

Emergency Medical Staffing Recruitment and Retention Act.

The point is this, and it is very simple: the VA needs to provide high-quality care that is veteran-centered. That is why I introduced this bill which works to address the difficulty of recruiting and retaining the best physicians to work within the VA healthcare system.

The problem is that, by law, the VA is beholden to the bureaucratic OPM's 80-biweekly requirement for full-time physicians. This does not fit with the current practice of physicians in many specialties, including emergency medicine and hospital medicine. These specialties typically require more flexible, often irregular working hours—some weeks they work less; some weeks they work the triple amount—but it needs to fit their schedule in order for them to provide the best care that they can for the patient.

Also, for instance, in emergency departments, it has been studied that the most dangerous time for a patient is during shift changes when a patient's care is transferred to another doctor. It all depends on the quality of the transfer, discussing what happened, and the follow-up that the second doctor is going to do. Therefore, emergency physicians prefer to work 12-hour shifts in order to minimize that transfer, and many emergency physicians work beyond their 12 hours in order to not transfer and just close the patient's case.

So this bill would give the VA the flexibility it needs to schedule physicians in a manner similar to that scene in the private sector while remaining OPM-compliant.

This bill will provide VA medical centers with the ability to implement flexible physician work schedules that can accommodate hospitalists' and emergency physicians' schedules and practices.

Our veterans deserve high-quality care. Attracting the best and brightest physicians to practice at the VA is a critical step in that direction.

And like my other bills up for consideration today as part of other legislation on the floor—the Veterans Access to Speedy Review Act, the Veterans' Survivors Claims Processing Automation Act—this bill works to ensure that the VA works for veterans, to make sure that it is about serving the veteran.

Let's pass this bill, Mr. Speaker, and take another step towards providing the highest quality care for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice to our Nation.

I thank the chairman once again, and I thank the ranking member for his efforts in getting this to the floor today.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, before I close, I want to just add how proud I am that we got this bill over the finish line, working together with the majority, working together with the stakeholders.

I want to give special words of gratitude to the staff in my office and the staff on the Veterans' Affairs Committee for working extra hours to get this bill done.

This makes enormous sense to do, and it should have been done sooner, but I am very glad we could get it done in this Congress.

I look very much forward to working with Dr. ROE in the next Congress to do similar bills and bills of greater magnitude in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this legislation. I urge my colleagues to join me in passing H.R. 4150, as amended.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I too encourage all Members to support H.R. 4150.

I also want to thank both the staff of the minority and the majority for their incredible work. Alex Large, who is on staff in my office, has worked very hard on many of these bills.

This is a time around our country where many of our young men and women are stationed in harm's way away from their families at the holidays. I too have done that, and I just appreciate very much the sacrifice that these men and women make for us each and every day. Let's not forget that there are people out there in some very dangerous places right now, as we speak, who are protecting our freedoms.

With that, it is indeed a pleasure to work on this committee because it is a bipartisan committee, and I think that the committee is laser-focused on doing what is right for veterans.

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4150, as amended.

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

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 6394, by the yeas and nays;
H. Res. 939, by the yeas and nays;
H.R. 6416, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

IMPROVING BROADBAND ACCESS FOR VETERANS ACT OF 2016

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the mo-

tion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6394) to require the Federal Communications Commission to submit to Congress a report on promoting broadband Internet access service for veterans, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 411, nays 4, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 604]

YEAS—411

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| Abraham | Costello (PA) | Griffith |
| Adams | Courtney | Grijalva |
| Aderholt | Cramer | Guinta |
| Aguilar | Crawford | Guthrie |
| Allen | Crenshaw | Gutiérrez |
| Amodel | Crowley | Hanabusa |
| Ashford | Cuellar | Hanna |
| Babin | Culberson | Hardy |
| Barletta | Cummings | Harper |
| Barr | Curbelo (FL) | Harris |
| Barton | Davidson | Hartzler |
| Beatty | Davis (CA) | Hastings |
| Becerra | Davis, Danny | Heck (NV) |
| Benishek | Davis, Rodney | Hensarling |
| Bera | DeFazio | Herrera Beutler |
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| Bishop (GA) | DeLauro | Hill |
| Bishop (MI) | DelBene | Himes |
| Bishop (UT) | Denham | Hinojosa |
| Black | Dent | Holding |
| Blackburn | DeSantis | Honda |
| Blum | DeSaulnier | Hoyer |
| Blumenauer | DesJarlais | Hudson |
| Bonamici | Deutch | Huelskamp |
| Bost | Diaz-Balart | Huffman |
| Boustany | Dingell | Huizenga (MI) |
| Boyle, Brendan | Doggett | Hultgren |
| F. | Dold | Hunter |
| Brady (PA) | Donovan | Hurd (TX) |
| Brady (TX) | Doyle, Michael | Hurt (VA) |
| Brat | F. | Issa |
| Bridenstine | Duckworth | Jackson Lee |
| Brooks (AL) | Duffy | Jeffries |
| Brooks (IN) | Duncan (SC) | Jenkins (KS) |
| Brownley (CA) | Duncan (TN) | Jenkins (WV) |
| Buchanan | Edwards | Johnson (GA) |
| Buck | Ellison | Johnson (OH) |
| Bucshon | Ellmers (NC) | Johnson, E. B. |
| Burgess | Emmer (MN) | Johnson, Sam |
| Bustos | Engel | Jones |
| Butterfield | Eshoo | Jordan |
| Byrne | Esty | Joyce |
| Calvert | Evans | Kaptur |
| Capps | Farenthold | Katko |
| Capuano | Farr | Keating |
| Cárdenas | Fincher | Kelly (IL) |
| Carney | Fitzpatrick | Kelly (MS) |
| Carson (IN) | Fleischmann | Kelly (PA) |
| Carter (GA) | Fleming | Kennedy |
| Carter (TX) | Flores | Kildee |
| Cartwright | Fortenberry | Killmer |
| Castro (TX) | Foster | Kind |
| Chabot | Fox | King (IA) |
| Chaffetz | Frankel (FL) | King (NY) |
| Chu, Judy | Franks (AZ) | Kinzinger (IL) |
| Cicilline | Frelinghuysen | Kline |
| Clark (MA) | Fudge | Knight |
| Clarke (NY) | Gabbard | Kuster |
| Clay | Galleo | Labrador |
| Cleaver | Garamendi | LaHood |
| Clyburn | Garrett | LaMalfa |
| Coffman | Gibbs | Lamborn |
| Cohen | Gibson | Lance |
| Cole | Gohmert | Langevin |
| Collins (GA) | Goodlatte | Larsen (WA) |
| Collins (NY) | Gosar | Larson (CT) |
| Comer | Gowdy | Latta |
| Comstock | Graham | Lawrence |
| Conaway | Graves (GA) | Levin |
| Connolly | Graves (LA) | Lewis |
| Conyers | Graves (MO) | Lieu, Ted |
| Cook | Grayson | Lipinski |
| Cooper | Green, Al | LoBiondo |
| Costa | Green, Gene | Loeb sack |

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| Lofgren | Paulsen | Sinema |
| Long | Payne | Sires |
| Loudermilk | Pearce | Slaughter |
| Love | Pelosi | Smith (MO) |
| Lowenthal | Perlmutter | Smith (NE) |
| Lowe | Perry | Smith (NJ) |
| Lucas | Peters | Smith (TX) |
| Luetkemeyer | Peterson | Smith (WA) |
| Lujan Grisham | Pingree | Speier |
| (NM) | Pitts | Stefanik |
| Luján, Ben Ray | Pocan | Stewart |
| (NM) | Poliquin | Stivers |
| Lummis | Polis | Stutzman |
| Lynch | Pompeo | Swalwell (CA) |
| MacArthur | Posey | Takano |
| Maloney, | Price (NC) | Thompson (CA) |
| Carolyn | Price, Tom | Thompson (MS) |
| Maloney, Sean | Quigley | Thompson (PA) |
| Marchant | Rangel | Thornberry |
| Marino | Ratcliffe | Tiberi |
| Massie | Reed | Tipton |
| Matsui | Reichert | Titus |
| McCarthy | Renacci | Tonko |
| McCaul | Rice (NY) | Torres |
| McClintock | Rice (SC) | Trott |
| McCollum | Rigell | Tsongas |
| McDermott | Roby | Turner |
| McGovern | Roe (TN) | Upton |
| McHenry | Rogers (AL) | Valadao |
| McKinley | Rogers (KY) | Van Hollen |
| McMorris | Rohrabacher | Vargas |
| Rodgers | Rokita | Veasey |
| McNerney | Rooney (FL) | Vela |
| McSally | Ros-Lehtinen | Velázquez |
| Meadows | Roskam | Visclosky |
| Meehan | Ross | Wagner |
| Meeks | Rothfus | Walberg |
| Meng | Rouzer | Walden |
| Messer | Roybal-Allard | Walker |
| Mica | Royce | Walorski |
| Miller (FL) | Ruiz | Walz |
| Moolenaar | Ruppersberger | Wasserman |
| Mooney (WV) | Rush | Schultz |
| Moore | Ryan (OH) | Waters, Maxine |
| Moulton | Salmon | Watson Coleman |
| Mullin | Sánchez, Linda | Weber (TX) |
| Mulvaney | T. | Webster (FL) |
| Murphy (FL) | Sanford | Welch |
| Murphy (PA) | Sarbanes | Wenstrup |
| Nadler | Scalise | Westerman |
| Napolitano | Schakowsky | Williams |
| Neal | Schiff | Wilson (FL) |
| Neugebauer | Schrader | Wilson (SC) |
| Newhouse | Schweikert | Wittman |
| Noem | Scott (VA) | Womack |
| Nolan | Scott, Austin | Woodall |
| Norcross | Scott, David | Yarmuth |
| Nugent | Sensenbrenner | Yoder |
| Nunes | Serrano | Yoho |
| O'Rourke | Sessions | Young (AK) |
| Olson | Sewell (AL) | Young (IA) |
| Palazzo | Sherman | Young (IN) |
| Pallone | Shinkus | Zeldin |
| Palmer | Shuster | Zinke |
| Pascrell | Simpson | |

NAYS—4

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| Amash | Ribble |
| Grothman | Russell |

NOT VOTING—18

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| Bass | Heck (WA) | Pittenger |
| Brown (FL) | Israel | Poe (TX) |
| Castor (FL) | Jolly | Richmond |
| Clawson (FL) | Kirkpatrick | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Forbes | Lee | Walters, Mimi |
| Granger | Miller (MI) | Westmoreland |

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Mr. HONDA changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE THAT ACCESS TO DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS AND CONNECTIVITY IS NECESSARY TO PREPARE YOUTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 939) expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that access to digital communications tools and connectivity is necessary to prepare youth in the United States to compete in the 21st century economy, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 605]

YEAS—414

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| Abraham | Cohen | Fleming |
| Adams | Cole | Flores |
| Aderholt | Collins (GA) | Fortenberry |
| Aguiar | Collins (NY) | Foster |
| Allen | Comer | Fox |
| Amodei | Comstock | Frankel (FL) |
| Ashford | Conaway | Franks (AZ) |
| Babin | Connolly | Frelinghuysen |
| Barletta | Conyers | Fudge |
| Barr | Cook | Gabbard |
| Beatty | Cooper | Gallego |
| Becerra | Costa | Garamendi |
| Benishek | Costello (PA) | Garrett |
| Bera | Courtney | Gibbs |
| Beyer | Cramer | Gibson |
| Bilirakis | Crawford | Gohmert |
| Bishop (GA) | Crenshaw | Goodlatte |
| Bishop (MI) | Crowley | Gosar |
| Bishop (UT) | Cuellar | Gowdy |
| Black | Culberson | Graham |
| Blackburn | Cummings | Granger |
| Blum | Curbelo (FL) | Graves (GA) |
| Blumenauer | Davidson | Graves (LA) |
| Bonamici | Davis (CA) | Graves (MO) |
| Bost | Davis, Danny | Grayson |
| Boustany | Davis, Rodney | Green, Al |
| Boyle, Brendan | DeFazio | Green, Gene |
| F. | DeGette | Griffith |
| Brady (PA) | Delaney | Grijalva |
| Brady (TX) | DeLauro | Grothman |
| Brat | DelBene | Guinta |
| Bridenstine | Denham | Guthrie |
| Brooks (AL) | Dent | Gutiérrez |
| Brooks (IN) | DeSantis | Hanabusa |
| Brownley (CA) | DeSaulnier | Hanna |
| Buck | DesJarlais | Hardy |
| Bucshon | Deutch | Harper |
| Burgess | Diaz-Balart | Harris |
| Bustos | Dingell | Hartzer |
| Butterfield | Doggett | Hastings |
| Byrne | Dold | Heck (NV) |
| Calvert | Donovan | Heck (WA) |
| Capps | Doyle, Michael | Hensarling |
| Capuano | F. | Herrera Beutler |
| Cárdenas | Duckworth | Hice, Jody B. |
| Carney | Duffy | Higgins |
| Carson (IN) | Duncan (SC) | Hill |
| Carter (GA) | Duncan (TN) | Himes |
| Carter (TX) | Edwards | Hinojosa |
| Cartwright | Ellison | Holding |
| Castro (TX) | Ellmers (NC) | Honda |
| Chabot | Emmer (MN) | Hoyer |
| Chaffetz | Engel | Hudson |
| Chu, Judy | Eshoo | Huelskamp |
| Ciilline | Esty | Huffman |
| Clark (MA) | Evans | Huizenga (MI) |
| Clarke (NY) | Farenthold | Hultgren |
| Clay | Farr | Hunter |
| Cleaver | Fincher | Hurd (TX) |
| Clyburn | Fitzpatrick | Hurt (VA) |
| Coffman | Fleischmann | Issa |

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| Jeffries | Mica | Schrader |
| Jenkins (KS) | Miller (FL) | Schweikert |
| Jenkins (WV) | Moolenaar | Scott (VA) |
| Johnson (GA) | Mooney (WV) | Scott, Austin |
| Johnson (OH) | Moore | Scott, David |
| Johnson, E. B. | Moulton | Sensenbrenner |
| Johnson, Sam | Mullin | Serrano |
| Jones | Mulvaney | Sessions |
| Jordan | Murphy (FL) | Sewell (AL) |
| Joyce | Murphy (PA) | Sherman |
| Kaptur | Nadler | Shinkus |
| Katko | Napolitano | Shuster |
| Keating | Neal | Simpson |
| Kelly (IL) | Neugebauer | Sinema |
| Kelly (MS) | Newhouse | Sires |
| Kelly (PA) | Noem | Slaughter |
| Kennedy | Nolan | Smith (MO) |
| Kildee | Norcross | Smith (NE) |
| Kilmer | Nugent | Smith (NJ) |
| Kind | Nunes | Smith (TX) |
| King (IA) | O'Rourke | Smith (WA) |
| King (NY) | Olson | Speier |
| Kinzing (IL) | Palazzo | Stefanik |
| Kline | Pallone | Stewart |
| Knight | Palmer | Stivers |
| Kuster | Pascrell | Stutzman |
| Labrador | Paulsen | Swalwell (CA) |
| LaHood | Payne | Takano |
| LaMalfa | Pearce | Thompson (CA) |
| Lamborn | Pelosi | Thompson (MS) |
| Lance | Perlmutter | Thompson (PA) |
| Langevin | Perry | Thornberry |
| Larsen (WA) | Peters | Tiberi |
| Larson (CT) | Peterson | Tipton |
| Latta | Pingree | Titus |
| Lawrence | Pitts | Tonko |
| Levin | Pocan | Torres |
| Lewis | Poliquin | Trott |
| Lieu, Ted | Polis | Tsongas |
| Lipinski | Pompeo | Turner |
| LoBiondo | Posey | Upton |
| Loeb | Price (NC) | Valadao |
| Lofgren | Price, Tom | Van Hollen |
| Long | Quigley | Vargas |
| Love | Rangel | Veasey |
| Lowenthal | Ratcliffe | Vela |
| Lowe | Reed | Velázquez |
| Lucas | Reichert | Visclosky |
| Luetkemeyer | Renacci | Wagner |
| Lujan Grisham | Ribble | Walberg |
| (NM) | Rice (NY) | Walden |
| Luján, Ben Ray | Rice (SC) | Walker |
| (NM) | Rigell | Walorski |
| Lummis | Roby | Walters, Mimi |
| Lynch | Roe (TN) | Walz |
| MacArthur | Rogers (AL) | Wasserman |
| Maloney, | Rogers (KY) | Schultz |
| Carolyn | Rohrabacher | Waters, Maxine |
| Maloney, Sean | Rokita | Watson Coleman |
| Marchant | Rooney (FL) | Weber (TX) |
| Marino | Ros-Lehtinen | Webster (FL) |
| Massie | Roskam | Welch |
| Matsui | Ross | Wenstrup |
| McCarthy | Rothfus | Westerman |
| McCaul | Rouzer | Williams |
| McClintock | Roybal-Allard | Wilson (FL) |
| McCollum | Royce | Wilson (SC) |
| McDermott | Ruiz | Wittman |
| McGovern | Ruppersberger | Womack |
| McHenry | Rush | Woodall |
| McKinley | Russell | Yarmuth |
| McMorris | Ryan (OH) | Yoder |
| Rodgers | Salmon | Yoho |
| McNerney | Sánchez, Linda | Young (AK) |
| McSally | T. | Young (IA) |
| Meadows | Sanford | Young (IN) |
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| Meeks | Scalise | Zinke |
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NAYS—1

Amash

Barton

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| Bass |
| Brown (FL) |
| Buchanan |
| Castor (FL) |

NOT VOTING—18

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| Clawson (FL) | Miller (MI) |
| Forbes | Pittenger |
| Israel | Poe (TX) |
| Jolly | Richmond |
| Kirkpatrick | Sanchez, Loretta |
| Lee | Westmoreland |
| Loudermilk | |

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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