



## RSC NDAA Amendment Roundup

RSC has been hard at work at shaping this years NDAA. Below is a rundown of the work we did with our member offices during the NDAA mark up and a list of the amendments we have helped members with ahead of floor consideration.

### NDAA Mark Up Round Up

Here is THE GOOD from RSC that passed HASC:

**Rep. Ronny Jackson's** report into the feasibility of an office at DoD to oversee sanctions on CCP military companies passed HASC. Biden previously transferred the office to the squishier Treasury Dept.

**Rep. Doug Lamborn's** report (every 180 days) into how much money Iran is putting into modernizing its military because of sanctions relief provided to Iran.

**Rep. Scott DesJarlais's** report on how Iran-China ties have been strengthened due to Biden's sanctions relief on Iran.

**Rep. Lisa McClain's** three reports on funding for Assad, Iran's security forces and the Taliban that's resulted from sanctions relief.

**Rep. Michael Waltz's** amendment requiring the DoD give an unclassified notification to Congress should China's stockpile of ICBM's exceed the number in the US stockpile.

**Former RSC Chairman Mike Johnson's** amendment requiring DNI and DIA to submit an unclassified report to Congress on the origins of COVID.

**Chairman Banks'** report into the Taliban's ties to their friends, Foreign Terrorist Organizations Al Qaeda, the Haqqani Network and Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan.

Here are some commonsense amendments from RSC that Democrats blocked:

**Rep. Don Bacon's** arms embargo sanctions on the Taliban prohibiting Russia and China from selling them arms.

**RSC Foreign Affairs Task Force Chairman Joe Wilson's** would've prohibited the DoD from recognizing the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan.



**Former Chairman Mike Johnson's** amendment would determine if the Taliban is a designated state sponsor of terror. This would make it easier for victims of Taliban terrorism to sue in U.S. courts.

**Chairman Banks'** amendment to determine whether the Taliban is a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO). Designating the Taliban will make it easier to block material support and technical assistance to the group by both Americans as well as by Russia and China.

**Chairman Banks'** amendment to ban DoD officials and contractors from teaching troops that the US is fundamentally racist, or that an individual's moral worth is determined by their race.

**Rep. Pat Fallon** introduced an amendment to remove an old waiver, which previously applied to the Afghan government, but which can be used to allow the Taliban to buy oil from Iran. The amendment was bipartisan, supported by Rep. Luria, but Chairman Meeks blocked it. As one of his aides explained it would've interfered with, "this or any future administration's ability to provide humanitarian assistance."

#### RSC Floor Amendments

Here are the amendments RSC worked with member offices on that were made in order:

**Rep Steil amendment** - Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to Congress on the status of United States and United Nations sanctions imposed with respect to the Taliban. The report will include a description of any gaps in current sanctions authorities to block the Taliban's sources of finance given the current situation in Afghanistan; recommendations for ways current sanctions can be enhanced; and a list of current waivers and licenses granted under Afghanistan sanctions, the reasons behind them, and how such waivers and licenses affect the Taliban's financing.

**Rep Malliotakis amendment** - Requires a report to Congress of all malign operations by Iran conducted on United States soil. Including: Iran-backed terrorist attacks, kidnapping, export violations, sanctions busting activities, cyber-attacks, and money laundering.

**Rep Tiffany Amendment** - Enhances cooperation with Ukraine's titanium sector as an alternative to China and Russia for the US Defense industrial base.

**Rep Hill Amendment** - Requires an interagency strategy to disrupt and dismantle narcotics production and trafficking and affiliated networks linked to the regime of Bashar al-Assad in Syria.



**Rep Tenney Amendment** - Requires a report on the net worth of Syrian president Bashar al-Assad.

**Rep Arrington Amendment** - Requires the Secretary of Defense and Secretary of State to submit a report that describes the financial benefits Russia will obtain through the Nordstream 2 Pipeline as well as an analysis of the security risks of a completed pipeline to Ukraine, our European allies and partners, and the NATO alliance.

**Rep Steil Amendment** - Requires the Secretary of the Treasury to regularly report to Congress any sanctions waivers provided to allow transactions between financial institutions and a state sponsor of terrorism or a sanctioned person.

**Rep Steil Amendment** - Requires the Secretary of Defense in consultation with the Secretary of State to submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees on the short- and long-term threats posed by Iranian-backed militias in Iraq to Iraq and to United States persons and interests.

Here are the amendments RSC worked on that Democrats thought were too dangerous to be made in order:

**Rep Steil Amendment** - Requires the President, acting through the Secretary of State and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Treasury to submit a report to relevant congressional committees that describes the financial benefits the Assad regime in Syria will obtain through transit fees for allowing the export of gas into Lebanon through the Arab Gas Pipeline in the case that the President issues a waiver under the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019 (P.L. 116-92).

**Rep Good Amendment** - Requires the Attorney General to provide a report to Congress within one year of enactment on the extent to which Communist China has benefited from taxpayer funded research.

**Rep Fallon Amendment** - Repeals the Iran sanctions exemption for Afghanistan reconstruction assistance and economic development.

**Rep Steube Amendment** - Prevents allocations of special drawing rights at the International Monetary Fund for countries that are perpetrators of genocide or state sponsors of terrorism.

**Rep Steube Amendment** - Imposes sanctions on persons engaging in transaction in Afghanistan rare earth minerals.



**Rep Roy Amendment** - Prohibits the purchase of public or private real estate located in the United States by members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

**Rep Allen Amendment** - Prohibits the Department of Defense (DOD) from providing grants to any individual or entity that is affiliated with, or has a relationship with the Chinese Communist Party.

**Rep Bergman Amendment** - Requires the Secretary of State to make a determination regarding whether WeChat, or any component thereof, or any entity owned or controlled by WeChat, or TikTok, or any component thereof, or any entity owned or controlled by TikTok, satisfies the criteria for the application of sanctions pursuant to Executive Order 13694.

**Rep Ronny Jackson Amendment** - Prohibits American investment in Chinese military companies as defined by the DoD via the 1260H list and gives DoD oversight of such sanctions in coordination with SEC and Treasury.