Moolenaar

Mullin

Noem

Nunes

Olson

Palazzo

Palmer

Pearce

Perry

Peters

Pittenger

Poe (TX)

Poliquin

Posey Ratcliffe

Reichert

Renacci

Roby

Rice (SC)

Roe (TN)

Rokita

Roskam

Ross Rothfus

Rouzer

Russell

Sanford

Espaillat

Scalise

Royce (CA)

Rutherford

Rogers (AL)

Rogers (KY)

Rohrabacher

Rooney, Francis

Rooney, Thomas

Ros-Lehtinen

Paulsen

Mooney (WV)

Murphy (FL)

Murphy (PA)

Newhouse

O'Halleran

O'Rourke

Ratcliffe	Scalise	Turner
Reed	Schweikert	Upton
Reichert	Scott, Austin	Valadao
Renacci	Sensenbrenner	Wagner
Rice (SC)	Sessions	Walberg
Roby	Shimkus	Walden
Roe (TN)	Shuster	Walker
Rogers (AL)	Simpson	Walorski
Rogers (KY)	Smith (MO)	Walters, Mimi
Rohrabacher	Smith (NE)	Weber (TX)
Rokita	Smith (NJ)	Webster (FL)
Rooney, Francis	Smith (TX)	Wenstrup
Rooney, Thomas	Smucker	Westerman
J.	Stefanik	Williams
Ros-Lehtinen	Stewart	Wilson (SC)
Roskam	Stivers	Wittman
Ross	Taylor	Womack
Rothfus	Tenney	Woodall
Rouzer	Thompson (PA)	Yoder
Royce (CA)	Thornberry	Yoho
Russell	Tiberi	Young (AK)
Rutherford	Tipton	Young (IA)
Sanford	Trott	Zeldin

NOT VOTING-11

Jordan Payne Beyer Collins (NY) Kelly (PA) Rush Davis, Danny King (NY) Slaughter Deutch

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

\Box 1751

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The 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.

RECORDED VOTE

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I demand a recorded vote.

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 237, noes 178, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 168]

AYES-237

Abraham Chabot Flores Aderholt Chaffetz Fortenberry Allen Chenev Foxx Amash Coffman Franks (AZ) Amodei Frelinghuysen Collins (GA) Gabbard Arrington Babin Comer Gaetz Bacon Comstock Gallagher Banks (IN) Conaway Garrett Barletta Cook Barr Costa Gohmert Costello (PA) Barton Goodlatte Bergman Cramer Gosar Biggs Crawford Gottheimer Bilirakis Cuellar Gowdy Bishop (MI) Culberson Granger Black Curbelo (FL) Graves (GA) Blackburn Davidson Graves (LA) Davis, Rodney Graves (MO) Blum Bost. Denham Griffith Brady (TX) Dent Grothman DeSantis Guthrie Bridenstine Des Jarlais Harper Brooks (AL) Diaz-Balart Harris Brooks (IN) Donovan Hartzler Hensarling Buchanan Duffy Duncan (SC) Herrera Beutler Buck Bucshon Duncan (TN) Hice, Jody B Higgins (LA) Budd Dunn Burgess Emme Holding Farenthold Byrne Calvert Hollingsworth Faso Carter (GA) Hudson Ferguson Fitzpatrick Fleischmann Carter (TX) Huizenga Castro (TX) Hultgren

Hunter Hurd Issa Jenkins (KS) Jenkins (WV) Johnson (LA) Johnson (OH) Johnson, Sam Jones Joyce (OH) Katko Kelly (MS) King (IA) Kinzinger Knight Kustoff (TN) Labrador LaHood LaMalfa Lamborn Lance Latta Lewis (MN) Long Loudermilk Love Lucas Luetkemever MacArthui Marchant Marshall Massie Mast McCarthy McCaul McClintock McHenry McKinley McMorris Rodgers McSallv Meadows

Meehan

Mitchell

Messer

Adams

Beatty

Bera

Aguilar

Barragán

Bishop (GA)

Bonamici

Brady (PA)

Brown (MD)

Butterfield

Carson (IN)

Cartwright

Castor (FL)

Chu, Judy

Clark (MA)

Clarke (NY)

Cicilline

Clav

Cleaver

Clyburn

Connolly

Convers

Cooper

Correa

Crist

Courtney

Crowley

Cummings

Davis (CA)

DeFazio

DeGette

Delaney

DeLauro

DelBene

Demings

Dingell

Doggett

Ellison

Engel

Eshoo

DeSaulnier

Doyle, Michael

Cohen

Bustos

Carbajal

Cárdenas

Brownley (CA)

Blunt Rochester

Boyle, Brendan

NOES-178

Esty Evans Foster Frankel (FL) Fudge Gallego Garamendi Gonzalez (TX) Green, Al Green, Gene Grijalva Gutiérrez Hanabusa Hastings Heck Higgins (NY) Himes Hoyer Huffman Jackson Lee Jayapal Jeffries Johnson (GA) Johnson, E. B. Kaptur Keating Kelly (IL) Kennedy Khanna Kihuen Kildee Kilmer Kind Krishnamoorthi Kuster (NH) Langevin Larsen (WA) Larson (CT) Lawrence Lawson (FL) Lee Levin Lewis (GA) Lieu, Ted Lipinski LoBiondo

Loebsack

Lowenthal

Lofgren

Lowey

Woodall Yoder Yoho Young (IA) Zeldin Lujan Grisham, Luján, Ben Ray Lynch Maloney Carolyn B. Maloney, Sean Matsui McCollum McEachin McGovern McNerney Meeks Meng Moore Moulton Nadler Napolitano Nolan Norcross Pallone Panetta Pascrell Pelosi Perlmutter Peterson Pingree Pocan Polis Price (NC) Quiglev Raskin Rice (NY) Richmond Rosen Roybal-Allard Ruiz Ruppersberger Ryan (OH) Sánchez Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Schneider Schrader Scott (VA) Scott, David Serrano

Sewell (AL)

Shea-Porter

Sherman

Chaffetz

Schweikert Scott, Austin Sensenbrenner Sessions Shimkus Shuster Simpson Sinema Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (TX) Smucker Stefanik Stewart Stivers Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiberi Tipton Trott Turner Upton Valadao Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup Westerman Williams Wilson (SC) Wittman Womack

Titus Smith (NJ) Tonko Smith (WA) Torres Soto Tsongas Speier Vargas Veasey Suozzi Swalwell (CA) Vela. Velázquez Takano Thompson (CA) Visclosky Thompson (MS) Walz

Wasserman Schultz Waters, Maxine Watson Coleman Welch Wilson (FL) Yarmuth Young (AK)

NOT VOTING-14

Davis, Danny Beyer Marino Bishop (UT) Deutch Payne Blumenauer Jordan Rush Capuano Kelly (PA) Slaughter Collins (NY) King (NY)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1758

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VETERANS 2ND AMENDMENT PROTECTION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 1181) to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the conditions under which certain persons may be treated as adjudicated mentally incompetent for certain purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 240, nays 175, not voting 14, as follows:

[Roll No. 169]

YEAS-240

Abraham Cheney Gaetz Aderholt Coffman Gallagher Allen Cole Garrett Amash Collins (GA) Gibbs Amodei Comer Gohmert Gonzalez (TX) Comstock Arrington Babin Conaway Goodlatte Bacon Cook Gosar Banks (IN) Gowdy Correa Barletta Costello (PA) Granger Barr Cramer Graves (GA) Crawford Barton Graves (LA) Graves (MO) Bergman Cuellar Biggs Bilirakis Culberson Green, Gene Curbelo (FL) Griffith Bishop (GA) Davidson Grothman Davis, Rodney Bishop (MI) Guthrie Bishop (UT) Denham Harper Black Harris Blackburn DeSantis Hartzler DesJarlais Hensarling Blum Diaz-Balart Herrera Beutler Brady (TX) Duffy Hice, Jody B. Duncan (SC) Higgins (LA) Brat Bridenstine Duncan (TN) Hill Holding Brooks (AL) Dunn Hollingsworth Brooks (IN) Emmer Buchanan Farenthold Hudson Buck Faso Huizenga Bucshon Ferguson Hultgren Fitzpatrick Fleischmann Budd Hunter Burgess Hurd Byrne Flores Issa Calvert Fortenberry Jenkins (KS) Carter (GA) Jenkins (WV) Foxx Carter (TX) Franks (AZ) Johnson (LA) Chabot Frelinghuysen Johnson (OH)

Gabbard

Johnson, Sam

Jones Noem Joyce (OH) Nunes Katko Olson Kelly (MS) Palazzo Paulsen Kind King (IA) Pearce Perry Peterson Kinzinger Knight Kustoff (TN) Pittenger Labrador Poe (TX) LaHood Poliquin Posey Ratcliffe LaMalfa Lamborn Latta Reed Lewis (MN) Reichert LoBiondo Renacci Rice (SC) Long Loudermilk Roby Roe (TN) Love Lucas Rogers (AL) Luetkemeyer Rogers (KY) MacArthur Rohrabacher Marchant Rokita Roonev. Francis Marshall Rooney, Thomas Massie Mast McCarthy Ros-Lehtinen McCaul Roskam McClintock Ross Rothfus McHenry McKinlev Rouzer McMorris Royce (CA) Rodgers Russell McSally Rutherford Meadows Sanford Meehan Scalise Schrader Messer Mitchell Schweikert Scott, Austin Moolenaar Mooney (WV) Sensenbrenner Mullin Sessions Murphy (PA) Shimkus Newhouse Shuster

Simpson Sinema Smith (MO) Smith (NE) Smith (N.I) Smith (TX) Smucker Stefanik Stewart Stivers Taylor Tenney Thompson (PA) Thornberry Tiberi Tipton Trott Turner Unton Valadao Vela. Wagner Walberg Walden Walker Walorski Walters, Mimi Walz Weber (TX) Webster (FL) Wenstrup

Westerman

Wilson (SC)

Young (AK)

Young (IA)

Williams

Wittman

Womack

Woodall

Yoder

Yoho

Zeldin

NAYS—175 Espaillat

Adams Aguilar Estv Barragán Evans Bass Foster Beatty Bera Fudge Blumenauer Gallego Blunt Rochester Boyle, Brendan F. Brady (PA) Brown (MD) Brownley (CA) Bustos Butterfield Capuano Himes Carbajal Hover Cárdenas Carson (IN) Cartwright Javapal Castor (FL) Jeffries Castro (TX) Chu, Judy Cicilline Kaptur Clark (MA) Keating Clarke (NY) Clav Cleaver Khanna Clyburn Kihuen Cohen Kildee Connolly Kilmer Cooper Costa Courtney Lance Crist Crowley Cummings Davis (CA) DeFazio DeGette Delanev Levin DeLauro DelBene Demings DeSaulnier Dingell Lofgren Doggett Donovan Doyle, Michael Lowey Ellison Engel

Maloney, Carolyn B Maloney, Sean Matsui McCollum Frankel (FL) McEachin McGovern McNernev Garamendi Meeks Gottheimer Meng Green, Al Moore Moulton Gutiérrez Murphy (FL) Hanabusa Nadler Hastings Napolitano Nea1 Higgins (NY) Nolan Norcross O'Halleran Huffman O'Rourke Jackson Lee Pallone Panetta Pascrell Johnson (GA) Pelosi Johnson, E. B. Perlmutter Peters Pingree Kelly (IL) Pocan Kennedy Price (NC) Quigley Raskin Rice (NY) Krishnamoorthi Richmond Kuster (NH) Rosen Roybal-Allard Langevin Ruiz Larsen (WA) Ruppersberger Larson (CT) Rvan (OH) Lawrence Lawson (FL) Sánchez Sarbanes Schakowsky Schiff Lewis (GA) Schneider Lieu, Ted Scott (VA) Lipinski Scott, David Serrano Sewell (AL) Loebsack Lowenthal Shea-Porter Sherman Lujan Grisham, Sires Smith (WA) Luián Ben Bay Soto

Speier

Lynch

Eshoo

Suozzi Torres Wasserman Swalwell (CA) Tsongas Schultz Takano Vargas Waters, Maxine Thompson (CA) Watson Coleman Veasey Thompson (MS) Velázquez Wilson (FL) Titus Visclosky Yarmuth Tonko

NOT VOTING-14

 Beyer
 Jordan
 Payne

 Collins (NY)
 Kelly (PA)
 Rush

 Conyers
 King (NY)
 Slaughter

 Davis, Danny
 Marino
 Welch

 Deutch
 Palmer

□ 1805

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

IMPROVING AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO HIRE AND RETAIN PHYSICIANS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to insert any extraneous material into the RECORD on H.R. 1367.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 198 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 1367.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1811

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 consideration of the bill (H.R. 1367) to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, with Mr. BUDD in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Ohio (Mr. WENSTRUP) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio.

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 1367, to improve the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs to recruit and retain employees.

VA's mission of honoring and serving our Nation's veterans is second to none in the Federal Government, and a highquality, high-performing workforce is key to VA's ability to successfully execute on that mission.

H.R. 1367 contains a number of provisions that would strengthen VA's ability to identify staffing shortages, recruit employees to fill vacant positions, quickly onboard new hires, and retain high-performing workers across the country. It also contains provisions that would improve leadership and accountability throughout VA and increase the number of veterans in the Federal workforce.

To assist VA in identifying and addressing local staffing deficiencies, this bill would modify the annual determination of staffing shortages to include five clinical occupations and five nonclinical occupations for each VA medical center. Staffing needs can vary significantly from facility to facility, even within the same State, and create a variety of delays, backlogs, and other challenges for veterans.

This provision would allow VA to use this existing reporting tool, which dates back to the 2014 Choice Act, to target a total of 10 occupations at each VA medical center and use VA's existing direct hire authority to expeditiously address shortages for those occupations.

To increase leadership development opportunities for emerging leaders and encourage the dissemination of best practices between and among VA and private sector, the bill would establish an executive management program to allow eligible VA and private sector employees the opportunity to take 1year fellowship positions in either comparable private sector entities or VA, respectively. This idea was brought to us by a veteran participating in the joint Veterans of Foreign Wars-Student Veterans of America legislative fellowship program and would mirror a successful fellowship model used by the White House and the State Department.

To increase accountability for senior VA decisionmakers, the bill would require annual performance plans for VA political appointees, similar to the annual performance plans that are required for Senior Executive Service employees.

□ 1815

Like SES employees, political appointees perform at the very highest levels and play critical roles in setting and achieving high profile policies and priorities. It is only appropriate that they too be held accountable for their performance.

To incentivize the hiring of veterans across the Federal Government, the bill would change the service requirement for reservists and guardsmen to be eligible for veterans' preference from 180 days of consecutive Active-Duty service to 180 days of cumulative Active-Duty service, and expand those considered preference eligible to include all retired servicemembers.

Veterans gain a variety of skills during their time in uniform and are often