

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to change funding of veterans' health care from discretionary to permanent and direct entitlement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of memorial
- Unions' strong historical support for veterans

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Federal spending on veterans' health care is currently discretionary. Veterans are able to receive health care services through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs' health care system only to the extent congressional appropriations allow. House Joint Memorial 9 urges Congress to make the funding of veterans' health care a permanent and direct entitlement.

House committee vote: 7 • 0 • 0

House floor vote: 58 • 0 • 2