

# Union Calendar No. 286

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1066

[Report No. 115–389]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Mr. KILMER (for himself and Mr. NEWHOUSE) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Additional sponsors: Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. RENACCI, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. BACON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. O'ROURKE, Mr. COFFMAN, and Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union  
and ordered to be printed

# **A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “VA Management  
5       Alignment Act of 2017”.

6       **SEC. 2. REPORT ON THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF**  
7               **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

8       (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date  
9       of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans  
10       Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-  
11       fairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a  
12       report (including recommendations for legislation the Sec-  
13       retary considers appropriate) regarding the roles, respon-  
14       sibility, and accountability of elements and individuals of  
15       the Department of Veterans Affairs.

16       (b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—In creating the report  
17       under subsection (a), the Secretary shall—

18               (1) utilize the results of—

19                       (A) the Independent Assessment of the  
20               Health Care Delivery Systems and Management  
21               Process of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
22               established by section 201 of the Veterans Ac-  
23               cess, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014  
24               (Public Law 113–146);

1 (B) any study or report by the Commission  
2 on Care established by section 202 of the Vet-  
3 erans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of  
4 2014 (Public Law 113–146); and

5 (C) other studies or reports, including a  
6 report titled “Task Force on Improving Effec-  
7 tiveness of VHA Governance: Report to the  
8 VHA Under Secretary for Health”, dated Feb-  
9 ruary 28, 2015; and

10 (2) specify clearly delineated roles and respon-  
11 sibilities to optimize the organizational effectiveness  
12 and accountability of each—

13 (A) Administration, staff office, or staff or-  
14 ganization;

15 (B) subordinate organization of each Ad-  
16 ministration, staff office, or staff organization;  
17 and

18 (C) key leader of the Department in rela-  
19 tion to any Administration, staff office, or staff  
20 organization, Veteran Integrated Service Net-  
21 work, or medical facility.

22 (c) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “key leader  
23 of the Department” includes—

24 (1) the Secretary;

25 (2) the Deputy Secretary;

- 1           (3) each Under Secretary;
- 2           (4) each Assistant Secretary;
- 3           (5) each Deputy Assistant Secretary;
- 4           (6) the Chief Financial Officer;
- 5           (7) the Chief Information Officer;
- 6           (8) the General Counsel;
- 7           (9) the Inspector General;
- 8           (10) the Director of Construction and Facilities
- 9       Management;
- 10          (11) the Chief of Staff;
- 11          (12) the Chairman of the Board of Veterans'
- 12       Appeals;
- 13          (13) the Vice Chairman of the Board of Vet-
- 14       erans' Appeals;
- 15          (14) the Director of each Veterans Integrated
- 16       Service Network; and
- 17          (15) the Director of each medical facility.

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