

H.R. 4486 – The FY 2015 Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act

House Adopted Amendments

Turner (R-OH) – The amendment increases funding for defense-wide planning and design by \$20 million, by a transfer from overall defense-wide military construction, in order to support long-range ballistic missile defense activities on the East Coast. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Sinema (D-AZ) – The amendment transfers \$1 million from the VA Departmental Administration account to the VA Inspector General for the purposes of investigating alleged misconduct at the Phoenix, Arizona, VA hospital. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Costa (D-CA) – The amendment increases funding to address the VA disability claims backlog by \$10 million, offset by a reduction in the Departmental Administration account by \$10.5 million. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Ruiz (D-CA) – The amendment decreases and then increases funding for the Veterans Benefits Administration administrative account by \$5 million, resulting in no funding change. The intent of the amendment was to discuss the importance of reducing the disability claims backlog through use of digital scanning of records. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Rothfus (R-PA) – The amendment prohibits funding for the VA to give bonuses to Senior Executive Service (SES) employees. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Murphy (D-FL) – The amendment prohibits funding in the bill from being used to maintain excess real property owned by the federal government. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Ross (R-FL) – The amendment prohibits funding for the Department of Defense to close any military commissary. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Gosar (R-AZ) – The amendment prohibits funding for any patient record-keeping system other than those currently approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs Central Office in Washington, DC. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Runyan (R-NJ) – The amendment prohibits funding for a new Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Grayson (D-FL) – The amendment prohibits funding for contracts to companies convicted of or currently indicted for or civilly charged with various types of federal crimes, including fraud, embezzlement, etc., or that have more than \$3,000 in delinquent taxes within a three-year period surrounding the contract. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Gosar (R-AZ) – The amendment increases the VA Information Technology account by \$3.2 million, offset by a reduction in the VA General Administration account. The amendment is intended to help continue to reduce the VA claims backlog. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Jackson-Lee (D-TX) – The amendment prohibits funds from being used for homeless veterans benefits in contravention of existing law on comprehensive service programs. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Peters (D-MI) – The amendment prohibits funding for federal contractors to use first-class travel. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Nunes (R-CA) – The amendment prohibits funds from being used for the closure or abandonment of any facility located at Lajes Field, Azores, Portugal. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Walorski (R-IN) – The amendment prohibits funding to replace the current system by which the Veterans Integrated Service Networks select and contract for diabetes monitoring supplies and equipment. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Noem (R-SD) – The amendment prohibits funds for environmental impact statements for veterans facilities located within National Historic Landmarks and that are in rural areas. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

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