
*****Vote Alert: Vote No on the Defense Appropriations Package*****

The Center for Fiscal Accountability WILL RATE A VOTE AGAINST the Defense Appropriations Package

The Center for Fiscal Accountability urges all Members of the United States House of Representatives to vote NO on the Defense Appropriations package under consideration today.

The package allocates \$636 billion for defense spending, containing nearly 800 earmarks to the tune of \$2.65 billion. While the overall funding level increase in this legislation amounts to less than 4 percent representing one of the lowest increases in comparison to other spending bills, the package now contains a multitude of extraneous provisions unrelated to troop funding.

Cobbled together at the last minute behind closed doors and not made available until late last night, the package delves into areas that are far outside the scope of the bill and extends the Patriot Act, small business loans, doc fix, the surface transportation authorization, unemployment insurance and COBRA.

Not only do these provisions have no place in a defense appropriations, bill, provisions like extension of unemployment benefits create a possible disincentive for individuals to find work, and continue to penalize low-tax productive states while rewarding states that have saddled their taxpayers with high taxes and regulations driving up the cost of doing business.

Taxpayers deserve better - vote NO on the DOD appropriations package!

The Center for Fiscal Accountability WILL RATE a vote against the Defense Appropriations Package in our annual Congressional Ratings.