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Thursday night, the House passed the H.R. 4310 - National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2013. Congressman Schilling is the only Illinois member of Congress on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). The NDAA authorizes \$640.7 billion in funding for defense and national security priorities, provides a 1% increase in the defense budget, and includes provisions to reform the military. In May, with the support of Congressman Schilling, the House approved H.R. 4310. The final bill approved by the House includes the following provisions:

Language authored with Congressman Dave Loebsack (IA-02) The Department of Defense (DOD) recognizes the importance of the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) program and the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) program to efficiently and effectively develop and train the next generation of defense scientists and engineers.

Language in Section 587 authored with Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-03) The NDAA directs the DOD to develop a program to support and encourage universities to uncover the research and development potential of small businesses and entrepreneurs.

Language in Section 1641 authored with Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-32) The NDAA directs the DOD to reform the small business procurement process to increase the number of small businesses that are awarded contracts.

The legislation includes a number of broader provisions as well, including:

Provisions providing for the NDAA fighters and military families The NDAA provides for the care and support of the families of fallen service members and the families of service members who are missing in action.

Provisions to maintain and rebuild our military The NDAA authorizes additional rounds of Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) and provides for the construction of new military facilities.

Provisions pertaining to the FY2013 NDAA The NDAA reaffirmed U.S. authority to pursue terrorists who are part of the global terrorist network.

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