

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 2231–2257; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 245–248 were introduced. **Pages H3094–95**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H3096–97**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:
Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2014 (H. Rept. 113–96). **Page H3094**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Brooks (AL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H3019**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H3024**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami, Kauai Aadheenam Hindu Monastery, Kauai, Hawaii. **Page H3024**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Ruth Moore Act of 2013: H.R. 671, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the disability compensation evaluation procedure of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for veterans with mental health conditions related to military sexual trauma. **Pages H3029–32**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an annual report on claims for disabilities incurred or aggravated by military sexual trauma, and for other purposes.”. **Page H3032**

Providing for the Use of the Catafalque Situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and agree to S. Con. Res. 18, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor Center in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the United States Senate Chamber for the Honorable Frank R. Lautenberg, late a Senator from the State of New Jersey. **Page H3044**

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014: The House passed H.R. 2216, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 193. **Pages H3032–42, H3044–88**

Rejected the Enyart motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 198 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 192. **Pages H3086–88**

Agreed to:

Griffith (VA) amendment (No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2013) that reduces the amount per unit that may be spent annually for the maintenance and repair of any general or flag officer quarters without 30 days prior notification from \$35,000 to \$15,000; **Pages H3061–63**

Blumenauer amendment that redirects \$35,000,000 in funding within the Medical and Prosthetic Research account for Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury research; **Pages H3063–64**

Gallego amendment that redirects \$5,000,000 in funding within the General Operating Expenses account of the Veterans Benefits Administration for veterans employment; **Pages H3064–65**

Culberson amendment that requires that none of the funds be obligated or expended for the development of an electronic health record except for a health record as set forth in the Joint Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2013–2015 of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense, Joint Executive Council; **Pages H3067–72**

Kingston amendment that prohibits funds from being used to pay more than 75 percent of the salary of any senior Department of Veterans Affairs official during the period beginning on July 1, 2014, and ending on September 30, 2014, unless as of July 1, 2014, the percentage of disability compensation claims that are more than 125 days old is less than or equal to 40 percent; **Pages H3074–75**

Kuster amendment that prohibits funds from being used for any conference for which the cost to the agency exceeds \$500,000; **Page H3075**

Rothfus amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2013) that prohibits funds from being used by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to pay a performance award under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code; **Pages H3075–77**

Grayson amendment that prohibits funds from being used to enter into a contract with any offeror or any of its principals if that offeror has, within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against it for commission of a fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public contract or subcontract; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes relating to

the submission of offers; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violating Federal criminal tax laws, or receiving stolen property; **Page H3077**

Runyan amendment that prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan for, or execute a new or additional Base Realignment and Closure round; **Pages H3077–78**

Murphy (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to award any contract in an amount greater than \$1,000,000 for which the Department of Defense did not receive at least two offers; **Page H3078**

Terry amendment that prohibits funds from being used to increase the funding for any major medical facility project which is under construction as of the date of the enactment of this Act, above the amount specified in the prospectus described in subsection (b) of such section 8104 and the detailed estimate of cost described in paragraph (1) of such subsection; **Page H3078**

Engel amendment that prohibits funds from being used to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet, or for an agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memorandum—Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H3078–79**

Tipton amendment that increases funding, by offset, for Information Technology Systems by \$10,000,000 to increase disability claims processing; **Page H3079**

Murphy (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used to maintain or improve Department of Defense real property with a zero percent utilization rate according to the Department's real property inventory database, except in the case of maintenance of an historic property or maintenance to prevent a negative environmental impact; and **Pages H3079–80**

Amodei amendment that redirects \$44,000,000 in funding within the General Operating Expenses account of the Veterans Benefits Administration for increased staffing in certain regional Veterans Affairs offices (by a recorded vote of 248 ayes to 172 noes, Roll No. 189). **Pages H3065–67, H3084**

Rejected:

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program and apply the \$199,700,000 in savings to the spending reduction account; **Pages H3058–61**

Broun (GA) amendment that sought to eliminate funding for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization for the planning, design, and construction of a new headquarters and apply the \$38,513,000 in savings

to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 188); **Pages H3057–58, H3083–84**

Moran amendment that sought to strike section 413, which prohibits funds from being used to construct, renovate, or expand any facility in the United States to house any individual detained at United States Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for the purposes of detention or imprisonment (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 190); and **Pages H3072–73, H3084–85**

King (IA) amendment that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce the prevailing wage requirements in subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act) (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 191). **Pages H3080–83, H3085–86**

Withdrawn:

Farr amendment (No. 2 printed in the Congressional Record of June 3, 2013) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited funds from being used to implement Veterans Health Administration directive 2011–004 regarding “Access to clinical programs for veterans participating in State-approved marijuana programs”. **Pages H3073–74**

H. Res. 243, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2216) and (H.R. 2217) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 187, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 186. **Pages H3032–42**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message received from the Senate today appear on pages H3044.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3041, H3042, H3083–84, H3084, H3085, H3085–86, H3087–88, H3088. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

REVIEWING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Proposal for the U.S.”