

HR 1777

Presidential Allowance Modernization Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Government Operations and Politics

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Current Status: On motion to refer the bill and the accompanying veto message to the Committee on Oversight and Gove

Latest Action: On motion to refer the bill and the accompanying veto message to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H7178) (Dec 5, 2016)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Chaffetz, Jason [R-UT-3]

Party: Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Apr 14, 2015
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		May 19, 2015

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Jun 21, 2016
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Reported By	Jul 16, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Government Operations and Politics

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 1411	Related bill	Jun 7, 2016: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 507.
114 S 3011	Related bill	Jun 6, 2016: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 505.

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(Sec. 2) This bill revises provisions relating to presidential pensions to allow former Presidents a lifetime annual annuity of \$200,000 and an additional annual monetary allowance of \$200,000, each adjusted annually for cost-of-living increases as provided by the Social Security Act. It reduces the annual monetary allowance by the amount that a former President's adjusted gross income in a taxable year exceeds \$400,000.

The bill prohibits the monetary allowance from being less than the amount that the General Services Administration and the U.S. Secret Service determine is needed to pay the increased cost of doing business that is attributable to the security needs of the former President.

The annuity and allowance shall not be payable for any period during which a former President holds an appointive or elective position in or under the federal government that pays more than a nominal rate.

The bill increases from \$20,000 to \$100,000 the annual annuity of a surviving spouse of a former President.

(Sec. 3) Nothing in this bill shall be construed to affect: (1) a law relating to the security or protection of a former President or a family member of a former President, or (2) funding to carry out such security or protection.

(Sec. 4) The bill applies to an individual who is a former President or the widow of a former President as of the date of enactment.

(Sec. 5) For a former President receiving a monetary allowance before the enactment of this bill, the reduction of the monetary allowance for adjusted gross income required by this bill applies, except to the extent that it would prevent the former President from being able to pay the cost of a lease or other contract that is in effect on the day before enactment of this bill and under which the former President makes payments using the monetary allowance.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 5, 2016:** Mr. Chaffetz asked unanimous consent, notwithstanding the order of the House of September 22, 2016, that the veto message of the President on the bill, H.R. 1777, together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** ORDER OF BUSINESS - Mr. Chaffetz asked unanimous consent, notwithstanding the order of the House of September 22, 2016, that the veto message of the President on the bill, H.R. 1777, together with the accompanying bill, be referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Agreed to without objection.
- **Dec 5, 2016:** On motion to refer the bill and the accompanying veto message to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Agreed to without objection. (consideration: CR H7178)
- **Sep 22, 2016:** Notwithstanding the order of the House of July 25, 2016, Mr. Hurd asked unanimous consent that further consideration of the veto message and the bill, H.R. 1777, be postponed until the legislative day of December 9, 2016.
- **Jul 25, 2016:** The Chair laid before the House the veto message from the President. (consideration: CR H5034)
- **Jul 25, 2016:** The Chair announced that the objections of the President to H.R. 1777 would be spread at large upon the Journal and the veto message would be printed as a House document (114-155).
- **Jul 22, 2016:** Vetoed by President.
- **Jul 12, 2016:** Presented to President.
- **Jul 8, 2016:** Mr. Chaffetz asked unanimous consent that the House agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H4562-4563)
- **Jul 8, 2016:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection.(text as House agree to the Senate amendment: CR H4562-4563)
- **Jul 8, 2016:** On motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to without objection. (text as House agree to the Senate amendment: CR H4562-4563)
- **Jul 8, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4428)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4428)
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Jun 21, 2016:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jan 12, 2016:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Mr. Chaffetz moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H241-242)
- **Jan 11, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1777.
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H241)
- **Jan 11, 2016:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H241)
- **Jan 11, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H. Rept. 114-209.
- **Jul 16, 2015:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 157.
- **May 19, 2015:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 19, 2015:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.