



## H. Res. 751: House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2577 (Rep. Rogers, R-KY)

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### FLOOR SCHEDULE:

The House is expected to consider H. Res. 751 on May 26, 2016.

### TOPLINE SUMMARY:

[H. Res. 751](#) would combine the House-passed [H.R. 4974, the FY 2017 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill](#), the House-passed [H.R. 5243, the Zika Response Appropriations Act](#), and the House-passed [H.R. 897, the Zika Vector Control Act](#) into a House Amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2577 (a measure that includes the Senate-passed FY 2107 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill, and a Zika supplemental appropriations bill).

The Resolution would also permit the Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations to move that the House insist on the amendment and request a conference with the Senate on the measure.

### COST:

A Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is not available.

H.R. 4974 would provide a net total of \$81.643 billion in Fiscal Year 2017 base discretionary budget authority that is subject to the Budget Control Act (BCA) discretionary spending caps (as increased by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 (BBA15)). The bill is written at a level that would comply with the higher \$1.070 trillion in discretionary spending allowed by BBA15. The bill also includes \$172 million in Global War on Terror (GWOT)/Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding that is exempt from the discretionary spending caps.

H.R. 5243 would provide a total of \$622 million in additional appropriations for Zika response and rescind \$622 million in unused funds. Of this total, \$352 million is designated as emergency funding (which is exempt from the discretionary spending caps) and the bill rescinds \$352 million in unused Ebola funds that were previously designated as emergency. \$270 million is normal discretionary spending (not designated as emergency) and the bill rescinds \$270 million in normal discretionary spending.

The [Congressional Budget Office](#) (CBO) estimates that enacting H.R. 897 would “have no significant effect on the federal budget”.

### CONSERVATIVE CONCERNS:

- **Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?** No.
- **Encroach into State or Local Authority?** No.
- **Delegate Any Legislative Authority to the Executive Branch?** No.
- **Contain Earmarks/Limited Tax Benefits/Limited Tariff Benefits?** No.

### **DETAILED SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:**

H.R. 2577 originally passed the House as the FY 2016 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill on June 6, 2015. The Senate took no action on the bill during the FY 2016 appropriations cycle.

The Senate then used the bill as a shell to consider a combined FY 2017 appropriations bill that included both the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations as well as the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations. During consideration of the FY 2017 bill, the Senate also adopted an amendment making supplemental appropriations for Zika response. The Senate passed these three measures as the Senate Amendment to H.R. 2577 on May 19, 2016.

H.R. 4974 would provide appropriations for the construction and building maintenance activities of the Department of Defense (DOD) as well as funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The RSC legislative Bulletin on the bill can be found [here](#). The bill passed the House on May 19, 2016, by a [295 – 129](#) vote.

H.R. 5243 would provide appropriations to respond to the outbreak of the Zika virus and rescind unused appropriated funds. The RSC legislative Bulletin on the bill can be found [here](#). The bill passed the House on May 18, 2016, by a [241 – 184](#) vote.

H.R. 897 would repeal Environmental Protection Act (EPA) requirements that require permitting under the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the application of EPA approved pesticides. The RSC legislative Bulletin on the bill can be found [here](#). The bill passed the House on May 24, 2016, by a [258 – 156](#) vote.

### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

H.R. 751 was reported by the Rules Committee on [May 25, 2016](#), by a 9-4 vote.

### **ADMINISTRATION POSITION:**

No Statement of Administration Policy is available at this time.

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY:**

House resolutions do not require constitutional authority statements.

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