



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

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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 eliminate the Trade Promotion Activities at the [International Trade Administration](#) (ITA), saving \$312 million. This amendment would not affect the enforcement and compliance activities.

The [House Republican budget](#) called for elimination of Trade Promotion Activities at the ITA. The [RSC budget](#) would have eliminated the ITA, stating “successful companies do not need Uncle Sam pitching in to do market research (funded by taxpayer dollars and debt).” Several outside groups have advocated eliminating the ITA, including [National Taxpayers Union](#), [Americans for Prosperity](#), [Heritage](#), and [Cato](#). The [CBO](#) and the Simpson-Bowles Fiscal Commission also recommended the trade promotion subsidies be eliminated. The ITA’s has not been authorized since 1996.

2. **Esty (D-CT)**: Would increase funding for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) by \$11 million and would cut the Federal Prison System by \$31 million.

The MEP program would be appropriated \$130 million, \$11 million below the president’s request and equal to the FY15 enacted level. The MEP program provides subsidies for extension centers that provide technical, financial, and marketing services that are largely available in the private market. The [House Republican budget](#) called for elimination of this program. Several outside groups have also called for the elimination of the MEP, including [National Taxpayers Union](#), [Heritage](#), and [Citizens Against Government Waste](#).

The Federal Prison System would be appropriated \$7.184 billion \$163 million below the president’s request and \$261 million above the FY15 enacted level.

3. **Grisham (D-NM)**: Would increase funding for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act programs by \$2 million and would cut Department of Justice General Administration by the same amount. The Mentally Ill Offender Act programs are provided \$7 million in the bill. An earlier adopted amendment provided an additional \$2 million.

4. [Gosar \(R-AZ\)](#): Would cut Department of Justice Legal Activities by \$1 million with the intent of withholding funds for DOJ employees who fail to enforce federal immigration law.

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