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H.R. 5895 - Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019

H.R. 3 - Spending Cuts to Expired and Unnecessary Programs Act

1. Structured rule for further consideration of H.R. 5895.
2. Provides that no further general debate shall be in order.
3. Provides that the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted.
4. Makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, and available pro forma amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 918. Each further amendment printed in part B of the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 918, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.
5. Waives all points of order against further amendments printed in part B of the report.
6. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
7. Closed rule for H.R. 3.
8. Provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees.
9. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
10. Provides that the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read.
11. Waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended.
12. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

13. Provides that provisions of section 1017 of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 shall not apply to a bill or joint resolution introduced with respect to the special message transmitted under section 1012 of that Act on May 8, 2018.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes. The further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules and available pro forma amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 918. Each further amendment printed in part B of the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, may be withdrawn by the proponent at any time before action thereon, shall not be subject to amendment except amendments described in section 4 of House Resolution 918, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3) to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on May 8, 2018, in accordance with title X of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act 1974. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further

amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 3. The provisions of section 1017 of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 shall not apply to a bill or joint resolution introduced with respect to the special message transmitted under section 1012 of that Act on May 8, 2018.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT IN PART A TO H.R. 5895 PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	#	Description
1. Carter, John (TX)	#57	**(LATE)** Provides $1,138,000,000 in fiscal year 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.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS IN PART B TO H.R. 5895 PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

DIVISION A (ENERGY & WATER)

Sponsor	#	Description	Debate Time
1. Nolan (MN)	#2	**(REVISED)** Boosts the Army Corps' Aquatic Nuisance Species Research Program by $1 million.	(10 minutes)
2. Abraham (LA)	#88	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Increases Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance Account by $5,150,000 and reduces DOE Departmental Administration by $6,500,000.	(10 minutes)
3. Eshoo (CA), Stivers (OH)	#4	Increases funding for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by $1,000,000, with the increase intended to	(10 minutes)

		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. Decreases funding for Departmental Administration by $1,000,000.	
4. Perlmutter (CO)	#94	**(LATE)** Increases funding for EERE's Facilities and Infrastructure account by $5 million offset by a $5 million reduction to DOE's Departmental Administration account.	(10 minutes)
5. Hastings, Alcee (FL)	#93	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Increases funding for cybersecurity of the electric power grid, offset by funding for fossil energy research and development.	(10 minutes)
6. Kuster, Ann (NH), Welch (VT), Pingree (ME)	#44	**(REVISED)** Increases funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission to further rural economic development and infrastructure initiatives along the Northern Border.	(10 minutes)
7. Rogers (AL)	#1	Provides $24 million for construction of critical infrastructure in NNSA, with an offset from NNSA Federal Salaries and Expenses.	(10 minutes)
8. Jackson Lee (TX)	#84	**(LATE)** Allocates an additional $100 million for Army Corps of Engineers construction projects related to flood control.	(10 minutes)
9. LaMalfa (CA)	#76	**(LATE)** Prohibits the use of funds for enforcing the EPA's abandonment criteria for prior converted cropland.	(10 minutes)
10. Gohmert (TX), Gosar (AZ), Duncan (SC), McKinley (WV)	#77	**(LATE)** Prohibits the use of funds to prepare, propose, or promulgate any regulation or guidance related to the social cost of carbon.	(10 minutes)
11. Smith, Jason (MO), Gohmert (TX), Estes, Ron (KS), Gosar (AZ)	#65	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Prohibits the Army Corps of Engineers from closing or prohibiting recreational access.	(10 minutes)

DIVISION B (LEG BRANCH)

12. Kildee (MI), Murphy, Stephanie (FL), Gabbard (HI), Mast (FL)	#19	Increases funding by $250,000 for the U.S. House of Representatives' Wounded Warrior Program, which provides employment opportunities within the U.S. House for veterans with service-connected disabilities. Decreases funding for the Architect of the Capitol, Capital Construction and Operations account by an equivalent amount.	(10 minutes)
13. Esty (CT)	#20	**(REVISED)** Increases funding by $500,000 for the Office of Employee Assistance under the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives to be pulled from the Architect of the Capitol, Capitol Grounds.	(10 minutes)
14. Gosar (AZ)	#16	Eliminates funding in the bill for the Open World Leadership Center Trust Fund.	(10 minutes)
15. Meadows (NC)	#1	**(REVISED)** Reestablishes a semiannual Government Accountability Office financial review of obligated expenditures from the Independent Counsel permanent indefinite appropriation, and requires the report's findings to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate, the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Judiciary of the House, and the Committees on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs and Judiciary of the Senate.	(10 minutes)
16. Takano (CA), Delaney (MD), Esty (CT), Foster (IL), Langevin (RI), Lieu (CA), Lujan (NM)	#18	Appropriates $2.5 million to re-institute the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) to help Congress understand emerging technologies and their policy implications. Offset by funds from an administrative account within the Architect of the Capitol.	(10 minutes)
17. Cohen (TN)	#13	Prohibits the use of funds to purchase plastic drinking straws.	(10 minutes)

18. Blackburn (TN)	#30	**(LATE)** Provides for 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 shall not be reduced.	(10 minutes)

DIVISION C (MilCon/VA)

19. Kildee (MI)	#32	Increases funding in the BRAC account to ensure there is sufficient funding to prevent further contamination of PFAS at former-Wurtsmith AFB.	(10 minutes)
20. Torres (CA)	#5	Directs the Secretary to use the DOD Base Closure Account to make funding available for the purposes of demolishing facilities closed by prior BRAC rounds.	(10 minutes)
21. Kildee (MI)	#30	Creates a funding carve-out for the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment account.	(10 minutes)
22. Ruiz (CA), Welch (VT)	#21	Increases funding to VA Medical Services account from VA Medical Services account 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.	(10 minutes)
23. Johnson (OH)	#19	Calls on the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to develop a standard of hospice care tailored to the unique needs of combat veterans, including Vietnam-era veterans.	(10 minutes)
24. Carbajal (CA)	#11	Directs the Secretary to 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.	(10 minutes)
25. McSally (AZ)	#58	**(LATE)** Mandates that no less than $225,000,000 may be appropriated for VA mental health and suicide prevention programs.	(10 minutes)
26. Welch (VT), Ruiz	#24	**(REVISED)** Provides $5 million to better assist veterans exposed to burn pits by improving the	(10 minutes)

(CA)		existing registry and increasing clinical research on burn pit exposure. Decreases the Community Care account by the same amount.	
27. Barr (KY)	#46	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Transfer $5 million from the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Administration's (VHA) Medical Community Care Account to the Medical Services Account for the explicit use for the VA's Adaptive Sports Grant (ASG) program, equine assisted therapy.	(10 minutes)
28. Carbajal (CA)	#10	**(REVISED)** Provides $8 million for the Veterans Transportation Program to assist veterans in attending to all their medical appointments in a timely manner.	(10 minutes)
29. Keating (MA)	#35	**(REVISED)** Allocates funding for the VA to create an opioid abuse healthcare kit for community healthcare providers.	(10 minutes)
30. Keating (MA)	#36	Allocates funding for administrative costs at the VA to ensure providers at VA health facilities complete a continuing medication course in pain management.	(10 minutes)
31. Johnson, Eddie Bernice (TX)	#2	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.	(10 minutes)
32. Connolly (VA), Norton (DC)	#27	Ensures sufficient funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General to provide rigorous oversight of the Washington, D.C. Veterans Affairs Medical Center.	(10 minutes)
33. Jackson Lee (TX)	#50	**(LATE)** Prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the U.S. Code regarding benefits for homeless veterans in training and outreach programs.	(10 minutes)
34. Jackson Lee (TX)	#49	**(LATE)** Increases the amount of funding for Supportive Services for Veterans Families by $2 million offset by a reduction of a $2.5 million in the funding for the V A's information Technology Systems.	(10 minutes)
35. Walberg (MI), Rutherford (FL)	#26	**(REVISED)** Prevents funds from being used to implement, administer, or enforce a proposed rule by the VA to limit an injured or amputee veteran's ability to choose a prosthetist or orthotist who meets his or her needs whether	(10 minutes)

		employed by the VA or on contract with the VA.	
36. Eshoo (CA)	#3	**(REVISED)** States that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used by the Army to convey the 17.1 acres of land and the 126 existing housing units known as Shenandoah Square in Mountain View, California.	(10 minutes)
37. Peters, Scott (CA)	#54	**(LATE) (REVISED)** Prohibits funds from being transferred from programs supporting veteran homelessness services.	(10 minutes)
38. Ratcliffe (TX)	#1	Prohibits funds from being used to propose, plan, or execute a new round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).	(10 minutes)
39. Flores (TX)	#56	**(LATE)** Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs not to alter an existing cooperative arrangement with a Medical School established under 38 U.S.C. 82.	(10 minutes)

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT IN PART C TO H.R. 3 PROPOSED TO BE CONSIDERED AS ADOPTED

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

Sponsor	#	Description
1. McCarthy, Kevin (CA)	#1	Amends the bill to align with the President's Supplementary Special Message transmitted June 5, 2018.