

H.R. 2216 – The Military Construction/Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act

House Adopted Amendments

Griffith (R-VA) – The amendment limits funding for maintenance and repair of General and Flag officers’ quarters to \$15,000 annually, unless prior notification is given to Congress. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Blumenauer (D-OR) – The amendment decreases and then increases funding for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) research by \$35 million, resulting in no funding change. The intent of the amendment was to discuss the importance of this funding. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Gallego (D-TX) – The amendment decreases and then increases funding for General Operating Expenses at the VA by \$5 million, resulting in no funding change. The intent of the amendment was to discuss veterans’ employment. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Amodei (R-NV) – The amendment decreases and the increases funding for General Operating Expenses at the VA by \$44 million, resulting in no funding change. The intent of the amendment was to discuss VA overtime payment plans. **The amendment was adopted on a vote of 248-172.**

Culberson (R-TX) – The amendment makes technical changes to language in the bill related to a new, joint DoD-VA integrated health records system, to ensure it reflects similar language in the upcoming Defense Authorization bill. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Kingston (R-GA) – The amendment would reduce salaries for senior VA officials if certain standards and reductions of the benefit claims backlog are not met. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Kuster (D-NH) – The amendment prohibits funding for any conference that exceeds \$500,000. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

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

Grayson (D-FL) – The amendment prohibits funding for contracts with entities that have been convicted of a felony in the last two years. **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.**

Murphy, P. (D-FL) – The amendment prohibits funding for contracts above \$1 million if the contract received less than two offers. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Terry (R-NE) – The amendment prohibits any increases in funding beyond the amount originally specified for ongoing construction of major medical facilities. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Engel (D-NY) – The amendment prohibits funding to lease or purchase new light-duty vehicles for government fleets except in accordance with a Presidential memorandum on alternative fuel vehicles. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

Tipton (R-CO) –The amendment transfers \$10 million from the VA General Administration account to the Information Technology Systems account. The intent is to assist with the benefit claims backlog. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote**

Murphy, P. (D-FL) – The amendment prohibits funding to maintain excess real property. **The amendment was adopted on a voice vote.**

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