

HR 2716

Ending Improper Payments to Deceased People Act

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Social Welfare

Introduced: Apr 8, 2025

Current Status: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 371.

Latest Action: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 371. (Jan 7, 2026)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]

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

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| Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9] | R · PA | | Dec 9, 2025 |
| Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-1] | R · IA | | Dec 16, 2025 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred To | Apr 8, 2025 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Markup By | Dec 10, 2025 |
| Ways and Means Committee | House | Reported By | Jan 7, 2026 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Social Welfare

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 119 S 269 | Identical bill | Feb 10, 2026: Became Public Law No: 119-77. |
| 119 S 269 | Related bill | Jan 12, 2026: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection. |

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This bill permanently allows the Department of the Treasury to access certain death records maintained by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in order to facilitate the identification and prevention of improper payments (e.g., payments to deceased individuals).

Current law requires the SSA to share its Death Master File with the Do Not Pay system maintained by Treasury for three years. The bill makes this requirement permanent.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 7, 2026:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Ways and Means. H. Rept. 119-426.
- **Jan 7, 2026:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 371.
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Dec 10, 2025:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 40 - 0.
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 8, 2025:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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