



Amendments to H.R. 2578—Fiscal Year 2016 Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations (Culberson, R-TX) – Part III

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The committee report can be found [here](#), and the text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

AMENDMENTS WITH REQUESTED VOTES:

1. **Massie (R-KY):** Would prohibit the Department of Justice from using funds in contravention of section 7606 of the 2014 Farm Bill, which allows States to grow or cultivate industrial hemp for research purposes. This provision was included in the Farm bill by a [225 – 200](#) vote.

The [CRS](#) states that hemp is “genetically different” from marijuana, and is “distinguished by its use and chemical makeup. Hemp has long been cultivated for non-drug use in the production of industrial and other goods.”

A similar amendment to the FY 2015 CJS Appropriations bill passed by a [246 - 162](#) vote.

2. **Massie (R-KY):** Would prohibit the ATF from banning ammunition as armor piercing, except for ammunition designed and intended for use in a handgun, as required under the [law](#).

The ATF [recently](#) withdrew its proposal to ban popular .223 caliber green tip AR-15 ammunition.

3. **Massie (R-KY):** Would prohibit any funds made available by the bill to be used by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to consult with National Security Agency (NSA) or the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to alter cryptographic or computer standards, except to improve information security.

Key Vote Support: [FreedomWorks](#)

4. **Flores (R-TX):** Would prohibit funds made available by the bill to be used for the [National Ocean Policy](#).

In 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order 13547 establishing a National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Coasts, and Great Lakes. The Executive Order established a new bureaucracy without statutory authorization and establishes new priorities for all federal agencies to follow when issuing permits or authorizing activities for any activity which might affect ocean quality – including inland activities. These policies would create more uncertainty for inland businesses, mandating where activities can and cannot occur in the ocean and coastal zones, could over-ride local and state zoning authorities, and will lead to litigation against agencies which permit or authorize activities that might

negatively affect ocean health.

Identical amendments have been adopted six times to previous appropriations bills.

5. [Sanford \(R-SC\)](#): Would reduce the amounts made available by the bill by 2.48 percent across-the-board. This would cut by about \$1.275 billion, which is equal to the amount that the bill is above the enacted FY 2015 level.
6. [King \(R-IA\)](#): Would prohibit funds to defend the President's unlawful amnesty actions in court in the case State of Texas, et al. v. United States of America.

On November 20, 2014, President Obama [announced](#) a [series of executive actions](#) regarding the nation's immigration system. The executive actions will primarily be carried out by the [Department of Homeland Security](#) through several memorandums. [Twenty-six states](#) led by Texas [filed a lawsuit](#) on December 3, 2014, to block the executive actions. The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals [recently](#) ruled against the administration's actions.

7. [King \(R-IA\)](#): Would prohibit funds from DOJ State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance to go to sanctuary cities that fail to comply with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. A similar amendment to the FY 2015 CJS Appropriations bill passed by a [214 - 194](#) vote.
8. [Denham \(R-CA\)](#): Would prohibit funds from being used by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a recovery plan for salmon and steelhead fish under the Endangered Species Act in the California Central Valley Recovery Domain if a plan does not address predation by non-native species. According to the amendment sponsor, 95 percent of salmon and steelhead juveniles are consumed by non-native invasive species.

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