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On June 14, 2013, the full House passed H.R. 1960, the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2014 in a 315-108 vote. The bill authorizes appropriations totaling \$632 billion for the Department of Defense and certain Department of Energy activities. Although the initial Armed Services Committee Chairman's mark of the bill included language pertaining to the procurement of rare earth elements, the final approved language contains no mention of the critical minerals.

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