



Amendments (Part 2) to H.R. 5895: Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019 (Rep. Simpson, R-ID)

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FLOOR SCHEDULE:

H.R. 5895 is expected to be considered beginning on June 7, 2018, under a [structured rule](#).

The [Rules Committee Print](#) for H.R. 5895 includes the text of H.R. 5895, the Energy & Water Appropriations bill, H.R. 5894, the Legislative Branch appropriations bill, and H.R. 5786, the Military Construction & Veterans' Affairs appropriations bill, as reported by the Committee on Appropriations, as modified.

The RSC Legislative Bulletin for the Rules Committee Print can be found [here](#). The Legislative Bulletin for the amendments to Division A (Energy & Water) made in order under the first rule to the Rules Committee Print can be found [here](#).

The [second rule](#) for the Rules Committee Print makes in order further amendments to Division A (Energy & Water), Division B (Legislative Branch), and Division C (Military Construction and Veterans Affairs).

The second rule also considers as adopted (self-executes) an [amendment](#) to Division C, the Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs bill, offered by Rep. John Carter (R-TX) that would provide \$1.138 billion in FY 2019 for programs and activities authorized under the VA Mission Act of 2018, including the new Veterans Community Care Program and the Family Caregivers Program. The funding level is equal to the CBO estimate for FY19 costs of the [VA Mission Act](#). The VA mission Act was signed into law on June 6, 2018.

The second rule waives all points of order against the amendments that have been made in order in the second rule.

Amendments Made in Order Under the Second Rule:

Division A: Energy & Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2019

1. [Nolan \(D-MN\) \(#2\)](#): This amendment would increase funding for the Army Corps' Aquatic Nuisance Species Research Program by \$1 million and reduce funding for the Army Corps' expense account by slightly over \$1 million.
2. [Abraham \(R-LA\) \(#88\)](#): This amendment would increase the Army Corps' Operations and Maintenance account by \$5.1 million and reduces the Department of Energy's (DOE) Administration account by \$6.5 million.

3. **[Eshoo \(D-CA\) \(#4\)](#)**: This amendment would increase funding for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) by \$1 million, with the intent that such funds support the development and deployment of high-efficiency linear generator power plant technology which, for purposes of stationary electric power production, is equivalent to fuel cell power plant technology. The amendment would also decrease funding for the DOE's Departmental Administration account by \$1 million.

The **[RSC Budget](#)** would eliminate the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

4. **[Perlmutter \(D-CO\) \(#94\)](#)**: This amendment would increase funding for the EERE's Facilities and Infrastructure account by \$5 million and decrease the DOE's Departmental Administration account by \$5 million.

The **[RSC Budget](#)** would eliminate the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

5. **[Hastings \(D-FL\) \(#93\)](#)**: This amendment would increase funding for the DOE's Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response account by \$5 million and decrease funding by \$7.7 million for the DOE's fossil energy research and development account.
6. **[Kuster \(D-NH\) \(#44\)](#)**: This amendment would increase funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission by \$8 million, and decrease funding for the DOE's fossil energy research and development account.

The **[RSC Budget](#)** would eliminate all regional commissions.

7. **[Rogers \(R-AL\) \(#1\)](#)**: This amendment would increase funding for the NNSA's weapons activities account by \$24 million and reduce its nuclear nonproliferation account by the same amount.
8. **[Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#84\)](#)**: This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$100 million of Army Corps construction funding be used for flood control projects.
9. **[Lamalfa \(R-CA\) \(#76\)](#)**: This amendment would prohibits the use of funds for enforcing the EPA's abandonment criteria described in provision G of provision V of the rule published in the Federal Register at **[58 Fed. Reg. 45008](#)** for prior converted cropland.
10. **[Gohmert \(R-TX\) \(#77\)](#)**: This amendment would prohibit the use of funds to prepare, propose or promulgate guidance or regulations pertaining to the social cost of carbon, including references to or reliance on Technical Support Document: Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866, Technical Support Document: Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866, Revised Draft Guidance for Federal Departments and Agencies on Consideration of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and the Effects of Climate Change in NEPA Reviews, Technical Support Document: Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866, Addendum to the Technical Support Document on Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866: Application of the Methodology to Estimate the Social Cost of Methane and the Social Cost of Nitrous Oxide, or Technical Support Document: Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866.
11. **[Smith, Jason \(R-MO\) \(#65\)](#)**: This amendment would prohibit the use the funds by the Army Corps to close or prohibit public access at recreation areas, facilities, campgrounds, or boat ramps.

Division B: Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2019

12. [Kildee \(D-MI\) \(#19\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$250,000 for the House 's Wounded Warrior Program and reduce funding for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC) by the same amount.
13. [Esty \(D-CT\) \(#20\)](#): This amendment would increase by \$500,000 funding for the Office of Employee Assistance, and reduce the AOC's Capitol Grounds account by the same amount.
14. [Gosar \(R-AZ\) \(#16\)](#): This amendment would defund the [Open World Leadership Center](#). The [RSC Budget](#) would eliminate this program, noting "The Open World Leadership Center is meant to facilitate cultural and political exchanges between the U.S. Congress and leaders in post-Soviet countries...more than a quarter century after then end of the Cold War."

Key Vote Yes: [National Taxpayers Union](#)

15. [Meadows \(R-NC\) \(#1\)](#): The FY 2010 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act ended a previously required semiannual financial review (and subsequent report) conducted by the Comptroller General at GAO of expenditures by an Independent Counsel. Robert Mueller, as independent counsel, has led an investigation into the Trump campaign and any Russian interference since May 2017. This amendment would reestablish the review and report requirement by prohibiting funds to enforce the change made by the FY 2010 law.
16. [Takano \(D-CA\) \(#18\)](#): This amendment would provide \$2.5 million in funding for the Office of Technology Assessment and reduce funding to the AOC's Capitol Grounds account by \$3.5 million. . The former OTA, which was closed after the Republicans gained the majority in 1995, was tasked with providing "early indications of the probable beneficial and adverse impacts of the applications of technology and to develop other coordinate information which may assist the Congress."
17. [Cohen \(D-TN\) \(#13\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the use of legislative branch funding to purchase plastic drinking straws.
18. [Blackburn \(R-TN\) \(#30\)](#): This amendment would a one percent across the board cut to the bill's spending levels. Accounts for the Capitol Police; Architect of the Capitol - Capitol Police Buildings, Grounds and Security; and Office of the Sergeant At Arms would not be reduced.

Key Vote Yes: [National Taxpayers Union](#)

Division C: Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019

19. [Kildee \(D-MI\) \(#32\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$32 million of funds appropriated to the Department of Defense (DOD) Base Closure Account should be used to prevent further contamination of PFAS at former Wurtsmith Air Force base.
20. [Torres \(D-CA\) \(#5\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$5 million funds appropriated to the Department of Defense (DOD) Base Closure Account should be used for demolishing facilities closed by prior BRAC rounds.
21. [Kildee \(D-MI\) \(#32\)](#): This amendment would require that \$2 million of the \$14 million appropriated for Veterans Readjustment Benefits be allocated to vocational rehabilitation and employment programs for veterans.

22. [Ruiz \(D-CA\) \(#21\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of funds appropriated for the VA Medical Services account be used to conduct educational outreach to veterans to enroll in the burn pits registry, additional research using the registry, and other activities concerning the maintenance of registry.
23. [Johnson \(R-OH\) \(#19\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of funds appropriated for the VA Medical Services account be used to develop a standard of hospice care tailored to the unique needs of combat veterans, including Vietnam-era veterans.
24. [Carbajal \(D-CA\) \(#11\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$5 million of funding appropriated for the VA Medical Services account be used to ensure the VA will change the phone system to have local Community Based Outpatient Center answer calls rather than having all calls routed to the major VA Medical Centers in an effort to reduce wait times for veterans on the phone and to provide more timely health services.
25. [McSally \(R-AZ\) \(#58\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$29 million of funding appropriated for the VA Medical Services account be used for VA mental health and suicide prevention programs.
26. [Welch \(D-VT\) \(#24\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$5 million for the VA Medical Services account, with the intent that such funding be used to better assist veterans exposed to burn pits by improving the existing registry and increasing clinical research on burn pit exposure, and decrease the VA's Community Care account by the same amount.
27. [Barr \(R-KY\) \(#46\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$5 million for the VA Medical Services account, with the intent that such funding be used to for the VA's Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) program, equine assisted therapy, and reduce the VA's Community Care account by the same amount.
28. [Carbajal \(D-CA\) \(#10\)](#): This amendment would increase funding by \$5 million for the VA Medical Services account, with the intent that such funding be used for the for the Veterans Transportation Program, and reduce the VA's Community Care account by the same amount.
29. [Keating \(D-MA\) \(#35\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$5 million of funding appropriated for the VA's Medical Support and Compliance Account be used to create an opioid abuse healthcare kit for community healthcare providers.
30. [Keating \(D-MA\) \(#35\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1.5 million of funding appropriated for the VA's Medical Support and Compliance Account be used to ensure providers at VA health facilities complete a continuing medication course in pain management.
31. [Johnson, Eddie Bernice \(D-TX\) \(#2\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of funding appropriated for the VA's Community Care account be used to requires the VA to report on how many delinquent payments by the VA to vendors and contractors there are and the total amount of money.
32. [Connolly \(D-VA\) \(#27\)](#): This amendment is intended to express Congressional intent that \$1 million of funding appropriated for the VA's Electronic Health Record account be used for the Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General to provide oversight of the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

33. [Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#50\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the use of VA funds in contravention of [subchapter III of chapter 20 of title 38](#) pertaining to homeless veteran training and outreach programs.
34. [Jackson Lee \(D-TX\) \(#49\)](#): This amendment would increase funding for the VA’s Medical Services account by \$2 million and decrease funding by \$2.5 million for the VA’s information Technology Systems account.
35. [Walberg \(R-MI\) \(#35\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the use of funds by the VA to implement or enforce a proposed rule ([38 CFR 17.3240](#)) by the VA to limit an injured or amputee veteran’s ability to choose a prosthetist or orthotist that is either employed by the VA or on contract with the VA.
36. [Eshoo \(D-CA\) \(#36\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the use of funds to convey the 17.1 acres of land and the 126 existing housing units known as Shenadoah Square and located in Mountain View, California. This amendment seeks to block an [ongoing feud](#) over sale of the property by the military.
37. [Peters, Scott \(D-CA\) \(#54\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the VA from transferring funding appropriated to the Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem program, the Domiciliary Care for Homeless Vets Program, the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development Department of Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (HUD–VASH) programs.
38. [Ratcliffe \(R-TX\) \(#1\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the use of funds to propose, plan, or execute a new or additional round of [Base Realignment and Closure \(BRAC\)](#).

Key Vote No: [National Taxpayers Union](#)

39. [Flores \(R-TX\) \(#56\)](#): This amendment would prohibit the VA to use funds to alter an existing cooperative agreement arrangement with a medical school that was established under [chapter 82 of title 38 of the U.S. Code](#), which authorized the VA to “to carry out a program of grants to provide assistance in the establishment of cooperative arrangements among universities, colleges, junior colleges, community colleges, schools of allied health professions, State and local systems of education, hospitals, and other nonprofit health manpower institutions affiliated with the Department, designed to coordinate, improve, and expand the training of professional and technical allied health and paramedical personnel, and to assist in developing and evaluating new health careers, interdisciplinary approaches and career advancement opportunities, so as to improve and expand allied and other health manpower utilization.”

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