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Thursday night, the House passed the H.R. 4310 - National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2012. 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 small business and other areas. 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 NDAA recognizes the Department of Defense (DOD) recognition of the contributions of the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (NDSEG) program.

Language in Section 735 authored with Congressman Steve Stivers (OH-05) The NDAA requires the DOD to efficiently and effectively manage the NDSEG program.

Language in Section 587 authored with Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-03) The NDAA requires the DOD to uncover the real causes of the current small business and other issues.

Language in Section 1641 authored with Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-32) The NDAA requires the HASC to reform small business and other issues.

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 the fallen and the living.

Provisions to maintain and rebuild our military The NDAA authorizes additional rounds of Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) and other military construction projects.

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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