Sires	Wasserman
Giffords	Mack	Rogers (MI)	Rangel	Slaughter	Schultz
Gohmert	Maffei	Rohrabacher	Richardson	Speier	Waters
Goodlatte	Manzullo	Rooney	Rothman (NJ)	Stark	Watt
Gordon (TN)	Marchant	Ros-Lehtinen	Roybal-Allard	Thompson (MS)	Waxman
Granger	Markey (CO)	Roskam	Sánchez, Linda	Tierney	Weiner
Graves (GA)	Marshall	Ross	T.	Tonko	Woolsey
Graves (MO)	Matheson	Royce	Sanchez, Loretta	Towns	Yarmuth
Grayson	McCarthy (CA)	Ruppersberger	Sarbanes	Tsongas	
Green, Al	McCaul	Rush			
Green, Gene	McClintock	Ryan (OH)			
Griffith	McCotter	Ryan (WI)	Akin	Hall (TX)	Tiahrt
Guthrie	McHenry	Salazar	Andrews	Hoekstra	Wamp
Halvorson	McIntyre	Scalise	Fallin	Lewis (GA)	Watson
Hare	McKeon	Schauer	Gingrey (GA)	Neugebauer	Young (FL)
Harper	McMorris	Schiff			
Hastings (WA)	Rodgers	Schmidt			
Heinrich	McNerney	Schock			
Heller	Meek (FL)	Schrader			
Hensarling	Melancon	Schwartz			
Herger	Mica	Scott (GA)			
Herseth Sandlin	Michaud	Scott (VA)			
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Sensenbrenner			
Hill	Miller (MI)	Sessions			
Hinchey	Miller (NC)	Sestak			
Hinojosa	Miller, Gary	Shadegg			
Hodes	Minnick	Shea-Porter			
Holden	Mitchell	Shimkus			
Hoyer	Mollohan	Shuler			
Hunter	Moore (KS)	Shuster			
Inglis	Moore (WI)	Simpson			
Inslee	Moran (KS)	Skelton			
Issa	Murphy (NY)	Smith (NE)			
Jenkins	Murphy, Patrick	Smith (NJ)			
Johnson (GA)	Murphy, Tim	Smith (TX)			
Johnson (IL)	Myrick	Smith (WA)			
Johnson, Sam	Nunes	Snyder			
Jones	Nye	Space			
Jordan (OH)	Oberstar	Spratt			
Kagen	Obey	Stearns			
Kanjorski	Olson	Stupak			
Kaptur	Ortiz	Sullivan			
Kildee	Owens	Sutton			
Kind	Pascrell	Tanner			
King (IA)	Pastor (AZ)	Taylor			
King (NY)	Paul	Teague			
Kingston	Paulsen	Terry			
Kirk	Pence	Thompson (CA)			
Kirkpatrick (AZ)	Perlmutter	Thompson (PA)			
Kissell	Perriello	Thornberry			
Kline (MN)	Peters	Tiberi			
Kosmas	Peterson	Titus			
Kratovil	Petri	Turner			
Lamborn	Pingree (ME)	Upton			
Lance	Pitts	Walden			
Larsen (WA)	Platts	Walz			
Latham	Poe (TX)	Welch			
LaTourette	Polis (CO)	Westmoreland			
Latta	Pomeroy	Whitfield			
Lee (NY)	Posey	Wilson (OH)			
Lewis (CA)	Price (GA)	Wilson (SC)			
Linder	Putnam	Wittman			
Lipinski	Radanovich	Wolf			
LoBiondo	Rahall	Wu			
Loebsock	Rehberg	Reyes			
Lucas	Reichert				
Luetkemeyer	Reyes				

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Ackerman	Djou	Kilpatrick (MI)
Baird	Doyle	Kilroy
Baldwin	Edwards (MD)	Klein (FL)
Becerra	Ellison	Kucinich
Berman	Engel	Langevin
Berry	Eshoo	Larson (CT)
Bishop (NY)	Farr	Lee (CA)
Blumenauer	Fattah	Levin
Brady (PA)	Filner	Lofgren, Zoe
Brown, Corrine	Frank (MA)	Lowey
Butterfield	Fudge	Lynch
Capps	Gonzalez	Maloney
Capuano	Grijalva	Markey (MA)
Castor (FL)	Gutierrez	Matsui
Chu	Hall (NY)	McCarthy (NY)
Clarke	Harman	McCollum
Clay	Hastings (FL)	McDermott
Cleaver	Himes	McGovern
Cohen	Hirono	McMahon
Crowley	Holt	Meeks (NY)
Cummings	Honda	Miller, George
Davis (CA)	Israel	Moran (VA)
Davis (IL)	Jackson (IL)	Murphy (CT)
DeGette	Jackson Lee	Nadler (NY)
Delahunt	(TX)	Napolitano
DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Neal (MA)
Deutch	Kennedy	Oliver

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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. 5822) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes, with Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland 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 Texas (Mr. EDWARDS) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CRENSHAW) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Madam Chair, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Chair, it's a privilege for me to present the fiscal year 2011 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill. I believe this bill and the work we have done since January of 2007 is a work all of us can be very proud of.

In this time of war, we have continued our tradition of a bipartisan Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriation bill. It has honored in a meaningful way the service and sacrifice of our servicemen and -women, our veterans and their families.

With passage of this fiscal year 2011 bill, the Congress will have increased veterans health care and benefits funding by 70 percent in the last 3½ years. In addition, we have funded a new 21st century GI education bill that 510,000 servicemen and -women, veterans, and military children have used to further their education. This is an unprecedented increase in Congress' commitment to veterans.

In our book, our veterans have earned every dime of this funding. We have, among other things, increased by 10,200 the number of permanent claims processors in the VA to reduce VA case backlogs, provided an additional 145 community-based outpatient clinics, built 92 new vet centers. This bill will add 30 mobile vet centers to serve rural communities. It allowed the Veterans Health Administration to hire an additional 18,000 new doctors and nurses.

These resources mean that our veterans have better access to the health care they need and deserve, including improved access in rural areas, increased access for VA health care for low- and middle-income vets. Additionally, these resources ensure that our veterans receive, on a more timely basis, the services and benefits that they have earned.

We have also worked hard to make sure that our military knows that the Congress respects the sacrifices that they and their families have made each and every day to keep our great Nation safe. We have heard time and time again in testimony that the best support we can give our military when

NOT VOTING—12

Akin	Hall (TX)	Tiahrt
Andrews	Hoekstra	Wamp
Fallin	Lewis (GA)	Watson
Gingrey (GA)	Neugebauer	Young (FL)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Messrs. JACKSON of Illinois and TONKO changed their votes from "yea" to "nay."

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.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, on July 28, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 476, 477, 478, and 479.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 476; "yes" on rollcall 477; "yes" on rollcall 478; and "yes" on rollcall 479.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 1548

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name as a cosponsor of H. RES. 1548.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from the Northern Mariana Islands?

There was no objection.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. EDWARDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 5822.

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

There was no objection.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2011

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1559 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. 5822.