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ENDING OUR COSTLY WARS!

HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

Madame Chair, I'm a little disappointed in the amendment to H.R. 1, supported by my friend from Arizona, Mr. Flake. This is our biggest deficit hawk in the House. He wants to cut \$18 million from the Defense budget. Did I get that number right, Mr. Flake, \$18 million? I mean, we've got a \$612 billion Defense budget. What is that, .000001 percent of the budget? Not good for a Senator from Arizona, Mr. Flake.

I would say let's really get at this. Man, you want to cut the budget? A Republican President and a Republican Congress funded a whole two wars off the budget. We're talking about trillions of dollars added to our deficit. You don't go after those, Mr. Flake. We need you to go after those. We will gladly support you. Eighteen million dollars out of a \$612 billion budget? I'll vote for the amendment, and you know, whenever I vote for one, you win.

But let's go after some real stuff in that Pentagon budget, and let's not go after jobs as this underlying bill does. You know, you talked about jobs the whole campaign. I haven't seen a pro-job bill yet from the Republicans in this Congress, and yet this bill, H.R. 1, cuts millions of jobs.