

HR 1868

To prevent across-the-board direct spending cuts, and for other purposes.

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: Mar 12, 2021

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 117-7.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 117-7. (Apr 14, 2021)

Law: 117-7 (Enacted Apr 14, 2021)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1868>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]

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

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Mar 12, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 12, 2021
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Mar 12, 2021
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]	D · TX		Mar 19, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 16, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 935	Related bill	Mar 23, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 HR 1885	Related bill	Mar 16, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 HRES 233	Related bill	Mar 16, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

This bill makes several budgetary and technical changes to provisions under Medicare and Medicaid.

The bill continues to exempt Medicare from sequestration until December 31, 2021. (Sequestration is a process of automatic, usually across-the-board spending reductions under which budgetary resources are permanently cancelled to enforce specific budget policy goals.)

The bill also specifically

- applies certain modified payment limits to rural health clinics that temporarily enrolled in Medicare during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) or that applied to enroll by December 31, 2020; and
- preserves higher Medicaid disproportionate-share hospital payments for public hospitals in California under forthcoming payment methodology changes.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 14, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Apr 14, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-7.
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Mr. Yarmuth moved that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H1729-1733)
- **Apr 13, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 1868.
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 384 - 38 (Roll no. 98).(text: CR H1729-1730)
- **Apr 13, 2021:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 384 - 38 (Roll no. 98). (text: CR H1729-1730)
- **Apr 13, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 31.
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S1800-1804)
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 90 - 2. Record Vote Number: 142.(text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S1801-1802)
- **Mar 25, 2021:** Passed Senate, having achieved 60 votes in the affirmative, with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 90 - 2. Record Vote Number: 142. (text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S1801-1802)
- **Mar 24, 2021:** Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.
- **Mar 22, 2021:** Received in the Senate.
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 233. (consideration: CR H1589-1601)
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1620, H.R. 6, H.R. 1603, H.R. 1868 and H.J. Res. 17. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 1620, H.R. 6, H.R. 1603, H.R. 1868, and H.J.Res. 17. The resolution provides that H.Res. 232 is hereby adopted.
- **Mar 19, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 1868.
- **Mar 19, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Mr. Smith (MO) moved to recommit to the Committee on the Budget. (text: CR H1598-1600)
- **Mar 19, 2021:** On motion to recommit Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 202 - 216 (Roll no. 95).
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 246 - 175 (Roll no. 96).(text: CR H1589-1590)
- **Mar 19, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 246 - 175 (Roll no. 96). (text: CR H1589-1590)
- **Mar 19, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 16, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 233 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1620, H.R. 6, H.R. 1603, H.R. 1868 and H.J. Res. 17. The resolution provides for one hour of general debate on H.R. 1620, H.R. 6, H.R. 1603, H.R. 1868, and H.J.Res. 17. The resolution provides that H.Res. 232 is hereby adopted.
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 12, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on the Budget, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, 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.