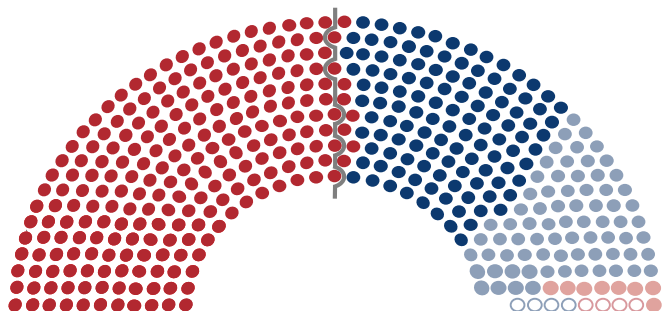
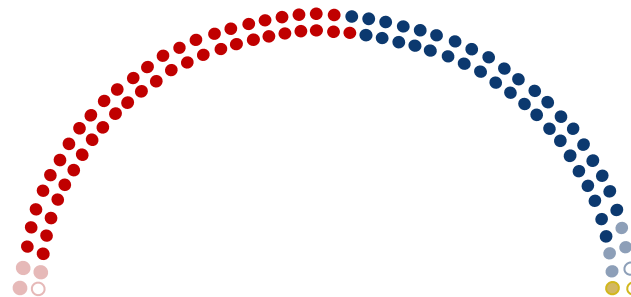


National Defense Authorization Act passes both houses of Congress & moves to a joint conference committee



	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Republicans	● 227	● 8	○ 4
Democrats	● 117	● 73	○ 4
Total	344	81	8



	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Republicans	● 49	● 3	○ 2
Democrats	● 39	● 4	○ 1
Independents	● 1	1	○ 0
Total	89	8	3

A remaining obstacle:

- The 2011 Budget Control Act (BCA) continues to “hamper defense funding.” Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, praised the NDAA markup but pointed to the BCA as a remaining obstacle
- Reed said the bill put forward is “an important step” in getting sufficient resources to US troops but is held back by spending caps
- The 2018 NDAA, which is current \$73 billion over last year’s defense spending bill, surpasses the sequestration for the federal government
- Senate Democrats resolved to push back on the defense spending increase in the joint conference committee if spending caps for non-defense programs remain

Sources: National Journal Research, 2017; Patricia Zengerie, “Senate backs massive increase in military spending,” Reuters, September 18, 2017; Congressional research service, 2017; Conner O’Brien, “Senate sidesteps controversy, passes mammoth defense bill,” Politico, September 18, 2017.