

H.R. 2397: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa and Mr. WYNN.

H.R. 2400: Ms. SHEA-PORTER.

H.R. 2405: Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 2425: Mr. REICHERT.

H.R. 2435: Ms. CASTOR.

H.R. 2457: Ms. SUTTON.

H.R. 2508: Mr. KINGSTON and Mr. GINGREY.

H.R. 2539: Mr. ARCURI.

H.R. 2542: Ms. GIFFORDS.

H.R. 2549: Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. PORTER.

H.R. 2550: Mr. PUTNAM, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BUCHANAN, and Mr. SPACE.

H.R. 2564: Mr. DONNELLY.

H.R. 2578: Mr. BAKER and Mr. REYNOLDS.

H.R. 2580: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 2592: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 2617: Ms. CASTOR.

H.R. 2630: Mr. JINDAL and Mr. LOBIONDO.

H.R. 2670: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. CAMPBELL of California.

H.R. 2677: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts and Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 2694: Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, and Mr. LATOURETTE.

H.R. 2707: Mrs. SCHMIDT and Mrs. JONES of Ohio.

H. Con. Res. 3: Mr. TIAHRT, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, and Mr. RANGEL.

H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. OBERSTAR.

H. Con. Res. 50: Mr. PENCE and Ms. ROSELEHTINEN.

H. Con. Res. 70: Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ROTHMAN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mrs. BIGGERT.

H. Con. Res. 87: Mr. MEEHAN.

H. Con. Res. 91: Mr. MEEHAN.

H. Con. Res. 97: Mr. BISHOP of New York.

H. Con. Res. 104: Mr. OLVER.

H. Con. Res. 108: Ms. BORDALLO and Ms. WATSON.

H. Con. Res. 122: Mr. MEEHAN and Ms. DEGETTE.

H. Con. Res. 131: Mr. FOSSELLA.

H. Con. Res. 135: Mr. SESTAK.

H. Con. Res. 136: Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida.

H. Con. Res. 137: Mr. WU, Ms. ROSELEHTINEN, and Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida.

H. Con. Res. 160: Ms. WATSON and Mr. MCCOTTER.

H. Con. Res. 163: Mr. THOMPSON of California.

H. Res. 111: Ms. HARMAN and Mr. RYAN of Ohio.

H. Res. 121: Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. DICKS, and Mr. WAMP.

H. Res. 231: Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina.

H. Res. 257: Mr. TIBERI.

H. Res. 282: Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. CAPUANO, and Mr. SHULER.

H. Res. 287: Ms. LEE, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. CROWLEY.

H. Res. 335: Mr. McDERMOTT and Mr. GOODE.

H. Res. 356: Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, and Ms. LEE.

H. Res. 378: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. UPTON, Ms. HARMAN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. Courtney, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, and Ms. ROSELEHTINEN.

H. Res. 384: Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. RENZI, Ms. ESHOO, and Mr. BISHOP of Utah.

H. Res. 389: Mr. RANGEL.

H. Res. 415: Mr. AL GREEN of Texas.

H. Res. 424: Mr. SESTAK.

H. Res. 425: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H. Res. 433: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H. Res. 447: Mr. BURTON of Indiana and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H. Res. 456: Mr. LATOURETTE.

H. Res. 457: Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H. Res. 477: Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

60. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Selectboard of Roxbury, Vermont, relative to a Resolution supporting the men the Town of and women serving in all branches of the United States Armed Forces in Iraq; to the Committee on Armed Services.

61. Also, a petition of the Legislature of Monroe County, New York, relative to Resolution No. 07-0125 memorializing the Congress of the United States to pass legislation to decrease the disparity in military benefits between military reservists and enlisted servicemen and women; to the Committee on Armed Services.

62. Also, a petition of the San Luis Coastal Unified School District, California, relative to Resolution No. 11-06-07 urging the Congress of the United States to review and address the necessary amendments to the No Child Left Behind Act so that schools can successfully implement the Act; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

63. Also, a petition of Mr. Gavin Newsom, Mayor of the City Francisco, California, relative to supporting House Resolution recognizing the Armenian Genocide of 1915; to the Committee on Affairs.

64. Also, a petition of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, California, relative to a Resolution urging the World Health Organization to approve the extending of an invitation to Taiwan to participate in the World Health Organization's annual World Health Assembly meeting as an observer; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

65. Also, a petition of the Common Council of the City of York, relative to a Resolution urging the federal government States of America to seek positive diplomatic relations with Committee on Foreign Affairs.

66. Also, a petition of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, California, relative to a Resolution opposing H.R. 811, the Voter Confidence and Increased Accessibility Act and S. 559, the Vote Integrity and Verification Act; to the Committee on House Administration.

67. Also, a petition of the City of Key Colony Beach, Florida, relative to a Resolution requesting that the Congress of the United States appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

68. Also, a petition of the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, relative to Resolution No. 2007-7 requesting that the Congress of the United States appropriate the funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

69. Also, a petition of the InterCounty Association of Western New York, relative to Resolution No. 18-07 urging the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to support mandatory funding for veterans' healthcare services; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. KING OF NEW YORK

AMENDMENT No. 132: Page 2, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$35,000,000)".

Page 31, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$5,000,000)".

Page 51, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$40,000,000)".

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. KING OF IOWA

AMENDMENT No. 133: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following: SEC. ____ None of the funds made available in this Act for customs and border protection fencing, infrastructure, and technology may be used for anything but at least two layers of reinforced fencing and roads pursuant to section 102 of Public Laws 104-208.

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. KING OF IOWA

AMENDMENT No. 134: At the end before the short title, insert the following new section:

SEC. ____ (a) Clause 6(b) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by striking the period and inserting "; or" at the end of subparagraph (2) and by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(3) a rule or order that would limit any amendment that would otherwise be in order to a rescission bill."

(b) Clause 4(b) of rule X of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by inserting "(1)" after "(b)", by redesignating subparagraphs (1) through (6) as subdivisions (A) through (F), respectively, and by adding at the end the following:

"(2)(A) Whenever a rescission bill passes the House, the Committee on the Budget shall immediately reduce the applicable allocations under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 by the total amount of reductions in budget authority and in outlays resulting from such rescission bill.

"(B) As used in this subparagraph, the term 'rescission bill' means a bill or joint resolution which only rescinds, in whole or in part, budget authority and which includes only titles corresponding to the most recently enacted appropriation bills that continue to include unobligated balances."

(c) Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

"8. (a) By February 1, May 1, July 30, and November 11 of each session, the majority leader shall introduce a rescission bill. If such bill is not introduced by that date, then whenever a rescission bill is introduced during a session on or after that date, a motion to discharge the committee from its consideration shall be privileged after the 10-legislative day period beginning on that date for the first 5 such bills.

"(b) It shall not be in order to offer any amendment to a rescission bill except an amendment that increases the amount of budget authority that such bill rescinds.

"(c) As used in this clause and in clause 6, the term 'rescission bill' has the meaning given such term in clause 4(b)(2)(B) of rule X."

(d) Rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives (as amended by subsection (d)) is further amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

"8. (a) It shall not be in order to consider any rescission bill, or conference report thereon or amendment thereto, unless—

"(1) in the case of such bill or conference report thereon, it is made available to Members and the general public on the Internet for at least 48 hours before its consideration; or

“(2)(A) in the case of an amendment to such rescission bill made in order by a rule, it is made available to Members and the general public on the Internet within one hour after the rule is filed; or

“(B) in the case of an amendment under an open rule, it is made available to Members and the general public on the Internet immediately after being offered; in a format that is searchable and sortable. No amendment to an amendment to a rescission bill shall be in order unless germane to the amendment to which it is offered.

“(b) No amendment to an amendment to a rescission bill shall be in order unless germane to the amendment to which it is offered.”.

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. BURGESS

AMENDMENT No. 135: Page 2, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$15,000,000)”.

Page 23, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$15,000,000)”.

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. KING OF NEW YORK

AMENDMENT No. 136: Page 2, line 16, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$35,000,000)”.

Page 31, line 18, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$5,000,000)”.

Page 51, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert “(increased by \$40,000,000)”.

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MR. WALZ OF MINNESOTA

AMENDMENT No. 9: Page 30, line 14, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(reduced by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 32, line 22, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(increased by \$1,000,000)”.

Page 32, line 23, insert after 2009 the following: “, of which \$1,000,000 is for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to develop performance measures for determining progress toward the sharing of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health care resources pursuant to section 8111 of title 38, United States Code, and to submit to Congress a report on such performance measures”.

H.R. 2638

OFFERED BY: MRS. CAPITO

AMENDMENT No. 10: Page 31, line 6, after “Philippines”, insert “: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated under this heading, \$10,000,000 may not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits a report to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Veterans Affairs of the House of Representatives outlining the progress and plan for implementation of the Office of Rural Health within the Office of the Under Secretary for Veterans Health, which shall be fully implemented by January 1, 2008”.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MRS. CAPITO

AMENDMENT No. 11: Page 32, line 8, after “appropriation”, insert “: *Provided further*, That \$10,000,000 of such funds may not be obligated or expended until the Secretary of Veterans Affairs submits to the House of Representatives an executable plan, to be implemented not later than January 1, 2010, for maintaining medical records that are interoperable between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense”.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MR. DONNELLY

AMENDMENT No. 12: Page 44, after line 22, insert the following new section:

SEC. _____. Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report explaining what is being done to implement the eight open recommendations made to the Secretary by the Government Accountability Office for improving the timeliness, accuracy and consistency of disability claims processing by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as recorded in a letter dated May 25, 2007, sent by the Government Accountability Office to the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (GAO-07-906R).

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MRS. BLACKBURN

AMENDMENT No. 13: In section 405 (page 48, beginning on line 11), strike “encouraged” and insert “directed”.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MR. PENCE

AMENDMENT No. 14: At the end of the bill (before the short title), insert the following new section:

SEC. 409. None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used for construction of a structure or purchase of equipment for the purpose of performing abortions.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS

AMENDMENT No. 15: At the appropriate place, add the following new section:

SEC. _____. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL CENTERS SPECIALIZING IN POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN UNDER SERVED AREAS.

(a) INCREASE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase the number of medical centers specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder in underserved urban areas, which shall include using the services of existing health care entities.

(b) SPECIFIC CRITERIA.—At least one of the existing health care institutions used by the

Secretary pursuant to subsection (a) shall be—

(1) located in an area defined as a HUBzone (as the term is defined in section 3(p) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p)) on the basis of one or more qualified census tracts;

(2) located within a State that has sustained more than five percent of the total casualties suffered by the United States Armed Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom as May 1, 2007; and

(3) have at least 20 years experience and significant expertise in providing treatment and counseling services with respect to substance abuse, alcohol addiction, and psychiatric or stress-related disorders to populations with special needs, including veterans and members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MS. JACKSON-LEE OF TEXAS

AMENDMENT No. 16: At the appropriate place, add the following new section:

SEC. _____. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS SPECIALIZING IN POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER IN UNDER SERVED AREAS.

(a) INCREASE.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase the number of medical centers specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder in underserved urban areas, which shall include using the services of existing health care entities.

(b) SPECIFIC CRITERIA.—At least one of the existing health care institutions used by the Secretary pursuant to subsection (a) shall be—

(1) located in an area defined as a HUBzone (as the term is defined in section 3(p) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(p)) on the basis of one or more qualified census tracts;

(2) located within a State that has sustained more than five percent of the total casualties suffered by the United States Armed Forces in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom as May 1, 2007; and

(3) have at least 20 years experience and significant expertise in providing treatment and counseling services with respect to substance abuse, alcohol addiction, and psychiatric or stress-related disorders to populations with special needs, including veterans and members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty.

H.R. 2642

OFFERED BY: MR. PRICE OF GEORGIA

AMENDMENT No. 17: Page 10, line 17, after the dollar amount, insert “(reduced by \$50,000,000)”.

Page 27, line 6, after the dollar amount insert “(increased by \$22,000,000)”.