

SENATE PASSES DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

The [final vote was 86-13](#). No votes were Lee, Paul, DeMint, Risch, Crapo, and Coburn (the last three not on civil liberties grounds), and Cardin, Wyden, Sanders, Durbin, Franken, Harkin, and Merkley.

I'm sure Obama will sign this in time for us all to be indefinitely detained this weekend.

Update: Senator Franken sent out a statement explaining his no vote. It ends, "Today is the anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, and this wasn't the way to mark its birthday."