

## **H.R. 2029 – The FY 2016 Military Construction/Veterans Affairs (VA) Appropriations Act**

### **House Adopted Amendments**

**Stefanik (R-NY)** – The amendment increases funding for Defense-wide planning and design by \$30 million, offset by a reduction in 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.**

**Gosar (R-AZ)** – The amendment decreases, then increases, the VA General Administration account by \$8 million. The intent of the amendment is to target funds to employee training in order to reduce the claims backlog. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Titus D (D-NV)** – The amendment decreases, then increases, the VA General Administration account by \$500,000. The intent of the amendment is to encourage the hiring of two analyst positions at the VA Center of Women Veterans. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Gosar (R-AZ)** – The amendment increases funding for the Board of Veterans Appeals by \$2 million, offset by a reduction to the VA General Administration account. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Sinema (D-AZ)** – The amendment amends language to the bill to require a report to include the dropped-call rates at regional call centers, and VA actions taken to reduce dropped calls. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Gosar (R-AZ)** – The amendment decreases, then increases, the VA General Administration account by \$2 million. The intent of the amendment is to target the funds to Information Technology (IT) systems. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Ruiz (D-CA)** – The amendment decreases, then increases, the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) General Operating Expenses account by \$5 million. The intent of the amendment is to target the funds to claims processing. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Walberg (R-MI)** – The amendment decreases, then increases, the VBA General Operating Expenses account by \$5 million. The intent of the amendment is to target the funds to veterans' job training. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**LaMalfa (R-CA)** – The amendment amends language in the bill requiring a quarterly report to Congress from the VBA to include reporting on the number of informal claims that are unprocessed. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Jackson Lee (D-TX)** – The amendment increases the Veterans Health Administration by \$2 million, offset by a reduction in the VA Information Technology account. The intent is to support Homeless Veterans programs. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Jolly (R-FL)** – The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used to close Guantanamo Bay Naval Station. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Babin (R-TX)** – The amendment prohibits funding for the VA Appraised Value Offer program. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Rothfus (R-PA)** – The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used for Senior Executive Service performance awards. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Jackson Lee (D-TX)** – The amendment prohibits funding in the bill targeted to homeless veterans training and outreach programs from being used for other purposes contrary to statute. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Roe (R-TN)** – The amendment limits funding for the VA Congressional Affairs office to \$4.4 million, a reduction of \$1.5 million. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Noem (R-SD)** – The amendment prohibits funds in the bill to relocate VA health facilities that are the subject of an environmental impact statement, are historic, and are located in highly rural areas. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Ratcliffe (R-TX)** – The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used for a new round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). **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.**

**Hurd (R-TX)** – The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used in contravention of subtitle D of title VIII of the fiscal year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act, related to Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Roe (R-TN)** – The amendment prohibits funding of performance awards for SES employees of the VA Office of Construction and Facilities Management. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Stivers (R-OH)** – The amendment prohibits funding in the bill for salaries of any VA employee who provides prosthetic or orthotic services, and who is not properly credentialed. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Byrne (R-AL)** – The amendment prohibits the VA from transferring funds out of the VA Choice Act account to be used for other purposes. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**Gosar (R-AZ)** – The amendment prohibits funds in the bill from being used to create or maintain “unofficial” patient record-keeping systems at the VA, and from being used to enforce the VA “Fast Letter 13-10” memorandum. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

**LaMalfa (R-CA)** – The amendment transfers \$5 million from the VA General Administration account to the VBA Operating Expenses account. The intent is to reduce the claims backlog. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

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