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Additional Amendments to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005 (H.R. 1268)

The following remaining amendments will be considered on the House floor today, subject to yesterday's unanimous consent agreement. No other amendments are in order, other than pro forma amendments offered by the Appropriations Committee Chairman or Ranking Member (or their respective designees). Other amendments allowed under the unanimous consent agreement were dispensed with yesterday.

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Obey (D-WI): Prohibits funds from being used for any national intelligence program until the President submits to Congress a proposal or procedure to “fully” inform the relevant congressional committees of “all clandestine military activities for which it is intended that the role of the United States Government will not be apparent or acknowledged publicly and that will be conducted in countries identified by the United States Government as sponsors of terrorism.”

Filner (D-CA): Prohibits funds from being used for contracts with a private sector contractor to perform reconstruction in Iraq, unless (as a condition of the contract or any related subcontract) the U.S. requires the contractor and any subcontractor to give eligible veterans a hiring preference equivalent to the preference extended to veterans for civilian employee positions in the U.S. Government.

Velazquez (D-NY): Prohibits funds from being used to fund any contract in contravention of section 15(g)(2) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(2)). This section of current law directs the head of each federal agency, after consultation with the Administration, to establish procurement contract goals that include the concerns of: 1) small businesses in general, 2) small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans, 3) qualified HUBZone small businesses, 4) small businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and 4) small businesses owned and controlled by women.

[Amendment Vote Rolled from Yesterday:](#)

During yesterday's consideration, the "ayes" prevailed on voice vote, however, Rep. Markey asked for a recorded vote, which was postponed until today.

Markey (D-MA): Prohibits funds from being used in contravention of laws enacted or promulgated to implement the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. To read the text of this Convention, visit this website: http://www.unhcr.ch/html/menu3/b/h_cat39.htm. To read President Reagan's message (which includes some concerns) about this Convention, visit this website: http://www.findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1079/is_n2137_v88/ai_6742034