

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

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This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 183, answered "present" 1, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 657]

YEAS—224

Abraham	Franks (AZ)	Napolitano
Adams	Frelinghuysen	Newhouse
Aderholt	Gabbard	Noem
Allen	Gianforte	Norman
Arrington	Gibbs	Nunes
Bacon	Gonzalez (TX)	O'Rourke
Banks (IN)	Goodlatte	Olson
Barletta	Gottheimer	Pascarell
Barton	Gowdy	Perlmutter
Beatty	Granger	Pingree
Bilirakis	Grothman	Polis
Bishop (MI)	Guthrie	Posey
Bishop (UT)	Hanabusa	Ratcliffe
Black	Handel	Rice (SC)
Blackburn	Harper	Roby
Blumenauer	Harris	Roe (TN)
Blunt Rochester	Hartzler	Rogers (KY)
Bonamic	Heck	Rohrabacher
Brady (TX)	Hensarling	Rooney, Thomas J.
Brat	Higgins (LA)	Rosen
Brooks (AL)	Higgins (NY)	Ross
Brooks (IN)	Himes	Rothfus
Brown (MD)	Hollingsworth	Royce (CA)
Buchanan	Huffman	Ruppersberger
Bucshon	Hultgren	Rush
Bustos	Jeffries	Russell
Butterfield	Johnson (GA)	Scalise
Byrne	Johnson (LA)	Schiff
Calvert	Johnson, E. B.	Schneider
Carson (IN)	Johnson, Sam	Schweikert
Carter (TX)	Kaptur	Scott (VA)
Cartwright	Kelly (MS)	Scott, David
Chabot	Kelly (PA)	Sensenbrenner
Cheney	Kildee	Sessions
Chu, Judy	King (IA)	Shea-Porter
Cicilline	King (NY)	Sherman
Clay	Krishnamoorthi	Shimkus
Cole	Kuster (NH)	Shuster
Collins (NY)	Kustoff (TN)	Smith (NE)
Comer	Labrador	Smith (NJ)
Comstock	LaMalfa	Smith (TX)
Cook	Lamborn	Smith (WA)
Cooper	Larsen (WA)	Speier
Courtney	Latta	Stefanik
Cramer	Lewis (MN)	Stivers
Crawford	Lipinski	Suozi
Culberson	Long	Takano
Cummings	Loudermilk	Taylor
Curtis	Love	Thornberry
Davidson	Lowey	Tiberi
Davis (CA)	Lucas	Titus
Davis, Danny	Luetkemeyer	Torres
DeGette	Lujan Grisham,	Trott
DeLauro	M.	Tsongas
DelBene	Luján, Ben Ray	Turner
Demings	Maloney,	Upton
DeSaulnier	Carolyn B.	Vela
DesJarlais	Marino	Wagner
Deutch	Massie	Walden
Diaz-Balart	McCarthy	Walker
Dingell	McCaul	Walorski
Doggett	McClintock	Walters, Mimi
Donovan	McCollum	Wasserman
Doyle, Michael F.	McEachin	Schultz
Duncan (SC)	McHenry	Waters, Maxine
Duncan (TN)	McMorris	Webster (FL)
Dunn	Rodgers	Welch
Ellison	McNerney	Wenstrup
Engel	Meadows	Williams
Eshoo	Meng	Wilson (FL)
Estes (KS)	Mitchell	Wilson (SC)
Ferguson	Moolenaar	Wittman
Fleischmann	Mooney (WV)	Womack
Fortenberry	Moulton	Yarmuth
Foster	Mullin	Young (IA)
Frankel (FL)	Murphy (FL)	
	Nadler	

NAYS—183

Aguilar	Graves (MO)	Pallone
Amash	Green, Al	Palmer
Babin	Green, Gene	Panetta
Barr	Hastings	Paulsen
Barragán	Herrera Beutler	Pearce
Bass	Hice, Jody B.	Perry
Bera	Hill	Peters
Bergman	Holding	Peterson
Beyer	Hoyer	Pittenger
Biggs	Hudson	Poe (TX)
Bishop (GA)	Huizenga	Poliquin
Blum	Hunter	Price (NC)
Bost	Hurd	Raskin
Boyle, Brendan F.	Issa	Reed
Brady (PA)	Jackson Lee	Reichert
Buck	Jayapal	Renacci
Budd	Jenkins (KS)	Rice (NY)
Burgess	Jenkins (WV)	Richmond
Capuano	Johnson (OH)	Rogers (AL)
Carbajal	Jones	Rokita
Cárdenas	Jordan	Ros-Lehtinen
Carter (GA)	Joyce (OH)	Roskam
Castor (FL)	Katko	Rouzer
Castro (TX)	Keating	Roybal-Allard
Clarke (NY)	Kelly (IL)	Ruiz
Cleaver	Khanna	Rutherford
Clyburn	Kihuen	Ryan (OH)
Coffman	Kilmer	Sánchez
Cohen	Kind	Sanford
Collins (GA)	Kinzinger	Sarbanes
Conaway	Knight	Schakowsky
Connolly	LaHood	Schrader
Correa	Lance	Serrano
Costa	Langevin	Sewell (AL)
Costello (PA)	Larson (CT)	Sinema
Crist	Lawrence	Sires
Crowley	Lawson (FL)	Lee
Cuellar	Lee	Slaughter
Davis, Rodney	Levin	Smith (MO)
DeFazio	Lewis (GA)	Smucker
Delaney	Lieu, Ted	Soto
Denham	LoBiondo	Swalwell (CA)
DeSantis	Loeb	Tenney
Duffy	Loeb	Thompson (CA)
Emmer	Lofgren	Thompson (MS)
Españallat	Lowenthal	Thompson (PA)
Esty (CT)	Lynch	
Evans	MacArthur	
Farenthold	Maloney, Sean	
Faso	Marchant	
Fitzpatrick	Marshall	
Flores	Mast	
Foxx	Matsui	
Fudge	McGovern	
Gallagher	McKinley	
Gallego	McSally	
Garamendi	Meehan	
Garrett	Messer	
Gomez	Moore	
Gosar	Nolan	
Graves (GA)	Norcross	
	O'Halleran	
	Palazzo	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—1

Tonko
NOT VOTING—25

Amodei	Graves (LA)	Pocan
Bridenstine	Griffith	Quigley
Grijalva (CA)	Grijalva	Rooney, Francis
Clark (MA)	Gutierrez	Scott, Austin
Conyers	Kennedy	Simpson
Curbelo (FL)	Meeks	Stewart
Dent	Neal	Walz
Gaetz	Payne	
Gohmert	Pelosi	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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Mr. KIND changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House Chamber for rollcall votes 655, 656, and 657 on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall votes 655

and 656, and I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote 657.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 5, for personal reasons, I was absent and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall No. 655—"Yea."
Rollcall No. 656—"Yea."
Rollcall No. 657—"Yea."

MODIFICATION IN APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON H.R. 1, TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection and pursuant to clause 11 of rule I, the Chair removes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) as a conferee on H.R. 1 and appoints the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. UPTON) to fill the vacancy.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

ENHANCING VETERAN CARE ACT

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1266) to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1266

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 "Enhancing Veteran Care Act".

SEC. 2. INVESTIGATION OF MEDICAL CENTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may contract with a nonprofit organization that accredits health care organizations and programs in the United States to investigate a medical center of the Department of Veterans Affairs to assess and report deficiencies of the facilities at such medical center.

(b) AUTHORITY OF DIRECTORS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to coordination under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall delegate the authority under subsection (a) to contract for an investigation at a medical center of the Department to the Director of the Veterans Integrated Service Network in which the medical center is located or the director of such medical center.

(2) COORDINATION.—Before entering into a contract under paragraph (1), the Director of a Veterans Integrated Service Network or the director of a medical center, as the case may be, shall notify the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Comptroller General of the United States for purposes of coordinating any investigation conducted pursuant to such contract with any other investigations that may be ongoing.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section may be construed—

(1) to prevent the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Veterans Affairs from conducting any review, audit,