

Key Amendments to

Fiscal Year 2013 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Bills

Spending amendments:

Broun Amendment – This amendment cut 3% to Salaries and Expenses/Administrative Accounts in the legislation. This would save the taxpayer \$847 million. Between FY 11-13 most agencies had their administrative accounts cut around 5% to 7% (and some actually increased) while Congress has instituted an 11% reduction over the same period of time for our administrative costs. If Congress can make these kind of deep cuts so can the agencies. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

McClintock Amendment – This amendment cuts \$227.8 million at the International Trade Administration that could be considered outside the scope of what the agencies should be doing which is enforce U.S. trade agreements and treaties. This amendment targets funds used for counseling, marketing, and business development advice for private firms. The President's Fiscal Commission mentioned some of these programs as wasteful and duplicative. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Pompeo Amendment – This amendment completely eliminates funding for the Economic Development Administration and would save the taxpayer \$219.5 million. This agency essentially spends taxpayer dollars on wasteful administrative earmark like projects. The Simpson Bowles commission recommended eliminating this agency. Earlier this Congress Congressman Lamborn co-sponsored HR 3090, which would have repealed this agency. Groups like Americans for Prosperity, Club for Growth, Citizens Against Government Waste, Heritage Action, Americans for Tax Reform, and National Taxpayers Union all support eliminating this agency. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Quayle Amendment – This amendment eliminates funding for Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia and saves \$21 million for the taxpayer. This is a new program that goes beyond the purview of the federal government. While basic research and development can be a proper role of the federal government, commercialization of technology, as seen in this program, is a waste of government resources. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Flake Amendment – This amendment reduces National Science Foundation to the FY08 level and would save \$1.2 billion for the taxpayer. The bill funds NSF at \$7.3 billion, which is \$299 million above FY 2012. Mr. Flake's amendment is intended to bring this funding back to pre-stimulus levels. The stimulus funding inflated the spending at NSF and it never came back down. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Scott (GA) Amendment – This amendment eliminates all funding to Legal Services Corporation and saves \$328 million for the taxpayer. LSC continues to be funded even though it has failed to be reauthorized since 1980. Legal Services Corporation was originally created to provide free, legal, assistance to the poor concerning civil matters but today 94% of the need-based legal services is conducted by state programs, bar associations, and private organizations, therefore there is little need for this program. Additionally, LSC uses taxpayer money to advance

left leaning causes and has even been used to sue taxpayers. Earlier this Congress Congressman Lamborn co-sponsored HR 2774 to completely repeal this program. Heritage Action is supported this amendment. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Blackburn Amendment – This amendment would implement a 1% across the board spending cut resulting in \$511 million in savings for the taxpayer. Given a fourth \$1 trillion deficit Congress should be more aggressive in cutting spending. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Broun Amendment – This amendment would cut an additional \$2.7 billion by cutting across all accounts in the bill by 12.2% except NASA, the FBI, and US Marshalls. Given a fourth \$1 trillion deficit Congress should be more aggressive in cutting spending. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Limitation amendments:

Chaffetz/Gosar/Farenthold Amendment – This amendment would prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Justice to knowingly or willingly lie to Congress. The amendment unfortunately was needed because of the concerns the department was not truthful concerning developments of the Fast and Furious scandal. NRA supported this amendment. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Blackburn Amendment – This amendment would prevent DOJ legal defense funds to be spent on future challenges to Obamacare. Concerned Woman for America supported this amendment. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Duncan (SC) Amendment – This amendment would prohibit funding in this bill from being used on behalf of the NLRB in lawsuits against secret ballot union election laws in any state. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Schweikert Amendment – This amendment prohibits funds from being used by the Department of Justice to bring any action against any State for implementation of a State law requiring voter identification. Immigration Reform Caucus is supported this amendment. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.

Huelskamp Amendment – This amendment would prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Justice in contravention of the Defense of Marriage Act. Congressman Lamborn supported this amendment.