

The House approved a giant Defense Department spending bill this week that includes some limits on U.S. military action overseas, but does not include language to curb National Security Agency surveillance activities, as many were hoping. Congressman Ron Kind voted to keep the program and commented on the fact that public comment on the issue was so high.

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The bill also includes language aimed at making it easier for the Defense Department to deal with the sequester next year — this year, sequester cuts led to the furlough of hundreds of thousands of civilian workers.