

HR 5243

Zika Response Appropriations Act, 2016

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-42]	R · CA		May 18, 2016
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		May 18, 2016
Rep. Crenshaw, Ander [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 18, 2016
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R · TX		May 18, 2016
Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	R · FL		May 18, 2016
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		May 18, 2016
Rep. Rooney, Thomas J. [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 18, 2016
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		May 18, 2016
Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	R · AR		May 18, 2016
Rep. Young, David [R-IA-3]	R · IA		May 18, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2016
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	May 16, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 2577	Related bill	Sep 6, 2016: Second cloture on the conference report not invoked in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52 - 46. Record Vote Number: 135. (consideration: CR S5229-5240; text: CR S5239)
114 HRES 736	Procedurally related	May 18, 2016: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

Highlights:

This bill provides FY2016 supplemental appropriations to the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS) and State to respond to the Zika virus. The bill also rescinds unobligated balances of prior appropriations.

The bill permits the funds to be used for the duration of FY2016, designates specified funds as emergency requirements, and sets forth congressional reporting and notification requirements.

Full Summary:

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TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Provides appropriations to HHS for:

- the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Zika virus, domestically and internationally;
- the National Institutes of Health for the preclinical and clinical development of vaccines for the Zika virus; and
- the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund within the Office of the Secretary to develop necessary countermeasures and vaccines to respond to the Zika virus, domestically and internationally.

(Sec. 101) Requires HHS to notify Congress at least 15 days in advance of obligating the funds provided by this title. Permits a waiver for a substantial risk to human health or welfare.

(Sec. 102) Requires HHS to report monthly to Congress on the proposed uses of funds provided by this title.

(Sec. 103) Provides funding to the HHS Office of Inspector General and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) for the oversight of activities funded by this title.

TITLE II--DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Provides appropriations to the State Department for the Administration of Foreign Affairs, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and Bilateral Economic Assistance, including funds for:

- Diplomatic and Consular Programs for medical evacuations and other response efforts related to the Zika virus and directly associated health conditions;
- USAID response efforts related to the Zika virus and directly associated health conditions; and
- Global Health Programs for mosquito control (vector control) efforts to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Zika virus internationally.

(Sec. 201) Permits specified funds provided by this bill for Diplomatic and Consular Programs to be: (1) used for medical evacuation costs of any U.S. department or agency under Chief of Mission authority, and (2) transferred and merged with funds available for Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service.

(Sec. 202) Requires the State Department or the USAID to notify Congress at least 15 days in advance of obligating the funds provided by this title. Permits a waiver for a substantial risk to human health or welfare.

(Sec. 203) Requires the State Department, in consultation with the USAID, to report monthly to Congress on the proposed uses of funds provided by this title.

(Sec. 204) Provides funding to the USAID Office of Inspector General and the GAO for the oversight of activities funded by this title.

TITLE III--GENERAL PROVISIONS--THIS ACT

(Sec. 301) Rescinds specified unobligated balances of funds that were previously provided to HHS and the State Department for the Ebola outbreak and to HHS for the Nonrecurring Expenses Fund.

(Sec. 302) Specifies that, unless otherwise indicated in this bill, the funds provided by this bill are subject to the requirements contained in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016.

Actions Timeline

- **May 26, 2016:** Received in the Senate.
- **May 18, 2016:** Rule H. Res. 736 passed House.
- **May 18, 2016:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 736. (consideration: CR H2787-2804)
- **May 18, 2016:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4974 and H.R. 5243.
- **May 18, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 5243.
- **May 18, 2016:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule. (consideration: CR H2800)
- **May 18, 2016:** Ms. Castor (FL) moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Appropriations. (consideration: CR H2800-2803; text: CR H2800-2802)
- **May 18, 2016:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Castor (FL) motion to recommit with instructions, pending a reservation of a point of order. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and insert a new text to the bill.
- **May 18, 2016:** Point of order sustained against the motion to recommit with instructions.
- **May 18, 2016:** Mr. Rogers (KY) raised a point of order against the motion to recommit with instructions. Mr. Rogers (KY) stated that the provisions of the motion sought to change existing law and constituted legislation in an appropriations bill. Sustained by the Chair.
- **May 18, 2016:** Ms. Castor (FL) appealed the ruling of the chair. The question was then put on sustaining the ruling of the chair.
- **May 18, 2016:** Mr. Rogers (KY) moved to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair
- **May 18, 2016:** On motion to table the motion to appeal the ruling of the chair Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 240 - 183 (Roll no. 206).
- **May 18, 2016:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 241 - 184 (Roll no. 207).(text: CR H2787-2788)
- **May 18, 2016:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 241 - 184 (Roll no. 207). (text: CR H2787-2788)
- **May 18, 2016:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 17, 2016:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 736 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 4974 and H.R. 5243.
- **May 16, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **May 16, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.