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**Amendments to H.R. 2017 (PART III)**—FY 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations Act

The following Legislative Bulletin contains information on the amendments that will be considered in the final vote series for consideration of H.R. 2017.

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**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS IN FINAL VOTE SERIES**  
**LISTED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER**

- ◆ **Amash (R-MI)/(Chaffetz filed).** This amendment would prohibit funds from being used to operate or maintain existing advanced imaging technology machines as mandatory or primary screening devices.
- ◆ **Amash (R-MI)/(Chaffetz filed).** This amendment would prohibit funds from being used to purchase new advanced imaging technology machines (video imaging for TSA).
- ◆ **Amash (R-MI).** The amendment prohibits funding to be used “for any action by a political appointee (as that term is defined in section 106 of title 49, United States Code) to vacate, reverse, or otherwise overrule any decision by an employee in the civil service of the executive branch implementing section 552 of title 5, United States Code, popularly known as the Freedom of Information Act.”

According to the bills sponsor, the amendment “prohibits DHS political appointees from improperly blocking the release of FOIA documents. My amendment allows DHS political appointees to continue to be aware of FOIA requests and documents proposed to be released, but it prevents the political appointees from interfering with the public’s legal right to know.”

- ◆ **Cravaack (R-MN).** The amendment would prohibit the use of funds used in contravention of section 236(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. According to the bill’s sponsor, this would prohibit the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from using taxpayer dollars to process the release, or to administer alternatives to detain illegal immigrants who committed a crime which mandates their

detainment under Section 236(c).” Section 236(c) requires the United States Government to detain illegal aliens who have committed a serious crime until that alien is deported to their home country. A Heritage Blog post with additional information can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

- ◆ **Cole (R-OK).** The amendment prohibits any funds under this act from being used to implement any rule, regulation, or executive order regarding the disclosure of political contributions.

This *U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the Cole amendment* and will consider including votes on this amendment in their How They Voted scorecard.

- ◆ **Gohmert (R-TX).** The amendment would prohibit the funds by DHS from being used for the construction, purchase, or lease of federal buildings or space in the District of Columbia; unless the contract was entered into before H.R. 2017 became law.
- ◆ **King (R-IA).** The amendment prohibits funds from being made available for the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or any of its successor organizations listed under the amendment.
- ◆ **Mica (R-FL).** The amendment will limit the amount made available to the Transportation Security Administration-Aviation account to \$2.76 billion for screener personnel, compensation, and benefits.
- ◆ **Polis (D-CO).** The amendment prohibits funds from being used to carry out section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- ◆ **Rokita (R-IN)/Jordan (R-OH).** The RSC amendment—offered by Representative Todd Rokita—would **reduce spending in the bill by \$2.5 billion**. This would be accomplished via a:
  - 0% cut to U.S. Customs and Border Protection accounts ;
  - 0% cut to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement accounts; and
  - 10% cut to everything else in the bill.
- ◆ **Rokita (R-IN).** The amendment prohibits the use of funds to be used to implement the determination of the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration regarding transportation security officers and collective bargaining as described in the decision memorandum dated February 4, 2011.
- ◆ **Scalise (R-LA).** This amendment would provide that none of the funds made available in the bill be used to enforce Executive Order 13502 or its supporting regulations. [Executive Order 13502](#) mandates the use of project labor agreements on all large-scale construction projects. The amendment would eliminate that mandate on projects funded by the Department of Homeland Security. According to the bill’s sponsor, “the amendment will eliminate inefficiencies in the federal contracting procurement process, increase competition, reduce costs, and create construction jobs.”