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H. R. 4862

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HECK of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Our Vets Deserve Bet-
5 ter Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**
2 **TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM OF**
3 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) MEETINGS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 of Veterans Affairs shall meet with the advisory
8 committees described in paragraph (2) to receive ad-
9 ministrative and policy recommendations to improve
10 the health care system of the Department of Vet-
11 erans Affairs.

12 (2) ADVISORY COMMITTEES DESCRIBED.—The
13 advisory committees described in this paragraph are
14 the following:

15 (A) The Advisory Committee on Pros-
16 thetics and Special-Disabilities Programs estab-
17 lished by section 543 of title 38, United States
18 Code.

19 (B) The Genomic Medicine Program Advi-
20 sory Committee established pursuant to the
21 Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C.
22 App.).

23 (C) The Geriatrics and Gerontology Advi-
24 sory Committee established under section 7315
25 of title 38, United States Code.

1 (D) The Health Services Research and De-
2 velopment Service Scientific Merit Review
3 Board established pursuant to the Federal Ad-
4 visory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

5 (E) The Research Advisory Committee on
6 Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses established by sec-
7 tion 707 of the Veterans Health Care Act of
8 1992 (Public Law 102-585; 38 U.S.C. 527
9 note).

10 (F) The Special Medical Advisory Group
11 established under section 7312 of title 38,
12 United States Code.

13 (G) The Veterans' Advisory Committee on
14 Rehabilitation established under section 3121 of
15 title 38, United States Code.

16 (H) The Veterans' Rural Health Advisory
17 Committee established pursuant to the Federal
18 Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

19 (I) Any other advisory committee the Sec-
20 retary determines appropriate.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after carrying
22 out subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall—

23 (1) submit to the Committees on Veterans' Af-
24 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate
25 a report on the administrative and policy rec-

1 ommendations received under subsection (a)(1), in-
2 cluding any administrative or legislative actions re-
3 quired to carry out such recommendations; and
4 (2) publish such report on the public Internet
5 website of the Department.

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