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## Veterans Affairs report card: The GOOD and the BAD

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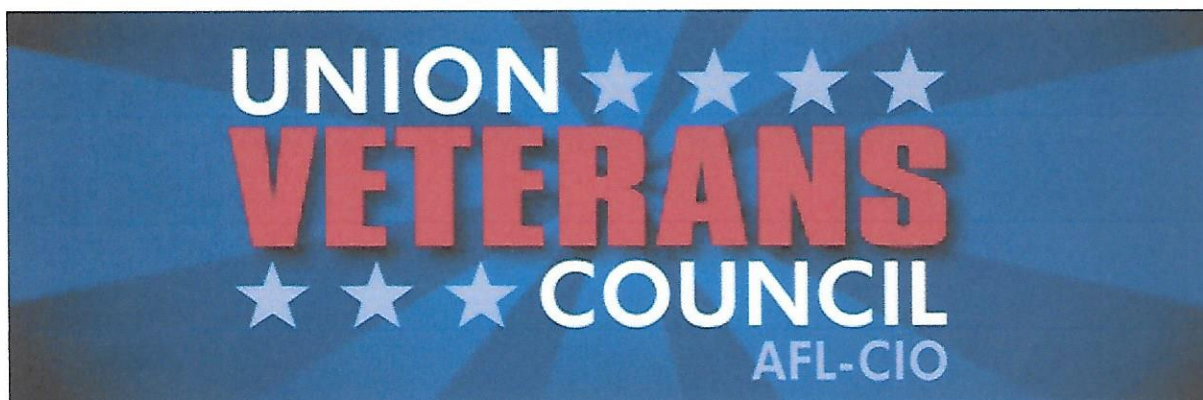
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**Veterans Affairs committee:** The good and the bad

**The good:** Yesterday the house VA committee passed a group of **Bipartisan** bills. One being H.R 2288 (Rep.Bost R-IL) This bill modernizes the appeals process for VA benefits and streamlines the process, the veterans community has been asking for this bill and it is long over due.

**The Bad:** H.R 1461 this bill attacks workers rights at VA facilities; this is one of many attempts to take away the rights of federal employees. The vote was 13-11 in favor of the bill, with one Republican (Rep.Bost R-IL) voting against the measure. We commend Rep.Bost for standing up to this Union Busting bill.

We will have a BI-weekly VA Committee report, to help inform the UVC membership of what actions are being voted on in regards to Veterans on a Federal level.

**All Bills Heard:**

**H.R. 91,** the Building Supportive Networks for Women Veterans Act

**H.R. 467,** the VA Scheduling Accountability Act

**H.R. 1005,** to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans

**H.R. 1162,** the No Hero Left Untreated Act

**H.R. 1329,** as amended, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017

**H.R. 1461,** an amendment in the nature of a substitute, the VET Protection Act of 2017

**H.R. 1545,** the VA Prescription Data Accountability Act 2017

**H.R. 1662,** to prohibit smoking in any facility of the Veterans Health Administration

**H.R. 1725,** as amended, the Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act of 2017

**H.R. 1848**, the Veterans Affairs Medical Scribe Pilot Act of 2017

**H.R. 2288**, the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017



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