

Senate Passes \$631 Billion Military Spending Bill 98-0

Bill Includes More Iran Sanctions, Permanent Ban on Gitmo Detainee Transfers

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The Senate has unanimously [passed](#) their version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), a \$631 billion military spending bill, with 98 votes in favor. The unanimity of the vote, according to analysts, was because of a "[lack of controversial issues](#)."

The things that weren't controversial enough to muster even a single no vote included a new round of sanctions against Iran, a permanent ban on ever transferring detainees from Guantanamo Bay, and continued funding for the occupation of Afghanistan.

Oh, and lest we forget, the Senate version also included the Feinstein Amendment, which nominally was supposed to ban open-ended military detention of American citizens captured on American soil, but was [so awkwardly worded](#) and filled with loopholes that proponents of the detention voted for it because they believe it will make it even easier for the military to capture Americans under the new law.

The bill is slightly different from a House version already passed, which is \$634 billion. Officials say the two are close enough that it will be easy to solve in committee, however.

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