Congressman Mike Pence spearheaded an effort by House Republicans to prevent the Democrat Majority from using American servicemen and women serving in the field as a vehicle for additional spending and a tax increase in H.R. 2642, the Iraq/Afghanistan Supplemental Appropriations Bill.

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The House on Thursday refused to provide more funds for the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, effectively delegating that task to the Senate for now.

The House voted 141-149, with 132 Republicans voting present, to reject the war funding portion of the supplemental spending bill. The vote means the Senate will have to add the money to the bill. The Senate Appropriations Committee meanwhile was marking up its version of the measure.

House Republicans withheld their votes for the war funding amendment to the bill (HR 2642) in a bid to force Democrats to come up with enough votes to adopt the funds. But a majority of Democrats voted against the war funding.

Republicans had been expected to provide the bulk of the support for the war funding amendment, but many members voted present instead. The idea came from members of the conservative Republican Study Committee: Rep. Mike Pence , R-Ind., and Rep. Jeb Hensarling , R-Texas. “Republicans support our troops. Democrats defeated funding our troops in the field,” Pence said.