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

1. **Burgess (R-TX):** Prohibits enforcement of the DOE’s [ban on incandescent light bulbs](#). The Burgess language has been included in appropriations bills since 2011.
2. **LaMalfa (R-CA):** Prohibits funds to be used to regulate, under the Clean Water Act, activities [specifically exempted](#) by the Act, such as farming and ranching. An identical amendment to the FY14 Energy and Water Appropriations bill was passed by voice vote.
3. **Stockman (R-TX):** Prohibits funds in the bill for the [DOE Loan Programs Office](#). This is the Office that administers the programs that gave us the [Solyndra](#) and [Fisker](#) scandals. The DOE [is starting the Title 17 program](#) back up with [\\$4 B in new loans guarantees](#). The DOE is also “now accepting applications in three areas, which also include the \$8 billion [Advanced Fossil Energy Projects solicitation](#) that was released in December 2013 and the \$16 billion [Advanced Technology Vehicle Manufacturing \(ATVM\)](#) loan program.”

A majority of Republicans have supported winding down the Title 17 Program through the [No More Solyndras Act](#) and eliminating the [Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program](#) in an amendment to the FY14 Energy and Water Appropriations bill.

The RSC Budget proposed eliminating the appropriations to this program, stating: “This is the program that gave us the Solyndra scandal that resulted in the taxpayers losing more than \$500 million after the Administration gambled on a politically favored company.” The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee published a report in 2012 titled [The Department of Energy’s Disastrous Management of Loan Guarantee Programs](#). Several conservative groups have supported eliminating the programs

administered by the Office, including [Americans for Prosperity](#), [Mercatus](#), and [Taxpayers for Common Sense](#).

4. [Stockman \(R-TX\)](#): Would prohibit funds under this act from being used to block any offshore drilling permits. The [Bureau of Ocean Management](#) (BOEM) and the EPA, the primary agencies charged with offshore permitting, are funded in the Interior Appropriations bill, not the Energy and Water bill.
5. [McKinley \(R-WV\)](#): Prohibits funds under the bill to be used for the National Climate Assessment, the IPCC report, the UN's Agenda 21, or the Social Cost of Carbon. A similar amendment to the FY14 Energy and Water Appropriations bill was approved by a [231 – 192](#) vote.
6. [Blackburn \(R-TN\)](#): Reduces funding in the bill by one percent across the board. This would amount to about a \$340 million cut.
7. [Gosar \(R-AZ\)](#): Prohibits funding under the bill for the DOE Climate Model Development and Validation program. The Committee Report states that no funds are provided for this program by the bill, but this amendment would prohibit the DOE from transferring funds to the program. The President's budget requested \$29 million for this program.
8. [Hudson \(R-NC\)](#): Reduces the non-defense accounts in the bill by 7.4831 percent, taking the total funding in the bill back to FY2008 levels. This amounts to about a 1.3 billion cut. [FreedomWorks](#) (Key Vote) and [National Taxpayers Union](#) support this amendment.

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