

H.R. 5854 – The Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act

House Adopted Amendments

Blumenauer (D-OR) – The amendment makes a symbolic funding cut of \$10 million to the Defense-wide Planning and Design, and then adds the funding back to the same account. The purpose of the amendment is to express support for the Department of Defense (DoD) efforts for continued improvement to energy security and renewable energy initiatives. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Hayworth (R-NY) – The amendment allows non-active duty National Guard and Reservists to purchase government memorial headstones. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Welch (D-VT) – The amendment allows funds to be used for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to comply with statutory energy management requirements and report on the inventory of energy efficiency in VA buildings, to be published online. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Terry (R-NE) – The amendment requires a VA Inspector General report on cost overrides on faulty bidding. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Blumenauer (D-OR) – The amendment makes a symbolic funding cut of \$35 million, and then adds the funding back to the same account, to encourage VA to increase their efforts on researching the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury, as increasing numbers of veterans return from the battlefield. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Schock (R-IL) – The amendment makes a symbolic funding cut of \$16 million to the Veterans Health Administration, and then adds the funding back to the same account. The purpose of the amendment is to draw attention to importance of pilot programs – Project ARCH and Project HERO – that provide veterans’ health care through local and/or private providers. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Grimm (R-NY) – The amendment strikes a provision in the bill that prohibits funding for the DoD or VA to solicit construction contracts that either favor or oppose project labor agreements (PLAs). The amendment would allow the Administration to continue to use PLAs in the consideration of federal contract bids. **The amendment was adopted on a vote of 218-198.**

Fitzpatrick (R-PA) – The amendment prohibits funding for federal contracts that do not give veteran-owned small businesses all available preferences. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Poe (R-TX) – The amendment prohibits funds to employ a new national cemetery director who is not a veteran. **The amendment passed on a voice vote.**

Poe (R-TX) – The amendment prohibits funds from being used to stop any veteran service organization from participating in the funeral or memorial service of a veteran. **The amendment passed on a voice vote.**

Runyan (R-TX) – The amendment prohibits funding for DoD to informally close any military bases. **The amendment passed on a voice vote.**

Flores (R-TX) – The amendment prohibits funds to implement a regulation under the Energy Independence and Security Act (section 526). The regulation prohibits federal contracts for alternative fuels, unless the alternative fuels are proven to produce less greenhouse gas than conventional fuels. This overly burdensome regulation would limit the ability of the federal government – including the Pentagon – from exploring and using alternative fuel options. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Webster (R-FL) – The amendment requires the director of construction and facilities management in the Department of Veterans Affairs to meet the employment requirements of current law. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Stearns (R-FL) – The amendment prohibits the use of funds for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide performance awards for employees of the Senior Executive Services. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

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