

## HR 299

Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 8, 2019

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 116-23.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 116-23. (Jun 25, 2019)

**Law:** 116-23 (Enacted Jun 25, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/299>

### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Takano, Mark [D-CA-41]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	D · PA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Espallat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	R · NE		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Vicente [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jan 8, 2019
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Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	D · IL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	D · VA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Castro, Joaquin [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Jan 9, 2019

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Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2]	R · OK		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	R · NJ		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	R · NY		Jan 9, 2019
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	D · FL		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	R · IL		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Marshall, Roger [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	D · MA		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Olson, Pete [R-TX-22]	R · TX		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Jan 11, 2019
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Lowey, Nita M. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Jan 15, 2019
Rep. Babin, Brian [R-TX-36]	R · TX		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Jan 17, 2019

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Rep. Gianforte, Greg [R-MT-At Large]	R · MT		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Gibbs, Bob [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	R · IL		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Sensenbrenner, F. James, Jr. [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jan 17, 2019
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	R · FL		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Reschenthaler, Guy [R-PA-14]	R · PA		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	D · CA		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jan 23, 2019
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Mitchell, Paul [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Spano, Ross [R-FL-15]	R · FL		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Tipton, Scott R. [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jan 24, 2019
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [R-AR-1]	R · AR		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	D · CO		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Heck, Denny [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Hurd, Will [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jan 30, 2019

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Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	R · PA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	R · MO		Jan 30, 2019
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Amash, Justin [R-MI-3]	R · MI		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Collins, Chris [R-NY-27]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	R · TX		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Guthrie, Brett [R-KY-2]	R · KY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	R · MO		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	D · NV		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	R · CA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	R · WV		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	R · ID		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Watkins, Steve [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Webster, Daniel [R-FL-11]	R · FL		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 7, 2019
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	R · TX		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	R · MO		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Feb 11, 2019
Rep. Baird, James R. [R-IN-4]	R · IN		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Sylvia R. [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Feb 13, 2019

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Rep. Hill, Katie [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Hunter, Duncan D. [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Richmond, Cedric L. [D-LA-2]	D · LA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Riggleman, Denver [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Feb 13, 2019
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Rob [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Doggett, Lloyd [D-TX-35]	D · TX		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Gonzalez, Anthony [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1]	R · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Norman, Ralph [R-SC-5]	R · SC		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	R · SC		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Walberg, Tim [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Feb 25, 2019
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Omar, Ilhan [D-MN-5]	D · MN		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Feb 26, 2019
Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	R · MN		Feb 26, 2019

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 1, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 1195	Related bill	<b>Apr 11, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 S 576	Related bill	<b>Feb 27, 2019:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
116 HR 203	Related bill	<b>Feb 1, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

## Summary (as of Jun 25, 2019)

### Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019

This bill addresses certain health benefit and home loan programs for veterans.

Specifically, the bill extends the presumption of service-connection for certain diseases associated with herbicide (e.g., Agent Orange) exposure to veterans who served (1) offshore of Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, or (2) in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971. Under a presumption of service-connection, specific disabilities or diseases diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

The bill extends eligibility for health care, vocational training and rehabilitation, and monetary allowance to children with spina bifida who have at least one veteran parent who may have been exposed to an herbicide agent while serving in Thailand between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) must report on the Follow-up Study of a National Cohort of Gulf War and Gulf War Era Veterans.

Additionally, the bill revises the VA home loan guaranty program to adjust loan fee rates and eliminate the limit on the amount of a loan for which the VA may provide a guaranty of 25%. Under current law, these loan guarantees are subject to a limit on loan size determined by Freddie Mac.

The bill removes the cap on a direct housing loan amount that may be made to a Native American veteran purchasing a home located on tribal land held in federal trust.

The bill also waives loan fees for active duty Purple Heart recipients.

The VA shall permit a VA-approved appraiser to make a housing loan appraisal based solely on information gathered by a person with whom the appraiser has entered into an agreement for such services.



## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 25, 2019:** Signed by President.
- **Jun 25, 2019:** Became Public Law No: 116-23.
- **Jun 19, 2019:** Presented to President.
- **Jun 13, 2019:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 12, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote.(consideration: CR S3450)
- **Jun 12, 2019:** Passed Senate without amendment by Voice Vote. (consideration: CR S3450)
- **May 15, 2019:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **May 14, 2019:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 14, 2019:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H3743-3751)
- **May 14, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 299.
- **May 14, 2019:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **May 14, 2019:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3771)
- **May 14, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 410 - 0 (Roll no. 203).(text: CR H3743-3746)
- **May 14, 2019:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 410 - 0 (Roll no. 203). (text: CR H3743-3746)
- **May 14, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 10, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 116-58.
- **May 10, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 36.
- **May 8, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 8, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **May 1, 2019:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Feb 1, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2019:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.