



NATIONAL DEFENSE  
AUTHORIZATION ACT

**FACT SHEET: HISTORY OF NDAA VETO**

Since it was first passed over 50 years ago, the NDAA has only been vetoed four times. In each case, the President objected to an actual provision in the bill, and each time the Armed Services Committees were able to find a compromise that earned the President's signature.

This is the first time that the Commander-in-Chief will sacrifice national security by vetoing a bill that provides pay and benefits for our troops, as leverage for his larger domestic political agenda.

According to CRS and Committee Records:

FY79 NDAA: Vetoed over funding for Nimitz Class Aircraft Carriers

FY89 NDAA: Vetoed over missile defense policy

FY96 NDAA: Vetoed over issues related to the ABM treaty

FY08 NDAA: Vetoed, with the support of Congress, over a late interpretation of a provision on Iraq.