

HR 987

Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (25 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	D · FL		Feb 6, 2019
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Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Feb 6, 2019
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Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [D-NJ-2]	D · NJ		Apr 1, 2019
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Apr 2, 2019
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	D · FL		Apr 10, 2019
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Apr 15, 2019
Rep. Mucarsel-Powell, Debbie [D-FL-26]	D · FL		Apr 29, 2019
Rep. Cisneros, Gilbert Ray, Jr. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		May 1, 2019
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		May 9, 2019
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		May 9, 2019
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		May 9, 2019
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		May 9, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Discharged From	May 10, 2019
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Reported by	Mar 27, 2019
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 20, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8200	Related bill	Sep 14, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
116 HR 1425	Related bill	Sep 8, 2020: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 523.
116 S 4469	Related bill	Aug 6, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 2700	Related bill	Jun 26, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
116 S 1905	Related bill	Jun 19, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 S 1556	Related bill	May 21, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
116 HR 965	Related bill	May 16, 2019: Supplemental report filed by the Committee on the Judiciary, H. Rept. 116-55, Part III.
116 HRES 377	Procedurally related	May 15, 2019: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
116 HR 1010	Related bill	May 10, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 29.
116 HR 1499	Related bill	May 10, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 30.
116 HR 1385	Related bill	May 3, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 27.
116 HR 1386	Related bill	May 3, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 28.
116 HR 938	Related bill	May 2, 2019: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 24.
116 HR 1884	Related bill	Mar 27, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 S 455	Related bill	Feb 12, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of May 16, 2019)

Strengthening Health Care and Lowering Prescription Drug Costs Act

This bill addresses prescription drugs and the health insurance market, including (1) revising processes related to federal approval of generic drugs; (2) providing funding for states to establish health insurances exchanges; (3) nullifying an agency rule related to short-term, limited duration coverage; and (4) expanding outreach activities.

Actions Timeline

- **May 20, 2019:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 16, 2019:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 377. (consideration: CR H3853-3904, H3910-3911; text: CR H3868-3873)
- **May 16, 2019:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5, H.R. 312 and H.R. 987. The resolution provides for 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 5, under a closed rule. Section 2 of the resolution provides for 60 minutes of debate on H.R. 312, under a closed rule and section 3 provides 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 987, under a structured rule.
- **May 16, 2019:** House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H. Res. 377 and Rule XVIII.
- **May 16, 2019:** The Speaker designated the Honorable James R. Langevin to act as Chairman of the Committee.
- **May 16, 2019:** GENERAL DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with ninety minutes of general debate on H.R. 987.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pallone amendment No. 1.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the McKinley amendment No. 2.
- **May 16, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the McKinley amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. McKinley demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Welch amendment No. 3.
- **May 16, 2019:** The Committee rose informally to receive a message.
- **May 16, 2019:** The Committee resumed its sitting.
- **May 16, 2019:** The Committee of the Whole continued with further debate on the Welch amendment No. 3.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Blunt Rochester amendment No. 4.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the DeSaulnier amendment No. 5.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Harder amendment No. 6.
- **May 16, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Harder amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Harder demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Shalala amendment No. 7.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Hayes amendment No. 8.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the McBath amendment No. 9.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Scanlon amendment No. 10.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Morelle amendment No. 11.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Waters amendment No. 12.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Johnson (TX) amendment No. 13.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lynch amendment No. 14.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10

minutes of debate on the Lynch amendment No. 15.

- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Lipinski amendment No. 16.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Deutch amendment No. 17, as modified.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Brown (MD) amendment No. 18.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Gomez amendment No. 19.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Escobar amendment No. 20, as modified.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Wexton amendment No. 21.
- **May 16, 2019:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Wexton amendment, the Chair put the question on the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Ms. Wexton demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on agreeing to the amendment until a time to be announced.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Pappas amendment No. 22.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cox (CA) amendment No. 23.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cox (CA) amendment No. 24.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Horn amendment No. 26.
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 377, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Cunningham amendment No. 27.
- **May 16, 2019:** The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 987.
- **May 16, 2019:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **May 16, 2019:** The House adopted the amendment in the nature of a substitute as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.
- **May 16, 2019:** Mr. Walden moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. (text: CR H3904-3908)
- **May 16, 2019:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Walden motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to strike title I and insert new text.
- **May 16, 2019:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **May 16, 2019:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by recorded vote: 188 - 228 (Roll no. 213).
- **May 16, 2019:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 234 - 183 (Roll no. 214).
- **May 16, 2019:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 234 - 183 (Roll no. 214).
- **May 16, 2019:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **May 16, 2019:** The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 987.
- **May 15, 2019:** Rule H. Res. 377 passed House.
- **May 14, 2019:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 377 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5, H.R. 312 and H.R. 987. The resolution provides for 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 5, under a closed rule. Section 2 of the resolution provides for 60 minutes of debate on H.R. 312, under a closed rule and section 3 provides 90 minutes of debate on H.R. 987, under a structured rule.
- **May 10, 2019:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Energy and Commerce. H. Rept. 116-53, Part I.
- **May 10, 2019:** Committee on the Budget discharged.
- **May 10, 2019:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 31.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 30 - 22.
- **Mar 27, 2019:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

Mar 27, 2019: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .

- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.

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