

Fiscal 2025 Defense Authorization (H.R.8070) - House Passage

Vote (**216-196**)

On Passage: H R 8070 Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025

Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$883.7 billion in total defense spending for fiscal 2025. The bill would authorize a 4.5 percent increase in military basic pay and recommend an additional 15 percent raise for junior enlisted personnel (E1-E4); authorize the Pentagon to reimburse servicemembers for all their off base housing costs; and require the basic needs allowance to ensure no servicemember's salary drops below 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

On procurement issues, the bill would reduce the requested 68 F-35 fighter jets to 58, netting about \$1 billion in savings. That money would be redirected to efforts to address deficiencies in the aircraft and its support systems. The measure would prohibit the dismantling of B83-1 nuclear bombs and would bar any reduction in the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads. It also would bar retirements of F-15E fighter jets, pending submission of a study on aircraft requirements.

The bill would authorize the end strengths for active and reserve armed services and \$17.5 billion for military construction and housing projects. The measure would extend restrictions on closing the U.S. military-run detention center at the U.S. Naval Station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and on moving detainees from that facility stateside or to certain foreign countries. The bill also would bar construction or modification of prisons to hold the prisoners in the continental United States.

The measure also would extend through fiscal 2025 the authorization for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, which is a program to consolidate and focus U.S. military efforts to deter China in the Indo-Pacific region.

As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds for programs related to critical race theory and diversity, equity and inclusion. It also would rescind a DOD policy on abortions and reproductive healthcare.

As amended, the bill would prohibit TRICARE from covering, and the DOD from furnishing, gender transition surgeries and gender hormone treatments for individuals who identify as transgender.

It would also prohibit the provision of gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, through the Exceptional Family Medical Program.

Passed by a vote of 217 - 199:

- Republicans 211-3
- Democrats 6-196

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Prohibit EFMP Provision of Gender Transition Procedures (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**217-202**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 29 to H R 8070

Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 53 that would prohibit the provision of gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, through the Exceptional Family Medical Program.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 218 - 205:

- Republicans 217-1
- Democrats 1-204

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Eliminate Approval for Flag Display (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**216-203**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 25 to H R 8070

Mills, R-Fla., amendment no. 49 that would eliminate a provision under current law that allows the military chain of command or civilian military leadership to approve a flag to be displayed at Defense Department properties.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 217 - 206:

- Republicans 217-1
- Democrats 0-205

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Prohibit Funding for Countering Extremist Activity Working Group (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**214-203**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 24 to H R 8070

Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 48 that would prohibit funding for the Defense Department's Countering Extremist Activity Working Group or to implement any of the group's recommendations.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 215 - 206:

- Republicans 215-1
- Democrats 0-205

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Prohibit Certain Gender-Related Material From Schools (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**220-199**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 22 to H R 8070

Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 46 that would prohibit funds authorized or made available in fiscal 2025 or any fiscal year thereafter under the bill for the Defense Department Education Activity to purchase, display or maintain material in a school or classroom that promotes radical gender ideology or pornographic content.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 221 - 202:

- Republicans 218-0
- Democrats 3-202

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Prohibit Funds to NewsGuard Technologies, Inc. or Disinformation Index, Ltd.
(H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**217-203**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 21 to H R 8070

Williams, R-Texas, amendment no. 45 that would prohibit funds authorized or made available in fiscal 2025 under the bill to be used to contract with or grants awards to NewsGuard Technologies, Inc. or Disinformation Index, Ltd. or affiliates or a nonprofit organization or other entity that engages in certain behavior.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 218 - 206:

- Republicans 218-0
- Democrats 0-206

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Eliminate DOD Chief DEI Officer (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**213-207**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 19 to H R 8070

Higgins, R-La., amendment no. 43 that would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer of the Defense Department and prohibit the establishment of any substantially similar position.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 214 - 210:

- Republicans 214-4
- Democrats 0-206

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Eliminate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Offices (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**210-205**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 18 to H R 8070

Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 42 that would eliminate any diversity, equity and inclusion offices within the armed forces and Defense Department along with the personnel in those offices.

Adopted by a vote of 211 - 208:

- Republicans 211-5
- Democrats 0-203

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Hiring Freeze for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Jobs (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**215-203**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 17 to H R 8070

Grothman, R-Wis., for Banks, R-Ind., amendment no. 41 that would amend a section in the fiscal 2024 defense policy law to make the hiring freeze for diversity, equity, and inclusion jobs in the Defense Department permanent.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 216 - 206:

- Republicans 215-2
- Democrats 1-204

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Rescind DOD Abortion Policy (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**213-204**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 31 to H R 8070

Van Duyne, R-Texas, amendment no. 55 that would prohibit the Defense Department from paying for or reimbursing certain expenses relating to abortion services.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 214 - 207:

- Republicans 213-2
- Democrats 1-205

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-13-2024

Prohibit TRICARE Gender-Affirming Treatment (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**212-203**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 28 to H R 8070

Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 52 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering, and the Defense Department from furnishing, gender transition surgeries and gender hormone treatments for individuals who identify as transgender.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213 - 206:

- Republicans 212-1
- Democrats 1-205

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Failed

06-13-2024

Prohibit Funds for Ukraine (H.R.8070) - Amendment Rejected

Vote (**74-339**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 15 to H R 8070

Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 37 that would stipulate that none of the funds made available by the bill could be used for assistance to Ukraine.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 74 - 343:

- Republicans 74-138
- Democrats 0-205

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **NO**

Failed

06-13-2024

IVF Protection - Rejected Cloture Motion

Vote (**48-47**)

Motion to Invoke Cloture: Motion to Proceed to S. 4445

Motion to invoke cloture on the Schumer, D-N.Y., motion to proceed to the bill. The bill's goal is to protect access to in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and other assisted reproductive technology (ART) nationwide in the wake of Alabama's State Supreme Court ruling that frozen embryos created during the IVF process are "children" under state law.

Motion rejected by a vote of 48 - 47:

- Republicans 2-46
- Democrats 44-1
- Independents 2-0

[Sen. Ted Budd \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **NO**

[Sen. Thom Tillis \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **NO**

Passed

06-13-2024

Nomination of Judy Chang to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Confirmed

Vote (**63-33**)

On the Nomination PN1469: Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2029

Confirmation of President Joe Biden's nomination of Judy W. Chang to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Confirmed by a vote of 63 - 33:

- Republicans 16-33
- Democrats 45-0
- Independents 2-0

[Sen. Ted Budd \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **NO**

[Sen. Thom Tillis \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-12-2024

Garland Contempt Resolution (H.Res.1293) - House Adoption

Vote (**215-204**)

**On Agreeing to the Resolution: H RES 1292 Resolution
Recommending that the House of Representatives find United States
Attorney General Merrick B. Garland in Contempt of Congress for
Refusal to Comply with a Subpoena Duly Issued by the Committee on
the Judiciary**

Agreeing to the resolution that would find Attorney General Merrick B. Garland in contempt of Congress for failure to comply with a subpoena issued by the House Judiciary Committee for audio recordings of former special counsel Robert K. Hur's interviews with President Joe Biden and a ghostwriter who worked with Biden. It would direct the speaker of the House to "take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoena" and certify the committee report (H Rept 118-527) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia so that Garland may "be proceeded against in the manner and form provided by law."

Adopted by a vote of 216 - 207:

- Republicans 216-1
- Democrats 0-206

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-12-2024

Prohibit Limits on Transferring Equipment to Local Law Enforcement (H.R.8070) -
Amendment Adopted

Vote (**237-184**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 13 to H R 8070

Waltz, R-Fla., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit the enforcement of any rule, regulation, guidance, policy or recommendation issued on or after May 15, 2015, that limits the sale, donation or transfer of federal government

property pursuant to two Obama administration executive orders related to local law enforcement equipment acquisition.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 238 - 187:

- Republicans 214-3
- Democrats 24-184

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-12-2024

Prohibit Implementation of Climate Change Executive Orders (H.R.8070) - Amendment Adopted

Vote (**214-207**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 10 to H R 8070

Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 24 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to implement several of President Joe Biden's climate change executive orders.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 215 - 210:

- Republicans 214-2
- Democrats 1-208

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Failed

06-12-2024

Exempt Defense Activities From Endangered Species Act (H.R.8070) - Amendment Rejected

Vote (**195-228**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 9 to H R 8070

House rejected Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 23 that would exempt defense related activities from the Endangered Species Act.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 196 - 231:

- Republicans 195-23
- Democrats 1-208

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Failed

06-12-2024

Prohibit Funds for Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure (H.R.8070) -
Amendment Rejected

Vote (**172-238**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 8 to H R 8070

House rejected Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 22 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized or made available to the Defense Department under the bill for electric vehicles or an electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 173 - 241:

- Republicans 173-36
- Democrats 0-205

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **NO**

Passed

06-12-2024

Prohibit Use of DOD Aircraft to Transport Palestinian Refugees into U.S. (H.R.8070) -
Amendment Adopted

Vote (**203-196**)

On Agreeing to the Amendment: Amendment 5 to H R 8070

Mast, R-Fla., for Arrington, R-Texas, amendment no. 8 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill or otherwise made available to the Defense Department for the operation of any DOD aircraft to transport Palestinian refugees to the United States.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 204 - 199:

- Republicans 204-1
- Democrats 0-198

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-12-2024

Nomination of Lindsay See to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Confirmed

Vote (**83-12**)

On the Nomination PN1471: Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2028

Confirmation of President Joe Biden's nomination of Lindsay S. See to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Confirmed by a vote of 83 - 12:

- Republicans 46-2
- Democrats 35-9
- Independents 2-1

[Sen. Ted Budd \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **YES**

[Sen. Thom Tillis \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-12-2024

Nomination of David Rosner to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Confirmed

Vote (**67-27**)

On the Nomination PN1470: David Rosner, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2027

Confirmation of President Joe Biden's nomination of David Rosner to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Confirmed by a vote of 67 - 27:

- Republicans 23-23
- Democrats 42-3
- Independents 2-1

[Sen. Ted Budd \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **NO**

[Sen. Thom Tillis \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **OTHER**

Passed

06-12-2024

Expand State Department role in Tibet-China Dispute (S.138) - House Passage

Vote (**387-26**)

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: S 138 Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Dispute Act

Motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the role of the State Department's Special Coordinator for Tibetan issues to include countering Chinese disinformation about Tibet and allow funds authorized under the 2020 Tibetan Policy and Support Act to be used to combat such disinformation.

It would state that it is U.S. policy that the Tibetan people have a distinct religious, cultural, linguistic and historical identity and that the conflict between Tibet and China be resolved peacefully and without preconditions. It also would state that it is U.S. policy to coordinate with other governments in a multilateral effort to lead to a negotiated agreement on Tibet.

Motion agreed to by a vote of 391 - 26:

- Republicans 185-26
- Democrats 206-0

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-11-2024

Label Disposable Wipes With Do Not Flush (H.R.2964) - House Passage

Vote (**347-56**)

**On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended: H R 2964
WIPPES Act**

Motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require manufacturers and supplies of disposable wipes to mark their products with a "do not flush" label and symbol.

It would require individuals and entities that manufacture, wholesale, supply or retail premoistened, nonwoven disposable wipes to "clearly and conspicuously" label their products with a "do not flush" notice and symbol. The bill would require that packaging seams, folds or other design elements do not obscure the symbol or label notice. It also would require the symbol and label notice to be equal in size to at least 2 percent of the surface area of the principal display panel.

Additionally, it would require the symbol and label notice to have high contrast with the packaging's background in order to be seen and read by an ordinary individual. The bill would prohibit a state or political subdivision from directly or indirectly establishing or continuing labeling requirements that are not identical to those in the bill. It also would direct the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations to implement the bill within one year of its enactment.

Motion agreed to by a vote of 351 - 56:

- Republicans 147-56
- Democrats 204-0

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **YES**

Passed

06-11-2024

Disclose Hotel and Short-Term Rental Fees (H.R.6543) - House Passage

Vote (**380-25**)

On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass: H R 6543 No Hidden FEES Act

Motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit a provider of short-term, overnight lodging from advertising a reservation price that does not include all mandatory fees, including parking, booking, cleaning and resort fees.

It would require the Federal Trade Commission to enforce the prohibition as a violation of federal law regarding unfair or deceptive trade practices.

It would allow a state to bring a civil action against a lodging provider in federal court to obtain appropriate relief on behalf of its residents if a federal civil action is not already pending, though it would allow the FTC to intervene in such actions. It also would prohibit a state or local government from enforcing any law prohibiting a lodging provider from advertising a price that includes all mandatory fees.

Motion agreed to by a vote of 384 - 25:

- Republicans 180-25
- Democrats 204-0

[Rep. Chuck Edwards \(R\) \[NC-11\]](#) voted **NO**

Failed

06-05-2024

Protecting Contraception Access (S.4381) - Cloture Motion Rejected

Vote (**51-39**)

Motion to Invoke Cloture: Motion to Proceed to S. 4381

The Senate (killed) failed on a motion to invoke cloture on the Schumer (D-NY) motion to proceed to S.4381, the Right to Contraception Act. The bill would guarantee the right for people to obtain and use contraceptives and for health providers to prescribe contraceptives and give information related to contraception, free from government interference.

Motion rejected by a vote of 51 - 39:

- Republicans 2-38
- Democrats 46-1
- Independents 3-0

[Sen. Ted Budd \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **NO**

[Sen. Thom Tillis \(R\) \[NC\]](#) voted **NO**