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I stand in support, obviously, of the bill, H.R. 5484, the State Sponsors of Terrorism Review Enhancement Act. This designation of a foreign government, as Mr. ROYCE has already pointed out, as a state sponsor of terrorism, is one of the United States' most powerful statements as a nation that we can stamp on another country.

Besides imposing sanctions, the stamp of state sponsor of terrorism labels a state untouchable to the international community. This pariah status, as pointed out, is much deserved, as these are states that support the killing of innocent people as a matter of policy.

However, under current law, in order for a state to be delisted, the President of the United States only needs to certify that the country being considered for delisting has not engaged in supporting terrorism for a paltry 6 months. As Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN pointed out, just 2 years ago, Cuba sent missiles to North Korea.

Considering the heinous acts of violence these countries have supported in the past, we should not be allowing them to be delisted for political purposes or whatever reasons after only 6 months. This increases the oversight of one of Congress' oldest committees, the Foreign Affairs Committee, and adds another layer of protection not just for America, but for the world community.

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To address this, my legislation will quadruple the time a designated country must refrain from sponsoring terrorism before the President can remove it from the sponsor list from 6 months to 24 months; it increases congressional oversight by doubling the time Congress has to review the President's proposed removal from 45 to 90 days; it establishes a uniform process through which Congress can disapprove of the President's decision to remove a country from the list; and it requires the administration to notify and brief Congress—and I think this is probably one of the most important things—upon initiating a review of a designated country's potential removal from that list.

This legislation will assert congressional scrutiny and oversight and, hopefully, bring to an end politically motivated delistings. Successive administrations, as was pointed out, both Republicans and Democrats alike, delisted countries based on their Precedency's legacy rather than the facts. H.R. 5484 will stop absurd delistings like that of North Korea in 2008.

As we have already talked about, North Korea was delisted in exchange for their promise of dismantling their nuclear program. However, 8 years and five nuclear tests later, as the gentleman pointed out, they remain off the list and threatening America with

their videos and their acts of irresponsibility, North Korea, supporting terrorism abroad.

By increasing the amount of time for a state to not be engaged in terrorism and increasing congressional oversight and scrutiny, H.R. 5484, hopefully, will not allow mistakes such as the delisting of North Korea to take place.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the chairman again, and thank Mr. YOHO for his hard work and commitment on this.

Obviously, the handful of countries on the State Sponsors of Terrorism list are some of the worst actors in the world: Sudan, Syria, and Iran. We need policies that are tough, and any changes to that list must be preceded by real, permanent changes in the way those governments do business. And, of course, I believe Congress has an important oversight role to play on such matters.

I have voiced my concerns about parts of this legislation, namely, that multiplying the waiting period by a factor of four might have unintended consequences. Perhaps it should have been a little less than that. But I trust that if we do run into trouble down the road, we will do whatever it takes to make sure that our government has the tools needed to act in America's best interests.

So I support this measure and, again, I thank Mr. YOHO for his hard work.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, 6 months to get off of that list for a terrorist country, that is an odd situation. We should not be giving terrorist regimes a clean bill of health in such a short time in that, by definition, these are regimes that kill innocents as a matter of policy. That is what terrorism is. And given that this process has been abused, in the case of North Korea, what is to prevent another White House from removing countries from the list to advance their own flawed agendas?

Congress, I think, has a responsibility to prevent that from happening; and, ultimately, these regimes must understand that the only way to be delisted is to actually change their behavior and discontinue their support for terrorism, not simply press for their status to be reversed as a condition of a separate negotiation. That is what North Korea did some years ago. That is what concerns us here.

Again, I would like to recognize Mr. YOHO for his excellent work on this legislation, and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ROYCE) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5484.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the

rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## WEST LOS ANGELES LEASING ACT OF 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5936) to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into agreements with certain health care providers to furnish health care to veterans, to authorize the Secretary to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, to make certain improvements to the enhanced-use lease authority of the Department, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5936

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016".

### SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LEASES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WEST LOS ANGELES CAMPUS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may carry out leases described in subsection (b) at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Campus").

(b) LEASES DESCRIBED.—Leases described in this subsection are the following:

(1) Any enhanced-use lease of real property under subchapter V of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code, for purposes of providing supportive housing, as that term is defined in section 8161(3) of such title, that principally benefit veterans and their families.

(2) Any lease of real property for a term not to exceed 50 years to a third party to provide services that principally benefit veterans and their families and that are limited to one or more of the following purposes:

(A) The promotion of health and wellness, including nutrition and spiritual wellness.

(B) Education.

(C) Vocational training, skills building, or other training related to employment.

(D) Peer activities, socialization, or physical recreation.

(E) Assistance with legal issues and Federal benefits.

(F) Volunteerism.

(G) Family support services, including child care.

(H) Transportation.

(I) Services in support of one or more of the purposes specified in subparagraphs (A) through (H).

(3) A lease of real property for a term not to exceed 10 years to The Regents of the University of California, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California, on behalf of its University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) campus (hereinafter in this section referred to as "The Regents"), if—

(A) the lease is consistent with the master plan described in subsection (g);

(B) the provision of services to veterans is the predominant focus of the activities of The Regents at the Campus during the term of the lease;

(C) The Regents expressly agrees to provide, during the term of the lease and to an extent and in a manner that the Secretary considers appropriate, additional services and support (for which The Regents is not compensated by the Secretary or through an existing medical affiliation agreement) that—

(i) principally benefit veterans and their families, including veterans that are severely disabled, women, aging, or homeless; and

(ii) may consist of activities relating to the medical, clinical, therapeutic, dietary, rehabilitative, legal, mental, spiritual, physical, recreational, research, and counseling needs of veterans and their families or any of the purposes specified in any of subparagraphs (A) through (I) of paragraph (2); and

(D) The Regents maintains records documenting the value of the additional services and support that The Regents provides pursuant to subparagraph (C) for the duration of the lease and makes such records available to the Secretary.

(c) **LIMITATION ON LAND-SHARING AGREEMENTS.**—The Secretary may not carry out any land-sharing agreement pursuant to section 8153 of title 38, United States Code, at the Campus unless such agreement—

(1) provides additional health-care resources to the Campus; and

(2) benefits veterans and their families other than from the generation of revenue for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(d) **REVENUES FROM LEASES AT THE CAMPUS.**—Any funds received by the Secretary under a lease described in subsection (b) shall be credited to the applicable Department medical facilities account and shall be available, without fiscal year limitation and without further appropriation, exclusively for the renovation and maintenance of the land and facilities at the Campus.

(e) **EASEMENTS.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law (other than Federal laws relating to environmental and historic preservation), pursuant to section 8124 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary may grant easements or rights-of-way on, above, or under lands at the Campus to—

(A) any local or regional public transportation authority to access, construct, use, operate, maintain, repair, or reconstruct public mass transit facilities, including, fixed guideway facilities and transportation centers; and

(B) the State of California, County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any public utility company (including any company providing electricity, gas, water, sewage, or telecommunication services to the public) for the purpose of providing such public utilities.

(2) **IMPROVEMENTS.**—Any improvements proposed pursuant to an easement or right-of-way authorized under paragraph (1) shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(3) **TERMINATION.**—Any easement or right-of-way authorized under paragraph (1) shall be terminated upon the abandonment or non-use of the easement or right-of-way and all right, title, and interest in the land covered by the easement or right-of-way shall revert to the United States.

(f) **PROHIBITION ON SALE OF PROPERTY.**—Notwithstanding section 8164 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary may not sell or otherwise convey to a third party fee simple title to any real property or improvements to real property made at the Campus.

(g) **CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN.**—The Secretary shall ensure that each lease carried out under this section is consistent with the draft master plan approved by the Sec-

retary on January 28, 2016, or successor master plans.

(h) **COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN LAWS.**—

(1) **LAWS RELATING TO LEASES AND LAND USE.**—If the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs determines, as part of an audit report or evaluation conducted by the Inspector General, that the Department is not in compliance with all Federal laws relating to leases and land use at the Campus, or that significant mismanagement has occurred with respect to leases or land use at the Campus, the Secretary may not enter into any lease or land-sharing agreement at the Campus, or renew any such lease or land-sharing agreement that is not in compliance with such laws, until the Secretary certifies to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, and each Member of the Senate and the House of Representatives who represents the area in which the Campus is located that all recommendations included in the audit report or evaluation have been implemented.

(2) **COMPLIANCE OF PARTICULAR LEASES.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided by this section, no lease may be entered into or renewed under this section unless the lease complies with chapter 33 of title 41, United States Code, and all Federal laws relating to environmental and historic preservation.

(i) **VETERANS AND COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT AND ENGAGEMENT BOARD.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a Veterans and Community Oversight and Engagement Board (in this subsection referred to as the “Board”) for the Campus to coordinate locally with the Department of Veterans Affairs to—

(A) identify the goals of the community and veteran partnership;

(B) provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary to improve services and outcomes for veterans, members of the Armed Forces, and the families of such veterans and members; and

(C) provide advice and recommendations on the implementation of the draft master plan approved by the Secretary on January 28, 2016, and on the creation and implementation of any successor master plans.

(2) **MEMBERS.**—The Board shall be comprised of a number of members that the Secretary determines appropriate, of which not less than 50 percent shall be veterans. The nonveteran members shall be family members of veterans, veteran advocates, service providers, real estate professionals familiar with housing development projects, or stakeholders.

(3) **COMMUNITY INPUT.**—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Board shall—

(A) provide the community opportunities to collaborate and communicate with the Board, including by conducting public forums on the Campus; and

(B) focus on local issues regarding the Department that are identified by the community, including with respect to health care, implementation of the draft master plan and any subsequent plans, benefits, and memorial services at the Campus.

(j) **NOTIFICATION AND REPORTS.**—

(1) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.**—With respect to each lease or land-sharing agreement intended to be entered into or renewed at the Campus, the Secretary shall notify the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, and each Member of the Senate and the House of Representatives who represents the area in

which the Campus is located of the intent of the Secretary to enter into or renew the lease or land-sharing agreement not later than 45 days before entering into or renewing the lease or land-sharing agreement.

(2) **ANNUAL REPORT.**—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not less frequently than annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives, the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, and each Member of the Senate and the House of Representatives who represents the area in which the Campus is located an annual report evaluating all leases and land-sharing agreements carried out at the Campus, including—

(A) an evaluation of the management of the revenue generated by the leases; and

(B) the records described in subsection (b)(3)(D).

(3) **INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than each of two years and five years after the date of the enactment of this Act, and as determined necessary by the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs thereafter, the Inspector General shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Committees on Appropriations of the Senate and House of Representatives, and each Member of the Senate and the House of Representatives who represents the area in which the Campus is located a report on all leases carried out at the Campus and the management by the Department of the use of land at the Campus, including an assessment of the efforts of the Department to implement the master plan described in subsection (g) with respect to the Campus.

(B) **CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT.**—In preparing each report required by subparagraph (A), the Inspector General shall take into account the most recent report submitted to Congress by the Secretary under paragraph (2).

(k) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as a limitation on the authority of the Secretary to enter into other agreements regarding the Campus that are authorized by law and not inconsistent with this section.

(l) **PRINCIPALLY BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES DEFINED.**—In this section the term “principally benefit veterans and their families”, with respect to services provided by a person or entity under a lease of property or land-sharing agreement—

(1) means services—

(A) provided exclusively to veterans and their families; or

(B) that are designed for the particular needs of veterans and their families, as opposed to the general public, and any benefit of those services to the general public is distinct from the intended benefit to veterans and their families; and

(2) excludes services in which the only benefit to veterans and their families is the generation of revenue for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

(m) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(1) **PROHIBITION ON DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY.**—Section 224(a) of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-161; 121 Stat. 2272) is amended by striking “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs” and inserting “Except as authorized under the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2016, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs”.

(2) **ENHANCED-USE LEASES.**—Section 8162(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting “, other than an enhanced-use

lease under the Los Angeles Homeless Veterans Leasing Act of 2016," before "shall be considered".

**SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCED-USE LEASE AUTHORITY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

(a) **PROHIBITION ON WAIVER OF OBLIGATION OF LESSEE.**—Paragraph (3) of section 8162(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the following new subparagraph:

"(D) The Secretary may not waive or postpone the obligation of a lessee to pay any consideration under an enhanced-use lease, including monthly rent."

(b) **CLARIFICATION OF LIABILITY OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO THIRD PARTIES.**—Section 8162 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d)(1) Nothing in this subchapter authorizes the Secretary to enter into an enhanced-use lease that provides for, is contingent upon, or otherwise authorizes the Federal Government to guarantee a loan made by a third party to a lessee for purposes of the enhanced-use lease.

"(2) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to abrogate or constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the United States with respect to any loan, financing, or other financial agreement entered into by the lessee and a third party relating to an enhanced-use lease."

(c) **TRANSPARENCY.**—

(1) **NOTICE.**—Section 8163(c)(1) of such title is amended—

(A) by inserting ", the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate" after "congressional veterans' affairs committees";

(B) by striking "and shall publish" and inserting ", shall publish";

(C) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", and shall submit to the congressional veterans' affairs committees a copy of the proposed lease"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new sentence: "With respect to a major enhanced-use lease, upon the request of the congressional veterans' affairs committees, not later than 30 days after the date of such notice, the Secretary shall testify before the committees on the major enhanced-use lease, including with respect to the status of the lease, the cost, and the plans to carry out the activities under the lease. The Secretary may not delegate such testifying below the level of the head of the Office of Asset Enterprise Management of the Department or any successor to such office."

(2) **ANNUAL REPORTS.**—Section 8168 of such title is amended—

(A) by striking "to Congress" each place it appears and inserting "to the congressional veterans' affairs committees, the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate";

(B) in subsection (a)—

(i) by striking "Not later" and inserting "(1) Not later";

(ii) by striking "a report" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "a report on enhanced-use leases."; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

"(A) Identification of the actions taken by the Secretary to implement and administer enhanced-use leases.

"(B) For the most recent fiscal year covered by the report, the amounts deposited into the Medical Care Collection Fund account that were derived from enhanced-use leases.

"(C) Identification of the actions taken by the Secretary using the amounts described in subparagraph (B).

"(D) Documents of the Department supporting the contents of the report described in subparagraphs (A) through (C)."; and

(C) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking "Each year" and inserting "(1) Each year";

(ii) by striking "this subchapter," and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "this subchapter."; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(2) Each report under paragraph (1) shall include the following with respect to each enhanced-use lease covered by the report:

"(A) An overview of how the Secretary is using consideration received by the Secretary under the lease to support veterans.

"(B) The amount of consideration received by the Secretary under the lease.

"(C) The amount of any revenues collected by the Secretary relating to the lease not covered by subparagraph (B), including a description of any in-kind assistance or services provided by the lessee to the Secretary or to veterans under an agreement entered into by the Secretary pursuant to any provision of law.

"(D) The costs to the Secretary of carrying out the lease.

"(E) Documents of the Department supporting the contents of the report described in subparagraphs (A) through (D)."

(d) **ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.**—Section 8161 of such title is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

"(4) The term 'lessee' means the party with whom the Secretary has entered into an enhanced-use lease under this subchapter.

"(5) The term 'major enhanced-use lease' means an enhanced-use lease that includes consideration consisting of an average annual rent of more than \$10,000,000."

(e) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL AUDIT.**—

(1) **REPORT.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report containing an audit of the enhanced-use lease program of the Department of Veterans Affairs under subchapter V of chapter 81 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—The report under paragraph (1) shall include the following:

(A) The financial impact of the enhanced-use lease authority on the Department of Veterans Affairs and whether the revenue realized from such authority and other financial benefits would have been realized without such authority.

(B) The use by the Secretary of such authority and whether the arrangements made under such authority would have been made without such authority.

(C) An identification of the controls that are in place to ensure accountability and transparency and to protect the Federal Government.

(D) An overall assessment of the activities of the Secretary under such authority to ensure procurement cost avoidance, negotiated cost avoidance, in-contract cost avoidance, and rate reductions.

(3) **APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term "appropriate congressional committees" means—

(A) the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate;

(B) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate; and

(C) the Committees on the Budget of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and provide any extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5936, as amended, the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016.

I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. PRICE for his tireless efforts in working with our committee on scoring that was associated with this particular piece of legislation. Without his cooperation, we would not be poised to pass this bill today.

This bill would authorize VA to carry out certain leases on the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System West L.A. Medical Center Campus in Los Angeles, California, in accordance with the draft master plan.

Leases that would be considered allowable under this language include: an enhanced-use lease for the purpose of providing supportive housing, any lease lasting less than 50 years to a third party to provide services that benefit veterans and their families, or a lease lasting less than 10 years to the University of California if the lease is consistent with the master plan and the University's activities are principally focused on providing services to veterans.

Any land-sharing agreements that fail to provide additional healthcare resources or to benefit veterans and their families in ways other than generating additional revenue would be prohibited, and any funds received from leases credited to the West L.A. VA Medical facility would be required to be used exclusively for renovation and maintenance.

The bill also includes numerous reporting requirements to ensure that the VA is fully transparent with Congress and the American people regarding the management use and operations of the campus.

I was honored to visit West L.A. and their medical center campus earlier this year and witness firsthand the enormous promise it holds for our veterans, especially our homeless veterans.

This historic site has suffered from many years of neglect, misuse, and mismanagement; but, with passage of H.R. 5936, as amended, today, I am confident that it will finally be on the path to preservation, revitalization,

and the fulfillment of its mission to serve and to provide for veterans in need throughout the Greater Los Angeles area.

I am grateful to my friend and colleague, Congressman TED LIEU, from California, for joining me in sponsoring this legislation, and I urge all of my colleagues to join us in supporting this piece of legislation.

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 5936. This legislation would provide a model for how VA campuses can provide services to homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness.

It would authorize VA to carry out certain leases on the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System West L.A. Medical Center Campus, and would prohibit VA from entering into any land-sharing agreements unless the agreements provide additional healthcare resources and also benefit veterans and their families in ways other than generating additional revenue.

Mr. Speaker, there is a long history here with the West L.A. Campus. Without going into too much detail, this provision would ensure that the VA West L.A. Campus is used for the betterment of veterans, the original intent of the legacy when the land was donated decades ago. It is an important step forward for the veterans community in southern California.

I would like to thank the chairman for introducing this bill and Representative TED LIEU of California for his hard work.

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I have no other speakers at this time, so we are prepared to close.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I strongly support this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.R. 5936, as amended. And I want to express, again, my deep appreciation in working with the majority to get this bill done. It is really important to those of us in southern California, and I cannot overstate how much this means to the veterans community in California.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this piece of legislation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, today, the House will consider H.R. 5936, the Veterans Care Agreement and West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016. H.R. 5936 authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to lease underused Federal property at the Department's medical campus in Los Angeles to developers who would construct supportive housing and rehabilitation facilities for homeless veterans.

Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimates of the budgetary effects of VA's en-

hanced-use leases have evolved over time. Dating back to the first VA enhanced-use lease in 1999, CBO believed that VA enhanced-use leasing arrangements were a quid pro quo exchange of equal value which would not have any scoring implications. As CBO continued to gather more information on these leases, in addition to monitoring and evaluating VA's behavior regarding these lease agreements, it changed its scoring practices and today scores enhanced-use leases with an upfront, direct spending cost. The evolution of CBO's VA enhanced-use lease scoring came about from agreements and contracts that assured non-Federal lessees would be able to recover their capital costs invested in leased facilities through guaranteed payments from the Federal Government.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5936 would provide borrowing authority of \$44 million over fiscal years 2017 through 2026, which would result in new direct spending. Notwithstanding CBO's conclusion, the House Committee on the Budget believes new mandatory spending will not be provided by H.R. 5936 as amended. The Committee, working closely with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, has included section 4 in H.R. 5936 that would do the following: (1) ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs and third-party enhanced-use leasing agreements do not include either an explicit or implicit Federal Government loan guarantee; (2) prevent the Federal government from abrogating its sovereign immunity with respect to any loan, or other financial agreement; and, (3) require greater transparency, accountability, and congressional oversight of VA's enhanced-use lease program. If the Department of Veterans Affairs fails to faithfully execute the requirements in H.R. 5936, the House Committee on the Budget will revisit this issue in the context of future requests for enhanced-use leasing authority.

With these fiscal protections in place, I support H.R. 5936, the Veterans Care Agreement and West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016, which ensures America's homeless veterans are provided quality access to care and services, and brings our Nation one step closer to ending veteran homelessness.

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. 5936, as amended.

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

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, to make certain improvements to the enhanced-use lease authority of the Department, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### VETERANS MOBILITY SAFETY ACT OF 2016

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass

the bill (H.R. 3471) to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the provision of automobiles and adaptive equipment by the Department of Veterans Affairs, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3471

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Mobility Safety Act of 2016".*

#### SEC. 2. PERSONAL SELECTIONS OF AUTOMOBILES AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT.

*Section 3903(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—*

*(1) by striking "Except" and inserting "(1) Except"; and*

*(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

*"(2) The Secretary shall ensure that to the extent practicable an eligible person who is provided an automobile or other conveyance under this chapter is given the opportunity to make personal selections relating to such automobile or other conveyance."*

#### SEC. 3. COMPREHENSIVE POLICY FOR THE AUTOMOBILES ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM.

*(a) COMPREHENSIVE POLICY.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop a comprehensive policy regarding quality standards for providers who provide modification services to veterans under the automobile adaptive equipment program.*

*(b) SCOPE.—The policy developed under subsection (a) shall cover each of the following:*

*(1) The Department of Veterans Affairs-wide management of the automobile adaptive equipment program.*

*(2) The development of standards for safety and quality of equipment and installation of equipment through the automobile adaptive equipment program, including with respect to the defined differentiations in levels of modification complexity.*

*(3) The consistent application of standards for safety and quality of both equipment and installation throughout the Department.*

*(4) The certification of a provider by a third party organization or manufacturer if the Secretary designates the quality standards of such organization or manufacturer as meeting or exceeding the standards developed under this section.*

*(5) The education and training of personnel of the Department who administer the automobile adaptive equipment program.*

*(6) The compliance of the provider with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) when furnishing automobile adaptive equipment at the facility of the provider.*

*(7) The allowance, where technically appropriate, for veterans to receive modifications at their residence or location of choice.*

*(c) UPDATES.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall update Veterans Health Administration Handbook 1173.4, or any successor handbook or directive, in accordance with the policy developed under subsection (a). Not less frequently than once every six years thereafter, the Secretary shall update such handbook, or any successor handbook or directive.*

*(d) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall develop the policy under subsection (a), and revise such policy under subsection (c), in consultation with veterans service organizations, the National Highway Transportation Administration, industry representatives, manufacturers of automobile adaptive equipment, and other entities with expertise in installing, repairing, replacing, or manufacturing mobility equipment*