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Smith (WA) Speier Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Titus Tonko Torres Tsongas Van Hollen Vargas Veasey Velázquez Visclosky Walz

NOT VOTING-10

Courtney Crenshaw DesJarlais Johnson, Sam Meng Palazzo Richmond

Rush Thompson (MS)

Wasserman

Schultz

Wilson (FL)

Yarmuth

Welch

Waters, Maxine

Watson Coleman

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VA ACCOUNTABILITY FIRST AND APPEALS MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EMMER of Minnesota). Pursuant to House Resolution 859 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5620.

Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WESTMORELAND) kindly take the chair.

□ 1723

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5620) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes, with Mr. Westmoreland (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment No. 22 printed in House Report 114-742 offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) had been disposed of.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to clause 6 of rule XVIII, proceedings will now resume on those amendments printed in House Report 114-742 on which further proceedings were postponed, in the following order:

Amendment No. 2 by Mr. WALZ of Minnesota.

Amendment No. 3 by Mr. TAKANO of California.

Amendment No. 5 by Ms. Kuster of New Hampshire.

Amendment No. 15 by Mr. TAKANO of California.

Amendment No. 19 by Mr. TAKANO of California.

Amendment No. 20 by Mr. TAKANO of California.

Amendment No. 21 by Mr. DUFFY of Wisconsin.

The Chair will reduce to 2 minutes the minimum time for any electronic vote after the first vote in this series.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. WALZ

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 173, noes 250, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 511]

AYES-173

Adams Cooper Green, Al Bass Costa Green, Gene Courtney Beatty Grijalya Becerra Crowley Gutiérrez Bever Cummings Hahn Bishop (GA) Hastings Davis (CA) Davis, Danny Blumenauer Heck (WA) Bonamici DeFazio Higgins Bovle, Brendan DeGette Himes Delaney Hinojosa Brady (PA) DeLauro Honda. Brown (FL) DelBene Hoyer Brownley (CA) DeSaulnier Huffman Butterfield Deutch Israel Capps Dingell Jackson Lee Capuano Jeffries Doggett Doyle, Michael Johnson, E. B. Cárdenas Carney Kaptur Carson (IN) Edwards Keating Kelly (IL) Cartwright Ellison Castor (FL) Engel Kennedy Castro (TX) Eshoo Kildee Chu. Judy Estv Kilmer Cicilline Farr Kind Clark (MA) Foster Kirkpatrick Frankel (FL) Clarke (NY) Kuster Clay Fudge Langevin Cleaver Gabbard Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Clyburn Gallego Garamendi Cohen Lawrence Lee Connolly Graham Levin Conyers Grayson

Lieu, Ted Lipinski Loebsack Lofgren Lowenthal Lowey Lujan Grisham (NM) Luián Ben Bay (NM) Lynch Maloney Carolyn Matsui McCollum McDermott McGovern McNernev Moore Moulton Murphy (FL) Nadler Napolitano Nolan Norcross

Allen

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Cook

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Dold

Duffy

O'Rourke Pallone Pascrell Pavne Pelosi Perlmutter Peterson Pingree Pocan Polis Price (NC) Quigley Rangel Rice (NY) Richmond Rovbal-Allard Ruppersberger Rvan (OH) Sánchez, Linda T. Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Schrader Scott (VA) Scott, David

Serrano Sewell (AL) Sherman Sires Slaughter Smith (WA) Speier Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Titus Tonko Torres Tsongas Van Hollen Vargas Veasey Vela Velázquez Visclosky Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth

NOES-250

Abraham Fleming Aderholt Flores Aguilar Forbes Fortenberry Amash Foxx Franks (AZ) Amodei Ashford Frelinghuysen Babin Garrett Barletta Gibbs Gibson Barton Gohmert Benishek Goodlatte Gosar Bilirakis Gowdy Bishop (MI) Granger Bishop (UT) Graves (GA) Graves (LA) Blackburn Graves (MO) Griffith Grothman Boustany Guinta Brady (TX) Guthrie Hanna Bridenstine Hardy Brooks (AL) Harper Brooks (IN) Harris Buchanan Hartzler Heck (NV) Bucshon Hensarling Herrera Beutler Burgess Bustos Hice, Jody B. Byrne Hill Calvert Holding Carter (GA) Huelskamp Carter (TX) Huizenga (MI) Chabot Hultgren Chaffetz Hunter Hurd (TX) Clawson (FL) Coffman Hurt (VA) Issa Collins (GA) Jenkins (KS) Collins (NY) Jenkins (WV) Comstock Johnson (GA) Conaway Johnson (OH) Jolly Costello (PA) Jones Cramer Jordan Crawford Joyce Katko Crenshaw Cuellar Kelly (MS) Culberson Kelly (PA) Curbelo (FL) King (IA) Davidson King (NY) Davis, Rodney Kinzinger (IL) Denham Kline Knight DeSantis Labrador Diaz-Balart LaHood LaMalfa Donovan Lamborn Duckworth Lance Latta Duncan (SC) LoBiondo Duncan (TN) Long Ellmers (NC) Loudermilk Emmer (MN) Love Farenthold Lucas Fitzpatrick Luetkemever Fleischmann Lummis

MacArthur Maloney, Sean Marchant Marino Massie McCarthy McCaul McClintock McHenry McKinlev McMorris Rodgers McSally Meadows Meehan Messer Mica Miller (FL) Miller (MI) Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Mullin Mulvaney Murphy (PA) Neugebauer Newhouse Noem Nugent Nunes Olson Palmer Paulsen Pearce Perrv Peters Pittenger Pitts Poe (TX) Poliquin Pompeo Posey Price, Tom Ratcliffe Reed Reichert Renacci Ribble Rice (SC) Rigell Roby Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher Rokita Rooney (FL) Ros-Lehtinen Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Royce Russell Salmon Sanford Scalise Schweikert Scott, Austin

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NOT VOTING-

DesJarlais Johnson, Sam Meng Palazzo Fincher Hudson

Rush Thompson (MS)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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Mr. GARRETT changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

So the amendment was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY TAKANO

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California TAKANO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

Clerk will redesignate The amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 184, noes 240, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 512]

AYES-184

Adams Connolly Green, Al Aguilar Conyers Green, Gene Ashford Cooper Grijalva Bass Costa Gutiérrez Beatty Courtney Hahn Hastings Becerra Crowley Cummings Heck (WA) Bera Bever Davis (CA) Higgins Bishop (GA) Davis, Danny Himes Blumenauer DeFazio Hinojosa Bonamici DeGette Honda Bovle, Brendan Delanev Hover DeLauro Huffman Brady (PA) DelBene Israel Brown (FL) DeSaulnier Jackson Lee Brownley (CA) Deutch Jeffries Johnson (GA) Bustos Dingel1 Butterfield Doggett Johnson, E. B. Doyle, Michael Capps Kaptur Capuano Keating Duckworth Cárdenas Kelly (IL) Kennedy Carney Edwards Carson (IN) Ellison Kildee Cartwright Engel Kilmer Castor (FL) Eshoo Kind Kirknatrick Castro (TX) Estv Chu. Judy Farr Kuster Cicilline Clark (MA) Foster Langevin Frankel (FL) Larsen (WA) Clarke (NY) Fudge Larson (CT) Clay Gabbard Lawrence Cleaver Gallego Lee Clyburn Garamendi Levin Lewis Coffman Graham Lieu, Ted Cohen Grayson

Lipinski Loebsack Lofgren Lowenthal Lowey Lujan Grisham (NM) Luján, Ben Ray (NM) Lynch Maloney, Carolyn Maloney, Sean Matsui McCollum McDermott McGovern McNerney Meeks Meng Moore Moulton Murphy (FL) Nadler Napolitano Nolan Norcross O'Rourke

Abraham

Aderholt

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Barletta

Barton

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Bilirakis

Black

Blum

Bost

Brat

Buck

Bishop (MI)

Bishop (UT)

Blackburn

Boustany

Brady (TX)

Bridenstine

Brooks (AL)

Brooks (IN)

Buchanan

Bucshon

Burgess

Calvert

Chabot

Chaffetz

Carter (GA)

Carter (TX)

Clawson (FL)

Cole Collins (GA)

Collins (NY)

Costello (PA)

Comstock

Conaway

Cook

Cramer

Crawford

Crenshaw

Culberson

Davidson

Denham

DeSantis

Donovan

Diaz-Balart

Duncan (SC)

Duncan (TN) Ellmers (NC)

Emmer (MN)

Farenthold

Fitzpatrick

Fleming

Flores

Forbes

Foxx

Fleischmann

Fortenberry

Massie

McCarthy

Dent

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Curbelo (FL)

Davis, Rodney

Cuellar

Byrne

Barr

Pascrell Payne Pelosi Perlmutter Peters Peterson Pingree Pocan Polis Price (NC) Quigley Rangel Rice (NY) Richmond Rovbal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Rvan (OH) Sánchez, Linda Т. Sanchez, Loretta Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Schrader Scott (VA) Scott, David Serrano

NOES-240

Franks (AZ) Frelinghuysen McCaul McClintock Garrett McHenry Gibbs McKinley Gibson McMorris Gohmert Rodgers Goodlatte McSallv Meadows Gosar Gowdy Meehan Granger Messer Graves (GA) Mica Miller (FL) Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Miller (MI) Griffith Moolenaar Guinta Mullin Guthrie Mulvaney Hanna Hardy Neugebauer Harper Harris Newhouse Hartzler Noem Heck (NV) Nugent Hensarling Nunes Herrera Beutler Olson Hice, Jody B. Palmer Hill Paulsen Holding Pearce Hudson Perry Pitts Poe (TX) Huelskamp Huizenga (MI) Poliquin Hultgren Hunter Hurd (TX) Pompeo Posev Price, Tom Hurt (VA) Issa Jenkins (KS) Ratcliffe Reed Reichert Jenkins (WV) Johnson (OH) Renacci Ribble Jolly Rice (SC) Jones Jordan Rigell Jovce Robv Roe (TN) Katko Kelly (MS) Rogers (AL) Kelly (PA) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher King (IA) King (NY) Rokita Rooney (FL) Kinzinger (IL) Kline Knight Roskam Labrador Ross LaHood Rothfus LaMalfa Rouzer Lamborn Royce Lance Russell Latta Salmon LoBiondo Sanford Scalise Schweikert Long Loudermilk Love Lucas Luetkemeyer Sessions Lummis Shimkus MacArthur Shuster Marchant Simpson Marino

Sewell (AL) Sherman Sires Slaughter Smith (WA) Speier Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Titus Tonko Torres Tsongas Van Hollen Vargas Veasey Vela. Velázquez Visclosky Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth

Des Jarlais

Mooney (WV) Murphy (PA) Ros-Lehtinen Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Sinema Smith (MO)

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Valadao Wilson (SC) Wagner Wittman Walberg Womack Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Westmoreland Williams

Woodall Yoder Yoho Young (AK) Young (IA) Young (IN) Zeldin Zinke

Rush

NOT VOTING-7

Johnson, Sam Fincher Palazzo Grothman Pittenger

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 5 OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentlewoman from New Hampshire (Ms. Kuster) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the noes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 183, noes 236, not voting 12, as follows:

[Roll No. 513]

AYES-183

Adams Davis (CA) Huffman Aguilar Davis Danny Israel Jackson Lee Ashford DeFazio Bass DeGette Jeffries Beatty Johnson (GA) Delanev Becerra DeLauro Johnson, E. B. Kaptur Bera DelBene Bever DeSaulnier Keating Kelly (IL) Bishop (GA) Deutch Blumenauer Dingell Kennedy Kildee Bonamici Doggett Boyle, Brendan Doyle, Michael Kilmer Kind Brady (PA) Duckworth Kirkpatrick Brown (FL) Edwards Kuster Brownley (CA) Ellison Langevin Larsen (WA) Bustos Engel Butterfield Eshoo Larson (CT) Capps Esty Lawrence Capuano Lee Farr Cárdenas Foster Levin Frankel (FL) Carney Carson (IN) Lewis Lieu, Ted Fudge Cartwright Gabbard Lipinski Castor (FL) Gallego Loebsack Garamendi Castro (TX) Lofgren Chu, Judy Graham Lowenthal Cicilline Gravson Lowey Lujan Grisham Clark (MA) Green, Al Clarke (NY) Green, Gene (NM) Luján, Ben Ray Clav Grijalya. Cleaver Gutiérrez (NM) Lynch Maloney, Clyburn Hahn Hastings Cohen Connolly Heck (WA) Carolyn Cooper Higgins Maloney, Sean

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Matsui

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McGovern

McDermott

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Wittman

Womack

Woodall

Yoder

Wilson (SC)

NOT VOTING-

DesJarlais

Fincher

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Meng	Richmond
Moore	Roybal-Allard
Moulton	Ruiz
Murphy (FL)	Ruppersberger
Nadler	Ryan (OH)
Napolitano	Salmon
Neal	Sánchez, Linda
Nolan	T.
Norcross	Sanchez, Loret
O'Rourke	Sarbanes
Pallone	Schakowsky
Pascrell	Schiff
Payne	Schrader
Pelosi	Scott (VA)
Perlmutter	Scott, David
Peters	Serrano
Peterson	Sewell (AL)
Pingree	Sherman
Pocan	Sires
Polis	Slaughter
Price (NC)	Smith (WA)
Quigley	Speier

Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Titus Tonko Torres Tsongas nchez, Linda Van Hollen Vargas nchez, Loretta Veasev Vela Velázquez Visclosky Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman

Welch

Wilson (FL)

Yarmuth

Conyers

Walters, Mimi

Weber (TX)

Wenstrup

Westerman

Blackburn

Westmoreland

Webster (FL)

Courtney Hudson Davidson Johnson, Sam ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

NOES-236

Gosar

Gowdy

Guinta

Hanna

Hardy

Harper

Harris

Hill

Hunter

Jolly

Hurd (TX)

Hurt (VA)

Jenkins (KS)

Jenkins (WV)

Johnson (OH)

Abraham Aderholt Allen Amash Amodei Babin Barletta Barton Benishek Bilirakis Bishop (MI) Bishop (UT) Black Blum Bost Boustany Brady (TX) Brat Bridenstine Brooks (AL) Brooks (IN) Buchanan Buck Bucshon Burgess Byrne Calvert Carter (GA) Carter (TX) Chabot Chaffetz Clawson (FL) Coffman Cole Collins (GA) Collins (NY) Comstock Conaway Cook Costello (PA) Cramer Crawford Crenshaw Culberson Curbelo (FL) Davis, Rodney Denham Dent DeSantis Diaz-Balart Dold Donovan Duncan (SC) Duncan (TN) Ellmers (NC) Emmer (MN) Farenthold Fitzpatrick Fleischmann Fleming Flores Forbes Fortenberry Foxx Franks (AZ)

Frelinghuysen

Messer

Mica. Miller (FL)

Garrett

Gibbs

Gibson

Gohmert

Goodlatte

Miller (MI) Moolenaar Granger Graves (GA) Mooney (WV) Mullin Graves (LA) Mulvanev Graves (MO) Murphy (PA) Griffith Neugebauer Grothman Newhouse Noem Guthrie Nugent Nunes Olson Palmer Paulsen Hartzler Pearce Heck (NV) Perry Hensarling Pittenger Herrera Beutler Pitts Hice, Jody B. Poe (TX) Poliquin Holding Pompeo Huelskamp Posey Price, Tom Huizenga (MI) Hultgren Ratcliffe

Reed

Reichert

Rice (SC)

Roby Roe (TN)

Renacci

Ribble

Rigell

Jones Rogers (AL) Jordan Rogers (KY) Joyce Rokita. Katko Rooney (FL) Kelly (MS) Ros-Lehtinen Kelly (PA) Roskam King (IA) Ross King (NY) Rothfus Kinzinger (IL) Rouzer Kline Royce Knight Russell Labrador Sanford LaHood Scalise La.Ma.lfa Schweikert Lamborn Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Lance Latta Sessions LoBiondo Shimkus Long Shuster Loudermilk Simpson Sinema Love Lucas Smith (MO) Luetkemeyer Smith (NE) Smith (TX) Lummis MacArthur Stefanik Marchant Stewart Stivers Marino Massie Stutzman McCarthy Thompson (PA) McCaul Thornberry McClintock Tiberi McHenry Tipton McKinlev Trott McMorris Turner Rodgers Upton McSallv Valadao Meadows Meehan Wagner Walberg

Walden

Walker

Walorski

Butterfield

Byrne

So the amendment was rejected. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 15 OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California TAKANO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 426, noes 0, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 514]

AYES-426 Abraham Calvert Davis, Rodney Adams Capps DeFazio Capuano DeGette Aderholt Aguilar Cárdenas Delaney Allen Carnev DeLauro Carson (IN) DelBene Amash Amodei Carter (GA) Denham Ashford Carter (TX) Dent. Cartwright DeSantis Babin Barletta Castor (FL) DeSaulnier Barr Castro (TX) Deutch Barton Chabot Diaz-Balart Bass Chaffetz Dingell Beatty Chu, Judy Doggett Becerra Cicilline Dold Benishek Clark (MA) Donovan Dovle, Michael Bera Clarke (NY) Beyer Clawson (FL) Bilirakis Clay Duckworth Duffy Bishop (GA) Cleaver Duncan (SC) Bishop (MI) Clyburn Bishop (UT) Coffman Duncan (TN) Black Edwards Cohen Ellison Blackburn Cole Collins (GA) Blum Ellmers (NC) Blumenauer Collins (NY) Emmer (MN) Bonamici Comstock Engel Bost Conaway Eshoo Connolly Esty Boustany Boyle, Brendan Farenthold Conyers F. Cook Farr Brady (PA) Fitzpatrick Cooper Brady (TX) Costa Fleischmann Costello (PA) Brat Fleming Bridenstine Courtney Flores Cramer Brooks (AL) Forbes Crawford Fortenberry Brooks (IN) Brown (FL) Crenshaw Foster Brownley (CA) Crowley Foxx Frankel (FL) Buchanan Cuellar Buck Culberson Franks (AZ) Bucshon Cummings Curbelo (FL) Frelinghuysen Fudge Burgess Gabbard Bustos Davidson

Davis (CA)

Davis, Danny

Gallego

Garamendi

Loudermilk

Love

Gohmert Goodlatte Gosar Gowdy Graham Granger Graves (GA) Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Grayson Green, Al Green, Gene Griffith Grijalva Grothman Guinta Guthrie Gutiérrez Hahn Hanna Hardy Harper Harris Hartzler Hastings Heck (NV) Heck (WA) Hensarling Herrera Beutler Hice, Jody B. Higgins Hill Himes Hinojosa Holding Honda Hover Hudson Huelskamp Huffman Huizenga (MI) Hultgren Hunter Hurd (TX) Hurt (VA) Israel Issa Jackson Lee Jeffries Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (GA) Johnson (OH) Johnson, E. B. Jolly Jones Jordan Joyce Kaptur Katko Keating Kelly (IL) Kelly (MS) Kelly (PA) Kennedy Kildee Kilmer Kind King (IA) King (NY) Kinzinger (IL) Kirkpatrick Kline Knight Kuster Labrador LaHood LaMalfa. Lamborn Lance Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Latta Lawrence Lee Levin Lewis Lieu, Ted Lipinski LoBiondo Loebsack Lofgren Long

Lowey Lucas Luetkemever Lujan Grisham (NM) Luián, Ben Rav (NM) Lummis Lynch MacArthur Maloney, Carolyn Malonev. Sean Marchant Marino Massie Matsui McCarthy McCaul McClintock McCollum McDermott McGovern McHenry McKinley McMorris Rodgers McNerney McSally Meadows Meehan Meeks Meng Messer Mica Miller (FL) Miller (MI) Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Moore Moulton Mullin Mulvaney Murphy (FL) Murphy (PA) Nadler Napolitano Neal Neugebauer Newhouse Noem Nolan Norcross Nugent Nunes O'Rourke Olson Pallone Palmer Pascrell Paulsen Payne Pearce Pelosi Perlmutter Perrv Peters Peterson Pingree Pittenger Pitts Pocan Poe (TX) Poliquin Polis Pompeo Posey Price (NC) Price, Tom Quigley Rangel Ratcliffe Reed Reichert Renacci Ribble Rice (NY) Rice (SC) Richmond Rigell Roby Roe (TN) Rogers (AL) Rogers (KY) Rohrabacher Rokita Rooney (FL) Ros-Lehtinen

H5481 Roskam Ross Rothfus Rouzer Roybal-Allard Royce Ruiz Ruppersberger Russell Ryan (OH) Salmon Sánchez Linda Т. Sanchez, Loretta Sanford Sarbanes Scalise Schakowsky Schiff Schrader Schweikert Scott (VA) Scott, Austin Scott, David Sensenbrenner Serrano Sessions Sewell (AL) Sherman Shimkus Shuster Simpson Sinema Sires Slaughter Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (NJ) Smith (TX) Smith (WA) Speier Stefanik Stewart Stivers Stutzman Swalwell (CA) Takano Thompson (CA) Thompson (MS) Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiberi Tipton Titus Tonko Torres Trott Tsongas Turner Upton Valadao Van Hollen Vargas Veasey Vela Velázquez Visclosky Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Walz Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Welch Wenstrup Westerman Westmoreland

Williams

Wilson (FL)

Wilson (SC)

Wittman

Womack

Woodall

Yoder

Yoho

Zeldin

Zinke

Yarmuth

Young (AK)

Young (IA)

Young (IN)

Lummis

NOT VOTING-5

Des Jarlais Johnson, Sam Rush Fincher Palazzo

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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Messrs. WESTMORELAND, ROGERS of Alabama, EMMER of Minnesota, and JOHNSON of Ohio changed their vote from "no" to "aye."

So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 19 OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman California from TAKANO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

Clerk will redesignate The amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 421, noes 1, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 515]

AYES-421

Abraham Cárdenas Dent Adams Carney DeSantis Carson (IN) Aderholt DeSaulnier Carter (GA) Aguilar Deutch Diaz-Balart Allen Carter (TX) Amash Cartwright Dingell Amodei Castor (FL) Doggett Ashford Castro (TX) Dold Babin Chabot Donovan Barletta Chaffetz Doyle, Michael Barr Chu Judy F Duckworth Cicilline Barton Clark (MA) Duffy Bass Duncan (SC) Beatty Clarke (NY) Becerra Clawson (FL) Duncan (TN) Clay Benishek Edwards Bera Cleaver Ellison Beyer Clyburn Ellmers (NC) Bilirakis Coffman Emmer (MN) Bishop (GA) Cohen Engel Bishop (MI) Cole Eshoo Bishop (UT) Collins (GA) Esty Farenthold Black Collins (NY) Blackburn Comstock Fitzpatrick Blum Conaway Fleischmann Connolly Blumenauer Fleming Bonamici Convers Flores Bost Cook Forbes Boustany Costa Fortenberry Boyle, Brendan Costello (PA) Foster Courtney Foxx Brady (PA) Frankel (FL) Cramer Brady (TX) Crawford Franks (AZ) Brat Crenshaw Frelinghuysen Bridenstine Crowley Fudge Brooks (AL) Cuellar Gabbard Brooks (IN) Culberson Gallego Brown (FL) Cummings Garamendi Brownley (CA) Curbelo (FL) Garrett Buchanan Davidson Gibson Buck Davis (CA) Gohmert Bucshon Davis, Danny Goodlatte Burgess Davis, Rodney Gosar Bustos DeFazio Gowdy Butterfield DeGette Graham Delaney Granger Byrne Calvert Graves (GA) DeLauro DelBene Graves (LA) Capps Capuano Graves (MO) Denham

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NOT VOTING-9

Fincher Cooper Palazzo DesJarlais Gibbs Rush Johnson, Sam Smith (NE)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Chair, on rollcall No. 515, had I been present, I would have voted "ave."

AMENDMENT NO. 20 OFFERED BY MR. TAKANO

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California TAKANO) on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk will redesignate amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amendment.

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 421, noes 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 516]

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NOT VOTING-10 Graves (LA) Rush

DesJarlais Farr Johnson, Sam Serrano Fincher Palazzo Frelinghuvsen Peters

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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So the amendment was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

AMENDMENT NO. 21 OFFERED BY MR. DUFFY

The Acting CHAIR. The unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. DUFFY) which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

Clerk redesignate The will the amendment.

The Clerk redesignated the amend-

RECORDED VOTE

The Acting CHAIR. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The Acting CHAIR. This will be a 2minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 423, noes 1, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 517]

AYES-423

Abraham Carter (GA) Dingell Adams Carter (TX) Doggett Aderholt Cartwright Dold Aguilar Castor (FL) Donovan Allen Castro (TX) Doyle, Michael Amash Chabot Chaffetz Duckworth Amodei Ashford Chu, Judy Duffy Duncan (SC) Cicilline Babin Barletta Clark (MA) Duncan (TN) Barr Clarke (NY) Edwards Ellison Barton Clawson (FL) Ellmers (NC) Bass Clay Beattv Cleaver Emmer (MN) Clyburn Becerra Engel Benishek Coffman Eshoo Bera Cohen Estv Beyer Cole Farenthold Bilirakis Collins (GA) Farr Fitzpatrick Bishop (GA) Collins (NY) Bishop (MI) Comstock Fleischmann Bishop (UT) Conaway Fleming Connolly Black Flores Blackburn Conyers Forbes Blum Cook Fortenberry Blumenauer Foster Cooper Bonamici Costa Foxx Frankel (FL) Costello (PA) Bost Franks (AZ) Boustany Courtney Boyle, Brendan Frelinghuysen Cramer Crawford Fudge Brady (PA) Crenshaw Gabbard Brady (TX) Crowley Gallego Brat Cuellar Garamendi Bridenstine Culberson Garrett Gibbs Brooks (AL) Cummings Curbelo (FL) Brooks (IN) Gibson Brown (FL) Davidson Gohmert Brownley (CA) Davis (CA) Goodlatte Buchanan Davis, Danny Gosar Buck Davis, Rodney Gowdy Bucshon DeFazio Graham Burgess DeGette Granger Graves (GA) Bustos Delaney Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Butterfield DeLauro Byrne DelBene Calvert Denham Grayson Capps Dent Green, Al DeSantis Capuano Green, Gene DeSaulnier Griffith Cárdenas Carney Carson (IN) Deutch Grijalva

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NOT VOTING-7

DesJarlais Palazzo Welch Fincher Rush Johnson, Sam Veasey

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIR

The Acting CHAIR (during the vote). There is 1 minute remaining.

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So the amendment was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the Committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. Ros-LEHTINEN) having assumed the chair, Mr. Westmoreland, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5620) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 859, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentlewoman opposed to the bill?

Ms. TITUS. I am opposed to the bill in its current form.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ms. Titus moves to recommit the bill H.R. 5620 to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

Add at the end the following:

SEC. 11. DEFINITION OF SPOUSE FOR PURPOSES OF VETERAN BENEFITS TO REFLECT NEW STATE DEFINITIONS OF SPOUSE.

- (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 101 of title 38, United States Code is amended—
- (1) in paragraph (3), by striking "of the opposite sex"; and
- (2) in paragraph (31), by striking "of the opposite sex who is a wife or husband" and inserting "in a marriage recognized under section 103 of this title".
- (b) DETERMINATION.—Subsection (c) of section 103 of such title is amended to read as follows:
- "(c)(1) For the purposes of all laws administered by the Secretary, the Secretary shall

recognize a marriage based on the law of the State where the marriage occurred. In the case of a marriage that occurred outside a State, the Secretary shall recognize the marriage if the marriage was lawful in the place where it occurred and could have been entered into under the laws of any State. Except in the case of a purported marriage deemed valid under subsection (a), the Secretary may not recognize more than one marriage for any person at the same time.

"(2) In this subsection, the term 'State' has the meaning given that the term in section 101(20) of this title, except that such term also includes the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.".

Mr. MILLER of Florida (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I rise to reserve a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A point of order is reserved.

The Clerk will continue to read.

The Clerk continued to read.

Ms. TITUS (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to dispense with the reading.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentle-woman from Nevada?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Nevada is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, this is the final amendment to the bill. It will not kill the bill or send it back to committee. If adopted, the bill will immediately proceed to final passage, as amended.

The motion to recommit that I offer today is simple, straightforward, and long overdue. The amendment is a technical correction to update our Nation's laws to reflect the realities of the day by eliminating outdated, discriminatory language that is currently found in the U.S. Code.

Over a year ago, the Supreme Court ruled definitively on the question of equal protection for all citizens under the law. Their decision in Obergefell v. Hodges struck down discriminatory laws that defined marriage and made marriage equality the law of the land.

Following that decision, the Veterans Administration issued guidance to ensure that all legally married veterans and their spouses would have access to the full range of Federal benefits that they earned through their military service. Yet, title 38 of the U.S. Code, which governs the VA, still reflects decades-old language that does not meet the constitutional reality of today. This is why I am offering the motion to remove the sex-specific definition of "spouse" found in the VA Code.

Now, updating the U.S. Code is nothing new to this body. In 1986, Congress updated our Nation's laws to reflect the fact that not all veterans are men and not all veteran spouses are wives. Earlier this year, I would remind the House that we passed, by unanimous vote, a measure offered by my friend and colleague from New York, Congresswoman MENG, to remove discriminatory language on race found in the Code.

By passing this MTR, we can take yet another step to clean up our laws and recognize that all American veterans and their families are equal. Indeed, we owe it to those who have worn the uniform and to their loved ones to respect their service and their sacrifice in both word and in deed. So let's remove this discriminatory language and ensure that all veterans are provided the respect, the benefits, and the equal protection they deserve.

Accordingly, I would urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to have just a fraction of the courage that these brave American heroes have and vote for this motion to recommit.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of a point of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The reservation of a point of order is withdrawn.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I claim the time in opposition to the gentlewoman's motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, one thing that can be said about Ms. TITUS is she is consistent and she has tried every way possible in order to have this piece of legislation pass. Actually, it was debated and defeated in the committee when we had an opportunity to talk about this issue before.

There were 80 amendments that were offered on this particular piece of legislation. Twenty-two amendments were accepted, and as the Members have seen, a vast number of Democratic amendments were accepted and allowed to be debated on the floor.

This bill is about accountability. This bill is trying to give the Secretary the tools that he needs in order to hold people accountable. The problem that exists today at the Department of Veterans Affairs, as the Department Secretary has said and as other high-ranking officials at the Department have said, is it is almost impossible to hold somebody accountable or to fire somebody at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Imagine this: a VA employee that was drunk went into an operating room, and it took almost a year in order to hold them accountable; a VA employee was a willing participant in an armed robbery in Puerto Rico, and after a lengthy and administrative battle where the employee was supported by the public employee unions, the employee was reinstated in their previous position and got no discipline at all.

The VA has not held anybody accountable for the \$2.5 billion budget shortfall that took place in 2015, and they have held nobody accountable for the \$1 billion cost overrun at the Aurora, Colorado, VA Medical Center.

This is about holding bad bureaucrats accountable. We don't need poison pills in this particular bill. We need

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to move forward, and I urge my colleagues to oppose the MTR.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit. The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

RECORDED VOTE

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 5minute vote on the motion to recommit will be followed by a 5-minute vote on passage of the bill, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 185, noes 239, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 518] AYES-185

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NOT VOTING-7

Davis, Rodney Johnson, Sam Rush DesJarlais Palazzo Fincher Roby

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So the motion to recommit was re-

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, I was unavoid-

ably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

Mrs. ROBY. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 518, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 310, nays 116, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 519] YEAS-310

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So the bill is passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3765

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw my name from H.R. 3765, the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2015.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. McSally). Is there objection to the re-

quest of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING CHASE BUSBY

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courageous Chase Busby from St. Simons Island, Georgia—a 3-year-old battling leukemia.

After Chase showed symptoms of a fairly common cold for about a month, his parents, Chris and Cassie, took him to the doctor for tests. Unfortunately, those tests showed that he had an acute type of childhood cancer found in bone marrow.

Since that time, Chase has gone through many more tests, medicines, and painful procedures, including chemotherapy. He is set to complete his treatment in 2018.

In true south Georgia fashion, I am proud to say that Chase's local community is rallying behind him. In his honor, on September 23, Redfern Village in St. Simons is hosting a block party called "Redfern Goes Gold," and the proceeds will go to funding childhood cancer research.

With September being National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, I rise today to wish Chase Busby all the best in fighting this disease. Chase, we are here to support you every step of the way.

□ 1815

CELEBRATING MS. MAE CORA PETERSON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. VEASEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th birthday of Ms. Mae Cora Peterson, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, in the Stop Six, Carver Heights community.

Ms. Peterson was born on September 13, 1916, in Orangeburg, South Carolina, during the Jim Crow era. Understanding the value of education during the time of racial segregation, she attended and graduated from South Carolina State University. She went on to earn her master's degree from the University of Michigan. After graduation, she volunteered with the YWCA and was offered a full-time job in the city

of her choice. She took on the position of executive director at a segregated branch in Fort Worth.

She continued her passion to serve youth and later served as the dean of girls and vice principal at Dunbar High School, where she worked for 27 years. In addition to her civic duties, Ms. Peterson is also the oldest active living member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Madam Speaker, I rise to give tribute to my good friend, Ms. Mae Cora Peterson.

NO LAMEDUCK VOTE ON TPP

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to rule out an end-of-the-year lameduck end-run vote on the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

No other time in the Congress is less accountable to the people who entrust us to represent their interests than the period between election and the swearing in of a new Congress in January. That is why it is called lameduck.

Retiring Members or those who lost elections still have a say. And whose interests are they more likely to represent?

Sometimes corporate interests weigh in with tantalizing offers of high-dollar remuneration on their retirement. Or for those fresh off an election, a lameduck can present pressures from donors who funded their campaigns.

In 2000, I watched this scenario play out when the permanent normal trade relations with China, unfortunately, passed. For China's PNTR vote, look at Texas. The President secured at least five Members' votes by promising an environmental cleanup of a military factory, a study on job losses due to imports, and finalized an EPA study for a pipeline.

And what happened to those promises?

Nothing. In fact, the factory closed with the district losing 5,000 jobs.

Madam Speaker, we have been told time and again that free trade deals create jobs, but they outsource our jobs instead. Americans deserve a vote from accountable, elected Representatives. No lameduck TPP vote.

AMERICAN FREEDOMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GIBSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GIBSON. Madam Speaker, this evening I will be joined with three other veterans, and among the four of us are three airborne Ranger-qualified veterans and one Navy SEAL. We will be talking about our freedoms and this exceptional way of life.

Madam Speaker, earlier this year, on the Fourth of July, we celebrated 240