

HR 239

Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]

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

Cosponsors (76 total)

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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	D · FL		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Jan 11, 2021
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Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 11, 2021
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Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. Speier, Jackie [D-CA-14]	D · CA		Jan 11, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jan 12, 2021
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jan 12, 2021
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jan 12, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Jan 19, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jan 19, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jan 19, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 19, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Jan 21, 2021
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Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 2, 2021
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Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Kirkpatrick, Ann [D-AZ-2]	D · AZ		Feb 2, 2021
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Brown, Anthony G. [D-MD-4]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Feb 25, 2021

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Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Feb 26, 2021
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 26, 2021
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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Larsen, Rick [D-WA-2]	D · WA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lamb, Conor [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Mar 10, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Himes, James A. [D-CT-4]	D · CT		Mar 17, 2021
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	D · MN		Apr 8, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Cleaver, Emanuel [D-MO-5]	D · MO		May 4, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jun 14, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	May 4, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 12, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4700	Identical bill	Aug 2, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
117 HRES 486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2021: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jun 24, 2021)

Equal Access to Contraception for Veterans Act

This bill prohibits the Department of Veterans Affairs from requiring payment from a veteran for any contraceptive item that is required to be covered by health insurance plans without a cost-sharing requirement.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 12, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 486. (consideration: CR H3094-3097)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** The resolution provides for 1 hour of debate, orders the previous question, and allows a motion to recommit for each measure. Provides that H. Res. 485 is adopted. Provides that anytime through the legislative day of June 25, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of June 22 or 23, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 239.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on H. R. 239, the Chair put the question on passage of the bill and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Rosendale demanded the yeas and nays and the Chair postponed further proceedings on passage of the bill until a time to be announced.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H3116-3117)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 245 - 181 (Roll no. 184).(text: CR H3094)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 245 - 181 (Roll no. 184). (text: CR H3094)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 486 Reported to House. The resolution provides for 1 hour of debate, orders the previous question, and allows a motion to recommit for each measure. Provides that H. Res. 485 is adopted. Provides that anytime through the legislative day of June 25, 2021, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or his designee that the House suspend the rules with respect to multiple measures that were the object of motions to suspend the rules on the legislative days of June 22 or 23, and on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2774-2775)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 239.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** 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.
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H2799)
- **Jun 15, 2021:** Failed of passage/not agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Failed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 240 - 188 (Roll no. 160).
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- **Jun 14, 2021:** Reported by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 117-60.
- **Jun 14, 2021:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 42.
- **May 4, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 6.
- **May 4, 2021:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **May 4, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 17, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 11, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.