



Amendments to H.R. 2028—Fiscal Year 2016 Energy and Water Appropriations (Simpson, R-ID) – Part II

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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. **McClintock (R-CA)**: Would prohibit an increase in appropriation from current FY 2015 levels for all unauthorized programs in the bill, except those that have been authorized annually by the NDAA. Specifically, this would reduce the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program, Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy, Nuclear Energy, Fossil Energy Research and Development, Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup, DOE-Science, Nuclear Waste Disposal, Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program, DOE-Departmental Administration, Western Area Power Administration, Appalachian Regional Commission, and Nuclear Regulatory Commission-Salaries and Expenses accounts by a collective total of \$128.9 million.

Since 1935, the Rules of the House ([clause 2\(a\)\(1\) of Rule XXI](#)) have required that appropriations must be authorized by law. The bill [includes](#) \$8 billion in appropriations for non-defense programs. However, the rule for consideration of the bill waived the point of order against the bill. In FY 2015, \$294 billion was appropriated for unauthorized programs according to [CBO](#).

Key Vote Support: [FreedomWorks](#) and [National Taxpayers Union](#).

2. **Ruiz (D-CA)**: Would increase Bureau of Reclamation, Water and Related resources by \$5 million and would decrease Fossil Energy Research and Development by \$20 million.

The bill provides is \$1.095 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation, a level that is \$4 million below the president's budget request and \$35 million below the FY 201 enacted level.

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3. **Griffith (R-VA)**: Would increase Fossil Energy by \$50 million and reduces Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) green energy subsidies by the same amount.

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4. **[Swalwell \(D-CA\)](#)**: Would increase Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) green energy subsidies by \$25.5 million and reduce Fossil Energy by \$34 million.

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5. **[Byrne \(R-AL\)](#)**: Would eliminate all funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) green energy subsidies.

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Key Vote Support: [American Energy Alliance](#), [FreedomWorks](#) and [National Taxpayers Union](#).

6. **[McClintock \(R-CA\)](#)**: Would eliminate several energy subsidies, including all funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Fossil Energy, and Nuclear Energy not related to defense functions or waste disposal. This amendment would cut \$2.9 billion in total.

Key Vote Support: [FreedomWorks](#) and [National Taxpayers Union](#).

7. **[Ellison \(D-MN\)](#)**: Would cut Fossil Energy R&D by \$45 million. The funding in this account is primarily for coal research and development. Fossil Energy Research and Development is appropriated \$605 million, a level that is \$45 million above the president's budget request and \$34 million above the FY 2015 enacted level. Several conservative groups have opposed this program, including [American Energy](#)

[Alliance](#), [Cato](#), [Citizens Against Government Waste](#), [Heritage](#), and [National Taxpayers Union](#).

8. [Swalwell \(D-CA\)](#): Would increase Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy (ARPA-E) by \$20 million and would reduce DOE Departmental Administration by the same amount.

ARPA-E is appropriated \$280 million, a level that is \$45 million below the president's budget request and equal to the FY 2015 enacted level. This agency was started by the 2009 stimulus law and is meant to fund high-risk green energy projects. [Heritage](#) and [Taxpayers for Common Sense](#) have supported eliminating this program.

9. [Quigley \(D-IL\)](#): Would cut funding for the Nuclear Security Agency Weapons Activities by \$167.05 in order to reduce funding for the Long-Range Stand Off (LRSO) nuclear warhead currently under development by the NNSA and the Air Force. The Commander of U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM), Admiral Cecil Haney [has stated](#) that the LRSO is "an important facet of our deterrent, to have that capability, to have that standoff capability now and well into the future." The [Department of Defense](#) has established a military requirement for a nuclear capable stand-off cruise missile for the bomber leg of the U.S. triad. A similar amendment to the FY 2015 bill failed by a [181 – 239](#) vote.

Key Vote Support: [National Taxpayers Union](#)

10. [Garamendi \(D-CA\)](#): Would reduce National Nuclear Security Administration Weapons Activities by \$25 million. The bill provides \$8.713 billion for Weapons Activities, a level that is \$134 million below the President's budget request and \$526 million above the current FY 2015 enacted level. Additional information about the NNSA's nuclear stockpile stewardship from the CRS can be found [here](#).
11. [Hudson \(R-NC\)](#): Would take spending back to the FY 2008 level by an across the board cut of 11.1208 percent. This will not apply to defense accounts under the headings of "National Nuclear Security Administration," "Environmental and Other Defense Activities", or "Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board." This would cut about \$2 billion from the bill.

Key Vote Support: [FreedomWorks](#), [Heritage Action](#), and [National Taxpayers Union](#)

12. [Sanford \(R-SC\)](#): Would prohibit any new loans under the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program (ATVM) and defund the \$6 million provided by the bill for administrative purposes. Two out of the five ATVM loans [have defaulted](#). Other loans have gone to large multinational corporations that have access to capital. The program is now [accepting applications](#). A CRS report on the program can be found [here](#). Conservative groups such as [Cato](#), [Heritage](#), and [Taxpayers for Common Sense](#) oppose the ATVM.

Key Vote Support: [National Taxpayers Union](#)

13. [Burgess \(R-TX\)](#): Would prohibit the enforcement of the DOE's [ban on incandescent light bulbs](#). The Burgess language has been included in appropriations bills since 2011.

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