

Amendment to the Chairman’s Mark

Offered by Representatives Lee, Van Hollen, and Pocan

Eliminate Unrequested Overseas Contingency Operations Funding

1. Decrease budget authority and outlays for Function 970 by the following amounts in billions of dollars to limit funding to levels our military commanders and diplomatic corps say are needed for 2016.

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
BA	36.003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outlays	15.675	11.227	4.567	2.281	0.814	0.400	0.125	0.043	0.029	0.025

2. Make all necessary and conforming changes to the Chairman’s mark.
3. Amend the committee report to reflect the following policy assumptions:

The resolution limits Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) levels to those our military commanders and those in our diplomatic corps say are needed for 2016. It is widely recognized that the OCO designation has been abused to get around the funding caps and that this practice should end. If discretionary caps are too low and additional funding is needed to address the country’s priorities, Congress should raise the caps by amending the law, rather than through using backdoor loopholes that undermine the integrity of the budget process.