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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries, and for other purposes.".

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. McCAUL. On November 29, 2016, I missed the voting session. If present, I would have voted as follows: "Yes"-H.R. 5422-To ensure funding for the National Human Trafficking Hotline, and for other purposes.

"Yes"—H.R. 4757—To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the eligibility for headstones, markers, and medallions furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for deceased individuals who were awarded the Medal of Honor and are buried in private cemeteries, as amended

### UNITED STATES-ISRAEL CYBERSE-CURITY COOPERATION ENHANCE-MENT ACT OF 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 5843) to establish a grant program at the Department of Homeland Security to promote cooperative research and development between the United States and Israel on cybersecurity, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by gentleman from Texas (Mr. RATCLIFFE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken; and (twothirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON H. RES. 933, PRO-VIDING AMOUNTS FOR FURTHER EXPENSES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE IN HUNDRED THE ONE FOUR-TEENTH CONGRESS

Mr. HARPER, from the Committee on House Administration, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-838) providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

TREATMENT OF BUILDINGS AND WITHIN BOUND-OTHER AREAS REALOF ESTATE OR ARIES OTHER PROPERTY INTERESTS ACQUIRED BY NATIONAL GAL-LERY OF ART

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5160) to amend title 40, United States Code, to include as part of the buildings and grounds of the National Gallery of Art any buildings and other areas within the boundaries of any real estate or other property interests acquired by

the National Gallery of Art, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.B. 5160

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF BUILDINGS AND OTHER AREAS WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF REAL ESTATE OR OTHER PROP-ERTY INTERESTS ACQUIRED BY NA-TIONAL GALLERY OF ART.

Section 6301(2) of title 40, United States Code, is amended-

(1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "The National Gallery of Art" and inserting "(A) The National Gallery of Art";

(2) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively: and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(B) All other buildings, service roads, walks, and other areas within the exterior boundaries of any real estate or land or interest in land (including temporary use) that the National Gallery of Art acquires and that the Director of the National Gallery of Art determines to be necessary for the adequate protection of individuals or property in the National Gallery of Art and suitable for administration as a part of the National Gallery of Art.".

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 34, TSUNAMI WARNING, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2015, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDER-ATION OF H.R. 6392, SYSTEMIC RISK DESIGNATION IMPROVE-MENT ACT OF 2016

Mr. BURGESS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-839) on the resolution (H. Res. 934) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 34) to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6392) to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

### VETERANS MOBILITY SAFETY ACT OF 2016

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3471) to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with the Senate amendment thereto, and concur in the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the Senate amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2016".

#### SEC. 2. PERSONAL SELECTIONS OF AUTO-MOBILES AND ADAPTIVE EQUIP-MENT.

Section 3903(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

- (1) by striking "Except" and inserting "(1) Except"; and
- (2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
- "(2) The Secretary shall ensure that to the extent practicable an eligible person who is provided an automobile or other conveyance under this chapter is given the opportunity to make personal selections relating to such automobile or other conveyance.".

#### SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR THE AUTO-MOBILES ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM.

- (a) COMPREHENSIVE POLICY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop a comprehensive policy regarding quality standards for providers who provide modification services to veterans under the automobile adaptive equipment program.
- (b) SCOPE.—The policy developed under subsection (a) shall cover each of the following:
- (1) The Department of Veterans Affairs-wide management of the automobile adaptive equipment program.
- (2) The development of standards for safety and quality of equipment and installation of equipment through the automobile adaptive equipment program, including with respect to the defined differentiations in levels of modification complexity.
- (3) The consistent application of standards for safety and quality of both equipment and installation throughout the Department.
- (4) In accordance with subsection (c)(1), the certification of a provider by a manufacturer if the Secretary designates the quality standards of such manufacturer as meeting or exceeding the standards developed under this section.
- (5) In accordance with subsection (c)(2), the certification of a provider by a third party, non-profit organization if the Secretary designates the quality standards of such organization as meeting or exceeding the standards developed under this section.
- (6) The education and training of personnel of the Department who administer the automobile adaptive equipment program.
- (7) The compliance of the provider with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) when furnishing automobile adaptive equipment at the facility of the provider.
- (8) The allowance, where technically appropriate, for veterans to receive modifications at their residence or location of choice, including standards that ensure such receipt and notification to veterans of the availability of such receipt.
- (c) CERTIFICATION OF MANUFACTURERS AND THIRD PARTY, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—
- (1) CERTIFICATION OF MANUFACTURERS.—The Secretary shall approve a manufacturer as a

- certifying manufacturer for purposes of subsection (b)(4), if the manufacturer demonstrates that its certification standards meet or exceed the quality standards developed under this sec-
- (2) CERTIFICATION OF THIRD PARTY, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may approve two or more private, nonprofit organizations as third party, nonprofit certifying organizations for purposes of subsection (b)(5).
- (B) LIMITATION.—If at any time there is only one third party, nonprofit certifying organization approved by the Secretary for purposes of subsection (b)(5), such organization shall not be permitted to provide certifications under such subsection until such time as the Secretary approves a second third party, nonprofit certifying organization for purposes of such subsection.
  (d) UPDATES.—
- (1) INITIAL UPDATES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall update Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1173.4, or any successor handbook or directive, in accordance with the policy developed under subsection (a).

(2) SUBSEQUENT UPDATES.—Not less frequently than once every 6 years thereafter, the Secretary shall update such handbook, or any successor handbook or directive.

- cessor handbook or directive.
  (e) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall develop the policy under subsection (a), and revise such policy under subsection (d), in consultation with veterans service organizations, the National Highway Transportation Administration, industry representatives, manufacturers of automobile adaptive equipment, and other entities with expertise in installing, repairing, replacing, or manufacturing mobility equipment or developing mobility accreditation standards for automobile adaptive equipment.
- (f) CONFLICTS.—In developing and implementing the policy under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—
- (1) minimize the possibility of conflicts of interest, to the extent practicable; and
- (2) establish procedures that ensure against the use of a certifying organization referred to in subsection (b)(5) that has a financial conflict of interest regarding the certification of an eligible provider.
  - (g) BIENNIAL REPORT.—
- (1) In General.—Not later than 1 year after the date on which the Secretary updates Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1173.4, or any successor handbook or directive, under subsection (d), and not less frequently than once every other year thereafter through 2022, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives a report on the implementation and facility compliance with the policy developed under subsection (a).
- (2) CONTENTS.—The report required by paragraph (1) shall include the following:
- (A) A description of the implementation plan for the policy developed under subsection (a) and any revisions to such policy under subsection (d).
- (B) A description of the performance measures used to determine the effectiveness of such policy in ensuring the safety of veterans enrolled in the automobile adaptive equipment program.
- (C) An assessment of safety issues due to improper installations based on a survey of recipients of adaptive equipment from the Department.
- (D) An assessment of the adequacy of the adaptive equipment services of the Department based on a survey of recipients of adaptive equipment from the Department.
- (E) An assessment of the training provided to the personnel of the Department with respect to administering the program.
- (F) An assessment of the certified providers of the Department of adaptive equipment with respect to meeting the minimum standards developed under subsection (b)(2).

- (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:
- (1) AUTOMOBILE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM.—The term "automobile adaptive equipment program" means the program administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pursuant to chapter 39 of title 38. United States Code.
- (2) VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION.—The term "veterans service organization" means any organization recognized by the Secretary for the representation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38, United States Code.

#### SEC. 4. APPOINTMENT OF LICENSED HEARING AID SPECIALISTS IN VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.

- (α) LICENSED HEARING AID SPECIALISTS.—
- (1) APPOINTMENT.—Section 7401(3) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "licensed hearing aid specialists," after "Audiologists,"
- (2) QUALIFICATIONS.—Section 7402(b)(14) of such title is amended by inserting ", hearing aid specialist" after "dental technologist".
- (b) REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to appointing hearing aid specialists under sections 7401 and 7402 of title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection (a), and providing services furnished by such specialists, the Secretary shall ensure that—
- (1) a hearing aid specialist may only perform hearing services consistent with the hearing aid specialist's State license related to the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing aids without excluding other qualified professionals, including audiologists, from rendering services in overlapping practice areas:
- (2) services provided to veterans by hearing aid specialists shall be provided as part of the non-medical treatment plan developed by an audiologist: and
- (3) the medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs provide to veterans access to the full range of professional services provided by an audiologist.
- (c) CONSULTATION.—In determining the qualifications required for hearing aid specialists and in carrying out subsection (b), the Secretary shall consult with veterans service organizations, audiologists, otolaryngologists, hearing aid specialists, and other stakeholder and industry groups as the Secretary determines appropriate.
  - (d) ANNUAL REPORT.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter during the 5-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the following:
- (A) Timely access of veterans to hearing health services through the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- (B) Contracting policies of the Department with respect to providing hearing health services to veterans in facilities that are not facilities of the Department.
- (2) TIMELY ACCESS TO SERVICES.—Each report shall, with respect to the matter specified in paragraph (1)(A) for the 1-year period preceding the submittal of such report, include the following:
- (A) The staffing levels of audiologists, hearing aid specialists, and health technicians in audiology in the Veterans Health Administration.
- (B) A description of the metrics used by the Secretary in measuring performance with respect to appointments and care relating to hearing health.
- (C) The average time that a veteran waits to receive an appointment, beginning on the date on which the veteran makes the request, for the following:
- (i) A disability rating evaluation for a hearing-related disability.
  - (ii) A hearing aid evaluation.
- (iii) Dispensing of hearing aids.
- (iv) Any follow-up hearing health appointment.
- (D) The percentage of veterans whose total wait time for appointments described in subparagraph (C), including an initial and follow-

up appointment, if applicable, is more than 30 days.

- (3) CONTRACTING POLICIES.—Each report shall, with respect to the matter specified in paragraph (1)(B) for the 1-year period preceding the submittal of such report, include the following:
- (A) The number of veterans that the Secretary refers to non-Department audiologists for hearing health care appointments.
- (B) The number of veterans that the Secretary refers to non-Department hearing aid specialists for follow-up appointments for a hearing aid evaluation, the dispensing of hearing aids, or any other purpose relating to hearing health.

Mr. KING of New York (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentlewoman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

# FIRST RESPONDER ANTHRAX PREPAREDNESS ACT

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 1915) to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to make anthrax vaccines available to emergency response providers, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1915

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "First Responder Anthrax Preparedness Act".

#### SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY PRE-EVENT ANTHRAX VAC-CINATION PILOT PROGRAM FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROVIDERS.

- (a) PILOT PROGRAM —
- (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall carry out a pilot program to provide eligible anthrax vaccines from the Strategic National Stockpile under section 319F–2(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–6b(a)) that will be nearing the end of their labeled dates of use at the time such vaccines are made available to States for administration to emergency response providers who would be at high risk of exposure to anthrax if such an attack should occur and who voluntarily consent to such administration
- (2) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall determine whether an anthrax vaccine is eligible to be provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security for the pilot program described in paragraph (1) based on—
- (A) a determination that the vaccine is not otherwise allotted for other purposes;
- (B) a determination that the provision of the vaccine will not reduce, or otherwise ad-

- versely affect, the capability to meet projected requirements for this product during a public health emergency, including a significant reduction of available quantities of vaccine in the Strategic National Stockpile; and
- (C) such other considerations as determined appropriate by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- (3) PRELIMINARY REQUIREMENTS.—Before implementing the pilot program required under this subsection, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall—
- (A) establish a communication platform for the pilot program;
- (B) develop and deliver education and training for the pilot program;
- (C) conduct economic analysis of the pilot program, including a preliminary estimate of total costs and expected benefits;
- (D) create a logistical platform for the anthrax vaccine request process under the pilot program;
- (E) establish goals and desired outcomes for the pilot program; and
- $({\bf F})$  establish a mechanism to reimburse the Secretary of Health and Human Services for—
- (i) the costs of shipment and transportation of such vaccines provided to the Secretary of Homeland Security from the Strategic National Stockpile under such pilot program, including staff time directly supporting such shipment and transportation; and
- (ii) the amount, if any, by which the warehousing costs of the Strategic National Stockpile are increased in order to operate such pilot program.
  - (4) Location.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot program required under this subsection, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall select not fewer than 2 nor more than 5 States for voluntary participation in the pilot program.
- (B) REQUIREMENT.—Each State that participates in the pilot program under this subsection shall ensure that such participation is consistent with the All-Hazards Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan of the State developed under section 319C-1 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-3a).
- (5) GUIDANCE FOR SELECTION.—To ensure that participation in the pilot program under this subsection strategically increases State and local response readiness in the event of an anthrax release, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall provide guidance to participating States and units of local government on identifying emergency response providers who are at high risk of exposure to anthrax.
- (6) DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall require that each State that participates in the pilot program under this subsection submit a written certification to the Secretary of Homeland Security stating that each emergency response provider within the State that participates in the pilot program is provided with disclosures and educational materials designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, which may include—
- (A) materials regarding the associated benefits and risks of any vaccine provided under the pilot program, and of exposure to anthrax:
- (B) additional material consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's clinical guidance; and
- (C) notice that the Federal Government is not obligated to continue providing anthrax vaccine after the date on which the pilot program ends.

- (7) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—Before implementing the pilot program under this subsection, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of Health and Human Services to—
- (A) define the roles and responsibilities of each Department for the pilot program; and
- (B) establish other performance metrics and policies for the pilot program, as appropriate.
  - (8) Report.—
- (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (c), not later than 1 year after the date on which the initial vaccines are administered under this section, and annually thereafter until 1 year after the completion of the pilot program under this section, the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on the progress and results of the pilot program, including-
- (i) a detailed tabulation of the costs to administer the program, including—
- (I) total costs for management and administration;
  - (II) total costs to ship vaccines;
- (III) total number of full-time equivalents allocated to the program; and
- (IV) total costs to the Strategic National Stockpile:
- (ii) the number and percentage of eligible emergency response providers, as determined by each pilot location, that volunteer to participate:
- (iii) the degree to which participants complete the vaccine regimen;
- (iv) the total number of doses of vaccine administered; and
- (v) recommendations to improve initial and recurrent participation in the pilot program.
- (B) FINAL REPORT.—The final report required under subparagraph (A) shall—
- (i) consider whether the pilot program required under this subsection should continue after the date described in subsection (c); and
  - (ii) include—
- (I) an analysis of the costs and benefits of continuing the program to provide anthrax vaccines to emergency response providers;
- (II) an explanation of the economic, health, and other risks and benefits of administering vaccines through the pilot program rather than post-event treatment; and
- (III) in the case of a recommendation under clause (i) to continue the pilot program after the date described in subsection (c), a plan under which the pilot program could be continued
- (b) DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall begin implementing the pilot program under this section.
- (c) SUNSET.—The authority to carry out the pilot program under this section shall expire on the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## NORTHERN BORDER SECURITY REVIEW ACT

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from