



## **H.R. 5116, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010 - Republican Motion to Recommit**

- **Eliminates out year authorizations beyond 2013.**
  - The increased authorization length beyond three years limits oversight opportunities and calls for extensive out-year funding increases without regard to current and future fiscal concerns. Would reduce authorization levels in the bill by \$38.2 billion.
- **Strikes the new programs in the bill.**
  - The bill creates numerous new programs that duplicate and dilute funding available for existing programs and priorities.
  - New programs in the bill shift an emphasis away from basic research toward technology commercialization activities that could potentially divert money away from basic research and could lead to inappropriate market intervention.
  - Would reduce authorization levels in the bill by \$1.3 billion.
- **Freezes all existing programs at FY 2010 Appropriated levels for 2011-2013 unless there is no deficit.**
  - Given that our nation's debt is currently \$13 trillion and our nation's budget deficit has increased 50 percent in three years, it is prudent to put the brakes on significant jumps in spending for years to come. Would reduce authorization levels in the bill by \$8 billion.
- **Includes special consideration for the disabled and disabled veterans.**
  - Ensures that colleges and universities that make STEM programs available to our disabled veterans and those schools chartered to serve disabled students receive the same special consideration afforded to other schools serving underrepresented populations.
  - Our nations' veterans have made tremendous sacrifices to ensure our freedom, and we should reward schools that are reaching out to them.
- **Prohibits funds from being used to pay the salary of a Federal employee who has been disciplined for downloading, viewing, or exchanging pornographic material.**
  - The Inspector General of the National Science Foundation identified multiple instances of NSF employees downloading and viewing pornography, including one senior official that spent at least 331 days viewing pornography from his government computer. American taxpayers should not pay the salaries of employees who view pornographic material at work.
- **Solomon amendment applied to grants to universities under this act.**

Ensures that institutions receiving Federal funding allow military recruiters on their campuses.