

VA physicians to conduct medical disability examinations.

H.R. 1402, as amended, would also extend the requirement that VA provide nursing home care to certain veterans, extend the authority to provide treatment and rehabilitation services for seriously mentally ill and homeless veterans, and extend the authority of the VA to provide housing assistance for homeless veterans.

Finally, this bill would extend the authority for two advisory committees—the Advisory Committee on Homeless Veterans and the Advisory Committee on Education—as well as extend the authority for requirements relating to the sale of vendee loans by the VA.

Mr. Speaker, we have passed many veterans bills out of the House this year. It is my hope that some of these bills will become law before the year is out. I look forward to working with our colleagues in the Senate to make sure that we get this bill passed. The job at hand today is to pass this extenders bill, send it over to the Senate for quick consideration, and get it to the President's desk before the end of the year before the authority to continue these vital programs lapses.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, one of the things that is necessary in order to bring a piece of legislation that has this many moving parts is somebody who has been involved very much in each of those pieces of legislation.

I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. COFFMAN), chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year I introduced, along with Representative MARK TAKANO, H.R. 1402, the Veteran Paralympics Act, and I am happy to see that this legislation is now poised to pass the House floor along with other important programs for veterans.

My portion of this legislation will extend this joint program, operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Olympic Committee, that funds grants to adaptive sports programs for disabled veterans all across our country.

Paralympic programs are adaptive sports for physically disabled athletes, and research has shown that Paralympic sports and other forms of physical activity are an impactful aspect for the successful rehabilitation for these wounded warriors.

The Veterans Paralympics Act will ensure that disabled veterans in local communities throughout our country will continue to have opportunities for rehabilitation, stress relief, and higher achievement through adaptive sports. Currently, there are dozens of partnership organizations in Colorado and over 300 nationwide that are helping our veterans with their rehabilitation through adaptive sports.

During committee hearings, I discussed the Veterans Paralympics Act with Charlie Huebner, the U.S. Olympic Committee's Paralympics chief. He stated that this extension would help more than 16,000 disabled veterans in communities throughout America receive adaptive sports rehabilitation.

Mr. Huebner and I both emphatically agree that participation in adaptive sports and other athletic activities can help speed the rehabilitation process for disabled veterans, and this legislation, if passed, will ensure rehabilitative opportunities for disabled veterans in local communities throughout the country. I am proud to lead this effort to extend and support this important program.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO).

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maine, the ranking member, for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the Veterans Paralympic Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation that would extend the funding for adaptive sport programs for disabled veterans.

Through the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Olympic Committee, this joint program has provided sports and other athletic activities that help speed up the rehabilitation process for our Nation's heroes. By extending the funding through 2018, and improving access to adaptive sports programs, this legislation would provide the greatest opportunity for rehabilitation through sports our veterans have ever had. The sacrifice of these heroes is immeasurable, and I believe that Congress should be doing all it can to help their rehabilitation process.

I thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. COFFMAN) for introducing this bill, and I look forward to its passage.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, at this time I would like to yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD).

Mrs. NEGRETE MCLEOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1402 that extends VA housing programs for homeless veterans.

The California district which I represent is home to over 20,000 veterans. Like the Nation, homelessness among veterans is a serious problem in my district. It will take continued coordination between VA and local organizations to ensure that veterans are able to take advantage of housing assistance programs.

As a member of the House VA Subcommittee on Health, in August of this year I hosted a town hall with the VA and local organizations. Over 200 veterans attended and signed up for VA veterans benefits for the very first time. This is a great example of better coordination in helping our veterans.

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to once again thank Chairman MILLER for his collaborative effort in bringing both of these bills before the House today and his continued support

to make sure that we do everything we can to pass legislation that will help our veterans. I also want to thank the staffs on both the majority and the minority side for working so well together to get these bills before the floor. I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1402, as amended.

I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1430

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I, too, urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1402, as amended, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1402, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CHAFFETZ) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3521, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 1402, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MAJOR MEDICAL FACILITY LEASE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3521) to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 346, nays 1, not voting 84, as follows:

[Roll No. 630]

YEAS—346

Amash	Eshoo	Larson (CT)
Andrews	Esty	Latham
Bachmann	Farenthold	Latta
Bachus	Farr	Levin
Barber	Fattah	LoBiondo
Barletta	Fincher	Loebsack
Barr	Fitzpatrick	Lofgren
Barrow (GA)	Fleischmann	Long
Barton	Fleming	Lowenthal
Becerra	Flores	Lowe
Benishek	Forbes	Lucas
Bentivolio	Fortenberry	Luetkemeyer
Bera (CA)	Foster	Lujan Grisham
Billirakis	Fox	(NM)
Bishop (NY)	Frankel (FL)	Luján, Ben Ray
Bishop (UT)	Franks (AZ)	(NM)
Blackburn	Frelinghuysen	Lummis
Bonamici	Gabbard	Lynch
Boustany	Gallego	Maffei
Brady (PA)	Garamendi	Maloney
Braley (IA)	Garcia	Carolyn
Bridenstine	Gardner	Maloney, Sean
Brooks (AL)	Gerlach	Marchant
Brooks (IN)	Gibbs	Massie
Broun (GA)	Gibson	Matheson
Brown (FL)	Gingrey (GA)	Matsui
Brownley (CA)	Gohmert	McAllister
Buchanan	Goodlatte	McCarthy (CA)
Bucshon	Gosar	McCaul
Burgess	Granger	McClintock
Bustos	Graves (GA)	McCollum
Cantor	Graves (MO)	McGovern
Capito	Green, Gene	McHenry
Capps	Griffin (AR)	McIntyre
Capuano	Griffith (VA)	McKeon
Cárdenas	Grimm	McKinley
Carney	Gutiérrez	McNerney
Carter	Hahn	Meadows
Cartwright	Hall	Meehan
Cassidy	Hanabusa	Meng
Castor (FL)	Hanna	Messer
Chabot	Harper	Mica
Chaffetz	Hastings (FL)	Michaud
Chu	Heck (NV)	Miller (FL)
Cicilline	Heck (WA)	Miller (MI)
Clay	Hensarling	Miller, George
Cleaver	Higgins	Moran
Clyburn	Himes	Mullin
Coffman	Holding	Murphy (FL)
Cohen	Holt	Murphy (PA)
Cole	Honda	Nadler
Collins (GA)	Horsford	Napolitano
Collins (NY)	Hoyer	Negrete McLeod
Connolly	Hudson	Neugebauer
Cook	Huelskamp	Noem
Cooper	Huffman	Nolan
Costa	Huizenga (MI)	Nunes
Cotton	Hurt	Nunnelee
Courtney	Israel	O'Rourke
Crowley	Issa	Olson
Cuellar	Jeffries	Owens
Daines	Jenkins	Palazzo
Davis (CA)	Johnson (GA)	Pallone
Davis, Danny	Johnson (OH)	Pascarell
Davis, Rodney	Johnson, E. B.	Paulsen
DeFazio	Jones	Pearce
DeGette	Jordan	Pelosi
Delaney	Joyce	Perlmutter
DeLauro	Keating	Perry
DelBene	Kelly (IL)	Peters (CA)
Denham	Kelly (PA)	Peters (MI)
Dent	Kennedy	Peterson
DeSantis	Kildee	Petri
DesJarlais	Kilmer	Pittenger
Deutch	Kind	Pitts
Diaz-Balart	King (IA)	Pocan
Dingell	Kingston	Poe (TX)
Doggett	Kinzinger (IL)	Polis
Duckworth	Kirkpatrick	Pompeo
Duffy	Kline	Posey
Duncan (TN)	Kuster	Price (GA)
Edwards	LaMalfa	Price (NC)
Ellmers	Lamborn	Quigley
Engel	Lance	Rahall
Enyart	Lankford	Renacci

Ribble	Scott, David	Tonko
Rice (SC)	Sensenbrenner	Tsongas
Roby	Serrano	Upton
Roe (TN)	Sessions	Valadao
Rogers (AL)	Shea-Porter	Van Hollen
Rogers (MI)	Sherman	Vargas
Rohrabacher	Shimkus	Veasey
Rokita	Shuster	Velázquez
Rooney	Simpson	Visclosky
Ros-Lehtinen	Sinema	Wagner
Roskam	Sires	Walberg
Ross	Slaughter	Walden
Rothfus	Smith (MO)	Walz
Roybal-Allard	Smith (NE)	Wasserman
Royce	Smith (NJ)	Schultz
Ruiz	Smith (TX)	Weber (TX)
Ruppersberger	Southerland	Webster (FL)
Ryan (OH)	Speier	Welch
Ryan (WI)	Stewart	Wenstrup
Salmon	Stivers	Westmoreland
Sánchez, Linda	Stockman	Whitfield
T.	Stutzman	Williams
Sanchez, Loretta	Swalwell (CA)	Wilson (SC)
Sanford	Takano	Wittman
Sarbanes	Terry	Wolf
Scalise	Thompson (CA)	Womack
Schakowsky	Thompson (PA)	Woodall
Schiff	Thornberry	Yarmuth
Schneider	Tiberi	Yoder
Schrader	Tierney	Yoho
Schweikert	Tipton	Young (AK)
Scott, Austin	Titus	Young (IN)

NAYS—1

Duncan (SC)

NOT VOTING—84

Aderholt	Green, Al	Neal
Amodei	Grijalva	Nugent
Bass	Guthrie	Pastor (AZ)
Beatty	Harris	Payne
Bishop (GA)	Hartzler	Pingree (ME)
Black	Hastings (WA)	Radel
Blumenauer	Herrera Beutler	Rangel
Brady (TX)	Hinojosa	Reed
Butterfield	Hultgren	Reichert
Calvert	Hunter	Richmond
Camp	Jackson Lee	Rigell
Campbell	Johnson, Sam	Rogers (KY)
Carson (IN)	Kaptur	Runyan
Castro (TX)	King (NY)	Rush
Clarke	Labrador	Schock
Coble	Langevin	Schwartz
Conaway	Larsen (WA)	Scott (VA)
Coryers	Lee (CA)	Sewell (AL)
Cramer	Lewis	Smith (WA)
Crawford	Lipinski	Thompson (MS)
Crenshaw	Marino	Turner
Culberson	McCarthy (NY)	Vela
Cummings	McDemott	Walorski
Doyle	McMorris	Waters
Ellison	Rodgers	Watt
Fudge	Meeks	Waxman
Garrett	Miller, Gary	Wilson (FL)
Gowdy	Moore	
Grayson	Mulvaney	

□ 1626

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 630, had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

VA EXPIRING AUTHORITIES EXTENSION ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1402) to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a monthly assistance allowance to disabled veterans training or competing for the Paralympic Team and the authorization of appropriations for the

Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide assistance to United States Paralympics, Inc., as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 353, nays 0, not voting 78, as follows:

[Roll No. 631]

YEAS—353

Aderholt	Dingell	Johnson, E. B.
Amash	Doggett	Jones
Andrews	Duckworth	Jordan
Bachmann	Duffy	Joyce
Bachus	Duncan (SC)	Keating
Barber	Duncan (TN)	Kelly (IL)
Barletta	Edwards	Kelly (PA)
Barr	Ellison	Kennedy
Barrow (GA)	Ellmers	Kildee
Barton	Engel	Kilmer
Becerra	Enyart	Kind
Benishek	Eshoo	King (IA)
Bentivolio	Esty	Kingston
Bera (CA)	Farenthold	Kinzinger (IL)
Billirakis	Farr	Kirkpatrick
Bishop (NY)	Fattah	Kline
Bishop (UT)	Fincher	Kuster
Blackburn	Fitzpatrick	LaMalfa
Bonamici	Fleischmann	Lamborn
Boustany	Fleming	Lance
Brady (PA)	Flores	Lankford
Braley (IA)	Forbes	Larson (CT)
Bridenstine	Fortenberry	Latham
Brooks (AL)	Foster	Latta
Brooks (IN)	Fox	Levin
Broun (GA)	Frankel (FL)	LoBiondo
Brown (FL)	Franks (AZ)	Loebsack
Brownley (CA)	Frelinghuysen	Lofgren
Buchanan	Gabbard	Long
Bucshon	Gallego	Lowenthal
Burgess	Garamendi	Lowe
Bustos	Garcia	Lucas
Cantor	Gardner	Luetkemeyer
Capito	Garrett	Lujan Grisham
Capps	Gerlach	(NM)
Capuano	Gibbs	Luján, Ben Ray
Cárdenas	Gibson	(NM)
Carney	Gingrey (GA)	Lummis
Carter	Gohmert	Lynch
Cartwright	Goodlatte	Maffei
Cassidy	Gosar	Maloney
Castor (FL)	Granger	Carolyn
Chabot	Graves (GA)	Maloney, Sean
Chaffetz	Graves (MO)	Marchant
Chu	Green, Gene	Massie
Cicilline	Griffin (AR)	Matheson
Clay	Griffith (VA)	Matsui
Cleaver	Grimm	McAllister
Clyburn	Gutiérrez	McCarthy (CA)
Coffman	Hahn	McCaul
Cohen	Hall	McClintock
Cole	Hanabusa	McCollum
Collins (GA)	Hanna	McGovern
Collins (NY)	Harper	McHenry
Connolly	Hastings (FL)	McIntyre
Cook	Heck (NV)	McKeon
Cooper	Heck (WA)	McKinley
Costa	Hensarling	McNerney
Cotton	Higgins	Meadows
Courtney	Himes	Meehan
Crowley	Holding	Meng
Cuellar	Holt	Messer
Daines	Honda	Mica
Davis (CA)	Horsford	Michaud
Davis, Danny	Hoyer	Miller (FL)
Davis, Rodney	Hudson	Miller (MI)
DeFazio	Huelskamp	Miller, George
DeGette	Huffman	Moran
Delaney	Huizenga (MI)	Mullin
DeLauro	Hultgren	Murphy (FL)
DelBene	Hurt	Murphy (PA)
Denham	Israel	Nadler
Dent	Issa	Napolitano
DeSantis	Jeffries	Negrete McLeod
DesJarlais	Jenkins	Neugebauer
Deutch	Johnson (GA)	Noem
Diaz-Balart	Johnson (OH)	Nolan